

Editorial

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We definitely want a solution of the NSCN-IM and that could be empowering the ADCs

If it is all about greater autonomy similar to the one with Article 371 (A) of the Indian Constitution in all so call Naga inhabited areas particularly in the state of Manipur why does the NSCN-IM needed so much bloodshed that had cost thousands and thousands of Naga patriots. If it was all about more autonomy for the so call Nagas or Hill region of the state of Manipur the movement should be devolution of power to the Autonomous District Councils. If one digs to the unwritten biography of Th. Muivah, the supremo of the NSCN-IM, that person will definitely come to the conclusion that there are not many people who knows the history of Manipur. How could a leader so conscious about the politics of that time, when Manipur was yet to merge to the Indian union, unaware of the history of the erstwhile nation. After all the leader had been associated with many of the eminent scholars who forcefully picked arms to wage war against the government of India until he entered the peace pack with the government of India in 1997. The respect and support he gained during his journey as the leader of the NSCN-IM was his promise of a sovereign land exclusively for the Naga including Nagaland. This is just not an assumption. Th. Muivah (called by many as *Avakaran*) had time and again stated that Naga were never under any alien ruler and were independent since time memorial.

But the recent development reveal that what Mr. Muivah has been working for over 50 years was for a land exclusively and of course for the development of the many Hill tribal who were never honoured with the basic amenities and who were always deprived of their right by the successive regime.

When it comes to the state of Manipur, there is already a provision in the constitution of India, inserted specially for the welfare of the Hill tribal people. Manipur don't need a sixth schedule or any other extra autonomy as it would flare up confusion and anger among the various communities who have been living with peaceful co-existence since time immemorial. To be precise this column had revealed the shrewd divisive game being played by vested interested group like NSCN-IM. This was stated based on the sequence of events that has been recorded with the Imphal Times since 1980- the time when NSCN was formed due to differences with the NNC.

Article 371C in The Constitution of India gives Special provision with respect to the State of Manipur

It said, "Notwithstanding anything in this Constitution, the President may, by order made with respect to the State of Manipur, provide for the constitution and functions of a committee of the Legislative Assembly of the State consisting of members of that Assembly elected from the Hill Areas of that State, for the modifications to be made in the rules of business of the Government and in the rules of procedure of the Legislative Assembly of the State and for any special responsibility of the Governor in order to secure the proper functioning of such committee

"The Governor shall annually, or whenever so required by the President, make a report to the President regarding the administration of the Hill Areas in the State of Manipur and the executive power of the Union shall extend to the giving of directions to the State as to the administration of the said areas Explanation In this article, the expression Hill Areas means such areas as the President may, by order, declare to be Hill Areas"

Now, that there is a Autonomous district councils in every hill district and the only problem is that there is no clear devolution of power to the ADCs. People of the state may oppose any other mechanism - that would be no different from formation of a state within a state like structure. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had time and again oppose existence of a nation within a nation and the spirit should be follow - no state with a state should be allowed if Governor of Nagaland RN Ravi, who is also the interlocutor have some respect for the Prime Minister of India.

Media had once quoted RN Ravi as saying that something has to be done for the solution - well in that case strengthen the ADCs by devolution of power.

'Apprenticeship training is one of the efficient ways to develop skilled Manpower'

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Labour & Employment, Minister Thokchom Radheshyam said that the apprenticeship training is one of the most efficient ways to develop skilled manpower. Human resource is the true source for progress of the country. Participants of the training should take the opportunity to gain knowledge and clarify their doubts.

He expressed that India's median age at present is 27 years and if the youth population are skilled, then the economic output of the country would be enormous. Readiness to solve any problem is the quality of a skilled individual. Thus it is important to become a skilled individual for betterment of the society. Skill upgradation is important to remain relevant and is necessary that each and every individual improve their skill. Every profession has its own unique specification and specialization and it is important that one keep on updating oneself with the latest knowledge.

The Minister was speaking at the Apprenticeship Pakhwada, an Apprenticeship Awareness Programme organized by the Manipur Society for Skill Development (MSSD). The programme was held at Classic Hotel, Imphal yesterday. Keeping in view the importance of



Apprenticeship Training, the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme was launched on 19th August 2016. The main objective of the scheme is promoting apprenticeship training and to increase the engagement of apprentices from 2.3 lakh during August 2016 to 50 lakh cumulatively by year 2020.

Th. Radheshyam said that advancement and changes in technology is happening very fast and is a need that one keeps tap with the development. The end where one idea ends is where the ideas of new innovation are conceived. Technology has its negative factor but when in safe hands it becomes a boon making the earth a heaven. It is every individual's responsibility to make the world a better place irrespective of where one lives.

MSSD, Mission Director, W. Malemnganba Chenglei said that to promote apprenticeship training the National Apprenticeship Promotion

Scheme (NAPS) was approved by the GOI. The scheme of NAPS offers sharing of 25% of prescribed stipend subject to a maximum of Rs. 1500/- per month per apprentices. Sharing of cost of basic training is compulsory for apprentices who come directly for apprenticeship training without any formal trade training.

He explained that the employers are to engage apprentices within a band of 2.5% to 10% of the total workforce including contractual workers. Employers who are engaging apprentices under the Apprentices Act are exempted towards contribution of EPF and ESI for apprentices engaged by them.

Joint Director RDSD&E, Guwahati, GoI, Shri B. K Singh gave presentation as a resource person during the awareness programme. Additional Chief Secretary, Labour & Employment, Lethkoin Haokip, dignitaries, trainees and participants attended the programme

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 Thangalawai Awang Leikai community hall, yesterday. The programme was organised by Nupi Samaj Chaokhat Thourang Lup, Thangalawai Awang Leikai and CADA Bishnupur District Committee.

The Programme was attended by Vice President, CADA, Ningthoujam Doren, Secy. Meira Paibi, Haobijam Thambal, Vice-President, Meira Paibi, Ningthoujam Anoubi and President, CADA Bishnupur District Committee, Huiningsungbam Basanti as presidium members and Secy. General, CADA, Geetchandra Mangang as a resource person.

Resource Person of the programme, Secy. General, CADA, Geetchandra Mangang said that the alcohol is now become a tradition for all the people of Manipur during rituals activities including cremation. He added the parents should not eat any kinds of tobacco product in front of the children. He further said about the affect of alcohol to our body.

Goc Spear Corps Visits Imphal and calls on the Chief Minister of Manipur

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General Officer Commanding, #SpearCorps called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur, N Biren Singh, at his Secretariat in Imphal, Manipur on October 21.

The General Officer and the Chief Minister discussed the security situation in the State as well as on the Indo-Myanmar border. The Chief Minister appreciated the Security Forces for their steadfast dedication and devotion to duty in maintaining peace and tranquility in the State in spite of numerous challenges.

During their meeting, the GOC assured the Chief Minister of all cooperation and assistance by the Army and Assam Rifles to the people of Manipur for achieving peace, development and prosperity.

Top Ulfa(I) cadre nabbed in Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh

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Assam Rifles in a joint operation with Changlang Police, apprehended a top ULFA(I) cadre identified as Self Styled Lance Corporal Rupanto Moran on October 20.

Based on the intelligence inputs of presence of ULFA (I) cadres in Changlang district, multiple operations were launched by Assam Rifles in the area. After a thorough search, the insurgent was apprehended in Ngaitong village in Changlang district of South Arunachal Pradesh. The recoveries from the insurgent included 01x MQ rifle along with one magazine and 49 rounds.

The insurgent and the recoveries have been handed over to Changlang Police for further investigation.

A nonagenarian blesses Smriti Irani

By Raju Vernekar
Mumbai, Oct 22

Union Minister of Textiles Minister Smriti Irani cast her vote in Versova Assembly constituency at polling centre located at Swami Samartha Nagar, Andheri West in North West Mumbai, even as voting for Maharashtra assembly held on Monday. The counting will be held on Thursday.

On arrival Irani was greeted by BJP workers and she was also blessed by a local resident 93 year old Khanna uncle. Khanna, an ex army man had cast her vote early in the morning.

Turning to media persons, Irani used the elderly man's example to encourage others to come and vote. "Today's hero is Khanna ji...he had served in Army," Irani said. "He is 93 and came out to vote early in the morning. It is an inspiration to people to come out and vote," the Amethi MP said. She went on to add that "If at 93 he can vote, who is stopping you?". The nonagenarian



who in any case active, participates in all festivals and recites aarti without fail.

After casting her vote, Irani also interacted with local BJP workers. Kajal Rochwani, Atul Malviya, Kashi Kanodia and others were present.

Although the voting percentage was low till afternoon, by 6 PM at the close of voting the voter turnout in Maharashtra was recorded at 55.31 percent. The voting in rural areas was high compared to urban areas. Total

percentage was expected to go up to 60 per cent, after final figures. Earlier in the day a Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) leader Sunil Khambe, threw ink on the EVM in a polling booth situated in Thane Head Post Office, as a protest against alleged "misuse of EVMs". He threw ink on the machine after he had cast his vote in the Assembly polls in progress state-wide. While being bundled into the police van, he told reporters that he did this as EVMs were making a "mockery of democracy".

MANITEX FASHION WEEK

Imphal, the 19th October, 2019

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2.0: Last date for online registration is 3-10-2019. Please visit www.manitex.in for Online Registration and can be reached by manitex543@gmail.com.

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**Director of Handloom & Textiles,
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Imphal, the 19th October, 2019

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