

## When the man is silent



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When the man is silent; he wants something;  
When the man is silent; he wants to say lots;  
When the man is silent; he expects things;  
When the man is silent; he expects more unnoticed;  
When the man is silent; he's crazy hunting;  
When the man is silent; he speaks within;  
When the man is silent; he knows something odd;  
When the man is silent; he's becoming wild within self;  
When the man is silent; he's thousand heads;  
When the man is silent; he's violent and damaging;  
When the man is silent; he's an individual warrior.

When the man is silent; he designed desires;  
When the man is silent; he elaborates his feelings;  
When the man is silent; he's bound to know about him back;  
When the man is silent; he eagerly awaits answer;  
When the man is silent; he conquers his woman;  
When the man is silent; he cuts every single personal;  
When the man is silent; he wants other to know him;  
When the man is silent; he has too many queries;  
When the man is silent; his privacy is golden.

When the man is silent; he hates being group;  
When the man is silent; he truly pressure woman to be with;  
When the man is silent; he's an individual warrior.

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When the mighty Himalayas is leaving its snow-white height going down the deep green Southeast Asia, there trapped a hilly terrain with a tiny valley in the middle stressing north-south. Over the centuries, she was having changing names Meckley, Meitrapak, Kangleipak with changing boundaries enlarging up to 72,000 sq km between the Brahmaputra and the Chindwin River. She has been known as Manipur shrinking to 22,327sq km, and been a controversial part of India since 1949. She is bigger than East Timor and smaller than Rwanda. There are about 40 ethnic peoples whose culture reflects ending tail of South Asia and beginning head of South East Asia - showing a hybrid display in Indo-Myanmar region.

Uniqueness adorns Manipur in its own way. The multiethnic peoples, and compounded problems are all sucked into this small landlocked geography. The historical memory of the socio-cultural turmoil of Hinduisation is not able to evaporate so soon and the gone days of Annexation by India is still posing an unsettling political hiccup. The present experience is becoming a staggering predicament of the past stumble.

Power in New Delhi condescends that the world's

longest political hunger strike happened here, the game of Polo was born here, and the earliest universal suffrages in Asia too was practiced here. This is one of the biodiversity hotspots of the planet, the abode of the natural resources and the power house of sports in the Indian subcontinent.

For decades Manipur has been witnessing multi-faceted conflict. The silent war between Political Armed Organizations (PAO) and the Government of India (GoI), and inter-ethnic conflict among the Meetei, Naga, Kuki, non-Naga, non-Kuki, Pangal (Muslim) have brought violence and the noise of human rights. Thousands of lives have lost, many more have been undergoing pain and trauma, and communities have been living with fear and distrust.

The violence and tension are seen in a landscape where Hinduisation drew a thick and sticky backdrop, haunted by the issues of the Controversial Manipur Merger to India, Militarization under an Extraordinary Armed Forces Legislation, and Hills-valley Dichotomy. They have imprinted their own roots in the socio-political-economic layout by displaying fractured justice, broken peace and twisted human rights. They are sources of fear and conflict for the communities in the region. They are the structural violence of Manipur that have deprived the rights of indigenous peoples in terms of safety, respect, participation, economy, identity and culture.

On 23 September 1969 when Indira Gandhi visited Imphal she said in her public speech, "You must behave like a civilized people. You must behave like people who know how to handle the affairs of their city and their state." Her speech was criticized in December publication, 1969, The Lamyamba, for affronting peoples of Manipur. Because she ignored the real uncivilized Indians who broke her head in the previous election. In various Indian cities there had been violent clashes between students and police, and Siva Sena burnt houses, vandalized properties, she thought her Indians were civilized. Whereas Manipuris who were living harmoniously with outsiders and did not show any violent acts upon her visit to Imphal, she called uncivilized. The Lamyamba questioned - the ruthlessness of Indira Gandhi in addressing Manipur as something do not know how to handle affairs of city and state, ignoring the fact that Manipur had been an independent sovereign state for centuries before her India dismantled it suddenly.

In the following decades, leaders from the New Delhi have been singing Manipur and Manipuris as a rich heritage, rich arts and culture, peace loving peoples, with a heavy tone of need of militarization, a concern for insurgency, law and order situation. One interesting fact that contradicting the reality is the comments come out as posthumous responses from the

retiring military officers. In most of the media briefings, the moment they are leaving Manipur, they opine "Military is not the solution."

One similar example is of the former Union Home Secretary to the Government of India, Gopal Krishna Pillai articulated strangely. In his talk at the Internal Security Lecture Series organised by Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA), YouTube video Published on 6 Feb 2012 underlined that, thousands year old ancient kingdom of Manipur was forced to diminish to a mere Part C State of the Dominion of India overnight. In the illegal process of Merger that was carried out by the then Dominion Government of India had definitely made serious mistakes, for which he very boldly made a call for the Prime Minister or the Home Minister of India to apologise for the past mistakes that had been so dictatorially executed.

For a holistic approach to the structural violence and multiple challenges of Manipur, we should not forget the Action, Behavior and Context or ABC. Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB), migrant issue, the border pillar and other crisis are just AB not the Context C. Instead of addressing fundamental root causes, New Delhi, this time, BJP merely plays multiple repressive cards as usual. They dilute and divert crucial issues of Manipur whereas state government displays the most submissive diplomatic treatment upon them so far.

# Manipur: Context and Structural Violence

## AR flagged off commercial piggery tour and capsule

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Keeping in view the limited employment available in these Hill Districts of Manipur, Somsai Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) kicked off the first ever "On the job training for commercial piggery capsule" at Symbiotic foods Pvt Ltd, Tezpur starting on 02nd November 2019. A week long tour from 02nd to 08th November 2019 under Assam Rifles Civic Action Programme, was flagged off by Commandant Somsai Battalion from Ukhrul today. The tour comprises of 20 aspirants from Ukhrul district (16 Males & 4 Females) covering most of the villages of the district. This training capsule on commercial piggery was the

outcome of "Entrepreneurship workshop" organised by Somsai Battalion on 29th May 2019, in which a workshop on commercial piggery breeding and rearing was conducted by Mr Manoj Kumar Basumatary, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Symbiotic foods Pvt Ltd and 20 lucky participants were selected.

A planned and assiduous training of these local farmers is coordinated by Assam Rifles and Symbiotic foods Pvt Ltd, Tezpur. The healthy and latest techniques on pig rearing and breeding will provide impetus to the increase of income and progress in the region and also it will assist the local populace in employment generation. Locals have expressed their gratitude for organising such informative tours and on the job training capsules.

## Assam Rifles Organises peace meet at litan

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Shangshak Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a peace meet of all Tangkhul and Kuki villages at Litan Company Operating Base on 02nd November 2019. The meet assumes significance in light of the rumours circulating on social media about Naga Peace Agreement and creating ethnic apprehensions. Various issues were deliberately discussed with the villagers

and authorities to ensure peaceful coexistence of Tangkhuls and Kukis of the area. The meet also provided an excellent opportunity to dispel any insecurities and rumours which may escalate into an Inter Factional violence. The meet presided over by Commandant Shangshak Battalion was attended by Villagers, Headmen and Secretaries from more than 13 villages of the area to include TM Kasom, Litan, Thawai Tangkhul and Kuki, Jalengbung, Sanaikeithel, Sirarukhong, Songphel and Leplen Kuki.

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Manipur's Interest is core issue in today's political atmosphere, at least in Manipur. Even the Chief Minister is ready to sacrifice his life if Manipur's interest is not respected by the Centre. The backdrop of Chief Minister's self-declaration of self-sacrifice for being a Manipuri is the Naga Peace Process. The peace talk between Naga leaders (all of them are militant organizations who are in the Peace Process with Government of India) and Government of India, represented by an interlocutor who represent India and Indian Interest. The talk came to an end on the National Unity Day of India which is birth day of Iron Man of India who integrated all the princely states into Republic of India. This symbolic achievement is reported by different media in India with different colors and shades. PIB release having no date and no signature says that before final agreement is being signed by the concerned parties, all the stakeholders will be consulted. The interests of Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh will be taken into consideration.

Many Indian media reports that the onus of Nagalim formation will be on NSCN which can be done

politically later; some media are silent over formation of Greater Nagaland but more focus on flags. Some reports mention where the Naga flag can be used. Though PIB release mentions that there are tensions in some parts of the country because of rumors and unfounded news in media and social media, Chief Minister of Nagaland congratulated both interlocutor and Naga leaders for coming to a final agreement. It is a universal fact that no one believes rumor if he knows the reality. The tragedy, in this case, is that neither the Government of India nor NSCN (IM) discloses the content of broad agreement at the closure of peace talk. Even the historic Framework Agreement of 2015 is still not disclosed to any person. Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh expresses his happiness over the PIB release; Chief Minister of Manipur strongly believes Central Home Minister who told the content of the PIB release.

Taking things together spirit reflected in PIB release and other media, we believe the stakeholders will be invited by NSCN (IM), Interlocutor or Home Minister to place their interests on the table. One may wonder who will be

stakeholders of Manipur. Anybody who has an opinion or a vision of united Manipur? Will it be somebody who likes to gain something out of the Naga solution? Will it be CSOs of any color or Assembly which adopted several resolutions over the Manipur's integrity? Another dimension is the definition of Manipur's integrity. Boundary only or set up of new administrative bodies on ethnic lines with or without ethnic names such as Naga Territorial Council or Northern Territorial Council? What is our interest over Sixth Schedule to Indian Constitution? We should understand that we have a historically rooted political sentiment. The hardest task of stakeholder from Manipur is to put this sentiment into political words in a multi-party dialogue.

From a national perspective, let us focus on Naga solution. It is a solution that will bring Naga insurgents or insurgent groups to Indian mainstream. Mainstreaming Naga movement is not that easy because the Naga identity or Naga groups are not a crystal clear outside the boundary of present day Nagaland. The push and pull of identify formation of lesser

Manipur tribes clearly shows that the artificiality of Naga identity in Manipur so also Kuki identity. Perhaps, Indian middle class do not understand the fluidity of these identities and the process of Pan Tribalism in North East India that fuels ethnic tensions out of the ethnic kaleidoscope. This kaleidoscope is possible because of various overlapping of ethnic, linguistic or cultural systems. Or should the mainstreaming be based on BJP's mantra *Sabka sath sabka vikash* or principle of Naga integration with NSCN (IM)'s definition? Should it be tribal development or Naga nationalism at micro level? And where should the interest of Manipur be located in search of Naga solution. The beauty of the peace talk with Naga insurgents is that everything is hidden from the people who would be sitting ducks when anything goes wrong on the part of Government of India or NSCN (IM) or any Naga group in NNPG.

Keeping these things in mind, the people of Manipur, irrespective of their ethnic or linguistic affiliation, political ideology or religion, should think now what would be the interest of Manipur in any eventuality like formation of territorial councils that would minimize the State into mere arithmetic sum, formation of Pan Naga body that will lower down the dignity of Manipur as State and her State Assembly, extension of sixth schedule to some parts or entire State of Manipur that is against the historical experience of Manipur. On the other hand, beware the tendency of some groups in Manipur that think to take some gain out of the Naga movement. We should always remember that Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri N Biren expresses boldly he loves Manipur. Let us love Manipur without bargaining for some gain out of somebody's peace talk. Let us help Naga if possible or let us not give anything if that will harm our historical legitimacy of being a State. Let us love our neighbors, of course and ask them too to love us and respect our unity and interest.

## How do you define Manipur's Interest?

## Assam Rifles extends assistance to under privileged children

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Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) extended assistance to the under privileged children of Assam Rifles Public School (ARPS), Mantripukhri and Boys Hostel, HQ IGAR (South) by distributing utility items on Yesterday.

The event commenced with an informative lecture on various Central and State Govt initiatives for upliftment of children and various private schemes currently being undertaken by Civil Administration followed by an interaction of Mrs Rachana Singh, Regional President Assam Rifles Women Welfare



Association (ARWWA), HQ IGAR (South) with the students.

As part of the goodwill gesture, a utility item distribution programme for the under privileged children was organised in which Mrs Rachana Singh, Regional President Assam Rifles Women Welfare Association (ARWWA), HQ IGAR (South) distributed the utility hampers to

more than 25 under privileged children of the school and hostel. The event witnessed attendance by one hundred students and staff of the school. The earnest endeavor of the event organised was to bring joy into the hearts and smile on the faces of children. The event culminated with light refreshments for all attendees.