

Editorial

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Tracking black money

Unexpected things happen here in the state of Manipur more than at any other states of the country. Impact of Demonetization kills many at many parts of the country but it makes many untouched and made many millionaires overnight. Narendra Modi announced demonetization all of a sudden to bring back the black money. His intention was to distribute the black money to the poor people of the country. What is heartbreaking is that the Prime Minister's aspiration to make every citizen of the country rich never becomes reality.

But demonetization brought good fortune for some exceptional people in the state. Talks are going around in the town that due to the demonetization some small micro finance runners who took risk become millionaires overnight and it was due to the many privileged class people who have plenty of black money which make the micro finance bankers success.

Unlike in other state, the demonetization is perhaps a blessing for the state. It raised a group of capitalist class people who give employment opportunity to hundreds of jobless people. Even as it is against the socialist ideology, it did serve some people who are searching for job. The agenda of Right Wing ideologue is revealed even as it has been always working under the shadow of the Socialist ideology.

It is not a simple and baseless criticism when this newspaper says that a neo capitalist class has been born by demonetization, but it is an open secret which happened in front of our eyes. The only thing is that Indian legal system is very complicated that sometimes a wrong is right due to loopholes to prove that it was wrong. Perhaps it may be not due to loopholes in the Indian law but lack of sincerity and commitment to prove that it was wrong among the legal practitioners.

Well good thing are always good. Everybody needs to encourage those who are successful in becoming employers. But what about the many hundreds of people who had uncountable number of black money which makes things possible for some exceptional people.

So far, no investigation about how a person have so much money beyond his income before the demonetization and how come he or she deposited to the micro finance business runner instead of depositing it to the bank. Why any government agency is not looking into this matter?

When success needs to be appreciated and encouraged, the government machineries who are paid to check things which goes wrong by public money collected in the form of various taxes should also act to punish those who had black money beyond their income.

Early detection and treatment can reverse erectile dysfunction in men

Bya Correspondent

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As cases of erectile dysfunction are on the rise attributing to prolonged workplace stress and adaptation to poor lifestyle habits like smoking, poor eating habits, sedentary lifestyle and bingeing on alcohol, more and more younger population are getting targeted.

Indian men being highly vulnerable to erectile dysfunction, feel embarrassed to admit such ailment. Apart from being a social stigma, ED can be as devastating to the self esteem of the patient and his partner.

It is important to spread awareness about erectile dysfunction among men. Men should come forward regarding the medical disorder and they should not feel ashamed or embarrassed in admitting it.

"Apart from being a direct cause for ED, stress also accounts for ailments like hypertension and diabetes which itself is a gateway for a number of diseases that ultimately causes impotence in men. Erectile dysfunction can be

reversed once an individual starts medication and make significant lifestyle choices such as regular exercise, yoga, abstaining from alcohol and smoking and proper counselling can help in treating."

Erectile dysfunction or commonly known as impotence is the inability to maintain or attain the erection adequate for the sexual satisfaction of both the partners. A recent study revealed that men who smoke cigarettes have a significantly higher risk of experiencing erectile dysfunction. People who quit smoking right away are likely to have improved symptoms of erectile dysfunction than who those keep on smoking

"An estimated 16% to 25% of men experience ED at some point in their life. If left untreated, it can severely damage the sexual life of men and ability to engage in sex. Along with modification in lifestyle practices, medicines for ED which are usually prescribed for about 3 to 6 months, start to take effect and the patient feels physically and mentally healthier, assisting in resolving the problem. Timely consultation from urologist and andrologist can help in treating erectile dysfunction and the patient can enjoy his sexual life again.

Separate Flag, Constitution Key for 'Honourable' Peace Solution: Naga Group

Courtesy The Wire
By : The Wire Staff

The National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muivah) [NSCN (I-M)] has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi that no "honourable solution" to the drawn-out Naga peace process could be arrived at without a "separate flag and a constitution".

On August 3, 2015, the NSCN (I-M) and the Centre entered a framework agreement to arrive at a Naga accord. Modi was present during the signing of the agreement in New Delhi.

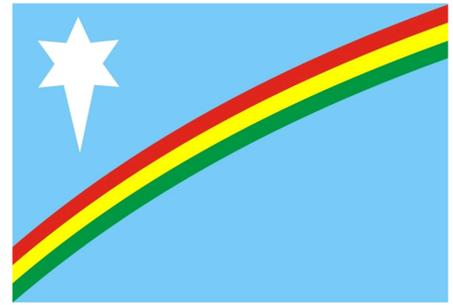
The present apprehension of the NSCN (I-M) leaders is considered to have been aggravated by the recent scrapping of Article 370 and 35A for Jammu and Kashmir, as per which the state had a separate flag and constitution. On August 25, the flag was brought down from the Jammu and Kashmir secretariat in Srinagar.

Every August 14, the Nagas use the NSCN flag to celebrate their independence from the British. The flag, over the years, has also become a symbol of the long-standing Naga demand for a "political solution" for themselves. Soon after Article 370

was read down, the Nagas were apprehensive about the status of Article 371A, which grants special powers to Nagaland under the Constitution. However, the government categorically said the article would not be touched.

As per the publicity department of the NSCN (I-M) this past August 24, the framework agreement signed with the Centre on August 2, 2015, recognised the "special history of the Nagas". "However, what we are increasingly seeing is that the government of India is going slow on discussing the core issues; three years have passed since; the Nagas await the historic day when the final agreement will be signed," it said.

Though the agreement with the Centre was signed in 2015, the NSCN (I-M) had entered into a ceasefire agreement with the government in July 1997. On August 17, speaking at a function in the state, R.N. Ravi, the present Nagaland governor and also the government's interlocutor for the peace talks, said the prime minister had mandated him to wrap up the talks within the next three months and arrive at a Naga accord. The NSCN (I-M) reportedly said,



"When Modi tasked interlocutor R.N. Ravi to conclude the talks with the Naga negotiators within three months, it became all the more interesting as it was the third time when the Modi-led BJP government had come up with such an assuring tone."

It, however, added, "The changing situation and other developments compel NSCN chairperson Q Tuccu and general secretary Th. Muivah to write a letter to the prime minister Narendra Modi about the doubt and confusion raised by the Naga people if an honourable solution can be arrived at."

The outfit further said, "This is in reference to the core issues like Naga flag and Constitution which are yet to be agreed upon between the two parties. Without these two core issues solved, any solution would be far from honourable because Naga's pride and identity is deeply entrenched here."

Aside from NSCN (I-M), the Centre has roped in several other stakeholders into the ongoing peace talks, including the six Naga national political groups (NNPGs) and the breakaway faction of the Myanmar-based NSCN (Khaplang)

comprising Indian Nagas. The NSCN, through its information and publicity department, also flagged and "condemned" the heightened surveillance by the Assam Rifles across the state. It said the AR personnel, "for the last four months, have stationed themselves at Doyapur near the designated Hebron Camp (NSCN headquarters) and moving around in the nearby villages, frisking commuters and raising houses with cameras in hand...villagers are being harassed with uncomfortable questions. It is also doing unwarranted frisking operations across Dimapur." Local reports quoting NSCN said, "The picture is almost back to ceasefire period with the ubiquitous AR showing up in aggressive postures." "Such manner of intensified operation by AR makes the whole scenario unbecoming of Ravi's search for the earliest solution as advised by Prime Minister Modi. Conducive atmosphere without the belligerent AR is the desire of the people in general and NSCN in particular in this critical period." The government has, so far, not responded to the letter.



Harish Salve on Why the Supreme Court Is Unlikely to Void Article 370 Move

Courtesy The Wire
By KaranThapar

Harish Salve, perhaps India's foremost constitutional lawyer, has said it's unlikely the Supreme Court will hold the Modi government's treatment of Article 370 or the division and demotion of Jammu and Kashmir unconstitutional.

In a 60-minute exclusive and comprehensive interview to Karan Thapar for The Wire, Salve covered all the arguments for believing that the de-operationalisation of Article 370 is unconstitutional as well as the arguments for maintaining that Article 3 has been wrongly used by the Central government to demote J&K to union territory

status and divide it.

Salve said that the mechanism for de-commissioning Article 370 – i.e. using Article 370 to amend Article 367 which is then used to amend 370 – was exactly the same as that used in the 1960s when Jammu and Kashmir's Sadr e Riyasat and Wazir e Azam were changed to governor and chief minister. At the time, the Supreme Court had upheld this and, therefore, the precedent has been established and is unlikely to be found fault with when it is used to de-operationalise 370.

Similarly, Salve refuted the view that the Central parliament cannot express the views of the J&K state assembly, which is a necessary step under Article 3 in changing the status and size of a state. He

said the views of an assembly are passed by resolution and a resolution is one of the powers of an assembly, and under president's rule the powers of an assembly are transferred to parliament. That includes the power to pass a resolution. He said it's the power to pass a resolution which lies at the heart of the government's mechanism for changing the status and size of J&K. That power has been transferred to parliament and, therefore, there is nothing unconstitutional about the way J&K has been demoted and divided.

Speaking about the way the Supreme Court has responded to petitions both challenging the change in constitutional status

and the alleged violation of human rights, Salve distinguished between the two. He said taking four, five or six months to handle the constitutional changes was not a sign the Supreme Court is ducking its responsibility or avoiding by deferring difficult decisions. This was perfectly acceptable and not unexceptional. However, he made a point of saying that the human rights petitions and, in particular, the habeas corpus petitions should have been handled with "alacrity". Unfortunately, he said a tradition has been set whereby courts do not handle these issues concerning the rights and even the lives of citizens with the speed that is required.

In the course of the interview, Salve also spoke about calls that Justice Arun Mishra should recuse himself from the Land Acquisition case and said these were completely wrong and unfair. Without taking names, he said this was a result of the Supreme Court allowing itself to be earlier used by a section of lawyers who, now that the court had stopped this, have turned against the court and are attacking some of its judges.

Finally, Salve said if reports are accurate such as those in the Telegraph that detainees in Kashmir are being asked to sign a bond not to make comment(s) or statement(s) or make public speech(s) or hold or participate in public assembly(s) related to recent events in the state as a condition for their release, this would be unconstitutional and an unacceptable curb on their freedom.

PM Modi reaches Bangkok to attend ASEAN related summits

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reached Bangkok a short while ago for a three-day visit to Thailand. He will address the Indian diaspora in Bangkok this evening. The name of the event is 'Sawasdee PM MODI'.

The programme has been organized at National Indoor Stadium. All seats of the stadium have been already booked. The organizer of the programme Atul Jogani told AIR that for the first time PM Modi will address the Indian community in Bangkok and people are excited to listen. During the event, Prime Minister Modi will release special commemorative



coin marking the 550th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and Thai translation of Tirukkural (Tamil Classic). AIR correspondent reports that there is a very hectic schedule of Prime Minister for two days from tomorrow morning. Tomorrow Prime Minister Modi will co-chair the 16th India-ASEAN summit to take stock of the

progress made in the relationship between ASEAN and India. Besides, Mr. Modi will also take part in Aditya Birla Group Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Prime Minister will hold bilateral meetings with the leaders of Thailand, Indonesia and Myanmar. On Monday, PM Narendra Modi will take part in the 14th East Asia Summit to review the future direction of East Asia Cooperation and exchange views on regional and international issues. Mr. Modi will also participate in the 3rd Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) summit. PM Modi is scheduled to hold a bilateral meeting with Australia, Vietnam and Japan.

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