

## AFSPA eludes Manipur poll issues



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

In his address at a poll rally in [Imphal](#), [Gandhi](#) hounded Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) for not examining the pulse of the Manipuris before striking the [deal](#) to fetch peace for the Nagas.

He said even Okram [Ibobi](#) Singh was kept in [dark](#) not to speak of the other [ministers](#). “What is there in the [Accord](#). Only PM Modi knows. Why do not ask Modiji, when the Naga [Accord](#) was made, why were the of [Manipur](#) not consulted?,” said [Gandhi](#).

He questioned the content of the Naga [Accord](#) and said that nothing has been made clear. According to him, none but [Congress](#) will be able to protect the territorial integrity of [Manipur](#).

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

Singh and Modi uttered not even a single word on the Not Armed Forces Special [Act](#) contrary what was expected by the civil society organizations.

Same it was in the case of Rahul [Gandhi](#) who kept mum on the issue responsible for the law and order scene and the stinging extra judicial killings.

[Manipur](#) will go to poll in two phases on March 4 and March [8](#) and the counting of votes will be done on March 11 along with UP, Uttarkhand, [Goa](#) and Punjab.

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