

MANIFESTO

OF THE NAGA PEOPLE'S FRONT

MANIPUR STATE UNIT

FOR THE

11TH MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION

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Naga People's Front, Manipur State Unit endorses the Constitution and the Eight Amendment, 2016 thereon of the NPF Central Office particularly, Article 2 Clause 2 (a) *"To work and assist in any possible manner on any approach for a peaceful solution of the Indo-Naga political issue, keeping alive at the same time the fire of relentless endeavor to stand against any force to further divide the Nagas and thereby move towards a renaissance of Naga brotherhood by making constant appeal to Naga conscience within and without"* and (c) *"to work for unity and integrity of the people by integrating all contiguous Naga inhabited areas under one administrative roof and also to provide protection to all the ethnic groups who are indigenous inhabitants of all Naga inhabited areas"*.

The NPF Manipur State Unit shall provide leadership to the society in the march towards progress protect the common interests and rights of all the ethnic communities, and their struggle for the right to live as a people.

In view of the urgency and the need of the hour, the NPF Manipur State Unit considers that it is providential for a new covenant and a fresh tryst with the Nagas, the hill people minorities and the people of the North East, in general. While doing so, the following issues need to be urgently addressed.

Indo-Naga Peace Process and Political Dialogue:

The NPF Manipur State Unit shall work to facilitate in every possible manner and push forward the peace process and the Indo-Naga political dialogue to its logical end with an acceptable & honorable solution at the earliest possible time.

Article 371 C:

- (a) The NPF shall ensure that Hill Area Committee (HAC) is fully institutionalized and functional under Article 371 (C) of the Constitution.
- (b) **The Land and its Resources:**
The NPF Manipur State Unit shall ensure that the land of the Tribals and its resources as enshrined under Article 371 (C) are protected at all cost. The rights of ownership over land will have to be respected and the sanctity of culture, tradition and history shall be upheld.
- (c) **Separate Budget for Hills and Valley:**
The NPF, Manipur State Unit will ensure that, The Manipur Legislative Assembly (Hill Areas Committee order, 1972 section 6: sub-section (1) & (2) concerning separate budget for the Hills are fully translated into letter and spirit.
- (d) **Position of NPF on the Three Bills & the New Bill:**
NPF is against any bill which affect the rights of Hill Areas partly or wholly.

- (e) **Village Authority:**
NPF stands for empowering the Village Authority in the Hills and the power of Jurisdiction, Policing and Administrative Authority within the village jurisdiction.
- (f) **Autonomous District Council:**
The NPF Manipur State Unit shall strive for empowerment of ADC of Manipur Hill Areas to be truly autonomous.

Social Harmony and Inter-State Relations:

The NPF Manipur State Unit espouses peaceful co-existence and social harmony among all communities, based on mutual respect for each other. The Unit is fully aware of this commitment and shall always champion the cause of equal opportunity for equal development in the region. With this attitude, the NPF shall strive for maintenance of good relationship with all the communities in the State and all neighboring States in order to create a healthy environment conducive for a balanced growth.

Economic Development:

NPF Manipur State Unit is aware of the fact that the tribals are systematically exploited and economically marginalized by successive Governments. The NPF Manipur State Unit is determined to work ceaselessly so as to eradicate these undesirable policies and practices and replace them with a participatory and equitable developmental approach, thereby opening equal opportunity to all.

Employment:

NPF Manipur State Unit shall strive to secure job opportunities for the youths.

Every unemployed youth be given alternative opportunity and financial assistance to explore their individual talent for Nation building.

Agriculture and Allied Sectors:

All possible measures will be taken to step up the momentum of investment in agriculture and allied sectors. The NPF shall strive for investment in sectors such as irrigation, power supply, food production and storage facilities, marketing and other related problems with special emphasize on organic farming.

Education:

The NPF shall ensure proper utilization of funds and to provide quality and affordable education for every child with proper infrastructures and competent staff. The NPF considers education as a right and not a privilege. The NPF shall work to bring about 100 % literacy in the State and explore every possible human resources such as music, sports, etc.

Roads and Communication:

Development and improvement of road connectivity and communications is one of the top priorities of the NPF Manipur State Unit. Construction of Link/Ring roads connecting the various District Headquarters in the Hill

Areas of Manipur with the status of the State Highways is an urgent requirement. Inter-District Bus Services should be introduced at the earliest to provide affordable mode of communication. The NPF shall also strive to restore the Railway Link Project from Diphu to Karong, the foundation stone of which was laid in 1997 by the then Union Railway Minister Shri. Nitish Kumar, but was removed by SPF Government for reasons best known to them. The NPF shall also focus on inter-state connectivity and international connectivity with Myanmar.

Health:

NPF Manipur State Unit shall ensure for an effective health care system for the people particularly the rural poor and ensure free quality medicines reach the CHC, SHC and services of doctors & nurses are made available within the reach of the people.

Power Supply:

The NPF shall strive to initiate intensive work programs with the assistance of the Government of India for uninterrupted power supply throughout the State with the cooperation of the people by way of developing non-conventional energy.

Drinking Water:

The NPF shall strive to provide safe drinking water to every household on top priority.

Tourism and Trade:

The topography of Manipur State is a natural destination for tourists. The NPF shall work to bring about peaceful co-existence amongst the various communities to tap the tourism potential into an industry in the State by linking a proper inter-state tourist circuit with the North-Eastern States.

Environment and Ecology:

Global warming has affected the entire world and Manipur is no exception. The NPF shall make all efforts to preserve and maintain the environment and ecological balance in the State through proper management of community forest, rivers and lakes by conducting seminar, awareness campaign in promoting afforestation and land usages with scientific knowledge.

Reservation:

The Manipur Reservation of Vacancies in Posts and Services (SC/ ST) Act 1976, passed by the State Legislative Assembly on December 12, 1976, and given assent to by the Governor on February 21, 1977 and amended version of the said bill was passed in 2010. However, the State Government is yet to implement the Act. Therefore, the NPF shall strive for enforcement of the Act so that justice is done to the tribals.

Women empowerment:

The NPF shall extend utmost support for women empowerment and reservation in all institutions.

Human Rights:

Respect and protection of human rights is universal and it is no exception with the NPF. The NPF Manipur State Unit shall be fully committed to the withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special Power Act, 1958, to check state and non-state sponsored terrorism that include extortion, extra-judicial killings and illegal detentions, etc, in the State of Manipur and also in the region. The NPF is strongly opposed to crimes against women and minorities and will ensure that all are equal partners irrespective of gender.

Youth and Sports:

The NPF shall give special attention to youth and ensure that they are placed in good schools, training centres and good institutions. The NPF shall fight for their rights towards this end. Due to lack of opportunities the performance of the tribals in sports are also not up to the mark. Therefore, the NPF shall work for better infrastructure of sports in every sub-division and district which shall tap the natural talent of the youth. The NPF shall pursue to introduce music as an industry to promote the gifted talent of the youth.

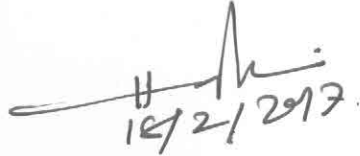
Decentralization:

The NPF Manipur State Unit stands for decentralization of power in the State by way of establishing Mini Secretariat to be headed by an Officer in the rank of Principal Secretary in each District with a Mini Raj Bhavan and MLA Guest House with the aim of bringing about equitable development in all areas.

Imphal Airport:

The NPF shall take up with the Government of India to make Imphal Airport a fully functional International Airport to facilitate hassle free entry and exit to international travelers from North Eastern States. The party shall also pursue the Government of India for inter connectivity by upgrading Imphal to Mandalay through Moreh by four lane and also to connect Ukhrul to Homalin (Myanmar) and also make the Tusom-Somra International Trade Centre fully functional under the Government of India Act East Policy.

To conclude, the NPF believes that the main objective of this party is to redress the regional disparities, both inter-state and intra-state disparities.


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