

EVENING NEWS

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THE HEADLINES

- Kohima Police reaches out to youth organizations for effective community policing in Capital Town.
- Centre to take steps to ensure safety and security of people from North Eastern states.
- Tension prevails along Nagaland border gate at Namtola in Mon after Naga Youth drowns in river.
- Centre extends truce with NSCN-K for another year.



Top police officials and youth from various colonies in Kohima town today met at the Police Head Quarters and discussed means for effective community policing in the capital town. Speaking at the programme, DIG Range, Kohima, Toshitungba said that community policing by the youth is imperative for maintaining law and order situation in the state. He said Nagaland with about 26 thousand police personnel has the highest number of police to people ratio in the world, but lack of cooperation between the police and the public often negates effective policing. The DIG called for revival of community policing stating that community policing existed in the Naga society even before the British introduced Government and police force in their soil. While informing that a number of police personnel were engaged for the purpose of VIP security and other functions, the DIG said that the priority of police should be for tackling crime and investigation. Interacting with the youth, Kohima SP Rothihu said that Nagas still respect their communities and NGOs therefore pay heed to the dictates of the community and Non Governmental Organizations but not the police or the government. While admitting that force alone will not suffice in maintaining law and order, the SP urged all colony youth organizations to take part in community policing saying public response better to the calls of NGOs. Citing instances of successful community policing, the SP said that crime in the capital has come down after the Angami Youth Organization recently raised voice against extortion and killing. The SP

informed that with a view to beautify Kohima town and make police vehicle more presentable, and Kohima police will soon have police patrolling in cars. He said the new project, which is solely an initiative of DEF Kohima, will purchase two cars for the purpose.



The Centre attaches highest importance to development of the North Eastern region as well as prevention of atrocities against the Scheduled tribes. Home Minister P Chidambaram said that Centre will take every step to ensure the safety and security of people of North eastern states. In response to calling attention motion raised by leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha today, Mr. Chidambaram categorically stated that any citizen belonging to the North Eastern States is free to travel to and reside in any part of the country. The Home Minister, however, said that Police and Public order is State subject and expressed confidence that all State governments will discharge their Constitutional responsibilities and ensure the security of all people residing within that State. The Minister said that there have been reports regarding racial profiling and discrimination against students from North Eastern States in various parts of the country. The Home Minister that Police force will be strengthened and English speaking police officers will be deputed in areas where north eastern students and people are residing in big numbers. Mr. Chidambaram said that there is suggestion to set up a help line for such people. Cutting across the party lines, members demanded security for North Eastern people; Samajwadi Party's Mohan Singh asked reservation for North East students in various Universities. Congress, BJP, AGP, CPI, CPI-M, RJD and members from the North Eastern regions also spoke about their concern. Some members asked about the local arrangements for their studies so they do not need to move for it to other states.



Tension prevailed along Nagaland gate at Namtola in Mon district on the Nagaland-Assam border today after a Naga youth drowned in a river yesterday. Official sources said, the incident took place as some adivasis residing on the Assam side 'imposed' economic blockade against Nagas in Mon district demanding release of a vehicle seized by unidentified persons last month. As the agitators started pelting passersby with stones, two Naga youths jumped into the river and tried to escape and one of them drowned as he could not swim. His body was recovered in the

afternoon. Police and district administration from both states intervened and brought the situation under control.



The Cease-fire Agreement between the Government of India and NCSN(K) has been extended for another year five days after it expired. Official sources said the signing of the extension of ceasefire between the two parties came about yesterday after a meeting between representatives of the Naga underground group's Cease Fire Supervisory Board (CFSB) and a team of Government of India representatives, headed by, Joint Secretary under Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Shambu Singh. A statement by the Member of the CFSB H. Vusshe said both sides came to this agreement after hectic parleys over certain 'pressing' and 'pertinent' issues related to the implementation of Cease Fire Ground Rules were agreed upon. Yesterday's meeting was held at the office of Shambu Singh in the presence of top Indian army, paramilitary force and police officials.



In Kiphire town, two petrol pumps were completely shut down from yesterday owing to high taxation demand allegedly by one Naga underground (UG) faction. According to reports received here the proprietors of the petrol pumps said earlier they had negotiated with a sum of 20,000 to 30,000 rupees as yearly tax, however, this time the outfit demanded 1.50 Lakh rupees, which was too high for them to pay. The report said the closure would be indefinite and proprietors have written to the Deputy Commissioner Kiphire informing about the same. Meanwhile, United Sangtam Students' Conference (USSC) President expressed dismay over the closure of the petrol pumps and said the closure came as maltreatment to the student community as many students who have recently passed HSLC and HSSLC examinations were preparing to go for further studies and travel arrangements were going on.



Induction Lamp Tower has been installed in Nagaland for the first time at Longsa and Mongchen villages in Mokokchung District yesterday and Wednesday last which has been carried out in partnership between the state government and bureau Energy efficiency, Government of India.

Speaking as the chief Guest at the inaugural programme of green village initiative through Energy Efficient Retrofits at Longsa Village, Commissioner& Secretary for Power, L. Kire said that the purpose is to conserve energy and to get more light by consuming less power in the state. At Longsa village the Department distributed 464 solar Lantern, 2320 CFL and was also given 15 Light Emission Diode (LED) and 6 induction lamp for two towers while Mongchen villagers were given 120 solar Lamp, 600 CFL, 10 Light Emission Diode (LED) and 3 Induction lamps for one tower.

