

Chief Minister visits injured students Government is pressuring centre over the MU row: CM

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today visited the injured students including student leader Sheetal Oinam whose left hand got fractured after a truck ran over his hand during a scuffle between the students and police last Monday who are undergoing treatment at Raj Medicity, Imphal.

Chief Minister was accompanied by Deputy CM and other Cabinet Ministers, OSD to Chief Minister Sumant Singh, SP of Imphal West Haobijam Jogeshchandra during the visit.

Speaking to media persons, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the State Government fully empathise with the Manipuri University community. He said that as per the wish of the MUTA, MUSU and MUSA, the State government persuaded the Central Government to form a Committee headed by a retired Chief Justice of a High Court to investigate the allegations against the Vice-Chancellor Prof. AP Pandey. If the Prof. Pandey is found to be guilty in the investigation, then he will be ousted automatically, he added.

Chief Minister mentioned that as Manipur University is a Central University, the State government has certain limitations. However, the State government has already taken a decision in the Cabinet over the issue and have been pressurizing the Central Government to investigate the



matter. We have also met the Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla yesterday and apprised the situation. He said that the Governor has already informed the President of India about the gravity of the current situation. Replying to a query about the

government's action against those police personnel who were responsible for manhandling the student protestors where many students were injured, Chief Minister said the video clipping of the incident has been analysed and one Sub-

Inspector and a Constable have been put under suspension. He also mentioned that the medical expenses of the injured students would be borne by the State government. He also wished for speedy recovery of the injured students.

There will be no turning back to the agitation intill VC is removed- Akash

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While appreciating the Chief Minister's concerns for the injured students who were injured in police action during

democratic police, President of DESAM Salam Akash said that there will be no turning back to the agitation initiated by the MU Community for removal of the VC Adya Pandey from his post. Talking

to reporters minutes after the CM left Raj Medicity after paying visit to the injured students, Akash said that DESAM will continue more intense form of agitation until the VC is removed.

Day 2 bandh freezes life in Manipur; Border trade seriously hit

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2nd day of the 48 hours bandh called by the Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU) which is being supported by various students organisation, CSOs and other individuals completely freeze life in Valley district of the state crippling all wake of live. Report reaching here said that border trade at Moreh too has been seriously hit due to the bandh called.

Unlike yesterday, Imphal today witness large number of people coming on the road and stopping all sort vehicular movement at many places including Uripok, Khurai, Haobam Marak, Lamphel etc.

At Some places sit-in-protest demanding removal of VC AP Pandey were staged. The



protest were staged at Nagamapal Kangjibi leirak, Khurai Modern School etc. At Langjing Achouba large number of people came out at Imphal- Jiri road and burnt tyres and plank in the middle of the road to prevent any vehicular movement. Khwairanband Keithel, Paona Keithel and almost all shops

and business establishment continue to shut down. Some street vendors seen yesterday were not seen today as bandh supporters shut them. At Thoubal district tyres were burnt in the middle of the road to prevent vehicular movement. Market center at Wangjing, Thoubal and Yairipok remain closed.

MU Community thanks people; condemn police brutalities and Pandey's continuous violation of MU Act

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The University Community has extended its heartfelt gratefulness to the people of Manipur in general and the students in particular for the spontaneous support to the ongoing two-day General Strike for removal of present VC of Manipur University, Prof A P Pandey.

A statement said that the present agitation for removal of Prof Pandey is now fully owned by the people of Manipur. The people of Manipur have been culturally and historically conscious and conscientious about learning and efficiency. This is once again proven by the wholesome engagement by

the populace in the movement for restoring academic health, social engagement and academic propriety in Manipur University. On the other hand the MU Community expressed shocked to the behavioural attitude of the state police. The statement said, "In this democratic and peaceful movement, the Manipur Police have been displaying their complete lack of professional training by indulging in a behaviour exclusively characteristic of the animal kingdom. We reiterate once again that the personnel of the Manipur Police should immediately transform themselves and inculcate human behaviour which is in great deficiency

right now". Since the movement for the removal of Prof AP Pandey has now become a collective demand of the people of Manipur, the University Community now demand that the Government of Manipur and the Government of India should rise to the occasion in right earnest, the statement said. The Manipur University community which comprises of MUSU, MUTA and MUSA also condemn the abandoned contempt of the people of Manipur by Prof A P Pandey by his continued violation of the Manipur University Act by his being out of Manipur at this juncture without giving charge to any Faculty in the University.

AR personnel injured in IED blast, Proscribed group PLA claims the attack

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At least one security personnel belonging to 29 Assam Rifles was reported injured in IED blast triggered by rebel group at Aibol Joupi area along the Indo Myanmar border in Chandel district early morning today. Report said that the IED blast was triggered when a column of Major Subash was on routine patrol duty at the site. After the rebel triggered the IED a fierce gun battle took place for some minutes.

Meanwhile, proscribed group PLA has claimed responsibility of the attack and said that as many as 4 to five personnel of the Assam Rifles personnel were injured in the attack by their cadre. In a message sent to media houses the outfit said that all those cadres return safely.

State police not happy with the suspension of their colleague



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State police seems to be not happy with the suspension of two of their colleagues who had committed excess to group of students protestors in front of the BJP Manipur Pradesh Office at Nityapat Chuthek.

Sital Oinam, general secretary of DESAM was nearly killed after a police personnel pushed him while confronting them which accidentally landed him under a running

heavy vehicle. Sital is at present treating at Raj Medicity and is waiting for surgery to treat the fractures armed. It was a miracle that the heavy vehicle did not run over his head. Some of the students were also injured in police action. Seeing the brutalities of the police force, CSOs and DESAM demand punishment of those committing excess to the students protestors. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh too expressed shocked to the attitude of the police

personnel and during his visit to the injured students today announced suspension of two police personnel including the one commanding the team. Large number of police personnel today hold a meeting late today evening in the Commando Complex at Minuthong and condemn the suspension of their colleague. Video footage sent uploaded in Social media saw police personnel shouting to cease duty. They also demanded revocation of the suspension of the two colleague.

Earlier govts, then Cong Prez failed to fulfil household electrification promise: PM

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New Delhi, Jul 19,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today blamed earlier governments, particularly then Congress President Sonia Gandhi, for not fulfilling the promise of electrifying all households by 2009. "Earlier governments made promises, which they failed to fulfil. Then Congress President (Sonia Gandhi) said all households would be electrified by 2009. But that did not happen even in 2009, 2010 or 2011," Modi said during an interaction with the

beneficiaries of Rs 16,320-crore Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya) today. Modi said that the promises made by earlier governments were not fulfilled because there was not serious leader, and now they (opposition) are finding faults with schemes and programmes being implemented by the present government. He said that all villages in India were electrified by April 28, 2018, which is a historic date; adding, it was pity that after 70 years of independence, people don't

have access to electricity. The Saubhagya scheme was launched last year in September under which about 3.6 crore unelectrified households would be electrified by March 31, 2019. However, the government is aiming to energise all these families by December 31, 2018, under Saubhagya. Earlier this month, power ministers of all states and union territories were unanimous on electrifying all households in the country by December 31, 2018, during the Power Ministers Conference in Shimla.