

## MU Crisis- High Court suspended VC, Pro VC, appoints Administrator

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In what can be termed as a possible breakthrough in the protracted standoff between the Pro VC and combined body of teachers and students which have crossed more than three months, the high court have passed a resolution to appoint Jarnail Singh, IAS(Retired), and former Chief Secretary of Manipur as the Administrator fully empowered to discharge the functions of the Vice-Chancellor as provided under the Manipur University Act, 2005 and such other relevant statutes, whose primary duty and responsibility is to bring normalcy in Manipur University. Jarnail Singh had also served as Joint Secretary to the Office of the Prime Minister, with vast experience of administration in the State of Manipur and was awarded the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public

Administration for the year 2007-08. According to the directions of the high court, Jarnail Singh is also fully empowered to pass any such order(s) and/or to review and revoke any such order(s) and to do such act(s) as he may deem fit for bringing normalcy to the University and defuse the volatile situation by engaging in constant dialogue and interactions with all the stakeholders so long it is not contrary to any order of the Court. The Administrator is also empowered to seek the assistance of the State Government and Union Res p o n d e n t / C e n t r a l Government in this regard who shall provide such assistance as may be necessary and requisitioned. With no definite timeframe for expediting his duties, it has been directed that so long as the ADMINISTRATOR is functioning, The appointment of K. Yugindro Singh as the Pro-Vice

Chancellor under order dated 11.09.2018 issued by Prof. Adya Prasad Pandey shall remain suspended. The appointment of Prof. W. Vishwanath Singh to look after the office of the Vice Chancellor vide order dated 01.08.2018 issued by Prof. Adya Prasad Pandey shall also remain suspended and the appointment of Shyamkesho Singh as Registrar in charge and Sri Sh. Dorendrajit Singh as Registrar in charge shall also remain suspended. The high court also directed the Visitor of the University/ Union Respondent to ensure that the suspension of Adya Prasad Pandey as Vice Chancellor vide order dated 17.09.2018 issued by the Visitor of the University is continued and not revoked during the continuation of the office of the Court Appointed Administrator without specific leave of this Court. All the authorities under the Manipur University Act, 2005

and all the respondents including the Union and State Respondents and Private Respondents are further directed to render their full co-operation and assistance to the Administrator in his duties to bring normalcy to the University and also, as and when the Administrator specifically seeks their assistance. No authority, including under the Manipur University Act, 2005 shall have any authority to curtail the power and functions of the ADMINISTRATOR without specific leave of this Court, the direction further added. With the latest development, there is widespread expectation that the turmoil besieging the Manipur University will finally come to an end and normalcy will return, but it still remains to be seen as to how far the directions of the court be followed- both in letter and in spirit.

## Facilities of government e-marketplace should be opened to public as well: Y. Joykumar Singh



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Almost all facilities of Government e-Marketplace (GeM) should also be opened to public for its effective implementation said Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh while inaugurating a one day workshop on "Government e-Marketplace" today at Hotel Classic Grande in Imphal. Deputy Chief Minister who is holding finance portfolio said to curb malpractices in government procurements, GeM was introduced last year. He said, there have a number of problems in government procurements for the last many years. To check and solve such problems, Government e-Marketplace (GeM), a national portal to make the public procurement transparent and simpler, was launched. Envisages by the Government of India, GeM strives to keep pace with the ever-evolving

technological challenges and stakeholder aspirations. Stating that in small States like Manipur, where resources are limited, all government procurements have been made through limited tender, Joykumar Singh said, number of sellers are also limited. He further said, although government has been trying to procure products from the State alone, sellers have not been able to supply the required items. Therefore, sellers from outside the state have been ordered to supply the necessary items. Deputy Chief Minister said, for its effective implementation, GeM should be opened to the public as well. If public is approaching to GeM, they will have the confidence to buy products through this portal. He also urged authorities of GeM to look into the problems arising out of price fluctuation. Such workshop will definitely help sellers, suppliers and purchasers to come out and join to settle

their problems, he added. Director of GeM, Sanjay Josef said, 27 organisations and 96 sellers from Manipur have registered to GeM. He said, Government has made procurement of products and services available on GeM mandatory to all the Central Government Ministries, Departments and Central Government Organisations. Secretary of State Information Technology Department, Sumant Singh said, so far 5,20,000 products have been made available through GeM. He said, technological solutions to various government departments and also solutions to conflict of interest among buyers and sellers with GeM have been given by the department. Sellers, buyers, various stakeholders and officials attended the workshop which was jointly organised by Department of Finance and Department of Information Technology, Manipur.

## Prof. AP Pandey left Imphal

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Minutes before the announcement of the verdict regarding the case filed at Manipur High Court in connection with the issue of the Manipur University, Pro VC AP Pandey who is under suspension today left Imphal. The fate of the two member enquiry committee could not be ascertain as the AP Pandey refused to cooperate as well as after the press statement by the Manipur University Community which stated that the community would stop giving cooperation to the enquiry committee now confuse the people on whether it is being underway or halt.

## Maoist reopens alleged rape case of a lady from Thangmeiband by an MLA

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Maoist Communist Party Manipur (MCPM) today called on people to unitedly stand while fighting for justice of a rape victim from Thangmeiband area. A statement of the Maoist has alleged the lady from Thangmeiband area to have been rape by an MLA from the ruling political party. The Maoist also appealed all people of the state particularly the local leaders from Thangmeiband area to forget the past and stand together to deliver justice to the victim girl. "There might be some misunderstanding or miscommunication earlier but as the court has directed the police to charge sheet within a stipulated time it is the need of the hour that all the people

stand and support the victim girl and getting justice", the statement said. It further added that nepotism and favouritism had delayed the process for some times but as the court has now directed the police to submit charge sheet within a stipulated time it is now that all the right thinking people stand together. "This is a sign of victory and result of the courage of the victim lady", the Maoist said. The statement further stated that it is up to the wisdom of the court to decide on who is right or who is wrong but what is unfortunate is the inaction of the law enforcing agency in dealing with the case. Had the accused been a common man than there could have been already many arrest, the statement added. When justice delivery machinery remains pending

for a common person to get justice the Maoist express apprehension on how the mob lynching will be stopped or prevented by the authority, it said. The Maoist also alleged that the said MLA had still no respect for women and recently the MLA had again eloped a Nepali girl who use to stay as helper at the residence of powerful government employee at Thangmeiband by humiliating the lady victim who was raped by the MLA. The act is nothing but a showcase of how man in power can do anything at the cost of a common people. The Maoist appealed the people to stand together for justice and said that it will continue to fight for justice for rape victim, fake encounter victim and displaced villagers due to construction of Dam.

## Indian players overall gainers in the 4th edition of the Vodafone Premier Badminton League

### 43 Indian player will participate this season

From a Correspondent  
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The 4th edition of the Vodafone Premier Badminton League saw a sizeable jump in the overall earnings for Indian players compared to the last three seasons as the world's most competitive badminton league is all set to see the 40 Indians in action among the 67 that participated in the auction pool earlier on Monday. HS Prannoy, the most consistent player in PBL was elevated to a "Icon Status" for the first time, this season; his base prize in Season 3 was INR 30 lakh

and he had fetched INR 62 lakhs, the highest in previous season. The World No 15 this year however has earned a whopping INR 80 lakh due to his marquee status and most teams bidding for him. "I am extremely happy that PBL had promoted me to the Icon Category and I am thankful to my team, Delhi Dashers for picking me for the forthcoming season. PBL has always been a happy hunting ground and I will continue to give my best and help my team stay in contention till the end," said the 2018 Asian Champion medalist who will be donning the Dalmia

Cements Group owned Delhi Dashers colours this season. Rising doubles star, Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy also witnessed a meteoric leap in his earnings since the first season of PBL. The quarterfinalist of this year's World Championship, Satwik not only had a dream run throughout this season but also played a crucial role play alongside 2016 Rio Olympic Gold Medalist, Carolina Marin for the Hunters to lift the trophy last year. His opening bid value of INR 15 lakhs this season was almost quadrupled by Padmanabh Sports Pvt Ltd owned

Ahmedabad Smash Masters, who went all guns blazing amidst fierce bidding to acquire his services for a staggering figure of INR 52 lakhs. Shedding light on their decision to splurge on the youngster, Padmanabh Sports Pvt Ltd Ahmedabad Smash Masters owner Mr. Ashish Shah said, "Satwik is a utility player who can play both men's and mixed doubles and is an extremely energetic team member. We are confident he will be an asset for the team on and off court. He has been in great form this season and will be an integral cog of the team

ecosystem heading into PBL 4." 2018 Commonwealth bronze medal winner and experienced doubles player, Ashwini Ponnappa was yet another Indian to break the bank after she was bought by the Awadhe Warriors for a hefty amount of INR 32 lakhs, a steep increase from the INR 20 lakhs, her base price buy last season. Coming up the ranks fast, young and promising Lakshya Sen who also threw in the hat for the first time at the PBL auctions attracted interest from the franchisees. However, the reigning Junior Asian Champion was eventually picked for a

lucrative INR 11 lakhs, more than double his base price of INR 5 lakhs by the Taapsee Pannu owned debutant Pune franchise, Pune7Aces. The list of key Indian gainers also includes, 2018 Swiss Open Champion Sameer Verma who was bought by Mumbai Rocket once again for INR 42 lakhs, fetching him more than double his base price of INR 15 lakh. His elder brother, Sourabh Verma too saw a jump in his base price as he was sold to Ahmedabad Smash Masters for INR 16 lakh. Manu Atri (INR 18 Lakh-Mumbai Rockets); Chirag Shetty (INR 14 Lakh-Pune7Aces) Sikki Reddy

(INR 29 Lakh-Ahmedabad Smash Masters)MR Arjun (INR 5 lakh-Awadhe Warriors)- the doubles specialists saw a sizeable jump in their earnings this season. The auction has not just been beneficial in springboarding the Indian players, but strategic buying by some of the teams have also allowed them to save up from their total team purse. Chennai Smashers, Pune 7 Aces and North Eastern Warriors were the biggest savers, managing to keep INR 19 lakhs, INR 14 lakhs and INR 8 lakhs respectively even after putting together the teams.