

MU impasse climbing towards catastrophe; 5 more HODs resigns; voice demanding resignation of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Pandey spread beyond campus

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The impasse at Manipur University is climbing towards catastrophe after 5 more Head of departments tender their resignations today. Already the proctor and assistant Proctor and the 5 Deans of school for academic affairs tendered resignations on June 8 and June 4. The head of department who tender resignation today are Prof. Yumnam Amar of Economics Department, Prof. O. Inaocha of Computer Science department, Prof. N. Nimai of Physics department, Prof. Rk Suresh of Adult Education and Prof. Yosobanta of Linguistic department. Source said some more Head of Department are also likely to tender resignation shortly. Its now 32 days that students are protesting demanding resignation of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Pandey. Today too a protest rally was organised. This time slogans demanding removal of the vice chancellor of the Manipur University Prof. Adya Pradsad Pandey now spread beyond



the Manipur University Complex as locals of the Chanchipur and Kakwa area today joined the protest rally jointly organized by The Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA), Manipur University Students Union (MUSU), Manipur University Staff Association (MUSA).

The past 29 days saw total shut down of academic affairs in the university as the three

main stakeholders of the Manipur University spearheaded by the MUSU demands resignation of the Prof. Pandey on alleged irregularities committed by him. The professor on June 24 made a clarification after 24 days of protest but failed to convince the agitators as his clarification could not convince the agitators. The students' body, teachers' and none teaching

communities along with the locals of surrounding area began the rally from Traffic Point inside the MU complex from around 11 am. Carrying placards and banner denouncing the VC's resignations marched the rally till Kakwa Market and then return back to the place where they started and staged a sit-in-protest. MUSU President M Dayaman speaking to media persons

called for a concrete solution to the MU crisis and reiterated that the protest by the MUSU, MUTA and the MUSA would carry on till a settlement was brought about. MUSA President I Tomba said clubs, Meira Paibis and the people from the neighbouring areas took part in the rally. No ultimatum has been served by the MUSA on their part but the staffs association had met the Governor and Home secretary and also the chief minister of the state N Biren. Central intervention only would help in removing the VC and a word from the HRD Minister is necessary. The problem involves the MUSU and the VC and the MUSA was only mediating. There was no clarification from the VC and the clarification on June 4, after 24 days of the imbroglio when the examinations were already over, came too late and the MUSA in its latest resolution had decided to join the MUSU in the demand for the VC's removal. The MUSA joined today's rally in support of its latest resolution, the MUSA President said.

Meanwhile, BJP central leaders who are in the state did not mentioned anything about the present crisis at Manipur University which had severely affected the academic atmosphere not only at the Manipur University but also to all the colleges affiliated to the University.

Amit Shah arrives hold meeting with NE BJP leaders; details on strategy for 2019 parliamentary election

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president, Amit Shah, today attended a crucial meeting of the BJP which consulted various issues including planning strategy for the upcoming Parliamentary Election scheduled in 2019. The meeting however still did not announced the name of the candidates who will be nominated by the BJP at both Inner and Outer Lok Sabha seat of Manipur.

The meeting held today at Hotel Classic Grande was attended by delegates from North Eastern state led by Union MoS Kiren Rijiju, Biblab Deb, Chief Minister of Tripura, Himanta Bishwas, Finance Minister of Assam, Y. Patton Deputy Chief Minister of Nagaland, Pema Kandu, CM of Arunachal Pradesh and BJP leaders from Meghalaya and Sikkim besides Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh. During the meeting called Lok Sabha Tolly Beithak which means a gear up exercise for poll preparation Amit Shah appeals party workers to be prepared for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The saffron party is girding up its loins for next year's general elections and Shah, who

recently was on tour of Assam, came down heavily on the party's social media team in the State for not being "aggressive" keeping the 2019 elections in mind. Shah asked the social media team to reach out to the electorate and the young crowd at large. The BJP president asked the party leaders in to be active on social media and take a leaf out of the books. The saffron party has also set a target of winning 21 seats out of 25 parliamentary constituencies in NE in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The BJP is pulling out all stops to win maximum seats in NE. Shah had earlier this year stated in a meeting in Guwahati, "Except Mizoram, all other States in NE are ruled by the North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA) constituents. So, all of you need to take it forward." This factor has proved to be a big shot in the arm for the party. The BJP chief also said that the party will have to win the maximum number of seats in Northeast to "strengthen Prime Minister Narendra Modi so that development of the region continues".

The National BJP President who arrived in the state today morning returned back today evening along with Union Minister Alluwaia.

FIFA World Cup knockout round starts

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FIFA World Cup, Round of Sixteen is beginning from today. The knockout round is the second and final stage of the competition, following the group stage. The first match of the day will be played between France and Argentina in Kazan at 7.30 this evening while Uruguay will meet Portugal in Sochi later at 11.30 tonight. Meanwhile, World football's governing body FIFA has announced that a new ball will be used for the knockout phase. The Adidas Telstar Mechta will replace the Telstar 18 used during the group stage of football's biggest tournament. The new red design reflects the host nation's colours and the rising heat of the second half of the competition.

1 PLA arrested

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Combined SF of CDO and AR arrested one alleged PLA cadre identified as Chingkhah Lemba @ Momon Meitei of Andro Khunou Presently staying at Heirok Part 3 Inga Lok at around 11 am today. Police source said that the person joined the RPF since 2015.

Chief Secretary Suresh Babu's escort assault High Court Lawyer; YFPHR condemns

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The Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) has condemned the physical assault on an advocate of the Manipur High Court Laimayum Sevananda who is also the legal consultant of YFPHR by the escorts of Chief Secretary Suresh Babu yesterday

evening at 5.10 pm near Sanjenthong. The chief secretary and his escorts were driving towards the Babupara MLA quarter when they asked Sevananda to give way for the chief secretary to overtake. On Sevananda's refusal due to lack of space the escorts jumped down from their vehicle and threatened to beat up Sevananda after pushing

him out of the way. The YFPHR suspect Suresh Babu told his escorts to act in the way they did. Earlier, an incident involving the Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly have also been involved in one such incident, the YFPHR said appealing to the chief minister and Governor of the state to take action against the Chief Secretary and his escorts.

MPTC expresses serious concern over reinstating of Border Pillar inside India's territory

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There is a new twist to the recent incidents of installation of border pillars on the Indo-Myanmar boundary, including the No. 81 pillar near Kwatha Khunou village, with the District Commissioner of Tengnoupal acknowledging a lapse on the part of the authorities that led to authenticating of manipulated documents that misrepresent the international boundary between India and Myanmar in Manipur that could implicate the authorities on the Indian side and the Manipur government. The instance has been confirmed by civil society organizations

and non-BJP political parties also, the Manipur Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committee stated to the media. Troops from Myanmar have on earlier occasions entered and patrolled the area in question without resistance from the Indian forces stationed in the area, the MPTCC said adding that vast tracts of land have been lost in the area due to this and the security forces on the Indian side have been conspicuous by their absence at these instances. The intrusions have caused a misrepresentation of the international boundary, the statement said while questioning the Indian government's policy in the South-east Asian region,

especially Myanmar, that has harmed the interests of the people in the state but has time and again appealed the Myanmar side on the issue of territory. The BJP led state government has been a mute spectator to the goings on, the statement said claiming that the Indian government authorities had given tacit support to their state counterpart leading to the demarcation and authentication of the boundary according to claims made by the neighboring country Myanmar. The much publicized visit of Minister of state for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju had not been sincere enough to gain the trust of the people in the state, the statement added.

Communist Party of India (Manipur) warns Govt. of India and Govt. of Manipur over Border Pillars encroachers



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A High Power delegation of Communist party of India (Manipur Council) led by State General Secretary L. Sotinkumar and other 4 Secretariat Member inspected the Indo-Myanmar Border Pillar No. 81 at Kwatha Khunou. While inspecting the Border Pillar 81 and Subsidiary -Pillars, the blacked cross mark made by the Team of UCM was repainted by Myanmar Army

yesterday and renamed the blacked Subsidiary Pillar. During the inspection the State General Secretary of CPI (Manipur Council) L. Sotinkumar Stated that the Erection of Border Pillar 81 and Subsidiary -Pillars had lost about 3km area of Kwatha Khunou (Manipur). If Erection of such Border Pillars without proper demarcation, then more than 100 Kilometres of our land will be lost. He further stated that the blacked cross mark made by the Team of UCM will take this matter at Centre

Committee of CPI and will also meet the Home Minister to rectify the inaccurate Border Pillar. He warned the Govt. of India and Govt. Of Manipur to soon look after the issue and take up necessary action to re-erect the inaccurate Border Pillar which was erected 3km inside the real border. Kh. Surchand (Asst. Secretary CPI), A. Lala (Secretariat member), N. Singhajit (SM), Rk. Amusana (SM) and S. Nimaichand (SM) also took part the inspection.