

MUSU continue agitation, stand firm with the demand for replacement of the Vice Chancellor



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Resolution adopted by a hurriedly convened meeting of the faculty members and dean of Students of the

Manipur University fails to tame the student as the students of the University under the aegis of the MUSU had stand firm with their demand for replacement of the Vice Chancellor of the Manipur University AP Pandey.

After the momentum of the students agitation reached its momentum the Vice Chancellor who had was outside the state returned and hurriedly convened a meeting at his office room yesterday. The meeting resolved to initiate the selection process for short listing of various teaching positions by June 25. The meeting also appealed

the students to withdraw their agitation. However the Vice Chancellor fails to tame the students as the agitation intensified today with students staging sit in protest at the middle of the University.

Vice Chancellor AP Pandey hardly stayed at the University and most of the time he use to be out of the state and the expenses for his tour outside the state were borne by the University. Imphal Times had yesterday reported that after AP Pandey assumed the post of the VC he in October 2016 he hardly stayed for even 10 days in the office.

MoS Finance assures all possible assistance to backward group

PIB
Imphal, June 4,

The Union Minister of State, Finance Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla has assured that all possible assistance will be extended to the socially backward group under the Financial inclusion schemes. This was stated by Minister in a function organized by the Slum Life Upliftment Mission foundation, Imphal, Manipur at Imphal Hotel, Imphal. The Minister further said the Government of India is fully committed in Development of the North Eastern States. The function was attended by Robinro Thangjam, President Slum Foundation Manipur Pradesh and National President Slum Foundation Sunil Bharala.

8th solar power plant in uripok assembly constituency

IT News
Imphal, June, 4,

Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh today inaugurated a Grid Connected Roof Top Solar Power Plant (8 KW) at United Friends' Library & Club, Lamboi khongnangkhong in Imphal West. This is the 8th solar power plant being installed in Uripok Assembly Constituency so far. (Detail news on page 4)

Delhi government's draft policy a bitter pill for private hospitals

Agency
New Delhi, June, 4,

While the common man has welcomed the Delhi government's draft policy that aims to cap the profits of private hospitals and cut medical costs, experts are concerned about the debilitating impact it may have on the health sector. Health Minister Satyendar Jain recently announced a draft policy, which has provisions to control what he called "exploitative profit" made by private hospitals and nursing homes through "overcharging patients for medicines, investigations and other medical procedures".

Highlights of the draft policy - Hospitals cannot charge (make profit) more than 50% of the proposed rate for a medical package

- Hospitals as a rule will have to disclose all treatments, medicines, investigations and any other medical charges as part of the bill

- Hospitals can offer a high-risk package, which will be 20% more than normal treatment packages

- Hospitals cannot force people to buy medicines from their pharmacy

- Doctors have to prescribe from the price-controlled National List of Essential Medicines and can only charge the listed MRP or a maximum markup of 50% of the purchase cost

- For implants, this stands as MRP or 33% markup.

- Profits on diagnostics are under discussion for capping

- If a patient dies within six hours of being taken to the hospital emergency room, 50% of the treatment cost will be waived

- If the death occurs within 24 hours, 20% of the total bill amount will be waived

- Many in the health sector, however, said the draft policy was not realistic.

- "It [draft policy] is a joke which has not been thought out properly," said D.S. Rana, chairman, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital.

- Dr. Rana said regulating prices to benefit the poor may be a good move but cutting down profits to a level that hospitals become a bad investment will help no one in the long run.

- "Why can't the government look at making its own hospitals so good that people do not have to go to private hospitals," he asked.

Power sub-station at Moreh

IT News
Moreh, June 3,

Power Minister Th. Biswajit today inaugurated 132/33KV Power Sub-station at Moreh today. The Power sub station was constructed by the Manipur State Power Company Limited under NLCPR funding of 2015. The total estimated cost of the power sub station is Rs. 81 crore and is being completed within a period of one year. YAS, Minister Letpao Haokip (YAS), MLA D.Korungthang, MLA S. Subhaschandra, MLA L. Rameshwor and Managing Director of MSPCL, Sarat along with DC Tombikanta and other top district functionaries attended the inaugural function.

48 hours total shut down called

IT News
Imphal, June 4,

All Manipur D.P.C Completed Candidate of Police Constable, Male 2013 has called 48 hours total shut down from the midnight of June 4 till the midnight of June 6. A statement issued by Spokesperson of the body Md. Najaya Hassan said that the decision to call the total shut down in the entire state of Manipur was taken during a meeting held at Keishampat Leimajam Leikai Community Hall. In the meeting it was resolved that the organisation called the 48 hours total shut down if the government failed to declare the result.

Media, electricity, water service and service related with medicals will be exempted from the purview of the bandh.

AR recovers Illegal Arms, Ammunition, Incriminating Documents and Foreign Currency

Kohima, June 4,

Assam Rifles Kohima Battalion conducted an operation in area near Joytsoma Science college, Kohima district Nagaland and recovered two .303 Rifle, one Double Barrel shot gun, one 12 Bore Rifle, one SBBL Rifle, one 9mm Pistol, one 7.65mm Pistol, one .22 mm Pen Pistol, 03 magazines, 146 rounds of assorted ammunition, one passive night vision binocular, cash worth 10,87,057/- which included US Dollars \$15,671 & Indian currency Rs 38,100 and incriminating extortion documents. The recoveries were handed over to Zubza Police Station for further investigation.

Shillong impasse: Curfew fails to control situation, stone pelting continue

Agency/Shillong Times
Shillong, June 4,

A fresh battle started on Sunday around 7 pm between police and stone pelters. Police had to resort to several rounds of tear gas shelling to control the unruly mob who emerged at the Mawkhar area of Shillong. The area is under curfew. The situation, however, is tense and under control and security has been beefed up.

After three days of continuous stand-off between police and protestors, the situation at Motphran area of the city had improved on Sunday morning. On Saturday night, the East Khasi Hills district administration decided to relax day curfew for seven hours. Curfew in localities under Lumdingjri police station was relaxed from 8 am to 3 pm on Sunday.

However, internet on mobile services are still being suspended. The district administration has also prohibited the sale of petrol, diesel, etc in loose containers and bottles to public by all the petrol pumps within the district.

The district administration has also appealed to the people not to trust false reports propagated in social media like attacks on gurdwara in the city.

Meanwhile, on Sunday afternoon Delhi MLA and general secretary of the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee, Manjinder Singh Sirsa visited Shillong following the clashes in Motphran and rumours of attacks on the Sikh community. Sirsa, after assessing the situation, has asked people not to believe in rumours as the Sikh people in the city are safe. Refuting all rumours in this regard, Sirsa tweeted:

"Sharing about Shillong situation. Requesting people not to worry or believe in rumours. Sikhs are safe." "We were all worried about the safety of Sikhs in Meghalaya I see all here from ground zero to tell that there is no violence on the situation," he added. The Delhi MLA also met Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma at the State secretariat. Sirsa also thanked Conrad for taking concrete actions in time.

No damage to any Sikh institution in Shillong: Rijju

Agency
New Delhi, June 4,

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Kiren Rijju has denied rumours of attack on a Gurdwara or any Sikh institution in violence-hit Shillong which remained comparatively peaceful on Sunday with security forces relaxing curfew for seven hours in some sensitive areas.

The minister, however, warned the people of Meghalaya not to believe the false propaganda being spread on social media and asserted that the state government was vigilant in

solving the issues. Rijju's comments came after a Sikh delegation met Chief Minister Conrad Sangma who denied the reports that a Gurdwara was attacked in Shillong, and expressed satisfaction that "Sikhs are safe" in the state.

"Beware of rumour-mongers and troublemakers. There was no damage to any Gurdwara or other institutions belonging to the Sikh community in Meghalaya. Law and order situation is under control and the state government is extremely vigilant and settling the case," Rijju tweeted.

NSCN-IM clarifies on the May 31 clashed in Tirap district

IT News
Imphal, June 4,

NSCN-IM has clarified on the unfortunate incident that took place on May 31 between Namsang and Shumshi village, under Deomali jurisdiction in Tirap district of Arunachal Pradesh.

A Statement of the MIP of the Government of the People's Republic of Nagalim (GPRN) said that reports of masquerading elements involving forcible collection, ransom demand and holding captives for ransom payment were constantly relayed to GPRN authority.

"Evidences and proof of impersonating late Major John was ascertain; use of NSCN letter pad and forcible collection of taxes in the name of NSCN were routinely reported to our base. Father of late Rasil Ali, the unfortunate victim personally came to speak to NSCN authority alleging that his son was abducted by the NSCN IM under the command of Maj Gen. Raman.

To this soulful appeal of the aggrieved father, NSCN officials in the location assured the father that had his son been taken away by the NSCN he had no reason for worry", the statement said. It further said, "to ascertain

the various reports pouring in to the NSCN base, a column was dispatched to the vicinity where such unlawful activities were being carried out and to take stock of the overall situations prevailing there. Thus the column came under heavy fires and in the course of short but fierce gun battle that followed as NSCN cadres column returned fire, such unfortunate bloodshed had resulted. Late Rasil Ali was fully clad in military fatigues when his mortal remain was retrieved from the spot. Why an innocent son of a business man who was recently abducted, clothed in military camouflage is a matter of common understanding with logical conclusion".

The statement also term the incident as more unfortunate and most uncalled for because that an incident such as this should happen when all the Naga people yearn for peace the most! It has to be critically examined and understand the reality from both sides of the story so that unwelcomed consequence may be avoided in view of the perceived elements always trying to work up frenzy in order to disrupt what has clearly been achieved through various painstaking peace initiatives by the Naga people to move the Peace

Process forward to its ultimate destiny.

"It should also be made very clear that the aforementioned engagement in gunfight resulting to loss of precious lives was never intended; it was an absolute unintentional occurrence, never motivated by any ill-attempt to disrespect all that the Naga civil bodies have ceaselessly embodied in various covenants in their thrive for Journey Of Common Hope" the statement said and added that the unfortunate victim identified as Rasil Ali could have unfolded stories behind all these most unwanted operation carried out by those unfortunate victims had late Rasil Ali been found alive to stand witness to all the wild and most inflammable narratives carried by different news channels and social media as well. The one name Gulap Homcha RP who is being hospitalized and recovering now can be another witness to the truth and facts about the recent incident, it added. The also stated that the NSCN could never expect presence of NSCN (U) in the region where the incident took place because the stand of the former is officially clear that it has no doctrine of expanding its territory; that it operates in the current state of Nagaland only.