

## Governor again announced Nagaland Government's stand on Naga issue,

Recalled what he mentioned about it in the same House last year

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KOHIMA, Feb 21 (NEFS):

Governor of Nagaland PB Acharya again announced the Nagaland Government's stand on the resolution of the Naga political issue. He was addressing the Third Session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) on Wednesday.

"In this very House, in the First Session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly, I had mentioned that the top agenda of my government is early resolution of the Naga political issue and

that we will work with all stakeholders for a solution that is honorable, inclusive, sustainable and acceptable to the people," the Governor recalled.

Acharya reminded the House that after the People's Democratic Alliance (PDA) Government was sworn in on March 8, 2018, the Political Affairs Committee (PAC) was set up. Then PAC along with PDA Legislators had a joint consultative meeting with Naga tribal hohos and civil society organizations and resolved to urge all Naga political groups to join the

peace talks in order to achieve an inclusive solution, he added.

Governor also stated about holding of the consultative meeting of all 60 Legislators of NLA on September 18, 2018 and consensually deciding to re-constitute the Joint Legislators' Forum (JLF) on Naga political issue and to pursue the Naga political issue to its logical conclusion.

"The PDA Government is committed to facilitate an early resolution of the Indo Naga political issue through a negotiated agreement that honors the unique history and

rights of the Nagas," he added. Appreciating the efforts of Government of India for ensuring that they moved closer to a solution "that is inclusive, honorable and acceptable to Nagas," Acharya said "With the concerted efforts of the Tribal Hohos and mass based civil society organizations, the Church, NGOs and NNPGs, different groups have now come together and this seems to be most opportune time for the Naga political groups to resolve the decades old Naga political imbroglio so that we achieve (a) lasting peace."

## Demand for Supplementary grant of Rs. 2390 crore of 42 departments

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Ongoing 7<sup>th</sup> session of the 11 Manipur Legislative Assembly which starts yesterday passed demand for supplementary grant of Rs 2390.04,51,000/- for 42 departments. Finance Minister move the supplementary grant for approval of the house.

Supplementary grant of Rs 14,18,93,000 have been granted for the financial year ending March 31, 2019 for state legislature; Rs 4,10,00,000 for the council of

ministers; Rs 8,99,47,000 for the secretariat; Rs 1,14,12,000 for the Land Revenues Stamps and Registration And District Administration; Rs 300,86,12,000 for the Finance department; Rs 8,24,16,000 for Transport; Rs 143,69,25,000 for Police; Rs 146,76,77,000 for Public Works Department; Rs 1,21,85,000 for Information and Publicity; Rs 42,24,92,000 for Commerce and Industries; Rs 149,90,38,000 for Public Health Engineering; Rs 79,90,51,000 for Power; Rs 74,44,000 for Vigilance and Anti-corruption Department; Rs 9,36,72,000 for Youth Affairs and Sports; Rs 9,76,27,000 for Election; Rs 45,33,46,000 for Consumer Affairs Food And Public Distribution; Rs 3,93,51,000 for Co-Operation; Rs 54,44,71,000 for Agriculture; Rs 15,32,54,000 for Animal Husbandry and Veterinary including Dairy farming; Rs 14,32,67,000 for Environment

and Forest; Rs 32,07,86,000 for Community and Rural Development; Rs 87,76,78,000 for Education; Rs 90,67,81,000 for Medical Health and Family Welfare Services; Rs 149,06,62,000 for Municipal Administration, Housing and Urban Development; Rs 37,19,32,000 for Labour and Employment. ; Rs 262,70,41,000 for Tribal Affairs and Hill Development; Rs 2,25,28,000 for Jail; Rs 8,84,22,000 for Home guard; Rs 2,11,00,000 for Rehabilitation; Rs 3,76,33,000 for Minor Irrigation; Rs 6,48,92,000 for Fisheries; Rs 9,52,69,000 for Panchayat; Rs 57,23,000 for Sericulture; Rs 239,21,33,000 for Water Resources Department; Rs 1,80,36,000 for Arts and Culture Department; Rs 5,04,58,000 for Horticulture and soil Conservation; Rs 87,35,80,000 for Social Welfare Department; Rs 21,78,18,000

for Tourism; Rs 1,07,00,000 for Science and Technology; Rs 172,77,68,000 for Minority, OBC and SC; Rs 112,97,90,000 for Relief and disaster Management and Rs 46,41,000 have been granted for the financial year ending March 31, 2019 for Economics and Statistics.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Shaheed Manoranjan Singh Memorial Football

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TRAU lifts the winner title of the 9<sup>th</sup> Shaheed Manoranjan Singh Memorial, CRPF Football Tournament 2018-19 in the final match held at Khuman Lampak main stadium today. The final match was played between UKB and TRAU. In the first half TRAU score one goal and UKB could not core a single goal. In the second half too TRAU score another goal and defend the opponent team UKB from scoring any goal. Top officials of the CRPF distributed the prizes today.

## Shortage of text books highlighted in the assembly

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Non availability of textbooks prescribed by Board of Secondary Education, Manipur, (BOSEM,) despite commencement of academic sessions, which has been a recurring issue in the State in the past few years has been highlighted in the state assembly on Thursday.

Rajkumar Imo, opposition and Congress MLA during the zero hour in the assembly informed the house that it is

most unfortunate and is a big failure even after most of the Government schools have commenced sessions for around a month and majority of the private schools have conducted around 3 weeks back of its academic session. But the issue of non availability of school textbooks remains unchanged.

On the other hand, various outfits in the state have also drawn the attention of the concerned authorities within this purview for the past many weeks.

"Manipur is in deals with shortage of text book," president of the All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) Manjit Sarangthem warned the authorities concerned of launching various forms of agitation because of failure to provide the prescribed textbooks for elementary school level upto the High School level. He threatened that the students' body will launch stir if the books in demands are not made available in the markets within the next February end.

## Deadly fire kills 70 in Dhaka, death toll may rise



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Dhaka, Feb. 11,

At least 70 people were killed and 55 others injured as a deadly fire broke out in a densely populated residential area at Chawk Bazar in old town of Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh on Wednesday midnight. Major AKM Shakil Newaz, director (Operation and Maintenance) of Fire Service and Civil Defence, at a press briefing on the spot told Imphal Times that a total of 70 bodies were recovered from the buildings. Earlier, Bishwajit Kumar of Dhaka Medical College police outpost said 65 bodies reached to the morgue of the hospital till 8:00am (Thursday) Among

them 57 are male, five female and three children. He also said 55 injured people are admitted to the hospital and among them 18 are in burn unit and 37 are at the emergency unit. Dhaka South City Corporation mayor Sayeed Khokon announced closure of rescue operation at Churihata at about 12:40pm. The mayor said the city corporation will strictly implement ban on setting up chemical warehouse and illegal factories in Old Dhaka. Brigadier general Ali Ahmed Khan, director general of Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence, earlier confirmed 45 deaths and said the number might go up as the fire fighters were still working to bring the flame

under control. 'We're still searching different floors of the affected buildings,' Khan said. Among the injured, at least 16 people sustained burns while 30 others were injured while trying to escape the fire. Fire service control room said that the fire broke out following an explosion at a chemical warehouse housed in a five-storey building at Churihata around 10:45pm. The fire immediately spread to another adjacent building as 37 units of fire fighters rushed the spot to contain the fire till 1:45am. Primary reports quoting locals suggested that the fire followed an explosion. Television channels live telecast vehicles burned down in the fire.

## Manipur to reintroduce lottery

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Manipur Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar has disclosed that state will reintroduce lottery and it is expected to collect Rs 100 cr annually. He was replying to a supplementary question by opposition Congress MLA Surjakumar Okram in the state assembly on Thursday. Joykumar who also holds finance portfolio said that concerning the selling of lottery tickets it is not still decided whether it would be sold in the state or outside the state or both inside and outside the state.

He also said that Rs 857.89 cr has been collected as GST revenue of the state since the introduction of GST on July 2017 till January 2019. He was replying to a question raised by Surjakumar in the question hour. Joykumar said that the state is projecting Rs 754.78 cr as GST revenue collection next year. Earlier, Surjakumar has asked whether it is true that the tax revenue has increased manifold after introduction of the GST.

## International Mother Language Day observed at Manipur Press Club

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'The unique culture and identity which is the treasure of the indigenous people of the land will vanished in thin air if the language which is now under a great threat extinct,' says Dr. L. Mahabir Director of Language Planning and Implementation Government of Manipur.

Speaking on the occasion of International Mother Language Day organised by Directorate of Language Planning and Implementation Government of Manipur as President of the function held today at Manipur Press Club, Dr. L. Mahabir said that around the world many languages of small communities has been facing a great threat and lie on the verge of extinction and many of it becomes endangered languages. So the people need to be aware of such situation. He appealed the people to use

the mother language as much as they could. He also appealed to include the different mother languages of the land in educational sector making the people able to learn to read and write. And if we neglect to use our mother language than it will surely become extinct, he added. The function also include seminar where various teachers read papers on various topics as a morning session and poetry reading in the evening session. The function was also attended by Professor of Linguistics department of Manipur University Dr. N. Promodini as the chief guest of the function. It can be mention that the UNESCO theme for International Mother Language day this year is 'Indigenous Languages Matter for development, Peace building and Reconciliation'.

Manipur police and para military personnel engaging in the counter insurgency campaigns in this volatile border state are on the hunt for an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) expert who is giving slips to the dragnets spread to trap him. Addressing a press conference at his office, on Wednesday, Superintendent of Police Imphal West District Jugeschandra Haobijam, IPS said police and security forces are trying to nab the IED expert but unable to trap him. "He can run from the clutches of the police and para military forces but he can't hide," the SP said. Four hardcore activists of the proscribed Kangleipak

## Police on the hunt for IED expert

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Communist Party, People's War Group (Marxist Centre) who were responsible for extortions and planting Improvised Explosive Device (IED) at the gate of Catholic School Cancipur, here were arrested from different hideouts in Imphal area during the past 36 hours. One .32 pistol along with one magazine and 23 ammunition, two number of two wheelers, three mobile handsets and incriminating documents have been recovered from them, the SP said.

He further said that a combined team of CDO Imphal West district led by Inspector P Achouba Meetei, OC CDO Imphal West, comprising of Dy SP (CDO) IW Rojit from MPS and a column of 6 Assam Rifles under the supervision of Th

Krishnatombi Singh, MPS Addl S.P. (Ops) Imphal West arrested them. Upon their interrogations it came to know that they had planned the IED following school authorities' failure to fulfil their demand - to provide quota in the admission of students and donations. The frisking and checking at Takyel Khongbal near wooden bridge, about 3 km from here on Tuesday at around 7.30 led to the arrest of Sagolsheh Sanatomba alias Sanajaoba Singh, 30, son of S Shohodeva Singh of Langathel Thoubal. Following his disclosure it came to know that under the instruction of one Mani he was coming to serve demand letters. Upon further questioning, he admitted that he along with Mani planted an IED at the gate

of Catholic school, Cancipur on February 14 under the command of one Sanabam Gunajit, an active member of KCP (PWG) who arrested at about 9 pm on Tuesday. Heinsam Kiran Kumar Singh alias Boinao, 28, and Sanabam Gunajit were also later arrested. When asked is there any left out for the rebels responsible for serving warning to the Catholic schools authorities in the state, the SP disclosed that there is one KPC man giving slips to the dragnets of the law enforcing personnel. Police and Assam Rifles have taken up stern actions following a series of agitations launched by various organizations including students' bodies demanding educational institutes a free zone.