

# Myanmar-India Business Summit & Trade Fair held at Sagain Myanmar

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At team of Indo Myanmar Association (IMA) from Manipur India participated at Myanmar-India Business Summit & Trade Fair at Sagain Myanmar. In this Indo-Myanmar business summit & trade fair Sh. Shamu President of the Indo-Myanmar Association (IMA) delivered speech at Town Hall. He mentioned about the Indo-Myanmar Association that the IMA was established in 1995 and registered in 2003 under the Manipur societies Registration act, 1989 (Manipur act no 1 of 1990). The founder president of the Association is Bijoykumar Langam who was born in Sittwe, capital of Rakhine state in 1924. He passed I.A from Jadsan College under Rangoon University in 1941. He, however, came to Manipur during Second World War. He is indeed a true son in this region of India and Myanmar. In fact he was the first person who introduced learning of Burmese language in Manipur. Thus, Indo-Myanmar association was able to produce a number of Manipuris to know the language. Thereafter, Manipur University too managed to open Centre



for Myanmar studies and imparted 1 year Diploma course in the language. Our Indo-Myanmar Association was able to publish 2 books for learning Myanmar under his guidance. Now, on the demise of the founder President, I was elected unanimously for the post on 23-April-2017, and continued to hold it till date. Our IMAs principal objective is to enhance the contribution to the growth and development of the close relationship in socio-economic, Trade and commerce including tourism and health sector in the region thereby increasing the economy of the peoples of both countries in India and Myanmar under Act East Policy. Since IMA being a

non-profit organization under least Developed country (LDC) we want to develop a good relationship with Myanmar in general and Sagain in particular and also to involve in the activities for promotion of economy of the people in this region. During this two days programme, medicines for ailing persons and wheel chairs for disabled are also being deliberated. "Every year, we organized programme for India Nationals to visit Myanmar and to appraise rich heritage and unique cultural ties between the two neighbouring countries. And Myanmar nations are encourage to visit India as well. "We are happy to

announce to this august gathering that, in the last Manipur Sangai Festival 2018 during the month of November our Indo-Myanmar Association was able to organize 20 Myanmar Nationals for a FREE VISIT TO MANIPUR. We are really grateful to His Excellency, The Consul General of India, Mandalay who have given them not only timely VISA on land route, but also wished them for safe and secure journey by bidding FLAG-OFF on 19 November 2018. Thank you, His Excellency Sir I on behalf of the Indo-Myanmar Association am, indeed grateful to you Sir. Now the relationship in between the two great completed 70 years by now. Both countries have

done a lot for the welfare of our land and peoples in different ways. Our Indo-Myanmar Association will be delighted if some work, activities are entrusted to us by the Government and people thereafter. We are proud of Manipur Industries Development Council (MIDC) and SALAI Holdings pvt. Ltd as they co-operate to take part in this Trade Summit and Trade Fair, over here. We hoped that the respected members to adhere deliberation in their respective fields of business with their Myanmar counterparts in a positive way. I hope that today's negotiation and decision between the trades and businessmen of the two friendly countries shall be fruitful one and remain forever", he added.

# Naga Peace Talks: NSCN(K) expected to initiate political dialogue with GoI soon

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The Khango and Isaak led NSCN K will be initiating their political dialogues with the Government of India within a week and it is believed that both sides will be diligently working towards officially signing the Ceasefire pact which will usher in peace and development in the state. In a major development the organization through its MIP also informed that Chishi Naga the Central Finance in charge of the outfit had been assigned additional responsibilities to look into the overall finance of the Kohima district. All financial matters relating to collection of taxes and other pertinent matters in Kohima will be dealt by Chishi Naga. It is learnt that Chishi Naga is stationed in Kohima and the outfit has sternly warned that no further notifications will be provided in the media to restrain imposters who are collecting taxes in the name of the outfit. Military action will be initiated against imposters without any further notice. The outfit had apprised the general public and concerned departments that without the consent and sanction of Chishi Naga no contributions should be offered to any imposters.

The outfit had sternly warned V Tucca and Wilson who are collecting taxes from the general public in Dimapur to stop collecting money in the name of the outfit. Military action is being initiated against both the imposters the sources said.

Isaac Chishi is scheduled to travel to New Delhi for resumption of the Peace talks and the outcome of the talks will be unraveled shortly. It is learnt that the Khango led NSCN-K will be establishing their Monitoring Cell in Dimapur immediately after returning from New Delhi to monitor the ongoing political situations confronting the Naga Nation. The Young General Secretary of the outfit Isaac seems to be optimistic on the four points placed before the GOI. It is noteworthy to mention here

that the Khango-led NSCN (K) had placed a four-point demand to the GoI for consideration: Lift ban imposed on NSCN and removal of terrorist tag;

**Rescind the bounties placed on NSCN leaders;**

Repeal AFSPA/DDA on the enforced Naga areas and unconditional release of NSCN cadres arrested after the abrogation of ceasefire and undergoing trials or serving sentences in different prisons across the state/country.

It is believed that on Signing the Peace pact all Khango-led NSCN K leaders lodged in various jails of India will be unconditionally released.

"Many of the top functionaries of the outfit are languishing in jail and without their participation the talks may not progress as desired", Isaac commented.

"I convey my due regards to my comrades in arms who suffered incarceration despite unending tortures at the hands of the adversaries and we are trying to get them released as earliest as possible", Isaac remarked.

The GOI seems to be displaying sincerity to end the insurgency through Peace talks but the much hyped Peace talks is yet to bring in positive results. Is it due to the delaying tactics of the bureaucrats or the government of the day is fiddling with times. Both the factors cannot be ruled out.

The Framework agreement led by the NSCN-IM is yet to be finalised in its entirety. The Neiphiu Rio led government is showing utmost sincerity to bring all the factions on board and Naga civil societies were one of the major factors which contributed immensely to end the ongoing war. Naga Nationalism has its own beautiful unique features. Unlike other NE states, civil societies plays a prominent role with regard to peace resolutions and it cannot be denied that the GOI and the state government considers the participation of the Naga civil societies as a formidable asset.

# Shilong Manipuri Students Union condemn CAB

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Shillong Manipuri Student's Union Condemns the Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016. In a press statement, the Union said, "It is a very unfortunate, condemnable and illogical acts of BJP led government and supporters that let Citizenship Amendment Bill which seeks to provide Indian citizenship to non-Muslims from other countries from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan passed on Tuesday, the 8th January 2019 by the Lok Sabha. The citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 is contemptible as it bypass the democratic ideals of India. Introduced in the Lok Sabha by the

Minister of Home Affairs, Rajnath Singh, its primary objective is to amend the current Citizenship Act 1955 to provide for the acquisition and determination of Indian citizenship for a certain category of illegal immigrants and not for the benefits of any citizens of NE and rest of India. Additionally, this bill relaxes the citizenship criteria for such immigrants and merges the categories of Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) together. This Bill cannot be acceptable to people of the Region. When Mr. Modi, Prime Minister of India said that "I want to assure the people of Assam and North East that their rights will not be hurt after passage of the Citizenship

Bill". What Rights of the People is he talking about, when we are treated unjustly and undemocratically. Apart from the Citizens issues worrying for other's countries please look into the problems faced of the region. NE has many major issues to be discussed and solve at the earliest. Some may point out like, AFSPA, Law and Order, Internal Territorial State, Undemocratic Political issues, Immigrants Refugees problems, Educational drawback issues etc. Please bring solutions to these problems. Stop giving burden to the NE people by passing such illogical bill against the people of NE. North East is a small

region which comprises of seven sisters and one brother states namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim respectively. It is approximately an area of 262,230 square kilometres which is almost 8 percent only of that of India. North East India so different from the rest of India. Nothing is common other than being Indian. Precisely the food intake, lifestyle, cultures and Traditions, environmental and geographical factors etc.. This bill will affect the indigenous people of this region and threats to the identity and cultures prevailing in North East. The immigrants/refugees in NE will soon rise in its peak and turn into a

citizen. NE was never part of India or any Indian Kingdoms before the British came and conquered unfortunately. In fact, NE should be protected and safeguard from the rest of the country with prior to the Indigenous and uniqueness of the region. Even after India became an independent country on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1947, 72 years of independence, India have failed to recognise and established for the people of the Region. We are living in a broken democracy with untruth leaders. If India cannot feel our sentiments and keep doing such injustice to the people of the Region, I believe one day India will have to face the consequences of all the deeds done to this Region."

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A team of delegates of the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) including the student body chief adviser Samujjal Bhattacharya and North East Students' Organization had left for Tripura on Thursday in order to take stock of the

health of the protesters of the Citizenship Bill who had to meet injuries in police firing during the protest. But, the latest update on the visit of the delegates is that the members of the students' body are being kept suspended from meeting the student protesters in on reaching the land of Tripura.

A regional news web portal, The Sentinel reported that notably, the indigenous youths in Tripura were demonstrating protest against the controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 in 2016 Madhabbari in West Tripura and adjacent areas on January 8. The Tripura Police in order to stop the protesters had open fired at them which resulted in the students meeting injuries. As per reports, there are 15

such students who sustained the injuries and 6 others are in a critical state.

The student body leaders led by Bhattacharya, though reached Tripura to take account of the situation and meet the local people, but could not proceed further as they were stopped by the police in Khumulwng of Agartala.

The student body, during their protest, clashed with the police at Khumulwng and faced lathi charge and blank fire to disperse the protesters. Police used rubber bullets and tear gas to chase away the protesters. Moreover, Section 144 of the CrPC has also been imposed in the state's Madhabbari and adjacent areas for an indefinite period. The internet and SMS services had also been snapped.

# Tripura unrest: NESO delegates from Assam not allowed to meet protesters in Tripura- Reports

# Golf team from Manipur leave Manipur for Mandalay

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A 12 member Manipur Golf Association today left for Myanmar. The team was flagged off by the Director of Tourism W. Ibohah Singh from Ibohah Hospital located at Singjamei Chigamathak. The team will take part in the Golb tournament organised by the Business Excellence group and Manipur Golf Association being organised at Mayanar.



# Delhi's air quality recorded in 'severe' category

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Delhi's air quality was recorded in 'severe' category Saturday due to reduced wind speed even as authorities have forecast rainfall in the next couple of days which they said might lower the pollution level. According to Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data, the overall air quality index (AQI) in

the city was 410, which falls in the 'severe' category. An AQI between 100 and 200 comes under the 'moderate' category, 201 and 300 is considered 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', while that between 401 and 500 is 'severe'. Twenty-two areas recorded 'severe' air quality and 13 areas 'very poor' air quality, the CPCB said.