

## Sign of relieve sighted as Rajya Sabha adjourned sine die without placing CAB; Curfew relaxes in Imphal

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Normalcy has been finally restored here in the trouble torn state of Manipur as the anti CAB protestors showed sign of relieve as the interim Budget session of the Rajya Sabha adjourned sine die without tabling the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016. Business list of the Rajya Sabha for February 12 and February 13 showed that the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 shall be moved at the Rajya Sabha by the Union

Home Minister Rajnath. But as the RS was adjourned thrice on February 12 over other issues and for reason best known to the Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha the Bill which rocks the entire North Eastern region was not tabled. Soon after the adjournment of the Rajya Sabha Curfew imposed in the two districts of Imphal has been relaxed by the district administration and conglomerate of civil society organizations MANPAC and PAM called off the agitation, normalcy seems to be returned and

police personnel who had been deployed since the last two days showed smiling face when they return back to their stations. However, till afternoon traffic along the Imphal city remain deserted as almost all people were still confuse on whether the agitation has been suspended or not besides people have no idea of the curfew relaxation until late hour as data internet remained shut till late hours. Mass protests staged at various places by blocking roads were too ended soon after organizers announced

the news. Meanwhile, both the MANPAC and the PAM which has been spearheading the mass agitations seem to be not completely calm with the lapses of the Bill as it was not tabled at the RS. Both the bodies express apprehension that the government of India may use some other technique to introduce similar act by passing an ordinance by the Union cabinet if they feel the Bill as an important instrument of coming back to power in the next Lok Sabha.

## PAM terms Govt. failure to table CAB as peoples' victory



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Peoples' Alliance Manipur (PAM) has term the union government inability to table the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 at Rajya Sabha as a victory of the people. "There is no incident where the people movement can be suppressed by the ruling regime in history of the world and the suppression of the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016, which the people in the entire north east states have been agitating by opposing it tooth and nail showed that peoples' movement cannot be suppressed by any instrument", said W. Kameshore, one among the

four convenor of PAM, while speaking to media persons at Manipur Press Club today. The Bill was already listed in the business of the Rajya Sabha twice but could not be tabled as there was ruckus in the Rajya Sabha for other reason. They may have other reason to leave out the CAB but it is actually the peoples' movement that they are not able to table it in the Rajya Sabha due to the mass movement in the entire region of NE states, the convenor of PAM added. He further said that on February 12, the Bill could not be table by the Hindutva Fascist BJP due to ruckus in the house over issues not related with the CAB. Today too as there are many Bill

which has to be passed, the BJP have no time to table it as the session was adjourned sine die. Another convenor of the PAM SM Jalal, while thanking the people said that even though the Bill has not been table in the Rajya Sabha people need to be alerted as there are other ways that the Hindutva Fascists BJP may use other means like passing of a similar Bill type act by a decision of the cabinet. He appealed people to remain alert all time. The two other convenor S. Bijenty and Anwar Noojahan also said that people need not celebrate the failure to pass the CAB at the Parliament as the BJP may use any instrument to pass it.

## It is a major setback of the BJP

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BJP on Wednesday suffered a major humiliation in Rajya Sabha as it failed to move the controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016, which aimed to granting citizenship to Hindus from Bangladesh. Amid disruptions in Rajya Sabha, the government could not present the bill, which was scheduled to be moved by Home Minister Rajnath Singh. Chairman of Rajya Sabha, M. Venkiah Naidu at 12.50 pm adjourned the house sine a die.

The treasury bench on Tuesday wanted to move the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016 in Rajya Sabha. But, because of disruptions by the opposition members, the agenda was postponed to Wednesday's schedule. It was expected that the BJP would make one last effort to push this Bill through the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016 lapsed as it was not cleared by Rajya Sabha on the last day of the 16th Lok Sabha. Still there is no clarity as to why the ruling BJP suddenly decided to take a step back on the issue at the Rajya Sabha and did not move the controversial bill.

## MANPAC suspends mass agitation, says will continue protest against CAB



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With the Rajya Sabha adjourned sine die without placing the contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016, Manipur Peoples' Against Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 (MANPAC) today announced suspension of the mass protest including road block, rally etc. However, the MANPAC will continue to protest democratically against the CAB and will not remain silent until the Government of India discloses the motive behind their effort for introduction of the CAB which put the whole North East region under turmoil. Yumnamcha Dilipkumar, convenor of MANPAC, talking to media persons at Manipur Press Club today afternoon soon after the Rajya

Sabha was adjourned sine die, said that the Union government could not table the CA Bill due to the mass movement of the people of the entire North East region. He said credit for the victory of the people goes to the vendor women of Khwairamband Keithel and also to all the people of the region. Dilip however said that even as the intensified protest will be suspended, democratic form of protest will continue to find out the motive behind the reason for trying to amend the Citizenship Bill. Condemning the police excess to women protesters at Khwairamband Keithel on Feb 10 evening at which the police team fire mock bomb and tear gas shell to disperse the agitators injuring 7 women, Dilipkumar said that treatment cost of those injured should be borne by

the government. "Not only those women but also those injured in the course of the agitation against CAB should be borne by the Government", Dilipkumar said. Besides, destructions caused on that day by the police team on the day protest at Khwairamband Keithel should also be compensated by the state government, Dilipkumar added. On the other hand Dilipkumar further added that as the people of the state felt insecure to the identity and culture as well as the land, the government should urged the center to give presidential assent to the Manipur Peoples' Bill which was passed by the Manipur State Assembly. He also said that the MANPAC will also urge the government for updating of the NRC as done in Assam.

## NEFIS condemns non-inclusion of 8<sup>th</sup> Schedule Bodo language as medium of examination in CTET exam

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North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) activists along with the students and youth from North-East as well as different parts of the country today held a protest demonstration against BJP government at the centre. The protest was organized against the discriminatory step of non-inclusion of Bodo language among the languages offered as medium of examination in the CTET exam, which is being conducted by CBSE. NEFIS Assam Unit had also organized a massive protest in Kokrajhar, Assam where thousands of students, teachers and common people participated. At Delhi, an effigy of Union HRD Ministry was also burnt in protest. It should be noted that the Bodo language is included in the 8<sup>th</sup> Schedule of Indian Constitution, which lists the recognized major languages used by the people across the

country. Exclusion of Bodo language from the CTET exam which includes 20 of 22 languages of the list amounts to a blatant attempt at discriminating against one of the most deprived communities of the country. A delegation also submitted a memorandum to the Union HRD Minister on the issue. Important to note is the fact that the step of not including Bodo as a medium of examination would penalize the students of the state government-run schools, where it is used as a medium of instruction. In the CTET exam which is being conducted by the CBSE it is not allowed as a medium of examination which shows BJP's utter disregard for the students of marginalized backgrounds. The demonstration was organized to also protest against the tabling of communal Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 in Rajya Sabha by the BJP government today despite widespread

opposition against it. The activists of NEFIS condemned the communal bill and tied black bands on mouths to convey that people have no say vis-à-vis BJP government's policies. The bill, it should be noted, permits the minorities of Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan to become citizens of India. The communal angle here is starkly evident from the fact that the minorities from only three countries have been given space in the current bill, while the minorities from other neighbouring countries have been consciously kept out of the scope of the bill. The proposed bill is premised on the religious persecution of non-Muslim minorities in neighbouring Muslim majority countries, and deliberately elides the question of providing asylum to persecuted minorities of other countries. NEFIS has resolved to further intensify its struggle, against BJP government's anti-people policies in the coming days.

## Pressure from Northeast India causes lapse of Citizenship Amendment Bill in Rajya Sabha

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In what may be termed as a victory for 7 states of Northeast India who have been vehemently opposing the passage of Citizenship Amendment Bill in the Rajya Sabha, the last session of Rajya Sabha was today adjourned sine die without taking up the Bill. Northeast India had been under

intense turmoil for the last 2 months, especially following the passage of the Citizenship Amendment Bill in Lok Sabha on January 8 amidst the Northeast Bandh- a first of its kind bandh of the entire region in which civil societies and even politicians from the region came together to voice their stance against the CAB. It was on this day in Tripura that

an unpovoked firing upon unarmed protestors of CAB by security personnel led to 6 persons being injured by bullets. This led to a hue and cry among the indigenous population of the state. The government also placed sedition charges on various protestors including the Royal Scion Pradyot Manikya Debbarma who voiced his

dissent against CAB openly setting aside his political affiliation and even turning down the offer to contest Lok Sabha election in Tripura. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the three Northeast Indian states including Tripura, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh also witnessed controversial rallies and protests with black flags and torch rallies organised

to welcome the PM by Northeast East Students Union and other civil organizations. Manipur on the other hand faced inter shutdown amidst unending protests by women and other civil societies. Section 144 CePc was also promulgated in the state. Media was prohibited from broadcasting any report pertaining to protests against

CAB. In Meghalaya too, the Chief Minister Conrad Sangma played an active role in convening meetings with like minded political parties and allied of NEDA thereby garnering support from them to stand united against CAB. However his repeated attempts to meet the PM went down in vain.

In Mizoram, civil societies even went to the extent of demanding a separate country if CAB saw the light of the day. It is important to mention here that the various states of Northeast India for once stood united against a Bill that was perceived to have wide ramifications on the already existing indigenous population of the region.