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### AFSPA eludes Manipur poll issues



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Instead of the Armed Forces Special Act (/taxonomy/term/1974), the Naga peace framework dominates the pre poll heat and dust between Congress (/taxonomy/term/90) and BJP in Manipur (/taxonomy/term/64). Rahul Gandhi (/taxonomy/term/1710) firmly took on Narendra Modi (/taxonomy/term/2361) four days after the Prime Minister blame Congress (/taxonomy/term/90) for backwardness. The Congress (/taxonomy/term/90) vice president on Tuesday slammed the Centre for keeping the north eastern in dark (/taxonomy/term/2173) when the Centre struck the peace pact with NSCN (/taxonomy/term/2398)-IM in Delhi last year.

In his address at a poll rally in Imphal (/taxonomy/term/72), Gandhi (/taxonomy/term/1710) hounded Prime Minister Narendra Modi (/taxonomy/term/2361) for not examining the pulse of the Manipuris before striking the deal (/taxonomy/term/1922) to fetch peace for the Nagas.

He said even Okram Ibobi (/taxonomy/term/2354) Singh was kept in dark (/taxonomy/term/2173) not to speak of the other ministers (/taxonomy/term/2422). “What is there in the Accord (/taxonomy/term/1884). Only PM Modi knows. Why do not ask Modiji, when the Naga Accord (/taxonomy/term/1884) was made, why were the of Manipur (/taxonomy/term/64) not consulted?,” said Gandhi (/taxonomy/term/1710).

He questioned the content of the Naga Accord (/taxonomy/term/1884) and said that nothing has been made clear. According to him, none but Congress (/taxonomy/term/90) will be able to protect the territorial integrity of Manipur (/taxonomy/term/64).

Recently, Union home minister Rajnath Singh assured the people that the territorial integrity would remain undisturb and the same sentiment found (/taxonomy/term/1802) an echo in what Narendra Modi (/taxonomy/term/2361) said on Saturday.

Singh and Modi uttered not even a single word on the Not Armed Forces Special Act (/taxonomy/term/1974) contrary what was expected by the civil society organizations.

Same it was in the case of Rahul Gandhi (/taxonomy/term/1710) who kept mum on the issue responsible for the law and order scene and the stinging extra judicial killings.

Manipur (/taxonomy/term/64) will go to poll in two phases on March 4 and March (/taxonomy/term/2164)8 (/taxonomy/term/2164) and the counting of votes will be done on March 11 along with UP, Uttarkhand, Goa (/taxonomy/term/2285) and Punjab.



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