

## Govt, NSCN expects solution before Christmas

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The Union Government and the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN) today reviewed the competencies which needs to be resolved before the final agreement is signed. Government's representative and Governor of Nagaland R N Ravi reviewed the competencies with the NSCN leader led by General Secretary, Thiungaleng Muivah. Sources said the Centre is in hurry to ink the final agreement with the Naga rebel groups before Christmas, but there are competencies which are to be reviewed thoroughly to avoid complications in the future. National Security Advisor, Ajit Doval is behind the scene helping Centre's interlocutor, R N Ravi, to conclude the Naga peace process with NSCN and NNPGs. Naga groups have been talking about honourable and acceptable solution but so far they have not placed the competencies before the people. But it is understood that sovereignty and integration has been compromised with the Government by the Naga groups. The final pact is accepted to be signed within the Constitution of India with a Naga flag, not be used for government functions and Naga customary laws to be used. Currently Nagaland government is compiling the Naga customary practices for a common use in the state. The current peace process is likely to conclude with a pact similar to 16 Point Agreement/memorandum of 1960, which gave birth to Nagaland state, wherein Article 371(A) has stated about customary practices, and land and its resources, belong to the people, police after the agreement.

## UNLF Chairman RK Meghen released but will not come home

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Chairman of the United Nation Liberation Front (UNLF) RK Meghen @ Sanayaima has been released from Guwahati Central jail, Kahlipara on Saturday evening but will not come home tomorrow as expected by the people of the state.

A source said that the UNLF Chairman has been taken by officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs along with his lawyer and son to a guest house of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) in Guwahati. He will be taken to an undisclosed location either tomorrow or day after tomorrow, the source added. Another source said that the



MHA did not want Meghen to return at Imphal as his return may create trouble in the state in the wake of the mass protest against the settlement of the Naga issue. It added that the UNLF Chairman RK Meghen @ Sanayaima has not been re arrested but the condition that the MHA officials took him is more like detention.

The UNLF Chief was reportedly abducted by a team of Bangladesh Police on September 27, 2010 from Dhaka. However, His arrest was announced only on November 30, 2010 by the Indian authority. It said that he was arrested from Bihar's East Champaran District, while trying to cross over to India from Bangladesh.

## Congress MLA AK Mirabai join alert protest rally; MLA Joykishan will not take part the Sangai Festival

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Congress MLA AK Mirabai yesterday evening joined the alert protest rally organised under the aegis of COCOMI at Patsoi area. As per report, a large number of protestors thronged to the residence of the MLA as a part of the ongoing protest. AK Mirabai while talking to the

protestors said that she is ready to even gift up the post of MLA if any decision has been taken to distort the integrity of Manipur while solving the Naga issue. On the other hand MLA Joykishan had stated that he will not take part the Sangai Festival this year. Talking to media person MLA Joykishan said that the state government is afraid to call

an emergency or special state assembly session and is play hide and seek game. As he is also a MLA which represent the people he said that he cannot act against the will of the people. Demanding disclosure of the Frame Work Agreement signed between the NSCN-IM and the Government of India Joykishan said that he will be with the people of the state.

## Assam Rifles seizes 2 packets of contraband worth Rs 10 lakh in Tengnoupal

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Troops of Assam Rifles seized two packets of contraband drugs worth Rs 10.40 lakh from a person in Khudenthabi Check post, Tengnoupal, Manipur on November 8. During a routine vehicle check post, troops of Assam Rifles

recovered two packets of Heroin weighing approximately 26 gms from one of the passenger. The drugs were seized from a white Colour Bus bearing registration No. MN 0601BA 0066. On carrying out a

thorough check of the bus the team recovered two packets of Heroin. The passenger have been identified as Mr. Lalkhoogu, 64-years-old, a resident of Churachandpur. The detained individual and the recovered items have been handed over to Moreh police station for further investigation.

## Fashion Icon and Actress Soma Laishram all set to walk the ramp at Northeast Festival 2019

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Top actress and fashion icon of Manipur Soma Laishram is all set to walk the ramp at the ongoing Northeast Festival 2019 at New Delhi. She will be the showstopper at the event for Maxwell Yangojiam, one of Manipur's top fashion designers who runs a fashion label, Kha Naganba. Soma Laishram has been part of many fashion shows in the past, the most recent one being an International fashion extravaganza "Asian Designer week" where she was the showstopper for a unique fashion show promoting the handlooms & textiles of North East India and Manipur. A versatile personality known for her unique fashion sense, Soma has also been modelling alongside her career as an actress in Manipur. She has walked the ramp as a showstopper in many fashion and cultural events earlier too. Speaking about the festival Soma Laishram said, "I am grateful for this opportunity to be part of such a big initiative where I get to represent my



state and region to the world. I believe this festival is a great platform to showcase the unique cultures and talents of Northeast India." At the Northeast Festival which is being held at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Janpath, New Delhi, India Soma Laishram will be setting the ramp on fire in

Maxwell Yangojiam's creation which is inspired from the rich indigenous handloom of Northeast India. "My collection is all about bringing out the best of Northeast India's beautiful cultures and handloom works to the world in the hope to revive the traditional handloom industry packaged in the most modern and fashion-forward designs," said Maxwell Yangojiam about his collection. "I am also very thankful to the organisers for making me part of such a huge event and giving me this opportunity to connect the world with Northeast India through my work," he further added. This is the seventh edition of North East Festival where the entire facets of North East India can be found in one place. Handlooms of Northeast India have always caught the attention of the world and the handloom fashion shows which is part of the festival will extensively display the fabrics and textiles of NER in the works of talented designers from the region.

## Jiribam: Rally held to celebrate birthday of Prophet Muhammad



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Along with rest of the world, the Muslim brethren of Jiribam District, Manipur and Jirighat which lies under Cachar District of Assam celebrated Eid-e- Milad un Nabi to commemorate the birthday of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) today. In connection with the celebration, a procession carried out from Babupara

Jame- Masjid, Jiribam where hundreds of devotees from various localities of Jiribam and Jirighat participated in it and culminated at Lalpani, Cachar. The rally was jointly organised by Ahle Sunnat Wal Jammata, Jiri Valley Central Committee and Sunni Students Federation, Jiribam District Committee. Speaking at the sideline of procession, the Finance Secretary of Sunni Students

Federation, National Committee Salman Khurshid said the rally was organised in commemoration of Prophet Muhammad birthday and the Muslim devotees from various place of Jiribam and Jirighat, Cachar gathered to mark Eid-e-Milad un Nabi celebration. Later, all the devotees of procession gathered at Lalpani, Cachar mosque where religious scholars threw light on the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (Peace beupon him).

## PREPAK to observe Martyrs' day: says Kangleipak should not be within India

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Proscribed group PREPAK is set to observe Martyrs' Day (Athoubasinggi Ningsing Nunit) on November 12. A statement issued by the outfit's publicity and propaganda secretary in-charge Leibaak Ngaakpa Luwang has appealed people of Kangleipak people not to organise any entertainment or merry-making programme on the day. It appealed to light and pay floral tribute to the departed martyrs. The statement said that Kangleipak should not be within the political map of India. After Kangleipak became

independent from British occupation on August 14, 1947, Kangleipak became a sovereign country and the Manipur Constitution Act came into force. Kangleipak became independent one day ahead of India and there is no reason why Kangleipak should remain within the political map of India, the outfit asserted. Saying that their assertion is based on historical facts, the outfit went on to claim that most countries would support the same assertion. Based on universal adult franchise, election was held in 10 phases from June 11 to August 27, 1948 under the Manipur Constitution Act 1947. Altogether 53

representatives were elected and an elected Government was formed with MK Priyobarta as the Chief Minister. The fourth sitting of the first Manipur Legislative Assembly's third session was held on September 28, 1949 in the premises of Johnstone High School, then used a chamber of the Manipur Legislative Assembly, with TC Tiangkham as the Speaker. The sitting was participated by six Ministers and 43 Members. The particular sitting declared that the Merger Agreement signed between Maharaj Bodhchandra on behalf of Kangleipak and Advisor to the Government of India, Ministry

of State, Vapal Panguni Menon and Governor of Assam Pra-kasha on behalf of the Gov- ernment of India at Shillong on September 21, 1949 as invalid. Moreover, Kangleipak was forcibly merged into the Indian Union in total contravention of the Government of India Act 1935, Part II, Chapter I, Section 5(2)(b), the outfit continued. As Kangleipak was forcibly merged into the Indian Union using deceitful means, international communities have started lending support to Kangleipak, it claimed. Meanwhile India political leaders have been working hard to transform India into a Hindu Nation of one religion, one constitution and one

language. The first significant step towards this one was the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5 this year without consent of the Jammu and Kashmir State Assembly and the people of the State. Further, Jammu and Kashmir was bifurcated into two Union Territories namely: Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir. The next target of BJP is the North East region. When the Government of India withdrew the special status granted to Jammu & Kashmir, it claimed that the step was aimed at bringing uniformity and equality throughout India. If one goes by this explanation, it is highly

questionable as to why Article 371A, Inner Line Permit System implemented in Nagaland and Article 371C implemented in the hill areas of Manipur should not be revoked. The BJP Government would certainly go ahead with its agenda of rescinding all the Constitutional provisions which give certain protection to the people of the North East in order the exterminate all the indigenous people and transform the region into a Hindu region, it alleged. The situation is very critical for Kangleipak in view of the growing threats to its integrity and Government of India's vigorous push for

CAB. It's not time for people to indulge in festivities or merry-making. It's time for all the people to wake up, unite and fight collectively against any threat to the integrity of Kangleipak. Informing that PREPAK would observe the Martyrs Day on November 12, it appealed to all the people to offer light and floral tribute to all the martyrs who had laid down their lives in the course of the revolutionary movement. PREPAK and the Red Army would support any democratic struggle aimed at re-establishing a popular Government in Kangleipak, it added.