

Editorial

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May be this time it may happen

It's no wrong presuming that the center has now framed a modality to solve the issues of the NSCN-IM. RN Ravi's visit at Nagaland is significant. The long awaited agreement may be signed before the announcement of the Lok Sabha Election. This is being presumed because of the fact that the ruling government may gain doing so. The CAB agenda will be diverted and there is possibility that the ruling may gain at least 2 seats in Outer Manipur and from Nagaland. No matter Valley area of Imphal burn. Above all the probable hindrance expected from the NSCN-K has also been somewhat neutralized after Myanmar trooper coupe the Taga region which was once under the control of the NSCN-K.

Well a leader like Prime Minister Narendra Modi will keep his word and it's no wrong believing that this final solution (as assumed by the GoI) will not disturb the territorial boundary of any of the neighbouring states of Nagaland particularly the territorial integrity of Manipur.

Think tanks and leaders of the India government are no fool; while the leadership of the NSCN-IM cannot be underestimated, when it comes to determine the fate of the Naga people. If one goes back and look at how NSCN-IM was borne and how it had struggled for nearly three decades, the said will certainly understand how the rebel group had utilized all possible means to find a solution irrespective of its position. We can assume 1988 as the birth of NSCN-IM after the NSCN has been split into two faction - one led by SS Khaplang and the other led by Th. Muivah. In less than five years, the rebel group popularized its name by targeting to Kuki communities leading to a communal flare up which led to the death of 1000s of innocent people belonging to both Kuki and Naga. Number of Kuki civilian killed during the communal clash ignited by the NSCN-IM was much more than those of Nagas. When the wind was settled with the intervention of major community Meitei, the NSCN-IM entered to peace deal with the government of India. It was in August 1, 1997 that the rebel group put its step to begin peace talk with the Government of India and in June 14, 2001, the cease fire agreement between the Government of India and the NSCN-IM was signed between the two entities at Bangkok, which is also known as the Bangkok agreement which led to a mass uprising in the state of Manipur. The journey of the NSCN-IM from 1988 to 2001 and the later stage to till today showed that the rebel group is driven by a desire to achieve something no matter what it had stood earlier.

It is at this point that we can assume the final solution of the framework agreement will not disturb the boundary of the Manipur and other neighbouring states of Nagaland. But what else could be the frame work agreement? - A matter need to be pondered by all.

Well time and again a modality called "Pan Naga Hoho" has been reported at many of the newspapers published in Manipur as well as at Nagaland. Neither the Interlocutor nor the collective leadership of the NSCN-IM had denied it. And the so called Pan Naga Hoho modality has also been a talk of the NSCN-IM among its frontal bodies and intellectuals. If the Pan Naga Hoho is the final solution than the territorial boundary of the neighbouring states will remain as it is but the so called Nagas coined by the NSCN-IM, no matter where it stays will come under a single administrative unit.

In this column this newspaper has stated what actually is a Pan Naga Hoho briefly. It is a statutory body with Executive authority, budgetary and negotiating power. This body will function beyond territorial limits of any state and will be able to operate in any state where Naga are settled.

If this is the agreement, no matter the territorial boundary of Manipur remain intact, the so call Manipur will have no meaning at all as the government will not be able to govern to its citizen residing in its soil.

Political parties in the state who had always stood for the integrity of the state should also be aware of a situation arises this way.

“Tuition Culture” A Culture that destroy Self Confidence of our Youths

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It is said that “no atom bomb or a long range missile is required” to destroy a Nation, simply destroying Education is enough to destroy a Nation. Yes, In this day of Internet and IT of 21st Century, in what direction our Education system is treading? This is the question that many asked. Is the knowledge, the skill that our education induced to our youths good enough or compatible with the fast moving technology of 21st century? It seems that the present education system is not valued base system rather it's mark based education system. Because of this mark based education system, our youths are unable to cop up with any situation crop up at any point of time in our society which cause them frustration and depression. The beautiful Manipuri rhythms like “ T H A T H A THABUNGTON.....NUNGSARO SARO URUM LEIMA C H A N G K H A R O ” “CHONGNA CHONGNA KAGERA THOUNA FABA SAKERA.....” etc were replaced by Twinkle Little Star.....Ba Ba Black ship.....Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall.....etc. Isn't the beginning

of destroying our cultural heritage based on high moral value which has been transmitting through our rich tradition? Now a days, our children right from Primary level doesn't learn anything about our tradition and culture, if Im not mistaken (may be lack of my personal information & knowledge). When we were in Class-I, we were taught some good moral lessons like “PHAJABI GHARI HURANBA” “YAHOU NGANBA HAKCHANG FEI KHONGHOU HANBA LAMJEL THOI” etc. These days' children are taught anything in memorizing way of teaching. Heavy home works are being given to these young & tender children. Home works are being done either by parents or tuition teachers. Parents are happy when their children are given good marks by class teachers. But, is that mark, the mark obtained due to real work of the student? After day long hectic activities at the school, majorities of our students are send to private tuition. Why? Is it parent's aspiration of giving good education to their children to be a good citizen in future or children are not taught properly at the schools? Because of heavy academic schedule, they don't have time to play, talk with friends and

parents (Except inside the van during going to school and coming from school).At the same time they don't have time to study themselves and do anything in their own ways, which slowly destroy the neuron of self-confidence from their early childhood period. As they grow and come to the higher classes, they themselves (even parents) always try to score good marks in the examination without knowing or understanding the value and concepts of the lessons they have gone through in different levels. According to experts, children needs proper rest and sufficient sleep for their all-round physical and mental development. But these young and tender children who need enough sleep are drag out from sleep in the very early morning at around 3,30am for sending them to private tuition. Parents take them from one tuition center to another (at least two or three) before they go to school. Many of them are not willing to do this but because of their parent's pressure they are compelled to do so. After school hour is over (generally by 2,30 or 3,00 pm) they have to go for another series of tuition which will continue up to 8;00pm. After day long hectic

academic activities they are exhausted (physically, mentally) extremely. Then, soon after the dinner is over they feel sleepy and go to bed without opening the books or note books they copied at the schools and tuition centers. This process continue till the syllabus at the tuition centers and school is covered. However they don't have the time to digest themselves what teachers taught at the school as well as at the tuition centers. Because of this process, in spite of hectic academic activities they are unable to write well in the examination resulting poor performance when result is out which is out of parent's expectation. Parents are unhappy with this and started scolding their wards using possible language. Whose fault is this? Is it the fault of children or parents? Answer may be decided by general public. This is not only in school examination but also in Board's examination of Class X and XII. Some learned educationist and experts termed this system as the “System which damage the Neuron of Self Confidence among our youths”. Is it right or wrong public will decide.

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‘Naga peace pact could be signed any day’, says reports ahead of Deputy NSA visit

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Deputy National Security Adviser and Prime Minister's special envoy for the Naga peace talks, R.N. Ravi, is arriving in Dimapur and would travel to Kohima over the next two days to conclude the protracted Naga peace talks, sources said. Government sources said with the Naga groups expected to reciprocate with “pragmatic flexibility”, the final agreement could be signed “any day”. Home Minister Rajnath Singh is

visiting Assam on Tuesday and there could be some forward movement in the talks. Sources say the government is ready to consider a Naga flag for a pan-Naga cultural body and to term the final agreement as the “Naga Constitution”. A source said that there has been an apparent understanding on the Naga flag and on opening autonomous cultural centres in states adjoining Nagaland with Naga population. In a recent interview to the Nagaland Post, Ravi had said that Naga peace

talks were at the “concluding stage”. “Political principles of settlement, substantive issue of competencies and structural issues of governance have all been mutually agreed. The peace process has become truly inclusive with the seven Naga groups coming onboard. We have mutual understanding with NSCN (I-M) that they would not oppose constructive cooperation in the peace process and their participation in the final agreement. The peace process can conclude any day,” he said. Asked if he is saying that the talks

are in the final stage, Ravi said the Naga political issue is a very old and complex one and in the last four years, the negotiating parties have made significant continuous progress by resolving several facets of it. “(These are) like political parameters of settlement and the specifics of various competencies to be shared between the Naga people and the government of India. All issues have been mutually understood and agreed upon. “However, a few issues mainly a flag and a constitution are sticky. On these issues, the two sides have differing positions. We will sign the agreement as soon as these are resolved,” he told the newspaper. On what is holding the negotiating parties in solving the flag and constitution issue, Ravi said the government was aware of Naga people's sentiment over the flag which must be respected. “Our position is that the Naga flag should be located in the Pan Naga cultural body, which would be a common platform of all the Nagas. Similarly, the final agreement, which would have to be duly incorporated in the Constitution of India, could be the Naga ‘Yehzabo’. However, the Naga negotiators are not agreeing to it,” he said. Asked about differences on these issues with both NSCN (I-M) and Working Committee of the Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs), Ravi said both of them have insisted on recognition of the Naga flag. “On the issue of ‘Yehzabo’, we are trying to reach a common position with NSCN (I-M),” he said.

Assam Rifles Organises Awareness Drive On HIV/AIDS

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Thoubal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised an Awareness Drive on HIV/AIDS at Lunglei Village of Kamjong District on 04 March 2019. The awareness drive was organised by Upper Khoripok Company Operating Base with an aim to educate and raise awareness on HIV/AIDS among the locals. The educational drive incorporated an enlightening lecture by the Unit Nursing Assistant on HIV AIDS which was later followed by an interactive session during which all the queries raised by participants were answered. The event witnessed participation by over 100 villagers from the area



including ladies & children. The participants were educated on the causes, symptoms of HIV/AIDS alongwith preventive measures. They were also acquainted with various health schemes launched by the Government of India regarding HIV/AIDS. The event

concluded with tea and refreshments for all the attendees. The villagers sincerely acknowledged efforts by the Assam Rifles for regularly undertaking such educational drives and thereby contribute in creating a healthier society.

AR Distributes Solar Lamps As Part Of Assistance Programme

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Under the theme of ‘Lending a Helping Hand’, Thoubal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR(South) organised an Assistance Programme at Blessings Academy Orphanage and Day School, Yeasom Village of Kamjong District on 04 March 2019. As part of the programme, the Battalion distributed 60 Solar Lamps to the students of the Orphanage as well as conducted medical camp and lectures on health awareness for the students.

The programme commenced with an informal interaction with the children and school teachers, wherein they exchanged their ideas with the Assam Rifles personnel. It was a joy to behold, for many of them had a firsthand opportunity of meeting the uniformed soldiers. The interaction was then followed by a lecture on ‘Health Awareness’ in which the children alongwith the Orphanage Staff were educated upon the ongoing climatic changes and necessary precautions to be taken to guard against the related diseases.

Post the lecture a health check camp was organised for the children by the Unit Medical Team in which necessary medical checkup was carried out and free medicines were distributed to the needy. The medical team also visited sick ward of the orphanage and administered necessary treatment to the children. A first aid satchel, containing primary first aid medicines was also gifted to the school. As part of the programme, 60 portable solar lamps were distributed to the students and auth of the Orphanage to alleviate

the problem of frequent power cuts in the area and further assist aiding the children in their academics in true meaning. The programme concluded with mid day meals for the children of the Orphanage during which hot food was served to them. The villagers of the area and the school authorities expressed their heartfelt gratitude and appreciated the kind gesture of the Assam Rifles in reaching out to them and hoped that this effort would go a long way in further cementing the bond between Assam Rifles and the people of Manipur.

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