

October restless over NSCN-IM final settlement, November likely to burn Manipur as centre to pass CAB

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The month of October makes people of Manipur – sleepless night as the government of India has announced to ink a final settlement with the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (Issak – Muivah) and other Naga political groups on October 31. Mass democratic protests have started across the entire valley region of Manipur over the apprehension that the final agreement may affect the integrity of the state. On the other hand, the month of November this year is likely to put on fire in the entire state again as the Central government will be introducing the contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) during

the winter session of the Parliament which will begin from November 18 and end on December 13.

Even as the government of India had assured tie and again that the territorial boundary of any of the North eastern states including Manipur will not be affected while solving the issue of the NSCN-IM, RN Ravi's (Governor of Nagaland and Interlocutor of the peace talk) announcement about granting of a Pan Naga Cultural body and greater autonomy with indications of extending article 371 A to the so call Naga inhabited areas of Manipur has ignited series of mass protest since yesterday. Sit-in-protest with placards denouncing any measures to disintegrate the state of



Manipur were held at various places here in Imphal today under the aegis of an apex body of 5 major civil bodies called COCOMI. Protest were

staged at Kwakeithel, Khuyathong, Wangkhei, in Imphal East and Imphal West district. Similar protests were also staged at various places

of Bishnupur, Thoubal and Kakching districts. The protestors have been demanding to make the public known about the content of

the agreement which the government stated to have been finalized for signing with the NSCN-Im and other political groups. Meanwhile, as per source from New Delhi, the government of India is all set to introduce a fresh version of the CAB, which was earlier passed by the previous Lok Sabha in January but not taken to Rajya Sabha following protests in North East and perhaps due to resistance from the main opposition Congress.

The Bill was then referred to a joint committee of Parliament. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh had stated that the introduction of CAB will not affect the state of Manipur as the center had assured to insert special clause to skip NE

states particularly the state of Manipur from the purview of the legislation that the center is preparing to pass for granting of citizenships based on religion.

However, source from Delhi has not revealed inclusion or insertion of any clause for skipping of the NE region of Manipur from the purview of the CAB.

The bill seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955, and grant citizenship to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian immigrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who have illegally migrated into India. The immigrants must have resided in India in the last one year and for at least six years in total to qualify for citizenship.

CADA

seizes liquor

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Coalition Against Drugs and Alcohol (CADA) during a drive conducted yesterday seized huge quantity of illicit liquors including 8 bottle Old Monk Bottles, 26 Quarter, 4 half bottles, 18 can Tuborg beer, 7 full bottles Tuborg beer, 15 litres of Distilled Indigineous liquor, 7 bottles OC blue, 10 Quarter Oc blue, 5 bottles Mc Dowell's, 7 Quarter Mc Dowell's from 4 shops of Langjing Achouba C.R.P.F. main gate opposite, Imphal West District, yesterday.

The owners of the 4 shops were identified as Potshangbam Premila (45 yrs) W/o P.Joykumar, Yumnam Basanta (27yrs) S/o Y.Robindro, Naoribam Joypatra (37yrs) S/o N. Sharat and Thongam Sarat (47yrs) S/o Th. Shamu. The seized liquors were disposed in front of the public.

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NSCN-IM chairman: People's voice will be taken before signing pact

Struggle a people's movement and opinion of Nagas will be taken before final accord is signed for permanent peace, says Q Tuccu in meeting with Nagaland Baptist Church Council

Courtesy-EastMojo
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Ahead of one of the most crucial meetings on the ongoing Naga talks that is likely to be held on October 24 in New Delhi, chairman of NSCN (IM) Q Tuccu said that he would go as per the voice of the people.

Participating in a meeting with the Nagaland Baptist Church Council (NBCC) at his residence, Tuccu said that he

would go as per the voice of the people as the struggle was a people's movement and opinion of Nagas before the final accord be taken to avoid bloodshed and permanent peace in the region.

Both the Centre and the NSCN (IM) are likely to meet yet again in New Delhi on October 24 for another round of negotiation.

A delegation from NBCC met NSCN (IM) chairman Q Tuccu and held a prayer meeting at

his residence on Monday. The delegation conveyed to the NSCN (IM) chairman that the need of the hour was unity among all factions so that the final accord was signed to avoid bloodshed and confrontation.

"NBCC's main purpose of meeting the NSCN (I-M) leaders was to let them know that the church was praying for them, for wisdom, for understanding and for guidance. And that in any

given situation, the church would continue to stand above the solution and pray that unity and mutual understanding prevailed among the leaders in particular and the Nagas in general," the Council said.

Meanwhile, Nagaland chief minister Neiphiu Rio has rushed to Delhi and called on important Central leaders, including defence minister Rajnath Singh. Centre's interlocutor, who is also governor of Nagaland, RN Ravi, is also likely to attend the October 24 meeting.

Earlier on Tuesday, Leader of Opposition TR Zeliang wrote to Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) speaker Vikho-o Yhoshu notifying about the need for the Joint Legislators Forum (JLF) meeting on the Naga political issue.

Terming it as "most regrettable", Zeliang said that the members of the JLF were informed about a proposed meeting on October 4 at Rhododendron Hall, Chumukedima. However, the scheduled meeting was

postponed and "thereafter, no further notice has been served till date" and questioned as to why the meeting has never been rescheduled.

"As you are aware of the pressing need for the Naga political groups and the government of India to come to terms and sign the final agreement, we the elected members, as facilitators of the peace process should be at our best and facilitate in

resolving the Naga issue without further delay," he said in the letter addressed to the Speaker.

Meanwhile, sources in the Union home ministry have already said that the government of India has set a deadline of October 31 to conclude the process of talks with the Naga rebel groups. The Centre has also made it clear that the demand of separate flag and constitution would not be accepted.

Drugs seized; peddlers arrested

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Yesterday at around 10 pm, Thoubal District Police assisted by volunteers of anti drug associations, Lilong seized 15,297 nos. of SP Capsules, 99 bottles of illegal cough syrup and 12gms of Heroin no. 4 from the possession of 3 persons.

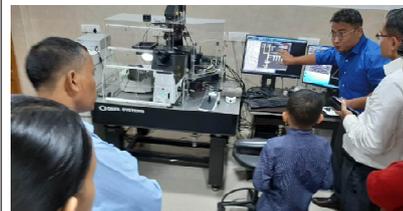
As per police source the police team arrested one drug user namely Pusham Md. Ali (20

s/o P. Md. Achouba of Chingjao Mamang from a place near his house and recovered 50 nos. of SP capsules from him.

"From his disclosure arrested 2 drug peddlers from Lilong Dam Makha area namely 1) Pusham Salman Hussain (27) s/o P. Salauddin of Lilong Dam Mathak and 2) Khullakpam Sarif Khan (22) s/o (L) Kh. Nijamuddin of Lilong Chingkhram Makha and recovered 734 SP

capsules", the source said. On further follow up action recovered 14,513 nos of SP capsules, 99 nos. of illegal cough syrup bottles and 12 gms of Heroin no. 4 from the house of another drug peddler namely FM. Aktar Hussain (35) s/o FM. Habibur Rahaman of Lilong Haeoreibi Mayai Leikai but Aktar managed to escape, the source added. All the 3 drug peddlers have been arrested.

Students exposed to scientific ideas and innovations



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Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (ISBD), an autonomous Institute of Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, organised an Open Day and Science Exposition today at its Takyelpat campus on the theme of "Risen India- Research, Innovation and Science Empowering the Nation". The Open Day and Science Exposition is being organised as a lead up to the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 being held at Kolkata during 5-8 November 2019. The objective of the programme is to engage the public with science and celebrate the joy of science and show the ways how science,

technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) provide us with the solutions to improve our lives.

The programme was formally opened by the Director of the Institute, Dr. Ajay Parida and mentioned that science and technology have immense potential for improving quality of life and solving several emerging problems faced by the society. More than 500 hundred college and school teachers and students from different districts of Manipur visited the institute during the programme. The students were exposed to various advanced instruments and facilities available in the institute. The ISBD scientists briefed the students on the ongoing activities related to bioresources and livelihoods.

All eyes on counting of votes after Assembly Elections in Maharashtra, Haryana

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After peaceful polling across all the 288 constituencies in Maharashtra, all eyes are now set for the counting of votes scheduled tomorrow. More than three thousand candidates are holding their breath as all preparations are in place to ensure a transparent counting process and declaration of results.

Our Mumbai correspondent reports, by this time tomorrow, it will be almost clear whether the Mahayuti of BJP-Shiv Sena will return to power or whether the people of

popularity of Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM and Prakash Amedkar led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi. Meanwhile, barring a three-tier security system, the Congress and NCP have requested the election commission to install jammers across all counting centres to prevent any chance of hacking of EVMs and VVPATs.

Even Haryana is all set for counting of votes for election to 90 assembly seats. Counting will start at 8 tomorrow morning. Meanwhile, re-polling at five booths of five assembly constituencies-Uchana Kalan, Beri, Narnaul, Kosli and Prithla

is going on smoothly. More from our correspondent AIR correspondent reports, all eyes are kept on the counting of votes to be held tomorrow. CCTV cameras are installed to keep a close watch on the counting process. Senior leaders of both main political parties BJP and Congress are claiming to form the government with full majority. The political fate of many leaders including Chief Minister Manohar Lal and many members of his Cabinet, Former Chief Minister Bhupinder Hooda, Jannayak Janta Party leader Dushyant Chautala will be decided tomorrow.

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