

## AMUCO, UCM, CCSK demand state assembly stands on RN Ravi's statement; resolved to act as per the decision of the state Assembly session

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Civil society organisation of the state All Manipur United Club Organisation (AMUCO), United Committee Manipur (UCM), and Committee of Civil Society Kangleipak (CCSK) today called on the legislatures of the state assembly to make a resolution to the statement of the RN Ravi which was published at almost all newspaper including national media today. A joint press conference held today at the office of AMUCO at Kwakeithel here in Imphal, President of AMUCO Ph Devan said that the report appeared at National newspaper Indian Express

and The Hindu indicated implication of article 371 A which is giving special provision for the state of Nagaland, to all the Naga inhabited area of the state. "This is against the will of the people of the state as it is more like dividing the state on ethnic base", Devan said. He added that the civil society of the state including AMUCO, UCM and CCSK had already warn about serious consequences if any division is made to the integrity of the state. He also questioned how it will be possible when there is no such place in the state of Nagaland where only a specific community inhabited. "Manipur is a multi ethnic state and any divisive policy

on ethnic line will never be accepted by the people" Devan said. As per report appeared in Indian Express RN Ravi was quoted as saying that article 371A of the Constitution makes it clear that they are special and a special status has been accorded to them. A similar kind of status, with some local variation, and some change to the Nagas in the neighbouring States can be explored. According to the report, Mr. Ravi also informed the committee that the Nagas had now reached a common understanding with the government that "boundaries of the States will not be touched" and "some special arrangements would be made

for the Nagas, wherever they are." "It is meaningless to keep the territorial boundary intact while different administration is enforce for one community and another administration for another community", Devan reacted. President of UCM Sunil Karam, who also attended the Press meet caution serious agitation if the state assembly fails to take a decision on Monday assembly session. Ningombam Jitendra, president of the CCSK said that the Civil society body will wait until Monday and as per the fall out of the assembly resolution on Monday the CSOs will announce its course of action to be taken up.

## State Govt..Ministerial team meet members of MUTA ; hold meeting

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Ministerial team of the government of Manipur comprising of Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar, Education Minister Th. Radheshyam and Revenue Minister Karam Shyam among others today met the member of the Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA) at the office of the MUTA. The dialogue between the member so the MUTA and the Government Ministerial team lasted for hours however details could not be get as the meeting continue till the filing of this story. Source from the University said that the Ministerial team were convincing the MUTA that justice will be done to the MU community if they co-operate with the 'Fact Finding Committee'. The MUTA however denied any

co-operation and demanded a judicial enquiry after giving leave to AP Pandey from the VC ship. The source further added that the Deputy Chief Minister appealed the MUTA to refrain the agitation till the end of the state assembly session as

he himself will be resigned from the Minister if the demand of the MU community is not fulfilled. The Ministerial team also tried to meet the MUSU members but the MUSU said that there is no point of meeting as they will not change their demand.

## Combined Team of Moreh Consumers Club and Moreh Police conduct Drive Against Plastic Bags; Seized More Than 150 Dozen Package



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To protect environment from pollution the Moreh Consumer Club (MCC) conducted drive against plastic bags at Moreh town today morning. The Officer In-charge of Moreh Police Lethohao Vaiphei and some other Police personal took part in the drive against the hazardous polythene.

Besides confiscating plastic bags from shops, stalls and roadside vendors the Moreh Consumer Clubs imparted the health hazards caused by plastic bags to shop owners and vendors and informed them to use biodegradable bags which is already available in Moreh town. The drive which was conducted at Moreh bazar, Super Market and near by godowns of Indo-Myanmar Friendship Gate No. 2.

Speaking to Tengenoupal Correspondent of Northeast Live the MCC president Seiboi Haokip said that the drive which was conducted today at Moreh town as to make a pollution free town and also to prevent the importing of plastic bags from Myanmar. As we have all know that the plastic bags which are imported from Myanmar spread not only in Manipur but also to all the Northeast States. Plastic bags imported from Myanmar are Non-biodegradable and hazardous not only to human beings but also to aquatic life. Moreh Consumer Clubs demand help and support from State and Central Govt. to make a pollution and plastic Free Country by stopping the importing of Non-biodegradable Plastic bags from Myanmar and China. If the Government lacks to look after this issue then Plastic bags from Myanmar and China will make India the most polluted country in the world.

## PM Modi to address farmers' rally in Shahjahanpur today

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Shahjahanpur (UP), Jul 21

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address a 'Kisan Kalyan Rally' in Shahjahanpur district of Uttar Pradesh today. The rally in Roza area would be Modi's fifth public address in Uttar Pradesh in three weeks, indicating the importance of the state - which has 80 Lok Sabha seats - in BJP's calculations ahead of the 2019 general elections.

After reaching out to people in Azamgarh, Sant Kabir Nagar, Mirzapur and Varanasi, Prime Minister Modi's next destination is Shahjahanpur in central Uttar Pradesh.

The prime minister will arrive at the rally venue via Bareilly. He is likely to make announcements for the welfare of farmers, BJP district unit chief Rakesh Kumar Anaba said.

The district administration has made preparations to ensure a smooth conduct of the rally in view of the monsoon season. Waterproof tents have been installed, officials said.

BJP workers and leaders of eight districts and farmers are likely to attend the rally.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had convened a meeting of officials of eight districts while making preparation for the rally.

## NSUI extends support to MU community agitations; demands resignation of VC AP Pandey on Moral ground

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National Students' Union of India (NSUI) Manipur state today extended support the ongoing agitation by Manipur University community demanding removal of the Vice Chancellor Adiya Prasad Pandey saying that the body will organise mass protest at New Nehru in consultation with its head office. Speaking to reporters today afternoon at its office room general secretary of Manipur State NSUI N. Samananda said that the deteriorating education atmosphere in the state is not a signed of good

governance and the government inability to find a solution to the present impasse is unfortunate. Reacting to the Chief Minister's N. Biren statement at which he stated that the MU community are not allowing the fact finding committee, Samananda said that the fact finding committee formed to investigate the matter has already been rejected by not only the Manipur University community but also by the people of the state. The demand is constitution of an enquiry committee under the commission of enquiry act which is head by a retired Judge from any high court.

The NSUI State general secretary further said that it is very unfortunate for the BJP led government of the state which had gone to Dekhi to apprise on the situation and return back empty hand without finding any solution. The student leader of the NSUI further said that appointment of head of institution should not be made to any persons who are affiliated to political parties. The NSUI Manipur State unit general secretary also condemn the Anti National tagged to MU community and demanded immediate revocation of such tagged. On the other hand the NSUI

Manipur state unit appealed students who had failed to get admission because of the ongoing impasse at Manipur University. He said government should make arrangement to make sure that no student loss academic career because of the present impasse resulted from an inefficient Vice Chancellor. The NSUI Manipur state also condemn the irregularities occurring in the Board of Secondary Examination. Samananda said that the committee formed for inquiry of the mark tabulation matter after a student claimed 8 more mark as per his finding should be completed without wasting time.

## Most tear gas shell fired to disperse protestors on Thursdays were expired

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Of the nearly 50 tear gas shells fire to disperse protestors on Thursday evening at uripok and Singjamei area, many were found to have been expired, while others did not have expiry dates mentioned on them.

Large number of women folk with torch on their hand stage protest rally at Singjamei and Uripok area supporting the demand of the Manipuri University community for removal of the VC Prof. Pandey and also condemning the police brutalities to students protesting in front of BJP office as well as at CMO gate.

A Police officer talking to Imphal Times said that most of the tear gas shell fired didn't explode if expired. Health hazard from expired tear gas shell is not expected the police officer while talking over phone said.

Tear gas shells fired by the police on Thursday evening were found to be expired on April 2015.

"There were many shells which had expired three years ago. Others had no expiry date written on them," said a protestor at Uripok who did not want to disclose his identities. "These are not antibiotics which can harm if



taken after expiry date. These shells become less intensive in releasing gas," another police officer told Imphal Times.

According to experts tear gas when expired turns toxic, and far more dangerous to humans and other organisms. It can cause severe pulmonary damage, and the chemical compound 2-chlorobenzalmalonitrile which is the main constituent of tear gas shells, popularly known as the CS gas, have also been known to cause significant damage to the heart and liver, as have been reported in some cases.

As according to expert, tear gas turns toxic on expiry which had dangerous health effects. The tear gas can cause permanent blindness, chemical burns, miscarriages, fatal exacerbation of Asthmatics, seizures and even death if canister hit the person directly.

It's not clear how that might affect people differently from unexpired gas.

"Some experts contend that expired tear gas may lead to more dangerous health effects than its non-expired counterpart — for people heavily exposed to it," an international journal report.

Outdated pyrotechnic items which include tear gas, are considered hazardous waste as per "The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act" of 1976 and disposal of this items must be done in accordance with "Environmental Protection Agency" waste management regulations.

All commercial munitions which include tear gas, after expiry date are no longer guaranteed to function as designated. Using outdated munitions are prohibited under law and open a liability on the operator.

However the most shocking part is that some people are collecting these shells and selling it to some mysterious buyers, who are apparently being paid a very high price for the canisters.

The question is will the Manipur government book those people responsible for the supply of expired tear gas shells or Is it intentionally used by state police force?