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COCOMI continues its alert protest; assurance from the Govt. fails to convince people over Naga issue settlement

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Questioning the integrity of the interlocutor R.N. Ravi, now the governor of Nagaland, General Secretary of United Committee Manipur Kh. Athouba demanded clarifications and motive behind the inclusion of the fabricated report which stated that 25 % of the Manipur is valley and is being occupied by the Meetei Community in the parliamentary committee report. During a discussion hour TV programme , the UCM general secretary also stated that until the agreement has been brought to the public domain a mere invitation either by the prime Minister or the Home Minister will not be accepted as the Manipuri people already know that every agreement that they may show to us need to be discuss in dept.

"We have been told that the settlement is already completed and that the Prime Minister of India is likely to announce and ink the agreement on December 1, i.e. on the opening function of the HornBill Festival" Athouba said and added that it is not even 1 month that the PM is all set to announce the agreement and how could the message sent out through the Chief Minister of Manipur that every state government will be consulted before the final settlement be trusted.

Meanwhile, series of protest continue in the state demanding disclosure of the content of the agreement between the NSCN-IM and the Government of India.

Protest were staged at Keikhu Kabui Khul, Sawombung, Khunjao, Sawombung khunou, Muji Khun, Ragailong, Chingmeirong Kabui khun, Majorkhul khul, Mahabali Kabui Khun, Mongkhang Lambi, Nambol Bazar , Singjamei etc.

An unofficial report said that some vested interested persons had threaten the Kabui people from joining the alert protest being stage under the aegis of the COCOMI.

Centre likely to sign pact with four NE militant groups

Courtesy - NE NOW
Guwahati, November 4,

The Centre is likely to sign agreements of peace with four militant groups of the North-east soon as talks between them have been progressing fruitfully till now.

These four militant groups include the United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA), National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB), Karbi group and the Kuki group.

While the first three militant groups are from Assam, the Kuki group is a Manipur based militant outfit.

During a book release function in New Delhi on Sunday, talks interlocutor A B Mathur said that he is hopeful that the agreements of peace between the four militant groups and the Central Government will be signed within the upcoming months as talks have been progressing quite satisfactorily.

Reports quoted an ULFA leader as saying that most of the issues have been resolved during the talk sessions except the main issue of granting constitutional safeguards to the State's indigenous people.

It may be mentioned that this issue is also mentioned in the Clause 6 of Assam Accord which says that 'constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards, as may be appropriate shall be provided to protect, preserve and promote the cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage of the Assamese people'.

In February this year, the union home ministry reconstituted a high level committee to look into the implementation of the Clause 6 of the Assam Accord.

PCI takes suo motu cognizance on order issued by Govt.of A.P

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Press Council of India (PCI) Chairman Justice Chandramauli Kumar Prasad expressed grave concern over the order issued by the Government of Andhra Pradesh dated 30-10-2019 granting permission to the Secretaries of respective Departments to initiate legal action with regard to the publication of false, baseless and defamatory news items against the print media through the public prosecutor.

The Chairman is of the view that the threat to prosecute media personnel, in general, shall demoralise the journalists in large which shall have a severe bearing on the freedom o the press. Not only this the problems which the order in question seeks to redress can very well be remedied by The Council itself.

While taking Suo-Motu cognizance of the issue, the Chairman has directed the Government of Andhra Pradesh through its Chief Secretary and Special Commissioner (I&PR) to file a reply statement in this matter.

Manipur most violent NE state: Report

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Manipur has emerged as the most violent north-eastern state in 2018.

According to a union home ministry report, it accounted for 50 per cent of the total incidents reported across the region last year.

However, the number of insurgency and civilian deaths was recorded as being lowest in the past 14 years.

Manipur witnessed a decline in insurgency-related incidents by 24 per cent compared to 167 in 2017, and civilian deaths went down from 23 in 2017 to eight in 2018.

A total of 127 violent incidents were reported in Manipur in 2018.

In comparision, 252 similar incidents were reported from entire north-eastern region.

In 2018, counter insurgency operations led to the neutralization of 10 militants, arrest of 404 militants and recovery of 99 weapons in Manipur.

The report also added the security scenario in the north-eastern has improved substantially since 2013.

The report added 2018 witnessed the lowest number of insurgency incidents and civilian deaths since 1997.

While there was almost no insurgency in Tripura and Mizoram in 2018, there has been a marked improvement in the security situation in other states of the region.

According to the report, Sikkim is free from insurgency related incidents and the security situation in Mizoram, remained peaceful in 2018, by and large, barring a few incidents of violence.

LMS Law College demands for postponement of students' election scrutiny

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L.M.S. Law College Students' Union urged the concerned authority for the postponement of scrutiny for their college election.

Speaking to media, today by L.M.S. Law College Students' Union, President, Soyam Thomas Singh said that they had already filed nomination paper day before yesterday and scrutiny was fall today for the election. He added that unfortunately, scrutiny was postponed without giving any valid reason to the college. He further appealed the concern authority to organise scrutiny process as soon as possible in the clear norms of the election.

He added that in relation with the scrutiny process some outsiders or organizations lock the door of A Block room without giving any information to the college union. He further strongly condemns the action done by unknown organizations or persons and appealed not to do such kind of action in near future. Later, the college union destroyed the padlock of A Block room seeing inconvenience for the students, he added.

Manipur HC directs authority to ensure safety of a ostracized family in returning to their village

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In yet another landmark judgment, Manipur High Court today directed the state law enforcers to ensure safety of a family while returning to their village that they have been ostracized for converting to Christian religion.

Maibam Sangjoy Singh (43) and his wife Khambiton Devi (43) along with their 4 minor children who were permanent residence of Kachikhul Mayai Leikai, Thangjing Khulen , Imphal West, Manipur were ostracized from their village for converting to Christian religion . Kachikhul village is a Hindu Village and on July 1, 2017 without prior notice or information to Maibam Sangjoy Singh, Local Meira paibi and club members in a meeting convened by the Kachikhul Village Development Committee and that to in the absence of the Maibam Sanjoy Singh had resolved to forcibly expel the family on the allegation that a minor son of the family had committed rape crime to one of his relative minor girl on June 26, 2017.

Maibam Sangjoy Singh along with his family filed a writ petition seeking justice by ensuring teir safety in retuning back to their home.

The allegation related to rape crime is left aside in this report even though the judgment against the mob violence properly mentioned as the report submitted by the police as they too are respondent. Separate suggestions and directives on the crime committed by minor has been categorically mention in the 16 page judgment.

However, the interesting part the judgment mentioned is the directives to ensure safety of the mob victims .

As per the order , the Manipur High Court directed concern police station to be intimated by the petitioner and inform the date they would like to return to their village (Kachhikhul Mayai Leikai, Thangjing Khullen, Imphal West) and to ensure their safety while staying at the village.

The Manipur High Court rulling also directed the state government to strictly implement the guideline as laid down by the Supreme Court in its judgment order dated 17-07-2018 rendered in Tehseen S. Poonawalla Vs. Union of India and Others. It further stated that failure to implement the SC ruling may invite the High Court to take up contempt proceeding to the state government.

Top Court judges against unnecessary criticism on social media

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The Chief Justice of India (CJI) and the CJI-designate have expressed their discontent with people using social media platforms to unleash unrestricted criticism of judges and democratic institutions which, on the apex court's directions, carried out the exercise to update the Assam National Register of Citizens (NRC).

At the launch event on Sunday here of the book "Post-Colonial Assam" by Mrinal Talukdar, Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi slammed people using social media for casting aspersions on the Assam NRC, and for having deliberately launched a motivated tirade against it.

"The social media and its tools have been used by many commentators to double speak on the issue. They launched a motivated tirade at a democratic institution. These commentators and their bile on the initiative (NRC) was far removed from the facts," he said.

The Chief Justice said the NRC left a mark on the social history of Assam, and pointed to the guesswork of certain sections on social media on illegal immigration.

"Callous reporting by few media outlets worsened the situation…sinking into cynicism the working of an institution was severe by media and particularly social media", said thyen Chief Justice, noting that certain sections in media, particularly social media, deliberately looked for wrongs in the exercise, which led to the demeaning of institutions.

"Mudslinging and personal attack against the institution and its members", he said.

He stressed that people sinking into cynicism through social media have unleashed restrains on the working of the Assam NRC process.

Earlier this week, Justice Bobde, who will assume charge as the 47th Chief Justice of India on November 18, after the serving Chief Justice Gogoi retires on November 17, said at a media interaction that social media criticism is tearing apart judges' reputations.

He also accepted that, at this point, the apex court is unable to do anything to address unbridled criticism on social media platforms.

Justice Bobde noted that, despite this criticism, many sections claim that there is no freedom of speech. Instead of the judge, the people should criticize the judgment, he added.

State Institute of Journalism, DIPR Inaugurates Short Term Course at Moreh College

DIPR
Imphal, Nov 4

The State Institute of Journalism, DIPR inaugurated the 15 days short term course on "Impact of Social Media" at Moreh College, Moreh Town Tegnoupal district today. The function was attended by Smt. Ng Bimola Devi, Upa Adakshya, Imphal West as the Chief Guest, Dr. L.S. Lunzapau Vaiphei, Principal Moreh College, Moreh as the Guest of Honour and Smt. Seema Sanjenbam, PRO and Course Coordinator, DIPR, as the president. Dr. L.S. Lunzapau Vaiphei stated that "Border areas should be protected by education". He strongly urged the students to screen social media messages so that unnecessary misunderstandings are lessened in a cultural and religious melting point like Moreh. Smt. Ng Bimola Devi stressed on judicious use of social media today.