

BJP confident in passing the CAB 2016 at RS; likely to place on Feb 12

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Amidst hue and cry in the North East states of India demanding withdrawal of the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 passed by the Lok Sabha on Jan 8 this year, the BJP government is all set to present it in the ongoing Rajya Sabha and is confident of passing it.

As per report by news agency BJP General Secretary in charge of North East Ram Madhav had stated that the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (CAB) will be placed in Rajya Sabha for approval in the ongoing session as supplementary bill as talks are on with aggrieved parties to find a middle ground which will satisfy all.

An Assam based newspaper Pratidin reported that the Bill will be tabled at the Rajya Sabha on February 12, the penultimate day before the Rajya Sabha adjourned sine die. The UNI also quote Ram Madhav as saying - "Home Ministry is talking to all the

stakeholders and we are hopeful that a middle ground will be found soon which will pass the bill in upper house."

Mr Madhav added though the bill was not listed in the business list of the Rajya Sabha, it could be introduced in the upper house as supplementary bill anytime during the session, the report added.

According another news source, the BJP is now confident that the Bill will get passage in the Rajya as they are calculating to get majority number after the BJP had garner support of the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP). The report said that both the party will abstain from voting while passing of the Bill. If both the party abstained from voting than supporters of the CAB gets 123 while those opposed the Bill will reduce number to 103. It is also learnt from reliable source that even the NPP MP may abstain from voting in the passing of the CAB 2016.

CAB is an important election issue for the BJP - Report

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For the indigenous people of the North Eastern states, the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 is a crush, but for the mainland Northern and southern states it is not, renowned journalist from Guwahati told this newspaper today morning. For the easterners its about protection of the land, identity and culture, but for those in the mainland Indian states in North and South it is politics and as for the BJP they win whether lost or win in Rajya Sabha.

Total MP (Lok Sabha) seat in the eight states of North East is 25. Of this except for Mizoram the BJP had started rooting in the soil of all states

with 4 Chief Ministers. As for the Assam, Manipur, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh, the BJP was confident in winning even after the passing of the Bill. "Of the 25 winning 4 or 5 is okay if the CAB can play well in the state of West Bengal which have 42 MPs. CAB's issue is considered by the BJP to topple the Trinamool Congress", a political analyst said.

"As you see the BJP is playing hard politics right now in West Bengal giving no notice to the hue and cry of the common people of the NE states, it is natural that North East states are not considered that important as it takes on others", another Manipur based journalist said.

MANPAC to intensify agitation from tomorrow

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With various speeches from the President and Prime Minister being a Pro CAB, the people of the North East States increases their anguish towards the government. Manipur People against CAB (MANPAC) a body which is spearheading the protest against the CAB at Manipur today declared to intensify the protest against the CAB demanding to withdraw it. In a Press meet held at the office of JCILPS here in Imphal, Co-Convener of MANPAC Amu Kamei declared that the body will organise an indefinite mass agitation on the roads and highways of Manipur from tomorrow until the contentious CAB is withdrawn from the parliament. He said that the protestors are going to come out in the streets and as a mark of protest, they will stay in the streets continuing their daily chores in the streets from praying to eating to reading etc. He appealed the people from different communities, both the hills and the valleys

in every nook and corner of the state to join and take part in the protest.

Amu Kamei also said that the bill if it becomes an act is like slow poisons which will eventually genocide the whole ingenious race of the North east people. He further said that they will fight tooth and nail until the bill is withdrawn from the parliament.

He further condemned the present government for their appealed to the central government to add a clause in the CAB. He said that the people of Manipur will not tolerate with the adding of clause in the CAB, the bill should be completely withdrawn, he added.

Kamei further condemned the speeches of President and Home minister regarding the bill as unconstitutional. And he also said that the very bill is unconstitutional as it is in-secular in nature. He added that future doesn't hold goods for the indigenes if the train comes to Manipur. So the government should withdraw the bill.

He further appealed to the legislature of the state that

they should take a firm decision to resign from their respective seats if the said bill is passed in the parliament.

Co-convener of MANPAC Phundreimayum Abdullah also said that they will continue to fight until the Bill which would genocide the indigenes of the North East. He further added that it is the need of the hour to save the indigenous people to avoid the faith of the indigenes residing in Tripura.

He questions the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, regarding his speech as the illegal migrants as the sons and daughters of Bharat mata, whether the people of the North east were not the sons and daughters of Bharat Mata. He further added that the Government of India really treat the North Easterners as a colonised people and as second class citizens.

Abdullah further appealed that MANPAC warmly welcomed every other organisations to join the protest against the CAB to fight collectively.

He also further appealed to the people to join the protest and to save the future of Manipur.

Muivah arrives in Dimapur

Guwahati, Feb 5.

The General Secretary of the rebel outfit National Socialist Council of Nagaland- Isak Muivah (NSCN-IM), Thuingaleng Muivah visited Dimapur on Monday.

According to reports, the NSCN-IM leader is slated to hold a series of consultative meetings to decide the names of the next outfit Chairman and Vice- Chairman, besides attending the National Hoho Day, which will be held on February 11.

It may be mentioned that the posts have been lying vacant after the since the demise of Isak Chishi Swu and Khole Konyak and election of expected candidates: Q Tuucu as President and Tongmeth Konyak for the post of Vice President is expected to be held during this National Hoho Day.

The National Socialist Council of Nagaland is a Greater Naga Revolutionist, Christian Naga nationalist insurgent group operating mainly in Northeast India, with minor activities in northwest Myanmar until 2012.

The two major factions of NSCN are NSCN (K), led by Khaplang; and NSCN (I-M), led by Isak Chishi Swu and Thuingaleng Muivah. On November 6, 2015, in response to an attack on an army convoy in Manipur, the Government of India designated the NSCN (K) a terrorist organization under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. India's Ministry of Home Affairs has labeled NSCN a major insurgent group.

Memi Chanu case: Court sentence Rohit 'hang till death'; life imprisonment for Farish Shah

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'Yumkhaibam Rohit', the main accused to the brutal murdered of Pukhrihongbam Memi Chanu was sentenced 'hang till death' and his co-partner Md Farish Shah involved in the crime to 'life imprisonment' by the court of District and Session Judge Senapati today.

Two other accused convicted by the same court yesterday - Rehana (50), d/o Abdullah of Khergao Makha Leikai, Kshetrigao, Farjina (23) d/o Habi of Khergao Makha Leikai, Kshetrigao were sentenced 3 years and 6 years imprisonment respectively. Dead body of Pukhrihongbam Memi Chanu was found stuffed inside a gunny bag floating in Irl River at Arapti Khetukhong area on August 17 last year.

The trial began before the Court against the four convicted individuals

identified as Yumkhaibam Rohit alias Rajesh (29) s/o Y Rijauddin of Khergao Makha Leikai, Kshetrigao, Md Farish Shah (18) s/o (L) Faruk Shah of Kshetrigao Thambalkhong Makha Leikai, Rehana (50), d/o Abdullah of Khergao Makha Leikai, Kshetrigao, Farjina (23) d/o Habi of Khergao Makha Leikai, Kshetrigao, as well as the acquitted person, Leishangthem Nungchanba alias Ramesh (35) s/o Yaima of Leishangthem Awang Leikai, after a charge sheet was submitted by the IO of the case following the completion of the investigation, on January 15 and charges were framed the next day.

The trial began on January 17 and 28 prosecution witnesses were recorded during the trial. The examination of the convicts and the acquitted individual was conducted on January 31.

The trial is one of the fastest in murder case as it took only 20 days.

A Noutuneshori Devi, Session Judge, Senapati, convicted the four persons in connection with the abduction and murder case of one Pukhrihongbam Memi Chanu, yesterday, apart from acquitting one individual. On February 2, the Court came to the conclusion that the victim died after she was hit, strangled and had her mouth and nose muffled by Y Rohit and Md Farish Khan in the evening of August 14 last year evening, at Farish's room.

The Court also concluded that the same fact was confirmed by factum and were corroborated with the opinion given by the post mortem doctor.

It may be mentioned that the case began against the acquitted person after a complaint was lodged by the father of the victim before Saikul PS, in August last year, stating his daughter had been abducted by the said person.

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Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla graced the celebration of the 33rd Annual Day of Assam Rifles Public School, Mantripukhuri today as Chief Guest. The celebration was organised by Inspector General of Assam Rifles (South) Mantripukhuri, Imphal. Major General KP Singh, YSM, Patron, Mrs. Rachna Singh, Regional President, ARWWA, IGAR (South), Brigadier Amit Kabthiyal, Commander 9 Sector, Assam Rifles, Col. Prikshit Dahiya, Vice Chairman also took part in the celebration of the Annual Day. Addressing the gathering as the Chief Guest, Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla expressed her happiness to be among the young students. It is heartening to learn that the institution has been

shaping the future of the young generation for more than three decades, she added. The Governor emphasised that education sector must be a disturb free zone towards bringing development of the nation. Education should not be disturbed at any cost for meeting the ends of some vested interests and appealed to all concerned not to disturb education sector under any circumstances. Considering the profound importance of education in development of a civilization, she stated that peace is pre-requisite for prosperity and people are well aware of it. Manipur inhabited by people of different communities and religions have been living together harmoniously since time immemorial in the State. If we adopt the philosophy of tolerance, then each one of us can go a long way and make positive contribution to the progress of the State and the country as a whole.

She gave advice to the young students to inculcate the idea of tolerance to make themselves better human beings and worthy citizens of our great country. The Governor also advised the students to learn to respect each other including life and property of other human beings. She urged them to avoid wasting time by indulging in small talk or gossips rather focus their time on gaining knowledge. Success and joy in life can be achieved when one inculcates discipline, hard

work and honesty, she added. Praising the achievements of the students in the curricular and extracurricular activities, the Governor said that the motto of the school - 'To lead towards enlightenment from the darkness of ignorance' has been kept alive.

She also praised the commendable work of the school in providing assistance to 26 number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) students of the state for education and hostel facility besides the humanitarian task taken up by the school. It is also satisfying to know that the school provides special assistance to the BPL day scholar students with exemption of tuition fees in addition. Extending her wishes to Assam Rifles Public School in all their endeavours towards promoting a high standard of education, she said that the Annual Day Celebration would be an ideal platform for students to showcase their talent and creative values. Later, Governor released the School Magazine for the year 2018-19 and give away prizes to the meritorious students of the school who had excelled in academics and various competitions held at School, District and National Level. Officers of IGAR (South), teachers, parents and students attended the function in which various Cultural programmes were showcased by the students.

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Arms and ammunitions seized from abandoned ULFA camp

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In a major breakthrough, Myanmar army on January 31st, 2019 had sized a huge catch of arms from the abandoned camp of anti-talk faction of the United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA), National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) and KLO at Eastern Nagaland.

Myanmar sources informed that after the assault in the rebel camps of Northern Myanmar, they have nabbed few villages in these

connections. A column of 400 Burmese soldiers made strong assault at the training camps of NSCN (K), KLO, ULFA at Taga of Sangian Region.

As reported from Myanmar, most of the camps found evacuated and the top leaders and guerrilla leaders are said to be safe. However NSCK (K) top commanders approached Burmese Authority to restrain the armed aggression. On the other hand ULFA to guns started diplomatic negotiation with Chinese counterpart to convince the military authority.

Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme

Under the sponsorship of Small Industries Development bank of India (SIDBI), the Manipur Industries development council (MIDC) is organising Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme (ESDP) Training on fruit and vegetable Processing and preservation at Khoupum Tampak under Noney District of Manipur. The training programme will be started from 16th February, 2019.

Interested Educated Youths of the District may contact MIDC, Contact No. 878779326 or concern district Industries Centre on or before 13th February, 2019.

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