

## Mockery of RTI Act : MU still not provides information about VC's stays in station

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The ongoing impasse at Manipur University has totally paralysed the academic activities of the University and is likely to continue until their demand for replacement of the Vice Chancellor Adya Prasad Pandey is fulfilled. Students' anger over the issue is now reaching the catastrophe with the Dean of Students compelled to submit his resignation after failure to listen the plea of the students over harassment by police during a democratic protest yesterday.

Meanwhile, Imphal Times finds out that Prof. Adya Prasad Pandey who joined the Manipur University as Vice Chancellor on October 26, 2016 hardly stayed for even 10 days a month and most of the time he stayed outside the state taking leave. What is more surprising is that the Vice Chancellor when took leave mentioned the date which he will take leave but never mentioned the date when he will come back and joined the office. Leave letter which the professor left the joining date



The leave letter of the VC with blank joining date

blank is with the Imphal Times and one among it is being produced here. Even though Imphal Times have enough report about the irregularities being underway at the Vice Chancellor office of the Manipur University, this

journalist sought official information from the office under the Right to Information Act. On April 24, 2018, this journalist sought information from the Manipur University about the dates he stationed

*Pandey stayed about 10 days a month since he assumed office as VC; took leaves without mentioning the date of joining*

in his office since he joined the Manipur University as Vice Chancellor. This journalist also sought information on the number of days along with dates he stayed outside the state and also about purpose of his stay and the expenses from the University for his travel and stay. Some other relevant question regarding the works being taken up for development of the academic atmosphere of the University were also asked but till today, the 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018 no reply comes to the applicant from the side of the University. The Manipur University authority is

making fund of the Right to Information Act by not providing information. However, Imphal Times already learnt that all the expenses for the travel of the Vice Chancellor are from the account of the Manipur University. The VC also hired some company from Lucknow to supply materials for various departments of the University. The Lucknow base firm supply orders asking anything about the configuration from the department. They simply supply whatever they wish as the VC permits them.

## Govt to study rehab reports before decision on Sweeper Lane

Courtesy: Shillong Times  
Shillong, June 3,

Chief Minister Conrad Sangma on Saturday told a delegation of headmen from the sensitive localities and senior citizens that he had sought reports from the Urban Affairs and the Revenue Departments on the present status of rehabilitation of the residents of Punjabi Lane before taking any decision.

The 12 Dorbar Shnong under North Shillong constituency on Saturday sought immediate vacation of the Harijan colony and rehabilitation in a new location as identified by the government.

However, North Shillong MLA Adelbert Nongrum told reporters after the meeting that the process of vacating the colony "should be done by way of negotiation".

"We do not want to see any kind of communal backlash over this issue," Nongrum said.

He added that there was a need to shift the colony to decongest the area and also "it is not right to have a residential area near the market area".

"The government can construct a multi-purpose complex to accommodate the hawkers, especially the local people," the MLA said.

When asked why the government could not shift the residents of Punjabi Lane to a new location till date, Nongrum blamed lack of political will.

"We are meeting Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma to impress on the need to vacate the Harijan colony," he said.

The People's Democratic Front (PDF) has also decided to write to the government on shifting the Harijan colony and collect data on the

number of municipality employees living at Punjabi Lane.

"We will write to the state government on the need to shift the colony by Tuesday," PDF chairman PN Syiem told reporters on Saturday.

Syiem said the government should take responsibility only of those residents of Them lew Mawlung who are employees of the municipality and for that it should collect data to ascertain the exact number.

"Others who are residing illegally in the area should be punished as per the law," he added.

PDF will also write to the KHADC and the Syiem of Mylliem for an eviction order.

"I do not see any problem in shifting the residents of Punjabi Lane if the government and the KHADC agree to work together like they have done on the issue of MUDA," Syiem said and added that in the past, it could not be possible as there was no coordination among the stakeholders.

'Arrest culprits'

Nongrum said those from Punjabi Lane who assaulted the teenagers should be arrested.

"The police should book them under various provisions which are non-bailable. This kind of incident should not be repeated... it was the failure of the police in not arresting the culprits, which led to the escalation of the incident," he added.

Meanwhile, the 12 Dorbar Shnong urged police not to enter residential areas as it would create fear psychosis among locals there.

They have also asked police to restrain from using tear gas as this was creating problems for people residing in localities adjoining Motphran.

## Manipuri Cop missing from Delhi

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A Havildar of the 3 Naga Regiment identified as Mr. A. Ashuli of Pudunamei village has been reported missing since 01/06/2018 from Nizamudin train station, Delhi.

According to report his last call was recorded at 11:09 pm for 5 minutes. He called up his family members that his money and ATM has been snatched by some goons. He ask his son to block his ATM, after which he asked for ATM pin. He was on his way to the camp after his holidays and supposed to reach his camp in Rajasthan on 31/05/2018 but still not reached the camp and phone switched off after the last call on 01/06/2018. His army No. is 14703058.

Family members appealed the people across the country to help find the missing person, a missing report has also been filed at the Delhi Police.

## Supply of essential items reduces, prices up by 50%

Agency  
Bhopal, June 3,

On the second day of the farmers' agitation, supply of number of essential items like fruits, vegetables, milk reduced by nearly 80 per cent. As a result of which prices have increased by 20 to 50 per cent. On Saturday more than 50 farmers offered milk abhishek to Lord Shiva in Betul. Later, the farmers of Dhagadia village tried to stage a protest on the streets. After the dispute, the police detained four people. SP

Duliram Teniwar said that the youths detained are being interrogated. On the other hand the farmers' organisations at Narsinghpur threw fruits and vegetable on the streets and went out in procession. Here some farmers at the Tendukhera vegetable market in Narsinghpur district protested by throwing their vegetables on roads.

In the meantime, the farmers also shouted anti-government slogans during the march. However, there is a peaceful environment at Mandsaur and

Ratlam this year. It is to be noted that during the Kisan Movement last year, violence started from Dahanpur in Ratlam district. On June 4, the first violent incident of the agitation took place in Ratlam. There is a huge business of milk in this district. This time there is peace prevailing in Ratlam and Mandsaur.

Notably, SP Amit Singh visited here on Friday night. He had interacted with the villagers after which the villagers decided that they would deliver milk to the houses holds.

Due to the farmers strike, the impact has started showing up in more than 7 states of the country. Difficulties have increased in other cities for the people. Farmers have completely stopped supplying grains, milk, and vegetables to the cities. During the strike, farmers have been protesting by throwing milk vegetables and fruits instead of place.

It is to be noted that the farmers had declared the 'Goon Band' on June 1, which is being supported by 130 farmers' organizations.

## 'NE is the cancer capital of India'

Courtesy NP  
Dimapur, June 3,

North Eastern region has been dubbed as the "cancer capital of India" on account of lifestyle, low awareness and late detection that has led to rise in number of cases of the disease.

Making this observation while speaking to media persons ahead of the Continuing Medical Education (CME) on common cancers of North East India programme at Eden Medical Centre Saturday, director of Dr. Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI) Guwahati Dr. AC Katakati lamented that the reason for the region being dubbed as "cancer capital" arose from the fact that it alone added about 39,635 cancer patients in a year.

According to earlier reports published by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), under its National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP), Aizawl in Mizoram

and Papumpare in Arunachal Pradesh were recorded as districts with the highest age adjusted cancer incidence rate in the country.

The programme at Eden Medical Centre was organized to reach out to fellow doctors in the North East to collaborate and tackle the growing threat of cancer in the region.

Dr. Katakati also cited Population Based Cancer Registry (PBCR) of Indian Council of Medical Research, where incidents of cancer in North East vary from 150 to 200 per lakh of the population as against the national average of 80-110.

He said Nasopharynx, stomach and Oesophagus cancer were highest among males while cervix, breast, and stomach cancer were the highest amongst females in the region.

While highlighting the major causes for cancer in the region, Dr. Katakati emphasized the need for oral visual

examination every three years, self-breast examination in women and the importance in genital hygiene, which has led to a gradual decline in cervical cancer in the country.

Dwelling on the cancer scenario in Nagaland, Dr. Katakati said tobacco-related cancer constitutes 39.6% of all cancers in males and 12.6% in females.

Fortunately, the prevalence of tobacco consumption in Nagaland has dropped from 56.8% in 2010 to 43.3% in 2017. The burden of cancer in Nagaland as against its population of 19,80,602 is 1,278 every year, he said.

While appreciating the Dr. Lima Imchen, director of Eden Medical Centre, for making it possible for the people of the state to avail the state-of-the-art cancer care facilities at Dimapur, Dr. Katakati was also hopeful that such infrastructure and facilities would also be made available in other parts of the state.

Due to lack of adequate

facilities in the state, Dr. Katakati said 78 percent of cancer patients in Nagaland had to travel outside the state for treatment as compared to a meagre 6.6 percent in the neighbouring Assam. With an aim to augment cancer facilities in Nagaland, Katakati informed that BBCI has offered Post Graduate Fellowship Programme to doctors to 10 doctors from the state.

Director of National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research (NCDIR), ICMR, Dr. Prashant Mathur also spoke on the role of cancer registries in quality of cancer care. He highlighted the importance of systematic data collection for comparison of standard of care across the country, and to help formulate plans and strategies to prevent and cure cancer.

He pointed out the NCDIR was the only source of reliable data and the organization assist the Ministry of Health to formulate programs.

But to make an impact on a

larger scale, he said there was a need to join hands with different hospitals. Currently there are eight hospitals across India which uses software provided by NCDIR to help collect and streamline data, he said.

Pointing out that tobacco accounted for about 40 percent of cancer cases, Dr. Mathur stressed on the need to implement Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) in spirit.

He therefore urged media and civil society organizations to spread awareness in this regard. Dr. Mathur also informed that PBCR for Dimapur and Nagaland was established in 2010 with 50 sources of registration.

Other highlights of CME were deliberations on management of breast cancer by Dr. Joydeep Purkayastha, evidence based management by Dr. Debrata Barmon, Dr. Navin Nayan and Gaurav Kumar spoke on various aspects of management of

nasopharyngeal and lung cancer.

Five oncologists from DBBCI and director of NCDIR (ICMR), Bengaluru also spoke about the epidemiology of Cancer in the North East, the need for a more comprehensive cancer registry, and gave presentations on different types of cancer.

The event was jointly organized by Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI), Guwahati and National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research (NCDIR) Bengaluru, in association with Eden Medical Centre and the Dimapur chapter of Indian Medical Association.

Dr. Moatoshi Aier on behalf of Eden Medical Centre thanked all the recourse persons who spoke on the occasion and the Dimapur chapter of the Indian Medical Association for associating with Eden Medical Centre to organize the Continuing Medical Education.