

World Environment Day Ban On Plastics In The State Soon: CM

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A Cherry Blossom Avenue was launched at Luwangsangbam, Manipur this morning, by Nongthombam Biren Singh, Chief Minister on the occasion of World Environment Day. While introducing the concept of Cherry Blossom Avenues, Prof Dinabandhu Sahoo, Director, Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), a National Institute of Department of Biotechnology, explained that the Cherry Blossom generates an economic impact of \$400 million in Washington DC, USA alone, every year. Sahoo who pioneered the concept of Cherry Blossom Festival in India, said that this initiative of IBSD, will go a long way to bring Manipur on the global tourist map. This initiative when properly marketed with the scenic beauty of the State will drive a huge number of tourists who are interested in eco-tourism and will bring about sustainable development of the State, said Sahoo. Speaking on the occasion Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has said that the State Government is planning to impose ban on use of plastics in the State soon.



The Chief Minister said that a notice to instruct the shopkeepers to replace plastics with alternative materials within three months would be issued by the Government soon. It is a part of Government's efforts towards imposing a complete ban on use and sale of plastics in the State, he added. N. Biren Singh, lauded this initiative of IBSD and said that such plantations will be an important programme of his desire to develop a Green Manipur through increased plantations, which will integrate with the Government's flagship developmental programmes of 'Go to the Hills' and 'Go to the Villages'.

Expressing serious concern over ever increasing rate of health hazards caused by pollution and environmental degradation, N. Biren assured that youth clubs and other voluntary organisations which are willing to take up waste management activities in their respective localities would be provided financial assistance by the Government. Informing that some private entrepreneurs had started coming forward with the idea of producing materials which can replace plastic items, the Chief Minister observed that campaign against pollution and environment protection would be successful only when people extend collective co-operation to the Government.

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AR camp attacked

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The Assam Rifles outpost at Lampong Sheanghah village about 15 Km away from district Head Quarter of Mon was attacked at wee-hour by suspected UGs early today morning. According to insider's account, the attack happened at around 02:20 AM and the Assam Rifles quickly responded. The gun fight stayed for some reasonable minutes. According to unofficial source, one AR jawan who was on duty as sentry got injured and later shifted to Mon military base for urgent medical attention. No case of civilian casualties or loss of life and damage of public properties reported. No official report can be collected while filing this report. Late input said that the attack was carried out cadres of the NSCN-IM. 2 personnel of the 41 Ar injured were identified as Major Sahil Sharma and Rifleman RN Modak. Their condition is out of danger.

IT condemn

Imphal Times report who went to the Manipur University campus for news coverage was stuck for hours inside the campus as she was not allowed to go out of the campus after the main gate has been locked. We condemn such incident and request all concern to help reporters in carrying out their duty without obstruction.

Candle light Prayer organised for justice to 1528 cases of fake encounter victims



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Khurai Konsam Leikai Apunba Nupi Lup organised a "Candle Light Prayer" yesterday evening at around 8 pm at Khurai Konsam Leikai near Popular High School in connection with the mass prayer campaign for fair investigation of the 1528 cases of fake encounter by the CBI. Meira paibi of the area had lit the candle and formed human chain and prayed to the almighty for proper proceeding of investigation

and the matter be charge sheeted at the earliest on the given date by the Supreme Court. Khurai Konsam Leikai Apunba Nupi Lup appealed the people of Manipur to stand united to fight to repeal AFSPA and fight for justice for those who have lost their lives in the hand of Indian Armed forces. It further appealed to the masses to organize series of Mass Prayer in the evening and light candle to show respect to beloved souls. It could be noted that the 1528 cases was filed by the EEVFAM.

SSUM joins hand with MCM Moreh to observe the World Environment Day

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Socialist Students' Union of Manipur today joined hand with the Meitei Council Moreh (MCM) to observe the World Environment Day. Theme for this year to make the planet a plastic free place. Government

officials including SP of tenguonpal district and other district functionaries also attended the World Environment Day observance held at MCM Office Moreh Today. Various sapling were planted at different areas of Moreh as a part of the observance.

Protest galore: MU students say no retreat to their demand until the Pandey and his gang are replaced; main gate locked

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Fate of the students of the Manipur University is at stake with the agitator students stand firm to their demand for replacement of the Vice Chancellor Prof. AP Pandey. The students today locked the main gate as well as the Physics department without allowing anybody to enter or leave the campus. Imphal Times reporter who went for news coverage too have to stuck inside the campus. **Genesis of the uproar of the students:** Since Prof. AP Pandey assumed the office of the Vice Chancellor in October 26, 2016, he hardly stayed at the University for even 10 days in a month. Most of his times are spent outside the city by taking leave. Imphal Times yesterday produced a leave letter by the VC which mentioned the date at which



he would take leave but leave blank - the column which he have to return. The modus operandi is simple - the Prof. can return any time at the University. Due to his absence from the University - there are lot of pending works which may sabotage the fate of the Manipur University students. "As many as 300 certificate have not been issued to the students which were supposed to be provided before June", a research scholar said while talking to this reporter.

He added that the closure of the VC's office room on May 30, 2018 was not a pre planed, but it was rather the anger of

the students who went to meet the VC. "Like other days the VC was not present in his room and we were told that he is out of station, as we could no longer tolerate such thing as it become a normal affair which we felt that we are harassed many times we pour our anger and lock the VC office", the research scholar added. More over that very same day we witnessed MLA Suchindro (Yaima), Prof. Arun Saxena, the right hand man of the VC, Dy. Registrar R. Jotin and two contractors holding meeting at the room of the Registrar-in-charge, Shyamkishore, at the Administrative Block of the

Manipur University. "We have been hearing about MLAs, contractors and other near and dear one of the VC having secret meeting at the office of either the Registrar or the VC if he happened to be present in his station, but that was the first time that we saw with our own eyes", he added. The infuriated students while asking them the reason for their gathering drive them out of the complex, later the intensity of the students anger rise and finally all associate members of the Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU) hold a meeting together and took a decision to go ahead with their demand until the VC Pandey is replaced. "No matter who comes - be him a none local or local, we only want a responsible Vice Chancellor who can take good care of the student community of the Manipur University", a student leader said while asking if the issue is related with the ongoing issue of ILPS.

MU Students continue protest; MUTA seeks clarification from VC

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There is no U-turn to the demand of the Manipur University students' on the demand for replacement of the Vice Chancellor AP Pandey. Now spearheaded by the Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU) continues democratic protest inside the University complex. Large number of students today staged protest demonstration at the waiting shed located in the middle of the University today.

Meanwhile, Manipur University teachers' Association (MUTA) has urged the Vice Chancellor to bring an amicable solution to the present crisis in the Manipur University at the earliest possible time. The MUTA also urged the Vice Chancellor to clarify in public the allegation levelled against him.

Governor's silence condemn

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Governors' silence to the ongoing impasse at the Manipur University has been condemned by section of people from academic circle. The Governor of Manipur is the Chief Reactor of the Manipur University and the governor has every right to intervene to any development which affect academic atmosphere in the University due to tussle between the Vice Chancellor and the University authority or students.

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Registrar of the Manipur University, Shamkishore is an -in-charge with no authority to sanction approval of works related to the University, Prof. N. Ibtombi, a retired controller of Examination is assigned as OSD examination. Prof. RR Pandey a right hand of the VC has been appointed as the Controller of Examination, Dr. Premchand formerly the Director of the EMMRC has been assigned as the OSD EMMRC and is replaced by Prof. S. Jibonkumar. Librarian, Engineer of the University are now kept as in-charge which means that every

functioning of the University comes under the full control of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Adaya Prasad Pandey who use to stay at the station for only 10 days a month. Besides, the VC appointed non-teaching staffs numbering around 30 for various post without following proper guidelines like notification or advertisement for the post. Now another fear, that may sabotage the career of the students is the formulation of a new rule for examination which said that the university will not provide extra sheets for writing the exam. A 22 page complete answer sheet is all a students have to write for the examination and students who

wanted to write more are not allowed to take extra sheet even though he have many more to write. Source from the University authority said that the decision was not taken in consultation with the academic council which showed that it was the direct order of the Vice Chancellor Prof. AP Pandey. On the other hand, there is also a report that the Vice Chancellor selected a firm based at Lucknow called ITI Limited having its regional head office at Lucknow to supply equipments for all department s of the University. Source said that no tender has been conducted for the supply of equipments.

VC Pandey received 'Y' category security; travel in Rs. 80 Lakhs worth Bullet proof vehicle

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Professor Adaya Prasad Pandey - the Vice Chancellor of Manipur University received 'Y' category security cover in less than a month after he joined the University on October 26, 2016. Besides, Professor Pandey is the first Vice Chancellor of the Manipur University to felicitate a 'bullet proof' vehicle which cost around 1 crore rupees. 'X', 'Y' or 'Z' security covers are provided to top government authority of head of University or Institution as per the level of threat perception and that too with recommendation from either the state Intelligence agency or from the Central authority. No, wander the level of threat

perception is being faced by the present VC of MU, he enjoyed a bullet proof vehicle worth nearly Rs. 1 crore and 'Y' security covers from central force. Source said that 'Y' category security covers for Prof. AP Pandey was directly provided from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and the state security intelligence have only come to know about it after it has been intimidated to them. The first Vice Chancellor who received special security escorts was when Prof. Ng. Bijoy was the VC. He was provided special security covers after unknown gunman attack him by shooting at his leg. And as per source with the Imphal Times, after the Manipur University established its own

engineering wing various other top functionaries of the University including the registrar and some to functionary were provided security escort due to pressure and threats from unknown gunmen. The situation that time converted the temple of education into more like a war zone. The way the Vice Chancellor of the Manipur University have been provided 'Y' category security covers slapped the BJP led alliance government of the state. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, who is also in charge of Home have been trying to prove all means that security condition of the state have been improved a lot, even by introducing night life call "Imphal Evening" in the heart of the Imphal City.