

Chief Minister of Manipur should have acted after looking into the legitimacy of appointing Prof. Yugindro as Pro VC

**IT Desk
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Regarding the debate on the controversial appointment of Prof. K. Yugindro Singh as VC in Charge of Manipur University some few points related to the clarification on the confusion is being highlighted.

So far there is no official letter or notification order directly written from the side of MHRD, clearly stating by name that Prof. K. Yugindro Singh, Department of Physics M.U. has been appointment as VC (i/c) of M.U. from a particular date and for a particular period. There is also no official order from MHRD stating by name that Prof. K. Yugindro Singh has been recognised as Pro-VC of Manipur University as a part of official confirmation of the order issued by prof. A.P. Pandey who was supposed to be on leave according to MoA signed with MHRD in the presence of Chief Minister of Manipur. (The follow up action of the MHRD after the suspension of A.P. Pandey is by virtue of the MU Act, 2005. Regarding the appointment of the MHRD seemed to be misguided)

On various grounds the appointment of Prof. K. Yugindro Singh as Pro-VC of MU by the order of Prof. A.P. Pandey, is still controversial. Shri N. Biren Singh would have invited MU stakeholders to discuss the matter before he sent state and central forces to MU campus and advised Prof. K. Yugindro Singh not to join the vc (i/c) forcefully.

On August 16, 2018, the MOA was signed between MHRD and MU Stakeholders in the

Presence of Shri N. Biren Singh C.M of Manipur. One very important point in the MoA is that Prof. A.P. Pandey should be on leave during the period of enquiry against him and till the action is taken on the report of the enquiry. Accordingly, the then Register (i/c) Prof. Sh. Dorendrajit Singh with the advice of the Chancellor of MU, issued an order on the extension of leave of Prof. A.P. Pandey from 1st September 2018. The matter was also intimated to MHRD by the chancellor of MU.

It should be noted that the two member enquiry committee which was formed on 17 August, 2018 officially started its duty w.e.f. 23 August, 2018 with its office at classic hotel. The first sitting of the two members was held on 6th September 2019. Therefore, leave of Prof. A.P. Pandey is consistent with enquiry commission and MoA.

According to Manipur University Act, 2005, the appointment of pro-VC is possible only by the power of executive council in its meeting. The appointing authority is the executive council only and the vice-chancellor can only propose name of the candidate for pro-VC in the meeting of

executive council. It is write clear that vice-chancellor cannot appoint by his power "in anticipation" a pro-vc without holding the actual executive council meeting. We cannot declare in advance a candidate "elected" in anticipation before a proper election.

In short the wrong appointment of Prof. K. Yugindro Singh as pro-VC by the power of Prof. A.P. Pandey, is very clear. During this period Prof. A.P. Pandey was on leave and he had not convened any executive council meeting for the purpose. Its handing over charge of VC to Prof. K. Yugindro Singh is also wrong.

The main objection of MUTA, MUSA and MUSU is the wrong appointment of Prof. K. Yugindro Singh as pro-VC by Prof. A.P. Pandey, and subsequent upgradation of Prof. K. Yugindro Singh VC (i/c) of MU in clear violation of Manipur University Act, 2005. The disturbance created by Prof. K. Yugindro Singh on 20 September 2018, while trying to take charge of vc (i/c) of MU in the presence of Prof. W. Bishanath Singh is very unfortunate and condemnable

the untoward incident resulted in the complain of FIR BY PROF. K. Yugindro Singh, and the attack on the Manipur University Campus by the state and central security Force on the order night of 20 September 2018 by the order of CM of Manipur

Shri N. Biren Singh, the honourable CM Should try to understand the details of the episode before sending the Force. The CM should not try to put the police department and law count in his personal pocket in the name of democracy.

To conclude the FIR should be withdrawn first, and all arrested teachers, student, and non-teaching staffs, should be released unconditionally.

Prof. K. Yugindro Singh should be advised to leave the office of vc (i/c) without delay to return the

normalcy as the only possible solution.

All of us must respect the MOA in good spirit which was signed in the presence of Mr. N. Biren Singh, CM of Manipur in chair. Certain level of honesty from Government is required at this juncture.

Now Prof. Yugindro throws the ball to CM and Manipur Police; says CM has strong media team

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At another development to the crisis at Manipur University, Prof. Yugindro had stated that the Chief Minister of Manipur, N. Biren Singh had a strong team of journalist from media houses. The statement was given by him to a group of women working in the Manipur University while discussing on how to bring a solution to the problem. The Voice record of the

conversation between a group of Women and Prof. Y. Yugindro went viral on social media. He said that he waited for long while trying to meet the Chief Minister and it was through his media team that allow him to meet. The other thing which confused the people is that Prof. Yugindro while talking to the women team said that he did not have any idea of the act charge by the police in the FIR.

"The police have charge them under serious act and this I don't know", Prof. Yugindro stated. On a question about

his assurance to the student for withdrawal of the FIR, Prof. Yugindro said that the process is started and it will be withdrawn as per the law of the land.

Regarding the suspension of the 2 staffs and the 4 Professors Prof. Yugindro said that it was due to pressure from the Union MHRD.

These people from the MHRD is watching the development in Manipur University and as per the pressure given to him on why he did not take action to the teachers he was

compelled to issue the suspension order. Prof. Yugindro said that the suspension was a symbolic one and it can be revoke during the meeting of the executive council.

Two questions comes up after listening the voice of Prof. Yugindro is that who are the strong media team of Chief Minister who is helping him in negotiation. Has the police wrongly charge the MU community without studying the complaint filed by Prof. Yugindro

Nagaland Cabinet approves scale of pay for ad hoc teachers; detained ANATG leaders released

**Courtesy
Kohima, Oct 4,**

After months of agitation, the State cabinet has reportedly approved the scale of pay for ad hoc teachers under the banner of All Nagaland Ad hoc Teachers' Group (ANATG) 2015 batch.

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Agitating ad hoc teachers under the banner of All Nagaland Ad hoc Teachers' Group (ANATG) 2015 batch clinched a major concession from the State cabinet when it approved their scale of pay.

School education adviser KT Sukhalu confirmed the approval on Wednesday.

The cabinet, however, refrained from taking any decision on their regularisation as it decided to wait till the court settled the matter.

Meanwhile, four ANATG leaders were detained for defying Kohima district administration order that barred their proposed meeting at Capital Convention here on Wednesday morning. They were released later in the evening after signing a letter of undertaking.

ANATG spokesperson Bendangtemu Ozukum informed media persons after their release that they were about to go for agitation since their issue was not taken up at the September 28 cabinet meeting. However, upon learning about

the cabinet meeting scheduled during the day, they decided to give some time for the meeting, he added.

Stating that a general meeting was scheduled at Capital Convention Centre, Ozukum added they were prevented to hold the meeting, after which they shifted the meeting venue to NSF Solidarity Park after obtaining permission from NSF.

He, however, alleged that security personnel cordoned the area and stopped them from entering the park.

During that time, he said the police officers stopped them and insisted on accompanying them to North police station without any explanation.

To queries, he said the police officers insisted that all four of them sign a bond, in the form of an assurance that they would not agitate and maintain peace, which they refused to. Instead, he said they signed a letter of undertaking letter that they would "maintain peace" and would be "non-violent" without compromising their sole demand on regularisation of their service.

The ANATG spokesperson, however, mentioned that they were not locked up and that nothing was forced upon them, even as he expressed gratitude to Kohima Village Youth Organization (KVYO) leaders for reaching North police station within half an hour after they were detained and stayed with them till their release.

On the outcome of cabinet meeting, Ozukum remarked that he learnt that the pay scale

matter was tabled at the cabinet meeting. But unless they received the decision in black and white, he said the ANATG leaders would not consider as official as the "government has fooled us in many ways". As out of 1,166 ad hoc teachers, 90% were on fixed pay and 10% on pay scale, he said a decision would be taken after a general body meeting.

Meanwhile, police sources informed that the four ANATG leaders were apprehended as part of "preventive detention" as they were not permitted by the district administration to hold the meeting.

The sources said, as per the procedure in all police stations, whoever was detained had to sign a bond to maintain peace and not resort to violence, adding that the teachers were asked the same and so asked to sign and leave.

The police said the leaders, however, refused to sign the bond and wrote an undertaking later in the evening in their own language, which was more or less the same bond issued by the police stations.

**Agency
New Delhi, Oct 4,**

As the Rupee hit a new low on Thursday, Congress president Rahul Gandhi said the news was 'not breaking, but broken'. The Rupee sank to a fresh low of 73.77 against the US Dollar, after falling 44 paise in early trade. The rise in global oil prices coupled with concerns over the current account deficit and capital outflows were behind the Rupee's decline.

The Rupee had closed at a record low of 73.34 on Wednesday, down 43 paise or 0.59%. The BSE Sensex, meanwhile, plunged over 500 points, or 1.39%, to 35,447.69 in early trade Thursday. The broader Nifty fell over 160 points, or 1.53%, to 10,693.65. Gandhi's tweet came a day after he questioned the government on its silence in the matter. "The rupee has crossed the 73 mark and price rise is causing an outcry. Fuel and gas prices are on fire and the markets are scurrying. Till



when will the 56-inch chest be on 'silent mode'." he had tweeted on Wednesday while asking what happened to 'aache din'.

The Congress is among several Opposition parties that have been targeting the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government over the Rupee's fall. A united Opposition recently observed a Bharat Bandh to protest its slide, among a slew of other issues. When the Rupee fell to 70.09 against the US Dollar in August, senior Congress leader and party spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala had taken a swipe at PM Modi, saying, "Modiji finally managed to do something that we couldn't do in 70 years. For the first time, rupee breached the mark of 70," he had tweeted.

SC allows ArcelorMittal, NuMetal to bid for Essar Steel

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The Supreme Court Thursday granted one more opportunity to mining major ArcelorMittal and Russia's VTB Capital-backed NuMetal to bid for Essar Steel if they clear their Non-Performing Asset (NPA) dues in two weeks.

A bench comprising Justices R. F. Nariman and Indu Malhotra held that both the firms were ineligible under amended Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code to bid for the firm but granted them a fresh opportunity after taking note of the plea of Committee of Creditors that it does not want liquidation of Essar Steel.

The apex court exercised its extraordinary power under Article 142 of the Constitution in allowing ArcelorMittal and NuMetal to make fresh bid for Essar Steel. The top court asked the Committee of Creditors to take a decision within eight weeks on rival bids of NuMetal and ArcelorMittal for Essar Steel. It also said that time lost in

National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) and apex court in dealing with cases under insolvency code shall be excluded from mandatory 270 days resolution period. The top court held that if nothing materialises within eight weeks then Essar Steel shall go into liquidation.

RTI Week

**IT News
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Days after filling up the vacant posts, Manipur Information Commission is all set to celebrate the Right to Information Week from October 5 to October 9 at Lamyamba Sanglen, Palace Compound, Imphal.

Works Minister Th. Bishwajit Singh, M.L.A. L. Rameshwar Meetei and M.L.A. Y. Surchandra Singh will inaugurate the celebration. Besides discussing the issues of the RTI and peoples' roles in the implementation of the Act, an Essay writing competition will be held as a part of the celebration.

Mention may be made that the state government had recently appointed Retd. IPS Officer Dr. S. Ibocha and Sr. Journalist Oinam Sunil as the State Information Commissioner. Th. Ibochi Singh was the Chief Information Commissioner.