

Public dialogue on MU impasse

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Locals of the surrounding of Chanchipur area where the Manipur University is located is organising a public dialogue to the ongoing issue of the Manipur University on July 15 at 11 am at Kakwa Community Hall. VC Prof. Pandey was also invited.

CM reviews 'Go to Village' Mission

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has reviewed the 'Go to Village' mission at a high level meeting held at the Cabinet Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

Overall in-charge of the mission and Additional Chief Secretary (Works, Forest and Environment) Suhel Akhtar presented a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the mission at the meeting. Officers, DCs and other officials regarding proper implementation of GTV mission and delivering services and benefits to the masses.

N. Biren Singh directed the officials to minimise the number of pending cases. Stating that fish production is a priority area of the State Government, the Chief Minister directed the Fishery Department officials to explore means to address people's requests from the State Government's schemes without waiting for Central Government funds.

Regarding construction of ponds for fish farming, the Chief Minister asked the Department officials to depute field survey teams to assess whether the villagers' requests are feasible or not.

N. Biren also said that more additional funds would be released to the DCs for organising GTV camps.

A total of 2,45,975 beneficiaries were enrolled during the camps held till July 10, 2018 out of which services/benefits had been delivered to 1,78,334 people and 58,688 applications are still pending. It is said that 8851 applications had been rejected due to non-feasibility.

Chief Secretary Dr. J. Suresh Babu, Administrative Secretaries, Nodal Officers of different districts, DCs and Heads of Departments and other high ranking officials of the State Government attended the meeting.

Chief Minister clarifies on Border and Manipur University issues

Govt. to apprise MU issue to Union Ministry

No change made in BP 81 as per official record

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today expressed his government concerns to the ongoing impasse at Manipur University saying that since the impasse begins his government has been urging the concern HRD Minister to solve the matter.

Regarding the total shut down called by the Joint Colleges Students' Forum from today, the Chief Minister tendered apology of July 7 incident if the police deployed on the day committed any excess to the students who reportedly came to submit memorandum to his office. He said as it was a high security zone and as the students tried to forcibly enter the office by pushing the gate, the police and the students have some confrontation while rendering their duty.

Regarding the ongoing impasse at Manipur University which is over 40 days old, Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh said that the government has been trying all at its capacity by intimating the Union HRD Ministry. Manipur University, the state government is handicapped in to handle the issue, N. Biren Singh said while adding that as per the request of the state government the Union HRD Ministry had sent a Joint secretary to take stock of the situation.

As per the intimidation with the HRD Ministry he had called the MUSU and MUTA representatives and talk over the issue to find a solution, Biren said. "I have talk with representatives of MUSU on June 18 and the following day I called upon the MUTA representative and talk with them if there is any way to find a solution to the issue", the Chief Minister said.

July 7, meeting scheduled has been postponed after the unfortunate incident between some college students and police team happened in the morning following which the MUTA intimidated for postponement on the ground the police had committed some excess.

"During my meeting with the MUTA representative I have suggested to conduct an enquiry over the allegations by keeping the VC Prof. AP Pandey as functionless. But that was declined by the MUTA representative as they stand firm with their demand for removal of the Vice Chancellor which is out of the purview of the state government", Biren said.

On a question over the inactive part of the HRD Ministry over the 40 days old impasse, the Chief Minister said that Prof. Pandey had already reported to the central authority the impasse is due to the instigation of Underground militant groups as he had denied payment of Rs. 5 Crore demands to them.



"Prof. AP Pandey had already submitted his report and a copy of the demand note of Rs. 5 Crore has also been submitted to me which he said that the root of the agitation against him was failure to fulfil the demand of the UG", the Chief Minister said.

The Union HRD Ministry changed its vocal to the issue after the burning of the Stadium and even directed to close down the university. "We had appealed the MUSU, MUTA and MUSA to constitute a fact finding team to find out if the allegations are true or not and following the finding we assured to take require action but as they denied and stand firm to the demand for removal of the Prof. AP Pandey, we are left with choice", N. Biren said.

On a question by journalist on why no committee has been constituted by the HRD Ministry like it did at Visva Bharati University where the then VC Sushant Dattagupta was sacked, the Chief Minister said that he himself along with his Ministerial team will leave Imphal for the National capital and will urge to do the needful.

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today clarified regarding the issues over alleged shifting of Indo Myanmar Border Pillar No. 81.

Talking to media persons at the Chief Minister conference Hall today morning, N. Biren Singh said that his government is committed for the protection of the territorial boundary of the state however, being a responsible government can't act on hearsay by someone so the state government constituted a high level committee headed by Revenue Minister Karam Shyam to look into the matter.

While stating that the Border Pillar No. 81 has been settled in 1969-70 survey the Chief Minister appealed all concern not to take political mileage of the sensitive issue. The Chief Minister however was reluctant to answer about what action should be initiated to the DC of Tengnoupal district as he himself was the one who hatch the controversy over the reinstating of Border

Pillar No. 81 saying that it was found shifted 3 Km inside the Indian Territory. Stating that Border Pillar issue is not a new issue the Chief Minister said that on December 12, 2013 an all political party meeting was held along with the officials of the Survey of India and BRTF at CM Secretariat to discuss the boundary issue. The state government had requested the Government of India to conduct re-survey of Main Boundary pillars from 71 to 81 in a letter dated 11/11/2014.

He said that following that in a meeting convened by the DC Chandel at Moreh Town on March 3, 2016, the Villagers of Kwatha Khunou were informed that they could write to the MEA regarding their claims over the general area of main BP 81 for shifting of the boundary pillar. The survey of India on their part said that it was not possible on their part to shift the main BP 81. In response to the State government letter the Ministry of External Affairs gave a reply on June 7, 2017 citing the MEA position. The letter said that in accordance to the Boundary Agreement signed between India and Myanmar in 1967 Main Boundary Pillar 79 to 81 are settled and the proposal of the state government to conduct re-survey is in violation of the terms and conditions stated under the agreement of 1967. MHA also informed that as main BP bearing No. 79,80 and 81 are not disputed, joint re-survey is not advisable as it will result in making settled BP's 79 to 81 unsettled. Moreover the Kwatha Khunou was started settling only in 2011 he added and was supplemented by official of the Remote Sensing authority showing documents.

The Chief Minister further stated that On 5th March, 2018, Gol wrote to the Chief Secretary, Government informing that a Survey of India team would be reaching Moreh on 12.03.2018 for the joint survey work of the two countries (India and Myanmar) for survey and construction of Subsidiary Pillars between main BP 80 TO 82.

The letter requested the State Govt to extend all necessary support to the team in terms of logistics like detailing Magistrate, providing

security in consultation with Assam Rifles etc.

The joint Survey so conducted was for erection/ construction of Subsidiary Pillars in between main BP 80 TO 82, while main BP 91 was left untouched.

During the joint survey period commencing from 12th March, 2018 upto 12th June 2018, no written or verbal complaint about the position of main BP 81 was lodged with either the survey team or authorities concerned.

DC and SP Tengnoupal visited Kwatha on 1st December 2017 to inform villagers about the survey of subsidiary pillars.

On 26.06.2018, a local newspaper published a report under the headline 'India giving away land to Myanmar'. Immediately, on 27.06.2018 the State Govt wrote to Gol and requested it to issue an advisory to the joint survey team to put on hold survey work till the issue is resolved.

On 08.07.2018, Ministry of External Affairs issued a press note refuting media reports that certain boundary pillars in the Manipur Sector of the International boundary have been shifted.

It said, the report is completely baseless and unsubstantiated as this sector of the International boundary is settled.

That, the recent survey work has been carried out jointly by the Indian and Myanmar survey department to construct Subsidiary Pillars along zero line, that is agreed and settled International boundary.

The MEA statement further categorically stated that the joint survey work conducted is in consonance with the provisions of India Myanmar Boundary Agreement of 1967 to which both Governments are fully committed.

The State Govt also received a letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs dated 29.06.2018 which stated that, this segment of the Boundary has been along settled and there is no ambiguity about the alignment of the boundary. The only work that was being undertaken, as the State Government of Manipur is aware, is on joint survey for putting up subsidiary pillars and identifying encroachments if any.

The letter further asked the State Govt to inform the GOI, if it would like to conduct verification or visit the site, so that the concerned GOI officials could be sent to Manipur for the same.

Deputy Chief Minister Y Joykumar, Works Minister Th. Bishwajit, Horticulture Minister Th. Shyamkumar, Revenue Minister K Shyam, Education Minister Th. Radheshyam, Water Resource Minister Letpoa haokip among others and officials of the concern government departments were also attended during the press meet.

18 contract staffs engaged by MIDH, regularised as gazetted officer Horticulture dept

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The strong commitment of the state government under the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh led government for eradicating corruption from the soil is once more becoming another bunch of joke as the impossible are made possible by the bureaucrats of some of the department.

Imphal Times once more found that 18 contract staffs which had been engaged for the Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) as Field Consultant for a period of 6 months on April 2016 have been regularised as gazetted officers after being approved by a state cabinet meeting held on November 7, 2016, without following the procedures of Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC) for recruitment of gazetted officers post. The 18 contractual staffs for the MIDH were engaged after being selected on a walk-in

interview held on September 23, 2015.

One among the engaged Field Assistant staff was engaged on August 30, 2016 after a selected candidate resigned from the post.

On November 28, 2016, all the 18 Horticulture Assistant/ Consultant were regularised following the approval of the cabinet meeting held on November 7, 2016.

As per information with the Imphal Times, the contractual staffs were directly regularised skipping all formalities which has to be followed as per the guidelines of the Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC).

There are around 7 lakhs educated youths who are registered with the Employment Exchange of the state government and applications for government jobs are to be applied as per their Employment exchange cards after proper notification through mass media.

Under what circumstances the contractual staffs of the MIDH

The 18 contract staffs engaged by MIDH, were regularised by a cabinet decision skipping MPSC; New walk-in-interview for another 11 similar post on contract basis held today

which is not a parent office of the Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department were directly regularised to the department is a matter which people see some fishy going on among the employee.

What is more surprising is the walk in interview conducted today for 11 post of the same Horticulture Assistant/ Consultant, when those engaged earlier had been regularised.

Definition of corruption does not concentrated on a person

being paid some money for doing his work but it also covers irregularities to the functioning of the government offices skipping rules and guidelines. The regularization of the contract staffs of MIDH as Assistant Agriculture Officers at the Horticulture and Soil Conservation Department is something which people think that everything is possible in the government where you have good relation with the government.