

Solution nears; but its upto the MHRD to resolve the issue of MU or not

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The over two months old impasse at Manipur University, which put a grinding halt to all academic activities of Higher education in the state finally sees hope of restoring to normalcy if the Union HRD Ministry cooperate with the newly designated In-Charge VC. The ball is now in the court of the VC. Prof. Vishwanath Singh of the Life Science Dept. of MU has accepted the charge of VC in principle on the following day of the released of the Manipur University order No. MU/VC/1 dated 2/8/2018. Incumbent VC Prof. AP Pandey, who is on leave for 30 days since August 1, is busy with University Grant Commission Assignment for inspection of colleges at Nagaland.

After assuming the in-charge VC on August 3, Prof. W. Vishwanath Singh wrote a letter on August 8 to one R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary to the Government of India, Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD, requesting the Ministry to resolve the present crisis in Manipur University.

In the letter endorse to the Secretary MHRD, Prof. Vishwanath urges the Ministry that the 30 days leave granted to Prof. AP Pandey be related to the enquiry of the fact finding committee constituted by the MHRD as per the desire of the Manipur University Community.

While elaborating on why the MU Community demanding removal Prof. AP Pandey from VCship refused to co-operate with the Fact Finding Committee, Prof. Vishwanath, the VC in-charge insisted the MHRD to constitute the Fact

Finding Committee under the Commission of Enquiry Act 1952.

The letter to the Secretary, MHRD also expressed shocked in seeing report about AP Pandey acting as VC of the Manipur University outside the state when he has been on leave following allegations on misappropriations and irregularities to the MU administration.

Now it is upto the MHRD, on whether the academic atmosphere be resumed as the letter is being sent by a VC in charge who has been conferred all power equivalent to the VC in his absence as per the Manipur University Act.

Prof. Vishwanath, had stated that he cannot refuse government assignment to a question by journalist but said that as restoration of the

academic atmosphere is only possible after solving the present crisis. He said he will consult with all the stakeholders of the Manipur University and take a consensus if he had to take the charge of VC.

As per the Central University Act, when a VC is out of station, the Pro VC takes the charge of the VC if in case of non existence of the Pro VC then the senior most teachers have been handed over the charge of the University Vice Chancellor.

Interestingly, equal power can be exercised by the in-charge VC in the absence of the VC. The letter written should be considered if there is no political interference in the matter. The wisdom of the new VC in Charge is the only solution to the crisis. Counter rally, blame game will never be able to solve the matter.

Chief Minister visits new apparel production unit, encourages private entrepreneur



DIPR
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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh visited the Apparel and Garment Making Centre, Lamboikhongnangkong in Imphal West District today.

The building and machinery of Unit-1 of the Government-owned Centre is currently utilised by a private company known as Big Concepts Foundation Pvt. Ltd for high quality apparel production. The Chief Minister, who was accompanied by Konthoujam AC MLA and Manipur Tourism Development Corporation Chairman Dr. Sapam Ranjan, Sekmai AC MLA H. Ding, Yaikul AC MLA H. Thingo, Satyabrata and Principal Secretary to CM Vumlungmang Vualnam, inspected the progress of apparel production and interacted with the officials of the private company and workers.

Speaking to media persons, Shri N. Biren Singh informed that soon after the new State Government was sworn-in last year, it started exploring

means to encourage self employment and entrepreneurship through large scale production of different apparels using high-quality fabrics imported from Guangzhou (China). A number of Mumbai-based companies, which supply varieties of modern clothing to different parts of the country including Manipur, are also using the same fabrics/raw materials manufactured at Guangzhou, he added.

The Chief Minister said that these raw materials take around 40 days to reach Mumbai from the Chinese city in sea route. However, it takes only 12 days to reach Imphal by road through Moreh, he informed.

As such, the new Government is confident that the State can produce high quality apparels and dressings at cheaper and affordable rates if this advantage of geographical proximity is exploited effectively. Shri N. Biren Singh, for the time being, a private company has been brought on board and permitted to utilise the building and machinery of

Unit-1 of Government's Apparel and Garment Making Centre, Lamboikhongnangkong for apparel production, he said. Stating that production of different ladies' dresses started around six months back, the Chief Minister said that he was told that around 2000 pieces having 'Make in Manipur' tag had been produced so far.

Stating that the private company-run unit is currently giving employment to around 50 people, the Chief Minister said that this figure may increase to around 300 people once the other Units of the Centre also start functioning. Responding to a query regarding his meeting with the Governor Smt. Najma Heptulla today, the Chief Minister said that the discussion was mainly about the present unrest at Manipur University. Stating that the Governor had just returned from Delhi after meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister expressed hope that the issue would be resolved soon.

National Deworming Day Launched at Thoubal



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The second round of the National Deworming Day was launched today at Thoubal as a part of the nationwide programme held all over India. It was organised by District Health Society, Thoubal at the New Ideal High School in Thoubal Ningombam.

On the occasion, ADM Thoubal, L. Radhakanta attended as Chief Guest, Dr. N. Jayantakumar Singh, CMO/District Mission Director, DHS, Thoubal as President, Arambam Anilkumar Zonal Education Officer, Zone III

Thoubal and Ak. Jadumani Singh Head Master, New Ideal High School, Ningombam attended as guests of honours.

Various speakers in the programme spoke in details about various diseases caused by worms amongst children and stressed about the need to take precautionary measures like taking proper medicines to prevent them.

The people must participate in making India a healthy nation which is a target set by the government. The children must be protected from disease at all costs. They can be easily protected from worms, he added.

Students from this school, workers of ASHA and Anganwadi took part in the programme. Tablet for preventing worms were provided to school students. The children, who were provided tablets on the programme today, will be given tablets again on mop-up day which falls on August 17. The aim of this programme is to deworm all the children from 1 to 19 years and improve their well-being.

Children between 1 to 2 years are administered half of one Albendazole tablet. Children between 2 to 19 years are given one full tablet.

UNACSU expresses concern over the divisive policy

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The United All Communities' Social Uplifters, Kangleipak today expressed serious concerns over the divisive policy of the state government to suppress any movement of the people among the various community of the state.

The crisis at Manipur University which could have been jointly struggle have been spewed venom to various community and divided among the people so that the movement defeat.

It also lambasted the BJP and its workers for supporting VC AP Pandey. Instead of blaming the lost of career of the student to the VC AP Pandey the BJP is blaming the MU community. They have been utilising all effort not leaving aside of fooling the mothers of the state by organising a rally against the community. Similar technic has been utilised to the Hill brothers and used them to suppress the cause of the people of the state the UNACSU statement said.

MLA K. Meghachandra Inaugurated School Building

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A new building consisting of five additional class rooms of the Khongnangpal Primary Madrassa was inaugurated by MLA K. Meghachandra on Tuesday at Khoirom Heitropokpi in Yairipok.

MLA of 32-Wangkhem A/C & General Secretary, MPCC K. Meghachandra, Zonal Education Officer, Zone-III, Thoubal Arambam Anilkumar Singh, Former Zilla Parishad Member Khoirom GP Khundrakpam Sobha, Former Pradhan Khoirom GP Salam Kumar, DI of School Rajen, AI of School Manglem and Head Master of Khongnangpal Primary Madrassa Bimolchand attended the function as chief guest, president and guests of honour respectively.

Meghachandra unveiled the inaugural plaque of the building and handed over the school building to the ZEO, Thoubal.



International & National News

SC asks NCLT to deal with insolvency proceedings against Jaypee group

Agency
New Delhi, Aug 9

In a setback to the Jaypee group, the Supreme Court today asked the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Allahabad, to deal with the insolvency proceedings against Jaypee Infratech Ltd (JIL) and barred the group or its promoters from participating in the fresh bidding process.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra said the limitation period of 180 days to conclude the insolvency proceedings will commence from today.

The bench, also comprising Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud, said the Rs 750 crore deposited by the JIL in the apex court shall be transferred to NCLT Allahabad. The top court also allowed the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to direct the banks to initiate separate insolvency proceedings against JIL's holding company Jaiprakash Associate Limited (JAL). The bench said home buyers

should be included in the committee of creditors in accordance with the amendments made in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC). The bench disposed of all the petitions and applications pending before it.

The apex court had earlier reserved its order on "interim reliefs" sought by various stakeholders, including the home buyers of JIL, JAL, banks and financial institutions and the Insolvency Resolution Professional (IRP).

IDBI bank had moved the Corporate Insolvency Resolution application before the NCLT against the debt-ridden realty firm, JIL, after it allegedly defaulted in paying back a loan of Rs 526 crore. The ASG had earlier said that, according to the amended IBC, now home buyers are financial creditors in a firm. Hence, the committee of creditors, which usually included banks and FIs, will have to consider the views of home buyers while deciding the resolution plan of a

company. Lawyers, representing the home buyers, opposed the submission that JAL be allowed to complete the housing projects, saying that it was barred under the law to do so.

Taking note of the enormity of the situation, the bench said it was thought that the liability of the firm was to the tune Rs 2,000 crore and it has now gone beyond Rs 30,000 crore.

Earlier, JAL had said it would deposit Rs 600 crore more to refund the home buyers if it was allowed to dispose of its identified assets, including a cement plant at Rewa in Madhya Pradesh.

JAL had said Rs 750 crore has been deposited by it with the apex court's registry and Rs 600 crore more would be required for paying the principal sum to the home buyers.

The home buyers had moved the apex court stating that around 32,000 people had booked flats and were now paying instalments.