

MPCC talks hard on MEA clarification over Border issue; questions govt. silence on MU Prolong impasse, Citizenship (Amendment) Bill and 7 pay

Burning issues will not be able to discuss threadbare in 2 days Assembly session – O. Ibobi

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Former Chief Minister of Manipur Okram Ibobi Singh, now the opposition leader of the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly, today talks hard on various burning issues of the state and questions the government over its failure to solve it in time. He also questioned the state government for having 2 days sitting only to the upcoming State Assembly session which was summoned by the Governor of Manipur on July 20. Clarifying a confusing



statement released by Union Ministry of External Affairs, which stated that State Government of Manipur has been involved in the entire

exercise to the survey work of Indo- Myanmar international boundary of Manipur sector, the former Chief Minister screwed the

MEA saying that they were invited in a meeting but proposed to put halt the border pillar installation works until the matter has

been settled. "In around 2016 when I am the Chief Minister and when the present Chief Secretary Dr. Suresh Babu was the

Additional Chief Secretary (Home) we attended a meeting convened by the MEA. In the meeting proposed to put halt to the Border Pillar reinstating work as there were disputed site at Holenphai and Kwatha area", Ibobi said. In a press conference held today at Congress Bhavan, Okram Ibobi Singh said that the statement of MEA which stated that there was no dispute in the boundary issue of India and Myanmar is misleading when the spokesperson stated that Manipur govt. was involved in the survey work conducted by authorities of the neighbouring country. He said he pressured the MEA as there were too many pressure from all sectors about the territory of Manipur being intruded by the Myanmar authority. (details of the border issue presented by the CLP leader is being published in page 4 of this newspaper)

there should be any negligence towards this field. "Now the MU is a central University so as the RIMS , and both are not under the purview of the state government but they can initiate to find a solution, after all the government at the center is also headed by the same party BJP", Ibobi said.

Ibobi also said that when states like Nagaland, Meghalaya and Assam can directly stand against the Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 why is the Manipur Government can't give a stand against the passing of the Bill as every knows that the Bill will only affect the people of the state as it will be another dumping ground. On the issue regarding the implementation of the 7 pay commission for the government Employees Ibobi said that why the state government cannot announce it before the 15 finance commission as 19t would affect the employees had not it been implemented before that. "We know lack of resource is the main problem and it will be difficult for state to face the consequences if 7 pay has been implemented, but being a government they should take some risk", Ibobi said.

He further added that when the state government under congress ruled implanted 6 pay commission the government could not pay salary for 3 months and that time it was NDA government again headed by the BJP at the center. Ibobi said that he have urged the center for assistance to the state as the state have no resource. If the government is committed enough they should fixed an immediate effective date for implementation of 7th pay by managing the arrear part on instalment payment.

2012 Delhi gangrape: SC upholds death sentence for 3 convicts, dismisses review petition

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The Supreme Court on Monday upheld the death sentence of three of the four convicts in the Dec 16 2012 Delhi gangrape and murder of a 23-year-old woman saying there was no error in the judgment. The three had filed a review petition after the top court upheld the death sentences on May 5, 2017. A bench comprising Chief Justice Dipak Misra and justices R Banumathi and Ashok Bhushan delivered its judgment on the pleas of Mukesh (29), Pawan Gupta (22) and Vinay Sharma (23). The fourth death convict, Akshay Kumar Singh (31), did not file a review petition against the apex court's order on May 5, 2017.

"Review applications cannot be entertained.. convict cannot be allowed to re-agitate the grounds of appeal. There has to be an apparent error on record to show it resulted in miscarriage of justice," the bench said in its judgment.

"The death row convicts failed to point out 'error' in the judgement," the court said. "Convicts were heard elaborately during appeals and no grounds have been made out for review of its verdict." The top court in its 2017 verdict had upheld the capital punishment awarded to them by the trial court and confirmed by the Delhi high court in the case of gangrape and murder of a 23-year-old paramedic student on December 16, 2012 that had left the country shocked and outraged. (Contd. on Page 4)

MU communities begins relay hunger strike; prepares for more intensified protest if fails to remove VC Prof. AP Pandey

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The Manipur University community – which comprises members of Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU), Manipur University Staffs Association (MUSA) and Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA) begins relay hunger strike from 11 am today at the University complex.

As announced earlier faculty members and students of Mathematics and Statistic department of the University along with the executive members of MUSU and MUSA started the relay hunger strike. While faculty members of each departments of the University will undergo the protest from 11 am to 4 pm everyday, students of the University under the aegis of the MUSU will continue non-stop till July 21 . President of MUSU M. Dayaman told reporters at the protest site. Professor of the Mathematics department, M. Ranjit Singh, who is also the spokesperson



of MUTA while talking to reporters, said that the MUTA will make no change to the demand for removal of the irresponsible VC Prof. AP Pandey. He said the matter regarding the irregularities committed by the VC has been submitted to all the concern authority including the Union HRD Ministry, Chief Rector as well as to the Chief Minister of the state. He also added that the MUTA representative had met the Chief Rector of the MU, who is also the Governor of the state and also the Chief Minister and presented the grievances of the MU

community. "We (MUTA) have been invited only once by the Chief Minister to talk over the matter, and that was on July 7 , 4 pm but we have cancelled the meeting due to the police excess to a group of college students who were on their way to submit memorandum for declaration of the semester examination", Prof. Ranjit said. He further said that the MUTA always waits for talk to the concern authority but the circumstances compelled them to cancel the meeting however, the MUTA got another invitation and some representatives of the MUTA

will meet the Chief Minister at 5 pm. He however said that there will be no turning back to the demand for removal of the VC Prof. AP Pandey.

"We will meet the Chief Minister and urge him to do every needful for removal of the VC AP Pandey", Ranjit said.

Mayanglambam Dayaman, President Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU) while talking to media persons while condemning the arson of the Dr. Kamal Indoor stadium said that the act seems to a well plan action by some vested interested persons to sabotage the democratic and peaceful protest of the Manipur University Community.

"We the students of the University condemn the silence of the authority concerns over their silence to the 42 days old protest", Damand said and added that if the authority fails to do the needful than the MUSU will even stage fast unto death protest.

VC Pandey's press statement as a blatant indulgence in continuing his old habit of telling only lies- MUTA, MUSU, MUSA

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The Manipur University community which is an agitation for removal of the Vice Chancellor Prof. AP Pandey terms press release by the so called office of the PRO Manipur University "a blatant indulgence in continuing his old habit of telling only lies".

A press statement signed by Mayanglambam Dayaman, President Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU), S. Jibon Singh, President Manipur University Staffs

Association (MUSA) and Prof. I. Tomba Singh, President, Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA) stated that the press statement issued by the presence if the with no signature VC, Professor AP Pandey in the guise of one PRO amounted to showing absolute disrespect to the people and authorities of Manipur, including the Constitutional Heads. While appealing the VC immediately stop further indulgence in bluff and disrespect to the people of Manipur, the three

communities of the University condemn such statement issued in the name of office of the PRO while there is no PRO in Manipur University. Standing firm to their demand for removal of the VC Professor AP Pandey, the three constituent body of the Manipur University demanded early solution to the Manipur University Crisis. The three bodies also condemn the audacity to issue an unsigned Statement to the Press warning the University Community. The statement further said the Press statement by the VC Prof.

AP Pandey in the name of the PRO reflects in the most unfortunate manner on how the present VC, Professor AP Pandey, treats the Head of the State (the Honourable Governor) and the Head of the people (the Honourable Chief Minister) of Manipur as his subordinate officers to resolve the crisis in Manipur University rather than his own course correction. In these circumstances, it would be more prudent for Professor AP Pandey immediately discontinue his disrespect to the people of Manipur and vacate his position, the statement added.

MSPDCL staffs gets no pay for 4 months , throng to the ED office



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Employees of Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited today thronged to the office of the Managing Director demanding clearance of pay for the month of March, April, May and June for this year. The functioning of the office was severely disrupted with the staffs going to meet the

Managing Director. At the time of filing this story the assurance provided could not be known but the staffs said that if no positive action has been initiated the employees may go strike even by closing the pre paid meter counter and also by ceasing the work. At the time of Filing this story no final decision is being made as the employees were waiting for response from the concern authority.