

Gun fight : One UTLA (P) cadre killed two arrested

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Fierce gun battle took place between armed cadres of the UTLA (P) and troops of 37 Assam Rifles in the intervening night of June 10 and June 11 near Kuran Madrasa Ahmedabad village under Jiribam district. Report reaching here said that one suspected cadre belonging to the armed group UTLA was shot dead and some among two were arrested, two other managed to escaped taking advantage of the darkness, source from the Assam Rifle said. Police teams including CDO have rushed into the spot for securing the place of occurrence and for inquest and other necessary procedure. According to police source the encounter occurred at around 11.25 pm last night and lasted for around 5 minutes. One pistol and one m16 Recovered.

Kophima Press Club President Xavier Rutsa passes away



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Xavier Rutsa, President of Kohima Press Club, Times of India- correspondent, News Of The Day (NOTD) Administrator passed away at around 12.30-45 am this morning due to cardiac arrest. He was at a meeting with his colony youths, had food and was about to go home when he fell, they took him to hospital but was declared dead, report said. Many condole the untimely demise of the journalist. Imphal Times too condole the demise of the journalist Xavier Rutsa. We share the pain and sorrow face by journalist fraternity of Nagaland and pay our respect to the departed soul.

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MU impasse: MUTA stage protest, VC form committee to initiate talk with students



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Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA) today stage a sit-in-protest in the Manipur University Complex over the Vice Chancellor AP Pandey silence on the series of allegation levelled against him by the Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU). The MUTA in a meeting had urged the VC to clarify the allegations levelled against him. However the VC Adaya Prasad Pandey remain silence without spelling a single words even the agitations by the students enters 10 days. However, a press communiqué from the Registrar in charge of the University today said that a committee Prof. W. Vishwanath Singh, Senior most Professor, Prof. N. Rajmuhon Singh, Dean, School of Mathematical & Physical Sciences, Prof. N. Lokendra Singh, Dean, School of Social Sciences, Prof. Th. Ratanakumar Singh, Director CDC, Prof. RK. Hemakumar Singh, Principal (i/c) MIT, and Prof. M. Shyamkesho Singh, Registrar (i/c) has been formed by the VC to initiate talk with the students today. MUSU's office bearers while talking to this newspaper said that the initiative is okay but

they are not sure whether to talk with the committee or not. "We will have a meeting and as our main demand is for removal of the VC we cannot make any decision on whether to initiate talk with the newly form committee or not. It will be only decided after a meeting of the executive body of the Manipur University. MUTA had earlier stated that as the VC fails to clarify the allegation they will stage

protest against him today. The statement of the in-charge registrar said that separate letters were issued to the MUSU office bearers by the university authority appealing to hold a meeting in the Guest House of the Manipur University on the 9th June, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Unfortunately, the office bearers of MUSU declined to participate in the meeting, the statement added.

"Manipur University" A "Toy" of Vice Chancellor



NEFIS submitted memorandum to HRD Minister over MU impasse

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A delegation of activists of North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) today submitted a memorandum to Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister regarding the irregularities being committed by Manipur University Vice Chancellor, Adaya Prasad Pandey. The V-C's activities amount to hampering the academic atmosphere at the university and the activists demanded his immediate removal. It should be noted that the university students as well as students' union has been agitating since last many days, demanding V-C's replacement. They are demanding his replacement for the irregularities committed by his office. In a statement the NEFIS alleged that V-C's office has committed many irregularities such as making arbitrary and illegal donation of Rs. 2 lacs from Manipur University funds to student group, ABVP. The VC has also used his office to award contracts

to contractors without any due procedure. The procurement price of essentials such as examination paper in the contract so awarded is drastically higher than the earlier procurement prices. He has been guilty of not conducting meetings with Executive Council and Finance Council as stipulated by Manipur University rules and brazenly violates MU Act, 2005 by neglecting court meetings. He has also willfully failed to make permanent appointments to key posts such as registrar, examination controller, librarian, and museum curator, which aids him in taking arbitrary decisions concerning these posts. He uses 'Y' category security, thereby showing disregard for students' long-standing demand to move Assam Rifles camp out of Manipur University campus. The V-C takes frequent leaves without informing the university about his return date, and has spent around Rs. 8 crores in traveling expenses so far during his tenure. Also, students wanting to meet V-C have to

undergo physical and psychological harassment at the hands of his security guards. The university is currently undergoing crisis and faces problems such as lack of adequate number of seats, lack of funds, etc. Instead of overhauling the setup to create equality of opportunity for the students of the state, the Union HRD ministry continues to ignore the current dismal state of affairs in the university. The statement further added that it should be known that universities are spaces meant to promote academic pursuits and not one's selfish goals. The delegation submitted the memorandum demanding immediate removal of Manipur University V-C and withdrawal/cancellation of all actions taken by the V-C office during his tenure. They also demanded that Assam Rifles camp should be removed from Manipur University campus. NEFIS has also resolved to intensify its movement in the coming days if its demands are not accepted by the Union HRD ministry soon.

Anti drugs awareness campaign



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Students' body Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) in association with the North Eastern Sporting Association Nongpok Sekmai today organised an awareness

programme on the ill effect of drug abuse at the ground of North East Sporting Association Nongpok Sekmai. Dr. Sapam Dilip, Lecturer, LMS Law College, Thoanaojam Brinda, DSP NAB and Thoubal Police representatives attended the awareness campaign as resource persons. Around 100 of locals attended the awareness programme. The anti drug campaign is an initiative by the SSUM and the local club to clean the society from the menace of drug use.

Effigy of VC AP Pandey burnt

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Students of Manipur University under the aegis of the Manipur University Students Union (MUSU) continue the protest for removal of the Vice Chancellor AP Pandey. Today large number of students burnt the effigy of the VC Prof. AP Pandey at around 2.30 PM in front of the Manipur University Main gate. Slogan demanding immediate removal of the VC were shouted during the protest. The protest showed that the committee to initiate talk with the students is likely to be of no use.

CM attends to about 400 complaints on joint Hill Leaders' Day and Meeyamgi Numit There won't be any development without moral values: CM

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Hundreds of people turned up on the joint Hill Leaders' Day and Meeyamgi Numit to address their grievances to the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh at CM's Secretariat today. The Chief Minister attended to as many as about 400 complaints and personally met nearly 1500 people from 8:30 am to 1:40 pm. Briefing the media persons, Chief Minister said that the present government is committed to deliver good governance to the people of the State. He said that the "Go to Village" initiative is providing various benefits to the people at the grassroots. The grievances gathered at the Go to Village camps are being categorised into two categories i.e. grievances that can be delivered instantly or immediately and grievances that need extra budget.

Chief Minister also maintained that a Bill to protect indigenous people of the State would be introduced in the next Assembly Session. A consultative meeting about the Bill would be convened soon where all the representatives of the different communities would be invited, he said. On the occasion, he mentioned that it is important to note that people are working for self reliance and sustainable livelihood by expanding their entrepreneurship. Such mindset would definitely improve the work culture among the people of the State. He appreciated the efforts and co-operation of the banks for providing soft loans to the farmers, entrepreneurs and skilled youths of the State. Chief Minister said, "Today, one young boy approached me and gave a suggestion that teachings on manners and

discipline should be included in the formal education system in the State." The lack of such traditional teachings on mannerism has created chaos and unrest in the society, he added. Such suggestion is well taken and it would be introduced in the education system after due discussion with Education Minister and concerned officials. He maintained that there would not be any development without proper mannerism and discipline among the people of the State. It is obvious that there would be degradation of society and decline of the civilization if we don't maintain moral values, he added. He further said that it is indeed disheartening to see a family where all the four members of the family are totally blind and haven't received any assistance from the government's side till now. He said that he had instructed the concerned officials to provide



assistance such as CMHT card, monthly stipend of Rs. 1500 from CMST etc. to the family members immediately. He stressed that there is lack of awareness of various welfare schemes of the government at the grassroots level in the State. Replying to a query about the

welfare of the working journalists in the State, Chief Minister said that the government would increase the monthly pension of journalists from existing Rs. 4000 to Rs. 6000 at the earliest. About the fixation of pay of the working journalists, he said, he would discuss the

matter with the Labour Department. It may be mentioned that the joint Hill Leader's Day and Meeyamgi Numit is being organised today due to the scheduled meeting of Chief Minister to be held at NITI Aayog, New Delhi on 16th of this month.