

## MU impasse not yet settled

**MHRD issues order; fact finding committee reconstituted as 2 member enquiry committee; skips agreement to connect VC AP Pandey's leave with the present MU imbroglio**

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Ministry of Human Resource and Development (MHRD), Govt. of India, today issued an order for reconstitution of the fact finding committee to a 2 member enquiry committee as agreed by them during talks with representatives of the Manipur University Community on August 16. However, the dust has not been settled as another agreed point to link the leave of Vice Chancellor AP Pandey has not been reflected to the ordered issued today.

As per the order issued by the MHRD, the earlier order of July 17, 2018 has been superseded and replaced

by a new 2 member enquiry committee comprising of Former Acting Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court, T. Nandakumar as the Chairperson and Former Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University as member to enquire the allegation made against the VC of Manipur University.

The newly constituted enquiry committee would be free to devise its own procedure for conducting of the enquiry however, while formulating the final conclusion, the committee would rationally consider the response of the concern persons in accordance with the principal of natural justice. Prof. AP Pandey will appear the committee as and when necessary and

the committee shall submit its report within one month from today, the order mentioned.

But the part which the Manipur University community including MUSU, MUSA and MUTA to connect the leave of Prof. AP Pandey with the enquiry has not been reflected.

After 79 days, the Manipur University community had temporarily suspended the agitation for removal of VC AP Pandey after the agreement was reached between the MHRD and MU community in the presence of the Chief Minister on August 16 morning.

In the agreement, the MHRD had 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, which was fulfilled. But the agreed point, 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 has not been mentioned anywhere in the order.

A meeting of the MUSU, MUTA and MUSA is being held today to discuss the order on whether to accept it or to oppose it. As of now source reaching here said that the MU community is not happy with the new order as the VC AP Pandey has been seen subsidized intentionally.

## Hill Area Autonomous District Council reiterate demands for devolution of Power

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A one day political conference of the members of the Hill Area Autonomous District Council held at District Council Bhavan, Chingmeirong in Imphal today reiterated the demand for implementation of the Hill Areas Autonomous District Council Acts 1971. The one political meet deliberated to the issues of the

Autonomous District Councils finally comes to the point that devolution of power is a must in letter and spirit of the Act mentioned above.

Today's political conference also resolved to have a separate Budget Demand Head within the State Budget under the Section 45 and Rules 32 of the District Council Act 1971 and Rules 1972 for the Manipur Hill Area Autonomous District Councils.

Other demand resolved today are - enhancement of Salary and Allowances of the 6 District Council Members and ensuring provision for

pension to all Ex-members and Council employees as per Section 27 (B) of the District Councils Act, 1971 as amended Act of 2008; filling up of all categories of vacant sanctioned posts under the 6 District Councils of Manipur at the earliest, on acquisition of land in the Hill districts the Manipur govt. be made mandatory to obtain prior consent from the District Councils. The one day political meets also resolved that the demands be meted out within September 2018 failing which a coordination committee will be form to launch democratic agitation.

## Asian Games to open with glittering ceremony in Indonesian capital Jakarta today

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The 18th edition of the Asian Games officially kick off in Indonesian capital Jakarta today. The opening ceremony will begin at 5:30 PM Indian Time, with most of the events scheduled to commence from tomorrow.

Some of the events, including Handball and Football, began last week. Around 11,000 athletes from 45 countries will be seen competing in 40 sports and 67 disciplines consisting of 28 Olympic sports, 4 new Olympic sports, and 8 non-Olympic sports.

For the first time, eSports (a form of competition using video games) and canoe polo will be contested as demonstration sports. Over 570 Indian athletes will be vying for top honours across 36 sports which will take place in Jakarta as well as in Palembang.

Javelin Thrower Neeraj Chopra will be India's flag-bearer at the expected-to-be-glittering opening ceremony. Renowned Indonesian singers like Anggun, Raisa and Tulus and a total of 4,000 dancers are expected to perform at the ceremony. Here's our correspondent with an overview of India's performance at the Games, so far.

## Over 1.6 crore worth gold seized by Imphal Custom Division

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Anti Smuggling Unit of Custom Division Imphal under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Unit yesterday seized over Rs. 1.6 crore worth gold bar from 5 persons while trying to smuggled it out from the state at Koireng area.

As per statement of the division those arrested smugglers were from Maharashtra and their name have been identified as Sanjoy Kumar Krishnani,

Umesh Laxmandas Darda, Jayram Ram Prabatti Manglani, Harish Nanikram Shringi and Dilip Kumar Laljani

The first 4 person were arrested from a Dimapur bound Winger Passenger Vehicle from Koirengai Checking area while the last one was arrested from North AOC.

16 gold piece in rectangular form (fine gold 999.9 foreign origin.) were found hidden in the shoes and bag while the last person who was arrested from North AOC hid the gold at his anus.

## AR Seizes Drugs Worth Rs 12 Crores and Contraband Items worth Rs. 24.8 lakh

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In one of the biggest seizure of drugs in recent times, Assam Rifles has recovered approximate 1.3 Kgs of Brown Sugar and 1,30,000 numbers of WY tablets costing about Rs. 12 crores from village L Youjang, Moreh on 16th August.

Acting on specific input from Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Imphal regarding presence of contraband in a house at village L Youjang, a team of Moreh Battalion launched a

search operation in the area and located the suspected house. The house owner Mr Thangminlen Haokip son of Ngulkhajam Haokip, resident of village L Youjang was not found in the house at the time of search. On thorough checking of the house, the search team found 1.3 Kgs of Brown Sugar and 1,30,000 numbers of WY tablets weighing around 12.5 Kgs. The approximate market value of the seized items is Rs 12 crores. Recovered items were handed over to DRI Imphal.

It is pertinent to mention that the Assam Rifles has been

taking resolute steps to make Manipur a drugs free State. Since March 2018, 26 Sector Assam Rifles has seized drugs worth Rs. 65 crores approximately from Tengenoual District.

On the other hand Tengenoual Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) caught 4960 of WY tablets found inside the headlight of the Kenbo bike. AR source said that On 16 Aug 2018, at around 1400 hours, based on specific input received regarding movement of contraband drugs from Moreh towards Tengenoual,

a black coloured Kenbo bike was stopped for checking at PVC, Khudengthabi, Tengenoual District. While frisking and carrying out thorough checking of baggage and vehicle, quantity 4960 of WY tablets were found inside the headlight of the Kenbo bike. Approximate cost of the contraband drug is Rs 24.8 lakh. Apprehendee Mr Jangkhongam Touthang, age 52 years, s/o Mr J Touthang, r/o Village T Bongmol, Tengenoual District along with recovered item was handed over to Tengenoual Police.

## KYKL observes 25<sup>th</sup> Martyrs' Day

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Armed Rebel group Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL) today observed the 25<sup>th</sup> Martyrs' day of the group. A statement of the outfit said that the main observance function was held at 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the outfit. The observance was also held at its 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion as well as at its units, technical units and at all part of Kangleipak, the statement added.

It further said that main observance of the 25<sup>th</sup> Martyrs' day held at 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion was attended by K. Korou, General Secretary of the KYKL as chief guest while Vice Chairman of the group Toijam Ibochou presided over it. Acting C-in C of Meeyangi Yawol Lanmee (MYL) Kh Nimai and

Punshiba, the CO of 131 Bn of the KCP another armed rebel group attended the function as guest of honours. The observance began with half mast of the party flag and by observing 2 minutes silence as a mark of respect to the martyred revolutionaries. Filling floral tribute was also paid to the martyrs.

Speaking on the occasion the acting commander in chief of the outfit elaborated on how to march ahead the revolutionary movement by recalling the spirit of sacrifice of the martyrs.

Chief guest of the observance function, General Secretary, KYKL while speaking on the occasion said that in order to march the revolutionary movement in WESEA region the revolution should never surrender and march ahead without losing the spirit.



Vice Chairman of KYKL in his speech said that the first step require is to restore the sovereign status of the Kangleipak and WESEA region. It was after only Independence that people of the WESEA region can

determine the fate of the WESEA which will enable us to make the people self sustain. He appealed the revolutionary cadres to stand firm and not to surrender to the enemy until the movement reach its goal.



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Protesting the inaction of the Thoubal Municipal Council (TMC) over the demand of the vendor ladies to clean up the of Thoubal Keithel, restoration of electricity, lifting of the garbage piled up inside the market complex and to open the toilet of the market, vendors ladies of the Thoubal Keithel today staged a protest rally till DC office. Slogans against the Chairperson of the Thoubal Municipal Council were shouted during the rally. After reaching at Thoubal DC Complex, five representatives

of the Market complex met the DC of Thoubal District H. Rosita. After the DC assured to look after the market complex the vendor ladies of Thoubal Keithel return back. Speaking to reporters, a vendor lady said that, the vendor ladies vandalise the newly constructed sheds at Thoubal Keithel on August 12. After that the Chairperson of the TMC lock the Toilet and cut of the electricity. The TMC also stop collection of the garbage pile up inside the market complex, the vendor lady said and added that such action were never witnessed in the Thoubal Keithel before.