

Over 2 months long impasse at Manipur University ended as MU community reached agreement with MHRD

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After 79 days, the Manipur University community finally suspended the agitation demanding removal of VCAP Pandey. The decision to suspend the agitation was agreed by the representatives of Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU), Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA) and the Manipur University Staffs' Association (MUSA) after reaching a mutual understanding with the representative of Ministry of Human Resource and Development (MHRD), Govt. of India after having dialogue for three days.

The dialogue between the representatives of the MUSU, MUTA and MUSA and the MHRD began since August 14 and finally reached to a mutual understanding today morning. G.C. Hosur, Joint Secretary, Govt. of India represents the MHRD. All the talk between the two group were held in the presence of Chief Minister of Manipur, N. Biren Singh.

As per the agreement reached between the two, the MHRD has agreed to reconstitute the fact finding committee as an independent two member enquiry committee chaired by Former acting Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court T. Nandakumar. The two members in the existing Fact

Finding Committee will be replaced by a retired Vice Chancellor of a University which is mutually acceptable to the parties concerned. The order of the newly reconstituted Independent Enquiry Committee will be issued on or before August 17.

The MHRD also agreed to put VC Prof. AP Pandey on leave during the period of enquiry until follow up action taken on the inquiry report by the Competent Authority preferably within a period of 15 days. The registrar has been appointed as the Nodal officer of the enquiry Committee.

The agreement between the Manipur University

Community and the Government was signed by G.C. Hosur, Joint Secretary, MHRD, Govt. of India and H. Deleep Singh, Commissioner (Hr. and Tech Edn.) Govt. of Manipur on behalf of Government and Prof. I. Tomba Singh, President MUTA, S. Jibankumar Singh, President MUSA and Myanglangbam Dayaman Singh, President MUSU.

As the agitation has been suspended academic atmosphere of the Manipur University as well as at other colleges of state will be restored to normalcy and the pending result of the examination of Higher studies is likely to be declared at the earliest possible time.

Congress hits hard to N. Biren Singh led Govt. over none disclosure of FA contents Why the BJP govt. is not willing a special Assembly Session – O. Ibobi

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Congress Party Legislature Wing Leader Okram Ibobi Singh today hits hard to BJP led government in the state asking why the govt. does not want to convene a special session of the state assembly to discuss the issue of the Frame Work agreement.

"As a responsible opposition party we do not understand why the government is telling to discuss the issue after passing of a bill at the parliament when there are contents about distorting the integrity of the state", Ibobi said during a press conference held today at Congress Bhavan here at Imphal.

He further said that it is the need of the hour to discuss about the fate of the state as certain development has occurred after the submission of the Parliamentary Committee report in connection to the Frame Work agreement signed with the

Government of India and the NSCN-IM.

Reacting to the clarification of the IPR Minister Bishwajit which he told media that there is no need for a special session as the Bill has not been tabled in the parliament, Okram Ibobi said that the perception of the opposition is different from what the ruling are thinking.

"The perception of the Opposition and that of the ruling regarding the special session to discuss the issue is different. Earlier too we have sent a resolution to the center to let the people of the state know about the content of the Bill before it is table in the parliament, and it is the need of the hour to take a resolution irrespective of the opposition or ruling to protect the integrity of the state", Ibobi said.

He further added that various developments regarding the issue of the Frame Work Agreement has been come up following the report of the Interlocutor RN Ravi . It will

be appropriate to discuss the pros and cons of extending article 371 A or alike to the state of Manipur inhabited by Naga in a special session of the state assembly, Ibobi added. Questioning the government on why a sitting could be required when the bill which might distort the integrity of the state has been passed in the parliament, Ibobi said at the time when the bill is tabled in the parliament the state will have no power to interfere. It is better we take a resolution to protect the integrity of the state.

The leader of the opposition also asked why the government is unwilling to discuss issues burning the state in state assembly.

"We walk out from the house in protest against the Speaker's ruling to the demand of the opposition for extension of the assembly session", Ibobi said and added that the government is fooling the people by postponing the session already stated by them.

Mass protest staged against any attempt to distort the integrity if Manipur

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Various meira paibis, Passenger vehicle bodies and local clubs today staged protest against any attempt to distort the integrity of the state while solving the problem of NSCN-IM.

Passenger service vehicle bodies of various area of the state staged a protest demonstration against any decision to enforce article 371 A or alike to Naga inhabited area of the state. The protest were staged at Naoremthong and Uripok in Imphal West district, at Heirok, Yairipok and Lillong in Thoubal district. Protest were also staged at Mayai lambi and Airport line too. At almost all area of Imphal West and East district, local clubs and meira paibis staged protest demonstration at their respective localities. Banners demanding revelation of the frame work agreement were displayed during the protest.

Tree Plantation

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Yoga Pracharak P. Bijaya Devi with her team today organised a tree plantation programme at Manao Ching of Bhamdier in Bishnupur District. Yoga lovers of the area also joined the Yoga Pracharak in the tree plantation prog.

Pebam Chitaranjan remembered on 14 death anniversary



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Martyred student Pebam Chitaranjan who had self immolated in protest against the draconian act AFSPA was remembered today in connection with his 14th Death

Anniversary. A observance function organised by the Manipur Students' Federation was held today at Takheleikai here in Imphal and at Tiddim ground to commemorate the martyred student. Fitting floral tribute was also paid at his memorial site at Takhel Leikai.

Chitaranjan burnt himself at Bishupur Keithel on 15 August of 2004 protesting draconian act AFSPA and he died at RIMS on August 16 due to the burnt. It may be mentioned that 350 Army officers had filed the SC pleading security under AFSPA

24 hours bandh on NH 7 underway ; 2 loaded trucks burnt near Makru bridge

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Two loaded trucks were burnt near Makru Thong along the NH 37 in Tamenglong district by suspected ban supporters called by the Zeliangrong Civil Organisation early today morning.

Zeliangrong Civil

Organisation had imposed 24 hours bandh at National Highway No. 37 and ban all National projects construction works in Zeliangrong areas from Aug 15 midnight to August 16 midnight demanding the Central and state government to immediately arrest Sangailung Pamei, CAO of NSCN-IM , Zeilaid Region, Thailik @ Joel Rongmei, Deputy Kilonser of NSCN-IM and Khangdi Kamei, Captain of the NSCN (IM) who are involved in abduction and held captive of the youth and students' leaders on August 4 at Tamenglong District head quarter.

The statement of the Zeliangrong Civil Organisation said that While the leaders of the Organizations are facing serious threat and intimidation from the NSCN IM, some individuals are being misused to be the "mouthpiece" of the underground outfit in the guise of students' organizations - called "Rongmei Students Organisation Manipur" (RSOM) and "Liangmai Naga Katimai Ruangdi" (LNKR). The sanctity of the students is defiled and diluted by the self style RSOM and LNKR sheer efforts to cover up the unlawful activities, gross human rights violation and anti social acts of the underground outfit. The so called "Liangmai Pui Naga

Ruangdi" supposedly a women's body, whose role is to denounce the unlawful activities and anti social acts of the underground outfit rather endorsing the criminal acts by way opposing the Zeliangrong Civil Organisations is shameful and disgraceful which deserves total condemnation by every right thinking people. Regarding the so called "LNC-M" position not to allow bandh called by Zeliangrong organizations in Liangmai areas where there is no National Highway passes through or no National projects works being undertaken have exposed their too much sympathized for the NSCN IM and its anti social activities which is quite absurd and ridiculous, the statement added.

The abduction and subsequent captive of the youth and student's leaders at Tamenglong HQ and serious threat meted out to life and security of Zeliangrong Civil Organisations leaders by NSCN IM is evident that it is a well coordination between RSOM, LNKR and NSCN functionaries therefore, the functionaries of the so called RSOM and LNKR should be immediately booked under relevant criminal sections of the Indian Penal Code for playing the life and security of the citizens, the Zelianrong body said.

Secret meeting between MLA Asab Uddin and Congress leaders of Assam reported in Silchar based newspaper

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Silchar base daily newspaper "Dainik Jugasangha" reported an alarming news about a secret meeting between Manipur's MLA Asab Uddin from Jiribam Assembly constituency and Congress Party leaders of Assam including MLA Kamalakhya Dey of Karimganj, Assam which hinted a possible obstacle to the passing of the Manipur People's Bill passed by the Manipur Legislative Assembly. The news report also suggested a possible crisis in the N. Biren Singh led BJP government in Manipur. As per the news report, the

secret meeting took place at the residence of Cachar district Congress President Pradip Kumar Dey at Pailapool, Cachar. What is apprehension is the silence of both the MLAs and the Congress leaders of Assam regarding the meeting. MLA Kamalakhya Dey, when enquired about the meeting had denied of any such meeting to reporters, the report said.

As per the source of the newspaper, both the MLAs - Asab Uddin of Jiribam and Kamalakhya Dey visited the refugee camp of Bangalis being set up at Chirupul of Lakhimpur and held meeting with the refugee. The Dainik Jugasangha report further said that MLA

of Jiribam Assembly Constituency Asab Uddin and Cachar district Congress leader Pradip Dey had joint hand to protect Bangalis of Jiribam when the ILPS agitation reached its peak in 2016. Asab Uddin was also the main architect for establishment of an organisation called North East People's Committee (NEPCO) for protection of Bangali community whom the indigenous people of Manipur claim to be illegal migrants. It was in the aftermath of the issue that Asab Uddin got elected as the MLA of Jiribam Assembly Constituency. The Silchar base newspaper also stated that there is a possibility of strong

resistance to the Manipur People's Bill from the pro Bangali people of both Assam and Jiribam as the secret meeting of the Jiribam Assembly Constituency MLA and Congress MLA of Karimganj Assam Kamalakhya Dey discussed about the issue as per source. The report further said that the meeting of MLA Asab Uddin and Congress MLA Kamalakhya Dey might have discussed about a strategy to root out N. Biren Singh government of Manipur. At Present MLA Asab Uddin is supporting the BJP led government in Manipur. He is also the only non Manipuri elected in the Manipur Legislative Assembly as MLA.