

Ministry of Home Affairs
North East Division

Major Initiatives and Peace Process in North Eastern Region (NER)

1. **Improved security situation in NER:** There has been significant improvement in security situation in the North Eastern (NE) States since 2014. Compared to 2014, there has been 71% reduction in insurgency incidents, 60% in Security Forces casualties and 82% in Civilian deaths in 2023.
2. **Reduction of 'disturbed areas' under AFSPA:** Due to significant improvement in the security situation in North Eastern States, The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA) has been removed completely from all districts except 4 districts of Assam, 19 Police Station areas in 7 districts of Manipur and 18 Police Station areas in 8 districts of Nagaland. In Arunachal Pradesh, AFSPA has been reduced to 3 Police Station areas of Namsai district besides Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts. Earlier, AFSPA had been removed completely from Tripura and Meghalaya in 2015 and 2018 respectively.
3. **Peace accords/agreements in NER:**
 - (i) **ANVC Peace Accord (2014):** A Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) was signed with Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) and ANVC/B on 24.09.2014 following which 751 cadres/workers of ANVC groups surrendered their arms and disbanded on 15.12.2014.
 - (ii) **NLFT(SD) Peace Agreement (2019):** A Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) was signed with National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT/SD) on 10.08.2019 following which 88 cadres of NLFT(SD) surrendered with 44 arms.
 - (iii) **Bru Agreement (2020):** An Agreement was signed with representatives of Bru migrants on 16.01.2020 for permanent settlement of Bru(Reang) families in Tripura with a financial assistance/ package of around Rs. 661.00 crore.

- (iv) **Bodo Peace Accord (2020):** A Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) was signed on 27.1.2020 with Bodo Groups of Assam to solve the long pending Bodo issue following which 1615 cadres of NDFB groups surrendered on 30.1.2020 and disbanded on 9th-10th March, 2020.
- (v) **Karbi Peace Accord (2021):** A Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) was signed on 04.09.2021 with representatives of Karbi Groups to end the decades old crisis in Karbi Anglong area of Assam, following which over 1000 armed cadres have abjured violence and joined the mainstream of society.
- (vi) **Adivasi Peace Accord (2022):** A Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) was signed on 15.09.2022 with representatives of 8 Adivasi Groups to end the decades old crisis of Adivasis and tea garden workers in Assam, following which 1182 cadres of Adivasi groups have joined the mainstream by laying down arms.
- (vii) **DNLA Peace Agreement (2023) :** A Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) was signed on 27.04.2023 with Dimasa National Liberation Army/ Dimasa Peoples' Supreme Council (DNLA/ DPSC) of Assam to end the insurgency in Dima Hasao District of Assam, following which 181 cadres of DNLA have joined the mainstream by laying down their arms on 28.10.2023.
- (viii) **UNLF Peace Agreement (2023) :** A Peace Agreement on Ground Rules with United National Liberation Front (UNLF), a valley-based Manipuri armed group, was signed on 29.11.2023. As per agreement, UNLF has agreed to return to mainstream by abjuring violence and agreeing to honour the Constitution of India and laws of the land.
- (ix) **ULFA Peace Agreement (2023) :** A Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) has been signed on 29.12.2023 with United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA). As per agreement, ULFA has agreed to abjure the path of violence, surrender all arms/ammunition, disband their armed organization and join the peaceful democratic process as established by the law and uphold the integrity of the country.

4. Ceasefire/ Suspension of Operation/ other agreements in NER :

- (i) A Framework Agreement with NSCN(IM) was signed on 03.08.2015.
- (ii) Ceasefire agreements with NSCN(NK) and NSCN(R) of Nagaland have been extended for a further period of one-year w.e.f. 28.04.2023 i.e. upto 27.04.2024. Ceasefire agreement with NSCN(K-Khango) of Nagaland has been extended for one-year w.e.f. 18.04.2023 i.e. upto 17.04.2024.
- (iii) A Ceasefire Agreement with National Socialist Council of Nagaland(K)Niki group was signed on 08.09.2021 for a period of one year and more than 200 cadres of this group along with 83 weapons joined the peace process. Ceasefire agreement with NSCN(K)Niki group has been extended for one more year w.e.f. 08.09.2023 to 07.09.2024.
- (iv) Suspension of Operation (SoO) agreements with United Peoples' Front [UPF] and Kuki National Organization [KNO] of Manipur have been extended for a further period of one-year w.e.f. 01.03.2023 to 29.02.2024.
- (v) A Cessation of Operation (CoO) Agreement with Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) group of Manipur was signed on 27.12.2022 and ZUF agreed to abjure violence and join the peaceful democratic process as established by law of the land.

5. Inter-state boundary agreements :

- **Assam-Meghalaya:** A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in New Delhi on 29.03.2022 by the Chief Minister of Assam and the Chief Minister of Meghalaya to resolve the decades long problem of inter-state boundary between the States of Assam and Meghalaya in respect of six areas of difference out of total twelve areas of difference. Both States have constituted Regional Committees to finalize settlement of remaining 6 areas of difference.

- **Assam-Arunachal Pradesh:** A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed at New Delhi on 20.04.2023 by the Chief Minister of Assam and the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh to settle the long-pending inter-state border dispute between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh in respect of 123 villages. Both States have agreed that this agreement will be final with regard to 123 disputed villages and neither of the States will make any new claim related to any area or village in future.
