

Sand miners and labourers urges govt. to make a notified quarry

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The banned on sand mining at rivers in the state by Manipur High Court has made life of the sand miner laborers who used to survived on hand to mouth in extreme difficulties.

"We are now left with no jobs, our children are starving forget about giving them proper education as they had snatch out livelihood", Ningthoujam Momon, President of Self Employed

Labour of Sand and Stone. He said that one-third of the population of the state were the workers whether it may be the workers of stone crusher, the transporters etc, he said that all the works were snatched by the law which prevent the sand mining. Thousands of the people use to survive by engaging in the works which the law have recently banned, he added. Questioning how houses were to be constructed and how development will take place in the state he said that the

quarries which used to give sand and stones for construction were all banned. He further asked whether all such materials will have to be imported from Myanmar or Assam which will triple the cost and affect the economy of the state.

Momon urged the government to snatch away the lifeline of thousands of poor people who strive their living by mining and also he demanded the government to establish a notified quarry for the welfare of the workers.

He further stressed that the banning of the quarry in the rivers will not only affect the quarry workers but it will affect others like the builders, transporters and many more. He also urged the government to make them live by giving them work.

Momon appealed to unite all the Associations and unions of the workers to fight for their lives. He concluded that if the government fails to give their lives back than they will and are prepared for intense agitation.

Naga solution by 2019: Acharya

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Outgoing Nagaland Governor, P.B. Acharya expressed confidence that the protracted Naga political issue would be resolved within 2019 and Nagaland will then become one of the most vibrant and economically independent states among 28 states.

A report by Nagaland Post quoted the outgoing Governor saying, "2019 year will be the happiest year for the Nagas. I am 100% sure" adding that sentiments and the goal of Nagas should be respected and identity has to be upheld and Nagaland have to march with triple jet speed for economical development.

Acharya, who will be handing over charge to the new incumbent R.N. Ravi said he was positive that Nagaland will rise to be among the top states in the country and in this regard, appealed to the empowered Nagas living in other parts of the country and abroad to return and strengthen the lives and system at home.

Acharya has completed his five-year tenure and an official farewell programme is expected to be held sometime next week.

During his tenure, Acharya though in his ripe age of 88 years, toured the length and breadth of Nagaland and personally interacted with the people. He was unassuming and always had a heart for the poor and downtrodden. Acharya is not a stranger to Nagaland. He had set foot in Nagaland since the early 60s and had also met the state's first chief minister P.Shilu Ao.

Acharya said he had experienced both bitter and sweet during his tenure as Governor but would always cherish the love, respect and



fellowship he had with the people during the past five years. The outgoing Governor said he was hopeful that the PDA government would ensure political stability, ensure progress and bring change and put behind the political instability witnessed during the last four years.

Concerned with the quality of education, Acharya lamented on the poor performances of government schools though they had well qualified and highly paid teachers.

Hitting out at this syndrome, the Governor opined that it was because there were teachers with dubious qualifications or some appointed through backdoor. In addition, he expressed regrets that even mid-day meal scheme existed only in paper while schools or colleges had no library worth the name nor proper infrastructure. He felt that government must take strong action against this anomaly and strengthen the students at the primary level.

He reminded that students in government schools belonged to the poorest sections who should also be empowered. Acharya said the university must take this up on the agenda to initiate dialogue with industries, trade and commerce, natural resources with the educational system and academics.

He also stressed on inculcating work culture among Nagas instead of expecting easy money and

dependability on government.

On what would be his future role after demitting office, Acharya said that being a social activist and from the BJP, he would remain at the disposal of his party if needed. He also expressed a desire to be at the disposal of Nagaland if needed.

Asked to comment on corruption, Acharya said it was very high in Nagaland. He said it was the most dangerous and destructive disease which the government must act against those involved.

On RIIN, Acharya said people should not be confused with RIIN or ILP with NRC. He said NRC was for national citizens and its primary purpose was to prevent illegal immigrants. He said ILPP does not deal with immigrants but with Indian citizens who need to have permit to enter into the state.

He said to strengthen Nagaland, any service giver (employee) should be welcomed but ensure that their Indian citizenship does not conflict with RIIN. He insisted that NRC must be given preference which was for integrity and security of the country.

On eastern Nagaland, he said ENPO people were suffering and that their issues has to be addressed. The governor said justice should be done in all aspect and that there should be no discrimination.

Missing Girl swept by Imphal river found

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Out of the two girls which was swept away by the Imphal River along Mahabali Mathak Leikai yesterday evening 4.30pm, the lifeless missing body was found today around 2 in the evening.

The missing body was found by deep divers of the National Disaster Response Force today few meters from the area where they last seen playing.

The body was identified as Gaiguliu Pannei, daughter of Ambition of Pannei of Laphok village, Noney district and currently staying at Mahabali.

Yesterday one of the bodies was recovered lifeless some minutes past 5 pm by locals of Mahabali. The deceased girl was identified as Oshin Dangmei, daughter of Rozer Dangmei of Mahabali Mathak Leikai. It is believed that both girls aged about 7 were playing in the riverbank but later went into the river to swim. Their clothes were spotted in the riverbank by family members and locals. The underwater current is running fast, though the Imphal River is not presently swelling because of the scarce rainfall this monsoon, said a local, who took part in the search operation.

The Search operation was done by personnel of Manipur Fire Services, State Disaster Response Force, National Disaster Response Force, and Indian Red Cross Society from yesterday evening.

The search operation was halted at night yesterday because of the lighting and the strong undercurrent of the river. The team who did the search operation put a net near the Singamei Bridge. They continued the search from today early morning.

Appointment of RN Ravi as Governor of Nagaland receives mix response

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Appointment of Government of India's Interlocutor for Naga Peace Talks, RN Ravi as the governor of Nagaland has surprised NSCN-IM, a report said. Nagaland based civil bodies are of the opinion that the move of the Centre to appoint Ravi who has been the Interlocutor and instrumental for the signing of the 'Framework Agreement' with the NSCN (IM) on August 3, 2015 has come as a bolt from the blue for many.

However, not wishing to speculate on anything at the moment, executive member of the steering committee of NSCN (IM) V Horam said the GoI can appoint any individual to be a Governor of a state even if the person happens to be the interlocutor.

Appreciating the service rendered by Ravi on the negotiation table during his time, Horam said the NSCN (IM) wishes him the best. Alezo Venuh, envoy to collective leadership, GPRN/NSCN, and co-ordinator in the ongoing political dialogue between NNPGs and the GoI said the appointment has come as a surprise. Venuh also declined to comment further on the issue while stating that any statement from their side would be done only

after consulting with the rest of the Working Committee member, a report in the Morung Express said.

Ravi was also instrumental in signing the second agreement with the Working Committee (WC) of Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs) on November 17, 2017.

Welcoming Ravi who has been a "friend of the Naga people" as the new Governor, Naga Hoho president Chuba Ozukum however observed that Ravi's appointment will have both positive and negative implications.

On the positive side, he said Ravi would be the most capable person as the Governor to implement the contents of the Indo-Naga political agreement, if it sees reality. On the other hand, Ozukum said the new interlocutor who would be appointed in Ravi's place would have a hard time since he or she would have to start from scratch.

"This would also mean the negotiation may drag on for a longer period." Or maybe, the GoI is just trying to buy time or delay the peace process without bringing any political solution, the Naga Hoho president further speculated.

Social activist and Academician Rosemary Dzuvichu noted that the Nagas cannot afford to be "pessimistic at this stage"



and further expressed that Ravi's appointment as "Governor considering his knowledge on the Northeast and Naga issue gives hope that more results are met." Peace Activist, Niketu Iralu considered the appointment as a "good sign." "Something good is going to happen in Nagaland as no other Indian has deep knowledge on the Naga political dialogue than RN Ravi, he said, further expressing hope that a "faster and more fruitful negotiations will be met given his full time presence at the Raj Bhavan in Kohima rather than in New Delhi."

Maisnam Meiraba shines as india enter quarterfinals of badminton asia junior Championships 2019

Bya Coresspndent
New Delhi, July 21,

India set up a quarter-final clash with Indonesia despite losing their last group match to Korea at the Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2019 (Mixed Team Event) in Suzhou, China on Sunday. Maisnam Meiraba's herculean effort was the silver lining of the day for the Indian contingent in their 1-4 loss but by dint of finishing second to Korea in Group C, they made it to the last-eight.

On the first day of this prestigious continental event, India had blanked both Mongolia and Macau China by an identical score of 5-0.

Manipur's Meiraba had been in sterling form of late and he even won his first international tournament at the White Night Russian Junior International earlier this month. Meiraba refused to give up and fought for 1 hour 32 minutes to subdue Korea's Hyeon Seung Park.

While that was the solitary win of the day for Team India, there were encouraging



performances from others as well. The doubles teams, especially, stood out for their gutsy displays in a losing cause.

The mixed doubles pair of Dingku Singh Konthoujam and Ritika Thaker fought for 56 minutes before going down 21-19, 12-21, 12-21 to Dong Ju Ki and Eun Ji Lee. Goa's Tanisha Crasto and Kerala's Treesa Jolly were equally impressive in their 16-21, 21-16, 12-21 girls' doubles loss to Young Bin Ji and Eun Ji Lee. The boys' doubles combine of Ishaan Bhatnagar and Vishnu

Vardhan Goud Panjala found Korea's Dong Ju Ki and Joon Young Kim too strong in their 17-21, 15-21 defeat. In girls' singles, Malvika Bansod suffered a 10-21, 8-21 defeat to Ga Lam Kim.

"Korea was always supposed to be a tough hurdle but I am happy to see how the team performed under pressure," said Sanjay Mishra, India's Chief Junior National Coach. "They never looked to be intimidated and the attitude was perfect. The hard work that we did in the 15-day camp before the tournament paid off.

With more experience and exposure, the youngsters can make a lot of difference," he added.

The result might not have gone in India's favour but there were a lot of positives to take from the brave performances which will most certainly help them when they face off against the mighty Indonesians on Monday. The stamina and tenacity shown by the youngsters, as demonstrated by their close three-game losses, speaks volumes of their improvements.

10 Days Waree Festival on "Mahabharata" concludes

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10 day Ware Festival on 'Mahabharata' organised by Thoubal district Waree leeba Association under the sponsorship of Art and Culture Department Government of Manipur at the auditorium of Bhagabat Shiksha Ashram Thoubal Tomching concluded today. Additional Director, Medical

Health Service Manipur Dr.L.Nandall Singh, President of the Thoubal District Waree Leeba Association Y.Jugindro Singh, Scientific Officer SPFSL Manipur O.Manao Singh, Rk.Manisana and Kh.Laxman Singh attended as dignitaries on the dais.

Floral tributes was also paid to the departed teachers of Thoubal District Waree Leeba Association as a part of the closing function.