

## GOI agrees Pan-Naga cultural body and an autonomous council for the Nagas, one each in Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh

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The Government of India has agreed formation of a Pan-Naga cultural body and an autonomous council for the Nagas, one each in Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh. This was officially announced by the interlocutor RN Ravi, the present governor of Nagaland state during a consultative meeting with leaders of Naga community stakeholders. RN Ravi also stated that the framework agreement signed between the government of India and the NSCN –IM also consist of creating upper house of the state legislative council of the Nagaland state Assembly besides increasing the number of seats in the state legislative Assembly to accommodate and facilitate political representation of all Naga tribal groups, sources said that consensus has also been created on forming a “pan-Naga cultural body” which will deal in all culture, language and tradition related issues of Nagas living all over the world. Pointing out that consensus has also been created on forming an autonomous council for the Nagas, one each in Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh, sources said that the working committee of the NNPGs and NSCN (I-M) have agreed on these issues. The Government of India has set October 31 as the deadline for all Naga rebel groups, including the NSCN (I-M),

for final consent to signing the peace accord and suggesting a convenient date for the surrender of arms. Disclosing that the ministry of home affairs has sent a very strong message to all Naga rebel groups through the Nagaland governor and interlocutor R.N. Ravi, authoritative security sources in the ministry of home affairs, told this newspaper that the central government has outright rejected the demand for a separate flag and constitution for Nagaland. Asserting that the central government has made it clear that talks at gunpoint are no longer acceptable, the security sources said that the NSCN (I-M) and NNPGs (Naga National Political Groups) have also been asked to suggest a convenient date for the surrender of arms. However, the ongoing peace talks have reached an advanced stage with the NSCN (I-M) and the working committee of NNPGs, succeeding in creating consensus on a majority of issues. On the other hand Nagaland Tribes Council Advisor Z.Lohé's appealing to the Government of India and the negotiating parties including NSCN-IM to resolve all issues within the stipulated time. In what is an indicator of a division between the Nagas from within and outside Nagaland, the NNPGs convenor, N. Kitovi Zhimomi said that there may be some problem between the Government of India and the NSCN (I-M) but it must not hamper the Nagas of Nagaland.

The people of Manipur, for that matter of India too, have to discuss on how India deals with another State. Will Framework Agreement or any agreement deduced from it bring any change in Nagaland? Is it a move to save its face, NSCN (IM) tries to gain a state within State of Manipur by defining ancestral land of the Nagas? Will Naga poor families gain anything out of the agreement? Many questions are before us. All the demands from the side of NSCN (IM) are anti-history, anti-humanistic (remember the ethnic cleansing of 1990s in Manipur, killing of opposition leaders in both Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh). The wrong projection of being dangerous and strongest groups in North East India, the NSCN (IM) has a longer rope so it does not feel its own limitation so far. But, the peace talk may not bring

anything to NSCN (IM) as such. But, one should accept the fact that Muivah is a tricky path, walking with Government of India, led by Modi who took away Special Status of Kashmir will give a Nagaland of the magnitude as embodied in Muivah's dream. But, Modi may give away stronger Naga Territorial Council or Pan Naga body. Then, why do not the Manipuri leaders express what they do not like strongly and loudly with or without showing modesty? India will not give for sure Naga Flag or separate Constitution. Modesty and letting ropes loosely for long will bring nothing but harms to our hard earned pride and dignity. However, NSCN IM supreme Muivah's fight its last battle for a Naga Flag or separate Constitution for Naga, whatsoever it is far away from present day reality.

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Health & family Welfare Minister L. Jayantakumar Singh has distributed Citronella saplings to the farmers of four different districts today. Citronella plants are also known as Houana in local name. Citronella/Houana is a kind of plant with high medicinal and aromatic value. It is also costly at the local and international market. The saplings were distributed to the farmers at free of cost. Speaking at the sapling distribution programme held at Uchekon Changangei, Imphal West, Minister Jayantakumar maintained that the distribution of citronella saplings is taken up as first phase for five selected districts i.e. Kanpokpi, Chandel, Thoubal and Imphal West. The remaining districts will be covered in the next phase. He said that the saplings are being distributed under the aegis of Manipur State Medicinal Plant



Board. The saplings have been brought from the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, CSIR, Jorhat, Assam in consultation with the expert and scientists of CSIR with the objective of wide cultivation of citronella in the state. Cultivation of this plant will help the growers to generate their income upto some extend, he added. Minister Jayantakumar maintained that marketing facilities of the product will also be arranged by the government. For this purpose, outlets have been

opened in all districts. Minister also said that Distillation plant for citronella will be installed in Manipur by ICAR in the month of December. Minister also appealed the progressive farmers to be enthusiastic and promote the growth of this plant. Speaking at the occasion CEO, Manipur Medicinal Plant Board, A. Guneshor Sharma said that citronella plant can be used for manufacturing white phenol, mosquito repellent, antiseptic cream/ointment, antifungal purposes etc.

## Community drug awareness programme

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Apunba Nupi Lupand Guiding Vision De Addiction and Rehabilitation Centre Chanchipur jointly conducted an awareness programme on the theme “Drug Abuse consultancy, De-toxification, counselling, Drug Addiction treatment, Alcoholism treatment, Relapse prevention, awareness

programme at Khurai Konsam Leikai, Imphal East today. The programme was attended by Heinsam Robert councillor, Arvind chief functionaries, Heikrujam Shibajit spoke person Guiding Vision De Addiction and Rehabilitation Centre. In this awareness programme khurai Konsam Leikai Nupi Lup President Konsam Ibegnuni, Konsam Meena, Ng Prabhapati and Hijam Raikumar attend.

## Moreh Police station conferred as best Police station

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Moreh police station has been conferred the Best Police Station Trophy 2019. In celebration of the Trophy a grand feast was organised with CSO leaders on Sunday night and a Traffic police unit and a Sentry Post was also

inaugurated. Speaking at the inauguration program, SP Tegnoupal Vikramjit sttaed the problems arising out of congested and unregulated traffic and appeals public to support and co-operate the Traffic police. Addl SP Robinshon said the Moreh PS bag the “Best

Police Station Award 2019” because of the cooperation and support of the CSOs, Media and Public. Congratulating the Moreh PS on being conferred the Best Police Station Trophy the Hill Tribal Council Moreh presented a memento to Moreh Police. Different CSO of at Moreh participate.

## Chanchui Khayi wins Miss spring 2019 title

By - Sobhapati Samom

An 18 year old girl from Ukhrul bagged this year's Miss Spring 2019 title during a night long beauty contest held as part of the 4-day state level Shirui Lily festival 2019 which concludes on October 19, reports reaching here said. The beauty contest of the Shirui Lily festival was held on October 18, the third day of the festival. The dazzling girl who won the Miss Spring 2019 title defeating 18 other beauties from different parts of the state, has been identified as Chanchui Khayi who was brought up in Assam (Guwahati) and currently pursuing BA 1st year. Miss Chanchui who love singing, dancing, watching basketball and doing recreational activities as her hobby, went home richer with the cheque of Rs 3 lakh. Miss Spring 2018 title holder Veronica Awungshi of T Hundung village in Ukhrul also present during the crowning moment of the beauty pageant. On the other hand Rongmei belle Gaisinglungliu A Pamei, a graduate from Bangalore university and a resident of Temnglong bagged Miss Humility 2019-subtitle extraordinary which carries a cash prize of Rs 75,000 during the beauty and brain contest. Other beauties who won various sub-titles are Yuiranam Zimik (Miss Photogenic), T Dorothy (Miss beautiful hair), Worsophy vashingnao (Miss beautiful skin), Undana



Leimapokpam (Miss beautiful smile), Payuri Gachui (Miss Pheithei Pheithe), Wungchanphy (Miss perfect body), Pretty Inkah (Miss talented) and Maria Pangabam (Miss graceful walk), according to Pamreiso Shimray, secretary Miss Lily 2019. The sub-title winners are also awarded a cash prize of Rs 45,000 each. The beauty pageant which also harps on the basic elements of Spring-rebirth, rejuvenate, re-growth, carries the substance of love, modesty, purity and peace which is akin to the essence of a young maiden girl. Earlier the contestants were scrutinized by a panel of five judges who worked in diverse fields during three different rounds-traditional round, designers round and fusion round of the beauty pageant. The judges are activist Veronica Zingkhai, designer entrepreneur Robert Nangrem, social entrepreneur Tara Mangchin Hangzo, academician Konika Khuraijam and books designer Zeena Singh. Shirui Lily festival which was celebrated at the Shirui village since the last many years was upgraded to a state level festival since 2017. It was held to promote and conserve state flower Shirui Lily and also to introduce its natural habitat Shirui village and Ukhrul district as tourist destination in the northeast.

## Indo - Japan joint military exercise dharma guardian – 2019

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Second edition of bilateral annual military Exercise Dharma Guardian – 2019 between Indian and Japan Army commenced today at Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School (CIJWS) Vairengte, Mizoram, India. The Japanese contingent is represented by 34th Infantry Regiment, 1st Div of Japanese Ground Self Defence Forces (JGSDF),

while the Indian side is represented by a battalion of the Dogra Regiment. 25 soldiers from the battalions are participating in this joint exercise. The aim of exercise is joint training of troops in counter insurgency/counter terrorism operations in both mountainous terrain. Exercise Dharma Guardian – 2019 will further cement the long standing strategic ties between India and Japan. As part of the exercise, important lectures,

demonstrations and drills related to counter insurgency and counter terrorism operations will be conducted. Both the Armies will also share their valuable experiences in countering such situations as also refine drills and procedures for joint operations. The Exercise will culminate with a 72 hours validation phase which will test the skills of soldiers in conducting joint operations in a counter terrorism scenario.

## Footgal 2019 ends in a vibrant note

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The Second Edition of FOOTGAL, the sole initiative of the Churachandpur District Administration with a focus on awareness and advocacy campaign for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBB) which is being played from October 9 ends tonight in a vibrant note. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Sumant Singh, IAS,

Commissioner (IT, Planning, Vety & AH) and OSD to Chief Minister said he is reminded of his days in Churachandpur and it is an eye-opener to him the way such a big programme was conducted comparing to the last ten years ago during his stint as the Deputy Commissioner of Churachandpur. He said that he could still remember those days in 2007 the first time to oversee the Board

Examination conducting in the Rayburn Campus was absolutely perfect and orderly; and that is how people do things in Churachandpur. He urged the youth of the district to engage in more youth-oriented activities like sports, other developmental activities, etc. The programme was attended by Pawam Yadav, IAS, DC Churachandpur, Manuamching, IAS, DC Pherzawl and other DLOs.