

More supports to MU community's demand- Protest reaches Delhi; AISF stage rally and submitted memorandum demanding removal of VC Prof. AP Pandey to the President and HRD Minister

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Large number of All India Students' Federation (AISF) today staged a rally at New Delhi showing solidarity to the demand of the Manipur University Community at Delhi today.

Talking over phone to Imphal Times, National President of the AISF, Syed Vali Ullah khadri said that the protest rally started from AISF Office at 47 Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi at around 11 am and shouted slogan demanding removal of the Prof. A.P Pandey from the post of Vice-Chancellor in front of the office of the Human Resource Ministry. He said a memorandum was also submitted to the Union HRD Minister as well as to the President of India demanding removal of Prof. A.P Pandey from Manipur University.

A video shared to Imphal Times show 100 of students marching towards the office of the HRD Ministry shouting slogans to save the central university of the country. "Shame Shame HRD Ministry", "Don't Spoil the Universities of the country", "removed AP Pandey from the Manipur University" were some of the slogans heard shouting by the AISF Volunteers in front of the HRD Ministry office where police team stopped them from marching ahead using



barricade. No excess was seen taken up by the police deployed in front of the HRD Ministry when the students were shouting slogans protesting against the VC Prof. AP Pandey of Manipur University unlike the July 7 incident happened in front of the Office of the Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh where police unleashed reign of terror to college students who were on their way for submitting memorandum.

In the memorandum submitted to the President of India as well as to the Union HRD Minister, the National Council, All India Students' Federation drew their attention for earlier solution to the present crisis of Manipur University by urging for removal of VC Prof. Adya Prasad Pandey for his

dictatorial and arbitrary style of functioning that causes the present crisis in the University. The memorandum also stated that, the Manipur State Council of the All India Students' Federation has been watching closely since Prof. A.P. Pandey assumed the office of Vice-Chancellor of Manipur University. It said AP Pandey never discharged his assigned duties as a principal executive and academic officer of the University and had not exercised general supervision and control over the affairs of the institution. He acts as per his own conveniences and on the basis of his own volition without consulting the wisdom of the various statutory bodies of the University like the Executive Council, the Academic

Council, the University Court etc.

The Chancellor is a very important post in the functioning of the University, but the post is vacant since November, 2016. In the regard, the present VC has not initiated any mandatory process.

Vice-Chancellor has not bothered to fill up these posts on the regular basis in order to pave the reign of his personal whims.

The memorandum also stated about the Prof. Adya Prasad Pandey's late attendance to his office, frequent leaves of absence from the University without informing the exact date of return, purchasing of various items as exorbitant prices without prior approval of the Academic Council and the Purchase Committee, dictatorial purchase of a bullet-proof car for him, rationale behind Y-category security granted and its aftermath and delay for interview of promotion of faculty members and failure to arrange interview for fresh appointment of faculty positions.

The National President of AISF, Syed Vali Ullah khadri also stated to Imphal Times showed solidarity to the MUSU, MUTA and MUSA and said the AISF stands to protect the sanctity of the Central University across the country.

Landslide kills 9 in Tamenglong district; Mother and son found covered by mud

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The furry of the Mother Nature today shocked the people of this state after landslide occurred at three different places in Tamenglong district killed 9 people mostly children.

Report reaching here said that the massive landslides which swept three houses at three different places at early hour today.

According to DihCham News Service 5 children of the same parents killed in New Salem, Tamenglong ward no. 4, another two children of the same parents were also carried away by muddy water while the family was in a deep sleep. A mother and son were also found covered by the mud when their house in Neigailuang, Tamenglong ward no. 2 was swept away by the slide.

Ravinder Singh, Deputy Commissioner Tamenglong said that the district police and the district administration rushed in the area and conducted rescue operations at the disaster site. Two bodies in Ramgailong, Tamenglong ward number could not be found at the time of filling this story.



NPF- MSU expresses shock to the tragedy

The NPF-Manipur State Unit President and all rank and files of the party expressed shocked to the sudden tragedy of Tamenglong district, where 9 precious lives were lost beside crores of properties. "We shared the grief and sorrow of the Tamenglong people and bereaved families. Nothing can compensate the lost of their dear ones but it is our fervent prayer to the Almighty God, the giver of our life and protector of all to console this tragic people to face the reality of challenges. God giveth and God taketh

away", a statement of the party said.

The NPF-MSU requested the state government to arrange immediate relief materials and evacuate the injury at the earliest.

"This kind of tragedy should be compensated by the government without any bias and sluggishness in dealing the matters. Long term help that will sustain their life should also be arranged. The party beseech the CM to spell out what the state govt is going to compensate to the victim", it added.

Police arrested one VDF personnel with illegal ammunitions and drugs

IT News
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A team of Imphal West district police today arrested a VDF personnel along with illegal narcotic drugs and ammunitions early today morning. A police source said that the Imphal West team led by SDPO Waikhomba of Mayang Imphal Police Station under the supervision of the District SP on receiving

specific input from the 5 J&K Rifle about the presence of over ground supporters of UGs today conducted operation at Hayel Hangul Awang Leikai under Mayang Imphal Police station. A person identified as Md. Firoj Khan (31) S/O MD. Abdul Majid of Hayel Hangul Ayang Leikai was arrested from his house. He is currently serving as a VDF in Thoubal District bearing VDF no. 2010.

From his possession, the police team recovered 1 Smoke Grenade, 11 Live Rounds of 7.62 mm calibre, 3 fired empty cases of 7.62 mm calibre, 10 SP(spasmox proxyvon) tablets and 2 small plastic cylinders containing a powder suspected to be No. 4 (Heroin) drug and a Mobile handsets with 2 SIM cards. The police source said that a case has been registered against him at Mayang Imphal PS.

ALT warns contractors of developmental works implementers over failure to complete works in time

IT News
Chandel, July 11,

Anal Lenruwl Tangpi (ALT) or Anal Naga Students' Union, Chandel has appealed to all the people of Chandel district to co-operate with the ALT esp. in Anal jurisdiction in the matters of developments in the larger interest of the public.

"This new development from ALT is on account of so many uncertainties or fake promises delivered by the Bureaucrats, Politicians, Businessman/Woman, NGOs, Social Workers, and Contractors etc.", a statement said.

It further added, "In the purview of the ALT and the people living in Chandel district, it is believed that

many projects undertaken in Chandel district do not fulfilled their objectives and many grievances of the poor and needy people are not addressed properly by the bureaucrats or by the agencies hence under privilege people esp. from the hill villages and the illiterate people are mostly affected in their games to make money for their own.

"ALT understands these disappointment faces by the people of Chandel district therefore, ALT vows that they will not just sit and watch the game. ALT will stand and fight against these people who have destroyed or take away the poor people opportunities of having good life", the statement added and appealed all the concerned

persons to finish their work contracts they have taken and fulfilled their objective within a span of one or two months

The ALT also warned serious consequences to the concern persons if the works or project work were found incomplete within the specific period.

The Anal Students' body said that they will also not compromise on educational matters like Schools, Hostels, Teacher quarters, Canteen, lab, and Library etc constructions which are left incomplete because education is ALT top priority.

"ALT will take up these issues to higher level to delivered Justice in the larger interest of the students and the public", the statement added.

DFO office closed down at CCpur

IT News
CCpur, July 11,

The beneficiaries of the New Pond Construction under North Eastern Council 2017-2018 Schemes from CCpur today closed and locked the DFO office located at Tuibong Ccpur against the none distribution of sanctioned money for the beneficiaries from the Churachandpur district.

A statement said that the schemes were for 5 Manipur Hill District and one Valley District, Bishnupur.

Sanctioned amount for beneficiaries under the fishery department of all the districts had been distributed except for the beneficiaries of Churachandpur district.

The beneficiaries posted banner outside the DFO office which indicates that the amount for the new pond construction was already releases since 28th February 2018 by NEC telling the DFO "how long you are going to hide the NEC funding for the poor fish farmers".

DFO Kh. Ibotombi, however said to the beneficiaries that the fund was not released but are depositing to the accounts of the beneficiaries.

College students call total shut down of all colleges of Manipur affiliated to MU; Hunger Strikes at MU enters 3 days



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Imphal, July 11,

Joint Colleges Students' Forum today announced to shut down all colleges affiliated to the Manipur University from tomorrow until the crisis at the University has been resolved. In a press meet held today, Convenor of the Joint Colleges Students' Union Arambam Vikash said that as announced earlier, the forum had decided to shut down all colleges as the crisis in the Manipur University has not been resolved.

"We had given three days to solve the crisis as our career are at stake but as the

authority fails to listen to our demand we are left with no choice but to shut down the colleges", Vikash said while talking to media persons.

The students of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Semester has not been declared due to the ongoing crisis at Manipur University and those in the 6th semester also met the same fate and their career are at stake as none of them are getting mark sheets which is essential while going to higher studies at other University.

Meanwhile relay Hunger strike jointly organised by the Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU), Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA) and the Manipur University Staffs' Association (MUSA) has entered 3rd day today.

Still there seems no solution to the ongoing impasse as the state government showed helpless in submitting report against the VC Prof. AP Pandey at which the Manipur University Community are demanding for his removal.

The MUTA, MUSA and the MUSU on the other hand expressed strong condemnation over the threat intimidation for deploying of security forces inside the Manipur University Complex to suppress the ongoing agitation.