

MU impasse: No turning back on the demand for removal of VC Prof. Adiya Prasad Pandey; Proctor, Assistant Proctor tender resigned

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Joint Secretary of the department of Higher Education, Union HRD Ministry, Mr. G.C. Hosur's visits to the state turn out to be fuelling the anger of the University community despite the fact the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh in his face book post had written that G. C Hosur was sent to the state to find an amicable solution to the crisis at MU following his telephonic conversation with the Union HRD Minister Prakash Javedakar.

The momentum of the agitation demanding removal of the Vice Chancellor Prof. A.P. Pandey is rising day after another after Proctor of Manipur University Prof. Sumitra Phanjoam and the Assistant Proctor of the MU Dr. N. Sanatomba tender their resignation from their respective post. Generally security related matters to ensure safety academic affairs in the state are dealt by the proctor and assistant proctor.

Already the academic atmosphere at Manipur University was almost crippled with the resignation of 5 deans - Prof. Rajmuhon, Dean School of Mathematical And Physical Science, Prof. Loken, Dean School of Social Science, Prof. Shantibala, Dean School of Life



Sciences, Prof. Arun Shaxena - Dean School Of Human and Environment Science and Prof. Yasawanta, Dean School Of Humanities tender resignation on June 14. Dean of Student Welfare Prof. Khumukcham Tomba was the first to resign following the uproar of the students' body.

With the resignation of the Proctor and the Assistant Proctor functioning of the Manipur University academic activities will be totally crippled. Report reaching here said that the denial of the Joint Secretary G.C. Hosur to meet the representatives of the Manipur University Teachers' Association has been seriously noted by the teachers' community of the University considering it as an unprecedented humiliation to the Manipur University teacher's community.

At around 12 noon today a joint meeting of the MUTA, MUSU and the Manipur University Staffs Association was held today at the office of the MUTA. During the meeting the attitude of the Joint Secretary at which he

refused to meet the MUTA representative has been condemn. The meeting also unanimously resolved to support the demand of the MUSU for replacement of the VC AP Pandey. The meeting also condemn irresponsible statement by the Joint Secy. HRD at which he stated the Chief Minister to deal the matter by his government and to find an amicable settlement.

After the meeting a sit-in-protest demonstration is being staged at the Manipur University complex starting at 4 pm.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today invited representatives of the Manipur University Teachers' Association for talk regarding the matter today at 6 pm. However, as of now the MUSU representatives have decided not to meet the Chief Minister as talk about the directives of the Joint Secretary to end the matter has been spread far and wide.

Meanwhile, a highly reliable source with the Imphal Times said that, Prof. Adiya Prasad Pandey having link with the RSS and Sang Parivaar has

been lobbying the central authority regarding the matter. Imphal Times source said that the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has been intimated by the VC himself and reported about the present agitation as well as the resignation of Deans as a pressure from anti social element by hinting student body's nexus with the UGs. The report has been reported forwarded to both the office of the prime Minister as well as to the HRD Ministry.

Imphal Times when dig the matter about such report being forwarded from the state Intelligence agency as well as those central intelligent agency stations at Imphal failed to get any hints of reporting such matter from their side. Another source said that the report was directly submitted to the MHA by some high profile relatives of the VC which can influence the MHA. Imphal Times have reason to trust the report as the Y category status and the received of the 80 lakhs worth bullet proof vehicle was directly approved from the MHA skipping intelligence agency of the state.

Resentment against NRC update surfaced

By Our Correspondent
Guwahati, June 23,

Contrary to common understanding that the process of updating National Register of Citizen (NRC) in Assam is welcomed by everyone, a forum of various indigenous and tribal communities has come out with resentments against the process.

Assam Sanmilita Mahasangha (ASM), in a press meet organized recently in the city, reiterated its old demand that the final NRC draft 'should contain only the names of indigenous people of Assam'. The forum expressed apprehensions

that as the NRC updation has been done with the basis of 1971 only, there might be a huge population of migrants, who enter the State after 1951 (and prior to '71), gets enrolled in the list of citizens.

"As the NRC has been updated on the basis of 1971 (as its the cutoff year), we fear that nearly 70 lakh outsiders living in Assam might become recognized citizens of the country. It may finally lead to a difficult situation for the indigenous communities of Assam," commented Matiur Rahman, working president of ASM.

The ASM earlier drew the attention of Chief Justice of India urging his intervention to temporarily halt the

ongoing NRC updation process, under guidance and monitoring of the apex court, till an ASM petition challenging the constitutional validity of Section 6 (A) clause of the Citizenship Act is resolved. The forum pointed out that Citizenship Act's clause Section 6 (A), meant for amendment following the signing of Assam Accord in 1985 was unconstitutional. The amendment enabled all migrants (read from Bangladesh), who entered Assam till the midnight of 24 March 1971 (in contrast to national cut-off date of 19 July 1948, for achieving Indian citizenship, it alleged.

FIFA World Cup: Belgium to face Tunisia, South Korea take on Mexico, & Germany play Sweden today

Moscow, June 23,

Belgium will face Tunisia in Group-G, with South Korea taking on Mexico, and Germany playing Sweden in Pool-F in the FIFA World Cup. The Belgium-Tunisia match will be played at Spartak Stadium in Moscow at 5:30 PM. A win for Belgium will get them a place in the Round-of-16.

In Group-F, The South Korea-Mexico clash will kick off at 8:30 PM at Rostov Arena, with the Germany-Sweden game slated to begin at 11:30 pm at Sochi.

After losing their last game against Mexico, defending champions Germany will look to bounce back today, while a victory for the Mexicans will see them qualify for the knock-out stage.

Hosts Russia, Uruguay, France and Croatia are the teams to have made it to the last-16, so far. Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Peru and Costa Rica have bowed out.

Local people show solidarity to the MUSU; threatens statewide protest if the VC is not replace



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As the ongoing impasse at Manipur University sees no amicable solution after 23 days, and as the people felt academic disaster in the coming days, local clubs and organization located in the periphery of the Manipur University today staged a protest at Kakwa Keithel showing solidarity to the demand of the Manipur University Students' Union as well as other stakeholders of the Manipur University.

"Our forefather had donated land for the University and supported in the establishment

of the University thinking that the society will have more human resource but the present impasse going on due to the alleged corruption and misutilization of fund by the Vice Chancellor worried us for our children", a local supporter said talking to media persons. He said if VC is right let him clarify over the series of allegation or else the authority should remove him from the post.

He said the people of the area as well as people from across the state will launch mass movement if the authority failed to listen them.

Free Medical Health Camp



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Thoubal, June 23,

Under the aegis of the District Administration Thoubal the District Health Society Thoubal today organised a Free Medical Health Camp at Community Hall Moijing in Thoubal District.

The programme was organised as a part of recent sudden flood in the district. Facilities like B.P., Weight,

Sugar Test etc. were made available at the spot. 5 Medical Officers and 20 other para medical staffs joined in the free medical camp, drugs/medicines were distributed to patients.

As of now 175 patients were delivered services. Staffs of PHC Leishangthem, RBSK Teams of Thoubal and Lilong and took active part in the successful organisation of the camp.

AR seizes WY tablets worth Rs 49 lakhs

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One day after the recovery of contraband drugs worth Rs 7 Crores, Tegnoupal Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) recovered 9800 WY tablets from a Jungle track near Khudengthabi, Tegnoupal District, Manipur.

On 22 June 2018, based on specific information regarding carriage of carriage of contraband drugs using a jungle track in Khudengthabi, an ambush was laid.

Ambush party spotted an individual Mr Ngamjatong Mate, age 52 years, S/o Mr Ngulkho Mate, resident of village Tuipi Lokchao, Tegnoupal District moving suspiciously with a bag. On checking the individual, 9800 WY tablets were recovered. Approximate cost of the contraband drug is Rs 49 lakhs. Apprehendee along with recovered drugs was handed over to Moreh Police Station.

Morning Bell launched: IPR Minister Biswajit assures cooperation and support to media fraternity

DIPR
Imphal, June 23,

Information and Public Relations Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh has assured full cooperation and support from his side to the media fraternity in the State. The Minister made the assurance at the official launch function of English daily The Morning Bell at its Thangal Bazar office yesterday.

The Minister said that even though a report or a news can be shared very fast through the social media today, the newspaper is still where the public can verify and confirm the reports to be genuine. He urged the editor and staff



of the daily to maintain accuracy in their news report. Further stressing on the importance of maintaining accuracy in filing one's report, he said a newspaper or a news agency's credibility will improve and also gain popularity with masses if they continue to make their reports accurate.

He said that accurate news will also mean improving quality of the media house which will eventually improve business. Recognizing the role of a reporter in shaping the society, the Minister promised all possible welfare measures/benefits for the journalists fraternity. Further observing that media

persons have a set of ethics to follow, the Minister continued that media houses should also ensure that their staff are following the set ethics as any unscrupulous individual acting as a media person and abusing the powers vested to a reporter can also bring down the media house.

The IPR Minister further wished the newly launched daily all the best in their endeavor.

The launching function was also attended by ret. IPR Director Shri Meghachandra Kongbam, publisher Laimayum Bashanta Sharma who is also the chief editor, and Editor RD Alexander.