

‘Normalcy at MU only possible after constitution of Independent Judicial Enquiry committee without Pandey’s friends’

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“Don’t consider Manipur University community a fool, academic normalcy in Manipur University can only be resumed after justice has been delivered in proper way”, a professor of the Manipur University also member of the MUTA said to this journalist while talking over phone.

“The appealed by the high level Ministerial team is appreciated but the Ministers should not consider the MU Community a fool and should not mislead the demand of the MUSU, MUTA and MUSA”, he said.

After the makeshift platform for staging relay hunger strike at Manipur University main gate has been dismantled the MU community had shifted the protest site inside the campus since yesterday.

The angered of the MUSU member which had decided to launch hostile agitation have been somehow cooled down after the student arrested has been released. As of now how, report on how the student have been released is awaiting.

Giving a clear picture of what the MU community want, the MUTA said that the fact finding committee should be converted into a High Power Independent Judicial Enquiry Committee constituted under the Commission of Enquiry Act 1952. Besides friends of

Pandey should not be members of the committee. The teachers’ body of the Manipur University also stated that the 30 days leave by Pandey is ordinary leave as it was not given by MHRD, what the MU community want is force leave or suspension for smooth conduct of the enquiry. “If these conditions are fulfilled we are ready to resume normalcy in the Manipur University.

Meanwhile, Nagaland University Teachers’ Association (NUTA) has also extended its solidarity to the ongoing agitation by the Manipur University Community.

Prof. Rosemary Dzuvichu, President, Central Executive Council, NUTA, Nagaland University in a letter appealed the FEDCUTA to keep Manipur University VC issue as one of the priority issue

and to show solidarity to the cause united.

“This is how the Centre ignores the region and justice is always denied. We stand in solidarity with the MUTA and the VC must be sent on leave during period of investigation. It is also objectionable not a single academic is on the fact finding team. We share deep concern how there is a

strategic move to throttle democratic voices in universities and commercialize education and ignore the importance of research. Reservation issue and vacancies for reserved quotas of STs not being filled in many universities shows a systemic dilution of tribal rights,” Prof. Rosemary Dzuvichu wrote.

MUSU members meeting with CM fails to arrive at any amicable solution

Meeting between the members of the Manipur University Students Association and the Chief Minister of Manipur today afternoon fails to sort out any amicable solution to the differences. The MUSU demand the enquiry be converted into a Independent Judicial Enquiry committee and Pandey be given force leave. This condition have been denied by the Chief Minister following which the MUSU return back saying that they have to consult with other stake holders of the Manipur University.

NEFIS denounces anti-student attitude of Govt. on MU impasse

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While condemning the arrest of MUSU Councilor by state police, the North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) said that the arrest should be seen against the backdrop of the ongoing joint struggle of students, teachers and staff members of MU against the incumbent V-C, Aadya Prasad Pandey.

The arrest was followed by the dismantling of the dais which had been erected at the site where protests had been going on for more than 2 months. Also, it has been

alleged that facebook posts are being taken down. This amounts to a massive crackdown on the movement of MU community, a statement by NEFIS said. NEFIS statement further stated that the V-C had been guilty of gross irregularities and corruption and it was due to the ongoing struggle that an inquiry against him was initiated and he was sent on leave.

However, the attitude of both Union and State government has been apathetic since the very beginning and the present crackdown is connected with the government’s resolve to curb

the democratic movement at MU.

NEFIS had earlier protested against the prolongation of the crisis at MU at Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and demanded V-C’s dismissal, following which the V-C was sent on leave.

“But, even at Delhi, the peaceful demonstration was brutally stopped by the police and the students were forcibly detained. NEFIS stands in solidarity with MU students and resolves to continue its struggle even amidst crackdown”, the statement added.

AVBP appreciate Assam for NRC Bureaucracy, supports Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016

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While supporting the Citizen (Amendment) Bill, 2016, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) appreciates Assam Govt. for its determination to NRC Bureaucracy and also the Narendra Modi led Central Government for adhering to the Supreme Court directed timeline for release of the NRC Data after a meticulous, comprehensive and rigorous process.

A statement of the AVBP issued by Ashish Chauhan, National General Secretary of the organisation said that the non-inclusion of 40 Lakhs

people from the provisional data reflects and affirms the gravity of the illegal immigrant crisis in Assam. The AVBP had launched various campaigns to build movement and sensitize people across India with regard to gravity of the crisis/ external aggression by the illegal immigrants of Bangladesh.

“We have always advocated the policy of ‘detect, delete, deport’ with regard to them. The concern of the minority communities from the Bangladesh is being addressed by the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 being proposed by the Central

Government, as it is of utmost importance to differentiate between illegal immigrants and genuine refugees. These genuine refugees (Hindus and others) who are persecuted minorities of Bangladesh and Pakistan should be granted Indian Citizenship according to due procedure”, the statement added.

The statement further lambasted narrow vote-bank politics by the political parties. “We request them to stop supporting illegal immigrants on the pretext of being a probable vote-bank and in the larger interest of the nation”, the statement said.

High Power ministerial team appeals for normalcy in MU

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The High Power Ministerial Team led by Deputy Chief Minister Yunnam Joykumar Singh today appealed to the teaching, non-teaching and student fraternity to reinstate normalcy in Manipur University. The Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar Singh was speaking at a press conference held at his office chamber at New Secretariat attended by Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Karam Shyam, Minister for Water Resource Development Letpao Haokip, Minister for Public Health Engineering Department, Losii Dikho.

Deputy Chief Minister said, as insisted by the State Government, Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has taken up a positive step to end the ongoing impasse in the University. He said that the incumbent Vice Chancellor Prof. A.P. Pandey has been put on leave for 30 days and have appointed the senior most Professor W. Vishwanath as Vice Chancellor (in-charge) of the University. He further said that bringing normalcy in the Campus is important to facilitate the Fact Finding Committee to enquire and in discharging their duties in a free and fair manner. The committee instituted by the



Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) is headed by Retired Acting Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court, Justice Nandakumar. Joykumar Singh said solving the problem of the Manipur University is the top most priority of the Government as it holds the future of more than 25,000 students. Urging to resolve the issues, he appealed to all the fraternity of the University to allow the fact finding committee to proceed with their duties. He assured that the Government is ready to take up further necessary steps, if the result of the committee is not satisfactory. He also said that to discuss the new developments, the Ministerial team may invite the representatives of MUTA, MUSU and MUSA for talks

soon. He also appealed to ATSUM to reconsider their stand in the larger interest of the people of the State. The Ministerial team appealed to MUTA, MUSU and MUSA to restore normalcy in the University so that the issues developed due to the impasse in the campus could be addressed.

For the sake of the students pursuing their post graduates across the 93 colleges of the State, Education Minister Th. Radheshyam said that their future is at stake as the 6th Semester’s examination results is not declared till now, due to the issues in the varsity. He appealed to all concern to facilitate impending declaration of examination results and administrative activities at the earliest in the interest of the students.

Joint Tribal Student Bodies, Manipur appeals MU community to cease agitation

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The Joint Tribal Bodies, Manipur expressed extreme concerned about the continued closure of Manipur University (MU) since May 30. A statement of the Tribal bodies appealed the MU community to immediately cease the prolonged agitation and allow the return of

normalcy in the university in the best interests of students, who do not need further damage to their careers which have been greatly jeopardised due to the prolonged agitation and closure of the university. The Joint Tribal Bodies also said that even after the Vice Chancellor (VC) Pandey has been put on leave for one month to allow fair investigations into the

allegations against him by the agitating Manipur University Students’ Union (MUSU) and Manipur University Teachers’ Association (MUTA). If the demand of the agitating students and teachers have really been because of their allegations against the VC then they should have allowed the university to reopen and function by now, the statement added.

Media OPD clinic continues at Guwahati Press Club

By NJ Thakuria
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Chennai based Gleneagles Global Hospitals will conduct the next media OPD clinic at Guwahati Press Club on Tuesday (7 August 2018). Dr Meera Raghavan (gynecology) and Dr N Raghavan (urology) from the acclaimed healthcare institution will be available from 2 pm to 3 pm at the press club for free consultations to scribes.

Organized under the series of weekly ‘Evening with a

Doctor’ programs for the benefit of press club members along with their close relatives, the last media camp was conducted by Apollo Hospitals Guwahati on 4 August, where Dr Adwaita Avatar Chakrabarty (medicine) offered free consultations to the scribes. The participants also got their weight, height, pulse, blood pressure & sugar checked in the camp. Two nurses namely Collyn Buongthangpui and Sandham Bidalakshmi assisted the

physician in the clinic, where the hospital’s public relation officer Rasmata Sarmah and business executive Abhijit Choudhury were also present.

Till date, media camp has been supported by Apollo Hospital Chennai, SIMS Chennai Hospital, Down Town Hospitals, GNRC Hospitals, Dispur Hospital, Ayursundra Hospital, Wintrobe Hospital, Health City Hospital, Nemcare Hospital, Excelcare Hospital, MMC Panbazar etc.

Indo-Myanmar land route to open on Aug. 8

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Indo-Myanmar land Route will be officially open on August 8, 2018. This was announced by RK Shivachandra, Convener of the Act East Policy Committee, Govt. of Manipur.

Talking to media persons at his residence at kwahkeithel today afternoon Shivachandra said that any visa holder can now enter Myanmar through land route from the Indo- Myanmar friendship gate from Moreh.

Y. Dilipkumar is the new convener of JCILPS

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Convener of the Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System Arjun Telheiba today handed over the charge to Yunnamcha Dilipkumar as the new convener. A handing over ceremony was held today at the office of the JCILPS.