

## Impasse at MU sees no solution; MUTA to begin relay hunger strike

‘CM Biren is a tame tiger in front of VC Pandey’

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As no sign of solution now foresees with no response from either the Union HRD Ministry over the 35 plus days old impasse at Manipur University, teachers community of the University now prepare to follow up series of relay hunger strike inside the Manipur University Complex from July 9.

“We have to continue the agitation to save the University and the students. I could not understand what make our Chief Minister so weak to interfere to our University’s issue”, said a Professor who did not want to disclose his identities.

“CM N. Biren Singh is now a tame tiger of the BJP regime in front of VC Pandey - the man of the RSS”, another said in a mockery way. He however said that the Chief Minister have nothing to do to the affairs of the Manipur University but as it is the

students of the state as it matter which he can pursue with the HRD Ministry, the reason for his silence is nothing but similar one with a tame tiger in front of Prof. AP Pandey.

Faculties of the Mathematics and statistic department will begin the relay hunger strike at the Traffic point of the Manipur University on July 9 from 11am said a statement released by the teachers’ body of Manipur University- MUTA. The relay hunger strike will continue till July 21 by faculties of every departments on simultaneous days, general Secretary of MUTA, Prof. Sanjukumar Singh said in a released.

Meanwhile, the fight against the autocratic universities authority, suppression of students rights and saffronisation of education was the subject of a discussion ‘Public discourse on Manipur University crisis’ held at the Manipur Press Club in Imphal today that was attended by the National General Secretary of

the All India Students Federation (AISF), Vishwajit Kumar who is in Imphal.

The Manipur State Council of the AISF resolved on the occasion to support the demand for the resignation of the Vice-Chancellor of the Manipur University that has been the topic for a hot debate among intellectual circles, academia, the Manipur University teachers and has been fought tooth and nail by the Manipur University Students Union (MUSU) that has passed vehement comments against the Vice-Chancellor.

On the other hand, report submitted by the independent body selected by the Union HRD Ministry regarding the impasse at Manipur University has not been given any response, a source said. Some among the BJP members seems not happy with the attitude of the HRD Ministry to the issue of the Manipur University as they were expecting immediate response no matter

the VC Prof. Adya Prasad Pandey has been replaced by some other competent authority or not.

Another highly placed source said that Union HRD Ministry too has been under undue pressure from some BJP leadership to side with the VC Prof. Pandey which the MUTA, MUSU and MUSA have been demanding for removal. This gave a real headache to the state Unit BJP leadership as they cannot make any decisions without approval from the central leadership.

This source from the state unit BJP suggested that the impasse at Manipur University is likely to continue for another months and students of the states will face the worse music. Meanwhile, the issue is likely to spark another wild fire with the Meira Paibis and local clubs from Singjamei to Kakwa has extended support to the demands of the MUSU, MUTA and MUSA.

## First ever fish farmers’ meet held CM assures sufficient fish production by 2020



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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the present government is keen to enhance the fish production in the State so that the State would have a self sufficient fish production by 2020. This was stated by him at the first ever ‘Fish Farmers’ Meet’ held at Durbar Hall, Chief Minister’s Secretariat today. Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister said that there is vast scope for fish farming as there are abundant water bodies in the State. He maintained that a Fish Feed Factory would be set up at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.5 crores in the State soon. Fish feeds would be easily available in the market, he added. He

stated that a bigger factory would also be constructed under the PPP model.

Chief Minister further maintained that a State level Committee has been formed to increase the fish production in the State soon. He highlighted that such kind of meeting is especially convened to chalk out the plans with the officials of Banks, NABARD, Fisheries Department and Fish Farmers to improve the fish production in the State.

Around 200 fish farmers attended the meeting. During the three hour long meeting, farmers gave their opinions and suggestions to increase the fish production in the State. Many farmers appreciated the government for organising such meeting.

During the meeting, the farmers were made aware of the existing Central and State sponsored schemes for fish farming in the State.

It may be mentioned out of the 50,000 Metric Tones required for consumption in the State, only 30,000 Metric Tones are being produced by the fish farmers in the State annually.

Chairman of Manipur Pollution Control Board L. Radhakishore, Chairman PDA T. Robindro, MLAs P. Sharatchandra, L. Susindro Meitei, S. Subashchandra Singh, Secretary (Fisheries) M. Luikham, Director (Fisheries) H. Bramani Singh, high ranking officials of ICAR and NABARD, officials of Banks and Fisheries Department attended the meeting.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Death Anniversary of Robinhood on July 8; JCILPS appeals CSOs not to call bandh on the day

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Convenor of the JCILPS Arjun Telheiba, while calling on the people of the state to attend the 3rd death Anniversary of Sapamcha Robinhood who sacrifice his life during peoples agitation for protection of the indigenous People of the state appealed organisations and civil society organisations not to hamper the memorial function to be held on July 8 at Awa Ching now called as Lamjing meira Ching as a mark of regard to the student.

Sapamcha Robinhood died during police action on July 8 of 2015 while they were protesting introduction of Inner Line permit System in the state. Sapamcha Robinhood was given the title “Lamjing meira” or “Torch bearer” for the protection of the indigenous people of Manipur and mass memorial service is being organised at his memorial site at Awa Ching on July 8.

## Protest staged against assault by bandh supporters



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Assault of individuals using abusive language to persons who were on their way to attend rituals related ceremony by bandh supporters during the 48 hours general strike called by AMUCOC and Pangal civil society on July 3 was severely condemn by people of Thoubal Wangma Taba.

While announcing the 48 hour bandh by the AMUCOC and civil society

organisations against the eviction of the 75 houses at Kshetri bengoon Mamang Ching Reserved Forest area, it was stated that rituals related activities, electricity, medicals, water supply and media were exempted. However, on July 3, a person identified as L. Raghu of Thoubal Leishangthem Khong Manung said that he was severely assaulted by bandh supporters at Keibung and Moijing area in Thoubal district while he was returning after attending a Shardha

ceremony of the mother of his friend at Leishangthem.

A JAC was formed demanding action against those responsible for the assault. A meeting held by the JAC had demanded to produce those responsible for the assault of Raghu by the people of Moijing within 5 days failing which any untowards incident arises should be taken as their responsibility.

The JAC also blame the people of Moijing to bear the burden for anything happen to the JAC members.

## Bandh by tribal students’ body affects normalcy at Imphal –Moreh route

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Statewide bandh called by tribal Students’ body from today morning has severely affected normalcy at many parts of the Hill districts of the state.

The bandh is called demanding recruitment of tribal Language (MIL) teachers in Higher Secondary Schools in the state by three students’ body which is supported by other tribal students’ body. The bandh however fails to give any impact in the valley districts of the state.

Since early morning today volunteers of the Thadou Students Association, Chandel/Tengnoupal Branch, Lelen Haokip said that negligence to the demand of the tribal students prompted the students to support the bandh called as it is a genuine issue. He said the bandh will continue until the demand are fulfilled.

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Indo-Myanmar border trade has also been severely affected due to the ongoing bandh.

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over failure of the state government in recruiting Tribal Language (MIL) Lecturers at Higher Secondary Schools in the state.

The students bodies have been demanding appointment of the MIL tribal language lecturers in Higher Secondary Schools of the state.

Earlier, the Joint Student bodies have served an ultimatum to the state government on June 26 through press communiqué and also submitted the copy to both the Chief Minister and the Education minister demanding immediate action by issuing notification for recruitment of the MIL teacher on or before June 30. During the Bandh Medical, media, Water Supply, Electricity, religious Activities and airport were exempted.

## Nomination for 22nd Mahaveer Awards

Imphal, July 6,

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation which is a public charitable trust with an aim to identify, nurture, encourage and honour individuals and institutions who are engaged in providing selfless service to the society and also encourage others to follow suit.

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation has instituted the annual Mahaveer Awards in five fields, (Non-Violence and

Vegetarianism/ Education/ Medicine/ Community and Social Service/ and Women Social Entrepreneur/Achiever with Indian Values. Each of the awards carry a sum of Rs 10,00,000 (Rupees Ten Lakhs), a citation and a memento.

Nominations are invited from eminent citizens of the country and administrators and the general public.

In this regard, a letter has been sent to Deputy Commissioners, (Imphal West/Imphal East/Thoubal/Bishnupur/

Churachandpur/Chandel/Ukhrul/Senapati/Tamenglong/kakching/Tengnoupal/Kangpokpi/Kamjong/None/Jiribam and Pherzawl), Manipur by Under Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur.

The Deputy Commissioners of all District of Manipur are requested to nominate eligible persons in the above mentioned five areas to be considered for the 22nd Mahaveer Awards on or before 15-07-2018 positively informed the letter.

