

## 'Enquiry without removing VC is unacceptable'

### One among the two member of the fact finding committee is a close associate of AP Pandey

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Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA) today said that any enquiry on the 40 plus days long impasse against the incumbent VC Prof. AP Pandey at Manipur University which put a grinding halt to all academic related activities will not be accepted until AP Pandey has been removed from the post of the VC.

This was stated by the spokesperson of MUTA Prof. Nngbam Nimai, while speaking to media persons today evening.

The Spokespersons said that the Manipur University Community stands firm with its earlier decision and any kind of enquiry can only be accepted after the VC is removed. He further said that the so called two member committee constituted by the MHRD will not be able to bring justice and said that such enquiry will not be accepted either. "We the MU Community demand an independent inquiry headed by a ret. Judge of a High Court or Supreme Court", He added. Meanwhile among the two member constituted for enquiry, one of the member J.K. Tripathi, Joint Secretary of the UGC happened to be a close associate of Prof. AP Pandey. More over the deputy Secretary of the Central University Division, HRD Surat Singh, another member is also stated to be someone who follows to the Whim of Veena Pandey, the wife of AP Pandey, source said.



Tag here is J.K. Tripathi, Joint Secretary of the UGC with VC AP Pandey

## When the state is in turmoil why the BJP is enjoying picnic in New Delhi? - MLA Joykishan

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Congress spokesperson MLA Khumukcham Joykishan today questioned on why the BJP MLAs, Ministers and their karmis are enjoying picnic at New Delhi when the state is in turmoil. Speaking at a protest meeting organized by Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPPC) at Kakching Khunou in Kakching district, Joykishan said that everybody knows that the state is in the frying pan. Issues of encroachers by the Myanmar government to Manipur Territory has hurt the sentiment of all the people of the state, crisis which has been going on for over 40 days have put our students

at stake while the BJP is trying to protect one person called AP Pandey. Employees are on strike for over 100 days and these BJP people including the Chief Minister are all enjoying picnic at New Delhi. Manipur Pradesh Congress Party has been organizing series of protest meeting at various places across the state since the last 2 days. Today's meeting at Kakching khunou is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of its kind. A 30 member delegate of the BJP Manipur Pradesh led by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and Party President K. Bhabananda who is also the MP of Rajya Sabha is presently camping at New Delhi to apprise the situation burning the state including the issue of Frame work agreement signed between

the Gol and NSCN-IM which is nearing final solution. What surprises the Congress MLA Khumukcham Joykishan was the way every of them in the BJP went to New Delhi leaving the state when it is in turmoil. July 13 the BJP team left and July 14 and 15 the Prime Minister and Home Minister are on tour - one at Bangladesh and another at Orissa. "The BJP delegation along with the Chief Minister is having picnic at New Delhi", Joykishan said. Former Chief Minister Okram Ibobi, Former deputy CM Gaikhangam Senior Congress MLA Govindas Konthoujam, MLA K. Ranjit, MLA Fazur Rahman and other leaders of the Congress party attended the protest meeting.

## Will take 'extreme' steps if Naga deal hurts Manipur's interests, says CM Biren Singh

By: Prashant Jha  
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The chief minister of Manipur, N Biren Singh, is in Delhi with his entire cabinet to convey the state's viewpoint to the Centre on a possible peace agreement with Naga rebel groups. He spoke to Hindustan Times about what is at stake for Manipur and the "extreme" steps they would take if the plan went ahead.

Edited excerpts:

**It has been four years since the Centre signed the Framework Agreement with the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isaak-Muivah). Reports suggest it is close to fruition. Manipur is an affected party because NSCN's demand includes the creation of a Greater Nagaland which would include your state's Naga-speaking hill areas. How do you see it?**

Nagaland is our good neighbour. The Nagas are our good brothers. We want to see a peaceful solution of the Naga issue. We support a peaceful conclusion. But if the solution involves any part of Manipur - be it cultural, administrative, traditional, economic, territorial, or economic - then my position is very clear. The Central government must take the consent of the state assembly. If there is any involvement of Manipur in any way, in any form, we want the message to be conveyed to the state government. We will convene a state assembly for this purpose. If the assembly agrees unanimously, we can



say go ahead. Otherwise, it will be very difficult.

**Has the Centre told the contours of the agreement to you?**

The interlocutor (RN Ravi) has come and spoken to us at times. Some officials have come. That is their routine work. We give our views. Recently, home minister Rajnath Singh convened a meeting with three CMs - of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and me. He chaired the session. Ram Madhav-ji was there; Ravi was there; the home secretary was there. All the three CMs said that we need a consensus opinion of our states. I reiterated that we encourage a peaceful solution in the larger interest of the nation but we cannot sacrifice our state unreasonably.

**The Centre has said that Manipur's territorial integrity will be kept intact. But there could be an autonomous territorial council in Manipur or a pan-Naga cultural council across**

*"Earlier in July, Naga insurgent group NSCN-IM had said that the integration of all the Naga inhabited areas in the northeast was an essential part of the ongoing peace talks with the central government."*

**state boundaries. Would that be acceptable?**

It is a very sensitive issue. In Manipur, you cannot identify that this is a Naga-inhabited area, Kuki-inhabited area, Meitei-inhabited area. It is all mixed. Whatever decision is taken, will need consensus in the assembly.

The repercussions will be very, very serious. You saw what happened on June 18, 2001. The assembly was burnt. The MLAs were attacked. State, land, boundary issues are very emotional. (Eighteen people had died in protests in Manipur in 2001 after a ceasefire agreement with NSCN indicated that it would not have "territorial limits").

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## MSAD calls for joint mass protest

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MSAD, a Delhi base student's body has showed serious concern to the recent development at Manipur University and resolved to stage a mass protest.

A statement of the students' body said that People of the region has always been the victim of State policies since Manipur became a part of this political entity called India in 1949, Manipur has always been a centre of political crisis and upheaval, a theatre of resistance too. The present uncertainties faced by the people of Manipur are manifestations of the wrathful event ("annexation") that took place in 1949. Manipur University which is meant to be a thriving arena of fervent culture of political discourse has been in tremendous structural breakdown in the last one and half month. It seems to be clear that the Indian government wants to wipe out the intellectual faculty of a whole society. The nature, as usual, from Delhi is such that they are not satisfied yet with the presence of a military battalion inside the campus, the only of such kind in the whole world. The recent reaction from Delhi

was to call in more armed forces into the campus. Is this a carbon copy of the same policy from Delhi in 1949 where Sardar Patel asked "Isn't there a brigadier in Shillong?" Manipur dances to the tune of Delhi or it is made to by any means necessary. Manipur University has been reduced to a bee hive of mainstream Indian Hindutva politics by the incompetent and spineless Brahmin sent from Delhi who needs Y-Category security to dirty up the university space. The Vice Chancellor has created confusion on the minds of the people whether the RSS agent is a military officer or an academician.

The issues exist in multiple facets and it is clear to us that decisions made thousands of kilometers away in Delhi are unable to reflect the interest and aspirations of the people of Manipur. The new border issue again poses an existential threat to the territoriality of Manipur. The question is - Is Kwatha village another Kabaw Valley?, a land sold at the expense of Manipur and at the benefit of Delhi. It seems that the policy is an appeasement foxship from the part of Delhi to Myanmar, considering the China factor.

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## Student leader ran over by truck after police pushed him hard while protesting in front of state BJP Office

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Impact to the ongoing impasse at Manipur University is gaining momentum each day with more stakeholders joining the protest and the agitation is likely to spark another wild fire as one Student leader today nearly died after he was pushed hard by a law enforcing agency towards a moving heavy vehicle in front of BJP Manipur Pradesh Office today afternoon.

Oinam Sital, General Secretary of DESAM along with is team numbering around 30 gathered near GP College today noon at around 11.45 am and later thronged towards the office of the BJP Manipur Pradesh demanding to fulfill the demand for making education - free zone. The students said that due to the ongoing impasse at Manipur University over failure to remove the incumbent Vice Chancellor



Prof. AP Pandey, Academic activities in the Manipur University has been put to complete halt for over 40 days. Besides, students of colleges affiliated have been seriously affected and many students are not getting their mark sheets for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Semester examination. It is likely that students are losing a year of their academic career. "As we tried to throng the BJP Office to put our demand to the concern authority, a large number of security force

present their stopped us. A confrontation occurred between the police team and us. Suddenly a police personnel pushed hard our general secretary in front of a moving heavy vehicle. The truck ran over him but he survive miraculously even as his condition is critical", student who was among the protestor said to Imphal Times. Oinam Sital was immediately rushed to Imphal Hospital and is presently undergoing treatment.

DESAM spokesperson Eddi while speaking to media said that they were staging a democratic protest near the Raj Bhavan as Governor is the Chief Rector and later ther went to the

BJP Office as the rulling government is led by the party. Such brutality will not be accepted and DESAM may continue more protest he added.

## MUSU, MUTA, MUSA condemn police brutality to students, demands magisterial enquiry

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A joint emergency meeting of the MUSUS, MUTA and MUSA held today afternoon at the Manipur University vehemently condemn thw police brutality towards the volunteers of the DESAM. The meeting then the police excess as barbarian and undemocratic. The three body of the Manipur University demand immediate Magisterial enquiry. The meeting also resolved to

reiterate that the removal of the present VC Prif. AP Pandey, is a sine quo non to precede any intervention to resolved the present crisis in Manipur University. Today's emergency meeting has make no change to the earlier decision and further resolved that the institution of High Power Committee to probe into the financial and administrative irregularities committed by AP Pandey as VC of Manipur University should immediately be remove.