

## UCM says 'No' to Pan Naga Cultural Body, Autonomous Naga Council or extension of Article 371(A) to Manipur

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United Committee Manipur (UCM), an apex organisation of civil bodies in the state today re-affirmed its stands to fight against any move that may affect the integrity of Manipur and says 'No' to Pan Naga Cultural Body, Autonomous Naga Council or extension of Article 371(A) to Manipur while solving the issues of the NSCN-IM.

"Through various media reports and government sources we have been informed that the government of India is likely to extend article 371(A) of the Indian constitution to the territory of Manipur whom they claimed to be Naga dominated areas by forming an Autonomous Naga Council and also for formation of a Pan Naga Cultural Forum that may subvert identity of many ethnic communities of the state while solving the issue of NSCN-IM", general secretary of UCM Athoubia said adding that the UCM and the people of Manipur will repeat 10 times stronger protest than the 2001 June uprising if any such moves were made against the wishes of the people of the state.

Athoubia was speaking at the sideline of an emergency meeting held at Keishampat Leimajam Leikai here in Imphal in the backdrop of the India

government announcement for signing of the final agreement on October 31. The meeting was organised as a mark of protest against the government of India, over its failure to consult the stakeholders of Manipur before the signing of the final agreement with the NSCN-IM. "On December 28, 2018, the Prime Minister of India had assured that the settlement of the NSCN-IM issue will not affect the interest of the state of Manipur and that the stakeholders will be consulted before signing any final agreement with the NSCN-IM", Athoubia said while adding that it is only 10 days left that the final agreement is to be signed as per the statement of RN Ravi, the interlocutor of the peace talk and that people are apprehensive as no invitation is being made for consultation of the agreement that is to be signed.

The UCM general secretary said that the UCM will now follow the same 'ignorance' policy that the Prime Minister of India had followed by not keeping his words he made to the representatives of the CSOs of Manipur and will now begin various forms of agitation by going at ground. He however stated that a final appointment will be sought as last warning to the Prime Minister of India.



## Union MoS Home K Reddy greeted with slogans to protect territorial integrity of Manipur

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs K Reddy, who arrived here in Imphal today afternoon was greeted with slogans warning unprecedented peoples' uprising if any attempt to distort the integrity of Manipur is made while signing final agreement with the NSCN-IM.

The large number of people was attending an emergency meeting at Keishampat Leimajam

Leikai, Imphal when the MoS Home K Reddy passed by the road at around 2.20 pm today after arriving at Bir Tikendrajit International Airport, Imphal. Apprehensive of unwanted disturbances, large number of police were also deployed at all sides of Tiddim road inbetween Keiphampat to Airport particularly at Keishampat Leimajam Leikai to prevent any untoward incident during the Union Minister's visit.

As the MoS K Reddy's vehicle passed along with

team of security escort, the people gathering at the site of the emergency meeting convened by the UCM stand up and shouted slogans warning him serious crisis if any move that affect the integrity of Manipur is taken up while solving NSCN-IM problems.

"Long Live Manipur", "We stand for the territorial integrity of Manipur", "no divisive policy among the people of Manipur", etc., were some of the slogans shouted when the Union MoS passed by.

## Any settlement with the NSCN-IM that may hurt the sentiment of the People will not be tolerated – MPCC

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President of the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) Gaikhangam today said that the Congress party will not tolerate at kind of settlement reached between the NSCN-IM and the Government of India if it hurts the sentiment of the people of the state.

Legislature wing leader of the Congress party Okram Ibobi also echoed the statement of the MPCC president and said that the congress party will stand tooth and nail to any move that may disintegrate Manipur either today or tomorrow or in the future while reaching out any settlement with the NSCN-IM.

Talking to reporters at Congress Bhavan, BT road here in Imphal, Gaikhangam said that the Congress party will work beyond political party line when it comes for the sentiment of the people of the state. He said that

two representatives of the Congress party will be attending the all political party meet convened by the chief minister tomorrow to discuss the issue.

"Congress party's stand is clear and we will not accept any decision to disintegrate Manipur either today or in the future", both Ibobi and Gaikhangam reiterated.

Expressing a strong apprehension of potential damage to the interest of the people of Manipur with the proposed final agreement announced to sign on October 31, Gaikhangam said that the BJP MLAs or Ministers should be ready to resign from the government if any such move against the will of the people is made.

"When we were in the government we had played our role for protection of the integrity of Manipur and as opposition we are now doing our duty for protection of the territorial integrity and people of the state", Gaikhangam said.

## Manipur Shiva Sens urges all political party's meet; criticizes CM

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Convenor of the Manipur Democratic Alliance (MDA) Moirangthem Tombi, who is also the president of the Shiva Sena Manipur today urged the chief minister of Manipur to summoned an all political party's meet in the backdrop of the final settlement of NSCN-IM proposed on October 31 by the Governor of Nagaland RN Ravi, also interlocutor of the peace talk.

In meeting with media persons at its Babupara office here in Imphal the Shiva Sena Manipur president also criticized the

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh for leaving the state at critical juncture when the state needed him. He said that it is right for the Chief Minister to leave the state, all he would have done is to consult with the representatives of various political parties as well as with the people of the state. He said that above the issue of final settlement which is proposed to be reached between the government of India and the NSCN-IM there are various issues regarding the introduction of the CAB and also demand of the people for ILPS like Bill in the state.

## On the eventuality of Framework Agreement

By- Dr. Makem Ningthouja

The ongoing negotiation for a Framework Agreement (FA) between Government of India and Naga based organizations is nearing to a conclusion. The Agreement may be dubbed a 'temporary experimental course', as the timeframe of some of the 'packages' is ten years only. But, it will have tremendous economic, political, and social consequences in Nagaland and adjoining territories. This FA, initiated by Government of India and National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN-IM), has entered a phase wherein

Nagaland based organizations have become game changers at the cost of NSCN-IM. It appears that the bargaining power of the NSCN-IM is sliding down and may feel disappointed with the outcome. The Government of India is showing full commitment in it and, with huge money and military strength, it is enjoying an upper hand in the negotiation—in order to speed up its larger economic and strategic goals in the India-Myanmar border regions. To ensure a smooth FA, the Government of India is ready to invest huge amount of money, as reflected the draft contents of the

Framework Agreement widely circulated in the social media. It is a winning situation for the Government of India. If the Framework Agreement would be concluded by 31st October 2019, there is very little time left for those who wish to oppose it.

The Framework Agreement, if it will be in its current draft contents, will create disappointment and disillusionment to many. Both the NSCN-IM that holds on the idea of a sovereign Nagaland and those from Manipur who wish to oppose official patronage shown to the Nagas of Manipur (in the form of a grant of Naga Territorial Council) may feel

disappointment with the outcome of the Framework Agreement. The Nagas will be divided and it will be difficult a difficult situation for NSCN-IM. It may or may not go back to protracted guerrilla war, but had to adopt different tactics to overcome polarization among Nagas and peace with other communities. In the Manipur valley, there may occur strong agitations and breakdown of law and order. Pro-Manipur may chant anti-Government of India voices and opposition parties will try to destabilize BJP government. There may occur polarization of opinions and communal tensions. But I am sure that

the Government of India has foreseen it and is well prepared to face with any eventuality to subdue NSCN-IM and agitations in Manipur as well.

The disappointment of NSCN-IM and those in Manipur will be quite natural. It is the result of a historical blunder; the absence of a common goal and lack of strategic collective efforts for a better society. But history will continue. People can still have faith in creating history in future too. Be prepared to save lives, properties, and for a long lasting peace and tranquility.

## Police Commemoration day



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District Police Thoubal organised Police Commemoration day at District Headquarter, SP Complex Thoubal, today.

As a part of the observance, General Salutes were given to the departed Security Personnel by the Thoubal

District Police. SP Thoubal, Dr.S.Ibomcha along with others paid floral tribute to the departed soul. Speaking on the occasion, SP Thoubal, Dr.S.Ibomcha said that the day is being observed to pay tribute to the 10 security personnel who laid down their lives in Ladakh during Chinese invasion in 1959.

## CADA awareness programme

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As a part of its ongoing campaign to curb the menace of intoxicated drugs and substances abuse from the State, Coalition Against Drugs and Alcohol (CADA) conducted a discussion cum awareness programme on the theme "Impact of drugs and substance abuse on society" at Khongman Zone IV, V, Community hall, Imphal East District, yesterday.

The programme was organised by Social Worker Congress (SWC) in

collaboration with Meeyangmi Yaifa Nupi Lup, CADA Khongman Unit and CADA Imphal East District Committee.

The Programme was attended by Vice President, CADA, Ningthoujam Doren, Pradha, Khongman Gram Panchayat, Moirangthem Nunghshirei, President, Nupi Samaj, Thokchom(o)Ramani, Up-Pradhan, khongman Gram Panchayat, Athokpam Chaoba, Member ward No.29 Khongman Gram Panchayat, and Secy.General, CADA, Geetchandra Mangang as resource person.

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