

Joint Press statement by MUSU, MUTA and MUSA

The Manipur University community has been amazed this morning to "[I]t is hereby notify" (sic!) in the form of Statement Issued by PRO Office, Manipur University about "irrepressible loss". In a very lamentable way, this second PRO Statement in as many days manifests the already proven incompetence, shallowness of thinking and lack of commitment of the present VC of Manipur University, Professor AP Pandey. We would once again assert that Professor AP Pandey should immediately stop further indulgence in bluff and disrespect to the people of Manipur. He should also stop compromising the sanctity of the offices of Manipur University. We condemn the "PRO Release" for the following reasons:

- Instead of vacating his position, Manipur has seen enough of the shameless audacity of Professor AP Pandey to issue unsigned Statements to the Press warning the University Community;
- Professor AP Pandey has never displayed in his tenure as VC so far that he is aware of the University Act, Statutes and Ordinances of Manipur University. Now he is talking of the Code of Conduct;
- As uninformed as he is about the University Act, Professor AP Pandey has assumed himself to be the Authority of the University, while the University Act classifies Vice Chancellor as one of the Officers. It is this ignorance which gave him the false courage to put a Statement in the public domain that the holding of Meetings of Statutory Bodies is not mandatory;
- As someone who had hardly stayed in Station and never attends office in time while in station, it is almost ridiculous for Professor AP Pandey to claim as someone thinking for the welfare of students;
- As someone who encircles himself with armed security personnel all the time, we are astonished by the claim of professor AP Pandey as someone committed to the cause of academics;
- While there is no PRO in Manipur University, he issues a Press Statement under the name of PRO Office;
- While any public statement or official announcement is invariably made by an official, the two recent Statements are made by the Unsigned PRO Office; anyway no inanimate office can ever have the capacity to put any signature whatsoever. This is a blatant indulgence in continuing his old habit of assuming that everybody can be fooled and all the time; and
- Once again, we assert that, there is no PRO Office in the Manipur University Act and hence nobody has the authority to issue such regulatory statements to the Press.

We earnestly urge the Present VC, Professor AP Pandey not to drag in the Honourable Governor and the Honourable Chief Minister in his ignoble PRO Office Statements.

In these circumstances, it would be more prudent for Professor AP Pandey to immediately discontinue his disrespect to the people of Manipur and vacate his position to save the wastage in maintaining him in the Sanjenthong Quarters without the University getting anything in return.

GTV at 3 more villages



IT News
Bishnupur, July 10,

The district administration of Bishnupur continues 'Khungang Chate-Go to Village' mission in by opening 3 more camps at Khuleima Laiharaobung, Keinou, Ngaikhong Laiharaobung Community Hall, Ngaikhong Khullen and Saiton Bazar Community Hall, Saiton today. The three camps covered all the Gram

Panchayats from Keinou, Ngaikhong and Saiton GP. Line department officers and banking institutions in the district open stalls and conducted awareness campaigns on different government programs and schemes. They also issue forms for different programs and schemes apart from receiving of complaints. Disbursement of some government schemes to the beneficiaries are done during the camp with SDO/

Nambol, BDO/ Bishnupur CD Block and SDO/ Moirang as officer-in-charge of the camps in their respective sub divisions. Radha Kishore, MLA of Oinam AC, Sanasam Bira Singh, MLA of Kumbi AC, Nidhi Keshwani, Secy, PHED and Nodal Officer along with Pawan Yadav, Deputy Commissioner visited the camps to make sure that service delivery in the camps are flowed and successful.

International & National News

Mumbai comes to a standstill as heavy rainfall set to continue

Agency
Mumbai, July 10

Owing to heavy rain on Monday continuing over the night, the city and its neighbouring areas were brought to a standstill, flooding streets and badly affecting life.

The rainfall led to traffic snarls as many roads and streets in the metropolis were flooded and people were seen wading through knee-deep water.

A 43-year-old woman riding a motorcycle as a pillion was crushed by a bus after the vehicle hit a water-logged pothole in adjoining Thane district of Maharashtra. The incident was captured on CCTV cameras.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted heavy to very heavy rain till Thursday.

Train services hit

On Monday, nearly 90 trains on the suburban network were cancelled. Suburban services of the western railway were halted on Tuesday, a senior railway official said. The official said that services between Churchgate and Borivili were, however, normal. "Considering the passengers' safety, train services have been stopped till the water level on the track recedes," he said. He said that de-watering efforts are being made.

However, the central railway's suburban services are running normally at all its corridors. "Trains are running normally on central railway's all three lines - main, harbour and trans-harbour," the central railway tweeted.

Due to water-logging, around 300 people were stuck in their homes in Vasai town of the adjoining Palghar district. However, they refused to be evacuated even as the water level receded, a district information officer said.

The residents preferred to



stay in their homes instead of relocating to some temporary shelter in response to the district administration's appeal for evacuation, he said.

Some of them accepted food packets given by the administration. "We have kept an ambulance near their homes as a precautionary measure," the officer said.

Highest rainfall during current monsoon season

The downpour of 170 mm (recorded in Colaba observatory for the Mumbai city) from 8:30 am on Sunday till 8:30 am on Monday was the highest in a 24-hour period during the current monsoon season, the Meteorological Department's deputy director general, K.S. Hosalkar, said. From 8:30 am to 5:30 pm on Monday, the Colaba observatory recorded a rainfall of 104.8 mm.

The Santacruz observatory, which records rainfall for suburban Mumbai, reported downpour of 122 mm during the 24-hour period from 8:30 am on Sunday and 75 mm from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm on Monday. According to the Brihanmumbai Municipal

Corporation (BMC), the metropolis has received 54% of its average monsoon season rainfall just in the last 20 days.

The rainfall slowed down the pace of the financial capital, which is heavily dependent on local train services.

Though the intensity of showers receded as the day progressed on Monday, it took longer time for the city traffic to revert to its pace. Vehicles on many roads were seen crawling because of the rainfall and low visibility. Potholes compounded the problem.

Schools and colleges shut

Schools and colleges were shut in Mumbai, while the Mumbai University said examinations will be rescheduled for students who could not appear for them on Monday.

There was heavy water-logging in Mumbai's central areas of Kurla, Ston and Dadar. Mira Road (in adjoining Thane district), Nallasopara and Vasai (in Palghar district) were largely affected due to the heavy showers.

Amid torrential rain, the Tulsī lake, which supplies water to the people of the city, started overflowing on Monday.

Mumbai's pervasive Dabbawalas, the tiffin carriers of the city, have suspended their work across the city on Tuesday. "We did not collect the

tiffins today because of water logging. Our people find it hard to wade through knee-deep water on their cycles," Mumbai Dabbawalas Association's spokesperson Subhash Talekar said.

Long distance trains halted

On Monday, some long-distance trains to Gujarat and northern states were halted at Borivili as tracks near Nallasopara and Virar were submerged. The trains left after a delay of about one hour, a spokesperson of the western railway said.

Many government and semi-government establishments curtailed their office hours to allow their employees to leave for home early.

Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) buses were slightly delayed, but no service was cancelled or suspended, a BEST spokesperson said.

Visibility at the Mumbai airport was "not very good" but flights were operating according to schedule, a Met official said, adding no warning has been issued for the aviation sector so far.

The city's neighbouring areas got even more rain and roads were submerged. Hosalkar said the intensity of rains in the city's neighbouring districts of Palghar, Raigad and some parts in the south Konkan region was even more "vigorous" with these areas receiving 200 mm rainfall since Sunday.

PM Modi opens World's largest Cellphone Factory near Delhi

Agency
Noida, July 10,

The world's biggest mobile factory was launched in Noida near Delhi on Monday by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and South Korean President Moon Jae-in. The unit will have a capacity of fabricating 120 million phones a year — ranging from low-end smartphones that cost under \$100 to the company's flagship S9 model. It will build 10 million phones a month, 70 per cent of which will be earmarked for domestic usage.

Already 40 crore Indians own smartphones, 32 crore people use broadband, the Prime Minister said in his address at the event. The 30 per cent phones for export will help place the country in the Global market, he added.

"This step today would lend pace to Make in India, apart from empowering citizens... This is matter of pride for Uttar Pradesh and India," said PM Modi, who has been pushing foreign firms to set up plants

in the country. Last year, the government imposed taxes on import of key smartphone components as part of a plan to make India an electronics-manufacturing hub to boost growth and create tens of millions of new jobs.

"Samsung has provided employment to approximately 70,000 people, the new plant will provide employment to 1000 more," the Prime Minister pointed out.

PM Modi and the South Korean president travelled to Noida for the Samsung factory launch on the Delhi Metro. In photos tweeted by PM Modi, the two leaders were seen chatting on the metro, the Akshardham temple visible in the window behind them.

Last year, India overtook the US to become the world's second-largest smartphone market after China. There will be 780 million connected smartphones in 2021, compared with 359 million in 2016, according to a study by Cisco Systems.

Assam govt to provide skill development training to 79 thousand youths in current financial year

Agency
Guwahati, July 10,

Assam government will provide skill development training to 79 thousand youths in the current financial year. Participating in a talk show on AIR last night, Mission Director of Skill Development Mission AP Tiwari said that training has already been given to 28 thousand.

He said North East Skill Centre is likely to start at Guwahati in October this year in collaboration with a Singapore institute. He said

that industry has shown a interest in the Skill Development sector of the state.

Mr Tiwari further said 11 Advance Skill Training Institute will come up in 11 districts of Assam. He also said 5 skill development training centres will be started for Divyangs in the next 2 months.

He said as per the instruction of Chief Minister, skill development training to 18 thousand former militants and the victims of insurgency and their family members is being given.