

**VP Venkaiah Naidu emphasizes the importance of transparency & accountability in public life**

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Vice President Venkaiah Naidu has emphasized the importance of transparency and accountability in public life. Mr Naidu was speaking in New Delhi today after release of his book "Moving On... Moving Forward: A Year in Office" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Vice President said, all political parties should come together transcending political considerations on issues of national importance. Mr Naidu said, his endeavour has been to facilitate informed and dignified debates befitting the stature of the institution. Mr Naidu also stressed on the need to go back to roots and preserve country's culture and heritage. He also said that benefits of reservation should reach each and every section of society. Vice President also said that women must be given their dues in the coming days. He said, the focus must be on agriculture to sustain food security of the nation. He said, earnest efforts are being made to double farmers' income by 2022 by focusing on irrigation, infrastructure, interest rates, insurance and innovations. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Modi said, it is commendable that Mr Naidu has presented a report card of sorts about his first year in office, containing the rich work he has done both inside and outside Parliament. Mr Modi said, he had the opportunity to work with Mr Naidu for several years and emphasised that discipline and punctuality were his hallmarks.

## A Day after submitting report, AP Pandey orders ban of MUTA and MUSA

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A day after Prof. AP Pandey submitted his joining report to the office of the Vice Chancellor, Manipur University, and order has been issued by him ban both the Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA) and Manipur University Students' Association (MUSA) yesterday. In Charge registrar Prof. M. Shyamkesho who had been replaced by Prof. Dolendra has also ordered to take charge on the same post with effect from tomorrow by another other of the VC. August 16, 2018 Memorandum of Agreement signed between the representative of the Ministry of Human Resource and development and the Manipur University

Community including MUSU, MUSA and MUTA as well as the representative of the state Higher Education department in the presence of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh which was later stated to have been approved by the MHRD makes no sense as the AP Pandey himself had joined the office yesterday stating that his leave has been completed. In an interview by a Guwahati based News Channel AP Pandey straight away said that he joined the office as his leave has been completed. When asked about the enquiry, AP Pandey said that the enquiry has not yet started and he had every right to join the office. The statement of AP Pandey and no reply from the MHRD showed that AP Pandey don't care the MoA signed between MU

community and the MHRD representative in the presence of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh. The emailed letter which the MHRD Deputy Secretary sent to in-charge VC Vishwanath and in charge registrar Shyamkesho at which it was stated that the leave of the VC AP Pandey is incorporated with the enquiry committee turns out to be another trick (which this newspaper had earlier stated). Well as per the order of the VC AP Pandey on the banning of the MUTA and MUSA, it is being stated that the Manipur University Act 2005 does not provide any provision for existence of employees' bodies like MUTA and MUSA etc. The order also charge the MUTA and MUSA to have been directly involved in subversive activities leading to the

## MU now has 2 VCs, 2 in charge Registrar

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With the joining of AP Pandey to the office of the vice Chancellor Manipur University and following no response to his joining from the MHRD the Mu now has 2 Vice Chancellor.

## MU Community wrath to the orders of Prof. AP Pandey; threaten to resume agitation

**IT News Imphal, Sept 2,**

The expectation and joy of the people of the state over the return of normalcy in Manipur University and the declaration of the pending exam of higher studies is again in a gloomy position with the recent controversial orders of the Prof. AP Pandey who had submitted his joining as VC yesterday. An emergency meeting of MUSU, MUTA and MUSA today resolved to resume the concern MHRD authority fails to action by September 4 this year. The meeting resolved that the competent authority should take an appropriate action on or

before 4 September 2018 against prof. AP Pandey on his virtual orders being issued since September 1, 2018. If the appropriate action is not taken by the competent authority against AP Pandey for his various virtual orders during his period of leave, the agitation which was suspended temporarily on the basis of the memorandum of Agreement signed on August, 16, 2018 between the MHRD, Manipur Government on one side and the Manipur University Community on the other side in the office chamber of the honourable Chief Minister of Manipur the strike will be resumed. The meeting also

resolved that order being issued by Prof. AP Pandey during his period leave be condemned as null and void and so non binding. On the other hand the MU Community also condemn the dictatorial attitude of Prof. AP Pandey which he order existence of MUTA and MUSA. Meanwhile source said that the agitation this time if failed to take up appropriate action against AP Pandey may the worst the University has ever witnessed. The source further added that the state government silence to the attitude of AP Pandey showed the timidity of the Manipur government for reason best known to them.

## Web Portal Pothasang celebrates first anniversary



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Web portal "Pothashang" today celebrated its first foundation day at Manipur Press Club Imphal. A two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to late Khelen Thokchom who had encouraged the Pothashang team while he was among us. Director of IPR, Balkrishnam, Senior Journalist N. Tombraraj and Seram Indrajit, retd. Associate Prof. attended as dignitaries on the dais. Web portal even though has been becoming an important channel of Media in today's world, so far state government has no policy for encouragement of those running the portal. Director of IPR, Balkrishna while speaking on the occasion assured to discuss on how to promote web portal who are disseminating important information to

the general public. He said the government is considering for improvement of all those working in the field of journalism. Balkrishna further announced schemes being taken up by the government of Manipur for the welfare of the Journalist community. He said Pension scheme is expected to be increase double the amount that the Retd. journalist are getting after getting approval from the state cabinet. Sh. Ajit, a free lance columnist, while speaking on the occasion stress on the need for improvement of the web portal as its accessibility has no limitation. He also recalled the courage of many journalists who are no longer among us and elaborated on the need to culture more courage journalist who could follow the route of NK Sanajaoba, Salam BharatBushman, Khelen Thochom among others.

He said these journalists who are no more among us had tried to give alternative ideology to the people of the state. Ajit also recalled the courage of senior journalist Irengbam Arun, now media advisor to the Chief Minister of Manipur. "When Irengbam Arun was the editor of Ireibak Newspaper his criticism to the then ruling Chief Minister is still remembered by one and all", Ajit said, saying that as of today no journalists dare to use the word of Irengbam Arun which he stated that "It was due to lack of baton on the back that Mr. Ibobi continue to misrule the state. RK. Bobichand, a free lance journalist, while speaking on the occasion lambast the intrusion of the ruling authority to the freedom of media. He said media is often considered as the 4<sup>th</sup> pillar of Democracy but the government seem to forget it as it have no respect for the media this day.

## Varavara Rao returns home, calling arrest of activists 'government conspiracy'

**Srinivasa Rao Apparasu Courtesy Hindustan Times, Hyderabad, Sept 2,**

Revolutionary poet Pendyala Varavara Rao on Thursday said the Supreme Court order asking the Pune police to return him home in Hyderabad was a "slap on the face of the government". Rao, 78, is one of the five activists who were arrested by the Pune police in raids in five cities for their alleged links with Maoists on Tuesday. The Supreme Court on Wednesday ordered the activists will be kept under

house arrest. A police team flew Rao from Pune and dropped him at his apartment in Gandhinagar as the Telangana police put up a security ring. Rao's wife Hema Latha received him as he stepped out of a police car and his family rushed to embrace him, but the poet didn't show emotions. "It's a temporary relief of me and others, but the Supreme Court order is a slap on the face of the government. We have been booked in a conspiracy case just because we mooted a platform to raise the voice against the fascist rule in

the country. In fact, the government itself has conspired against us," Rao said aloud before entering the apartment complex. Rao will be under house arrest till September 6, the Supreme Court has said. He cannot meet people outside his family and he cannot speak to people outside his home, even on his phone. A four-member Pune police team, aided by the Telangana police, will be posted at Rao's residence. "On Wednesday, we heard the prosecution's argument for one hour. The court will hear the government on September

6," Rao said. "The government's action will have a lot of effect on the society. People will understand the government conspiracy," he said. He referred to noted historian Romila Thapar petitioning the Supreme Court on behalf of the five arrested and said that it substantiated the argument that the case was false and conspiracy by the government. On August 28, the Pune police searched Rao's home and questioned him for eight hours before arresting home. He was taken to Pune the same night on a transit warrant from a local court.

## Nobel Peace Prize to Suu Kyi Will Not Be Withdrawn: Norwegian Nobel Committee

**Agency Stavanger, Sept 2,**

The Nobel Peace Prize to Aung San Suu Kyi will not be withdrawn in the light of a UN report that said Myanmar's military carried out mass killings of Muslim Rohingya, the Norwegian Nobel Committee has said. On Monday, UN investigators said Myanmar's military carried out mass killings and gang rapes with a "genocidal intent", and the commander-in-chief and five generals should

be prosecuted for the gravest crimes under international law. Aung San Suu Kyi, who leads the Myanmar government and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991 for campaigning for democracy, has been criticised for failing to speak out against the army crackdown in Rakhine State. "It's important to remember that a Nobel Prize, whether in Physics, Literature or Peace, is awarded for some prize-worthy effort or achievement of the past,"

said Olav Njoelstad, the secretary of the Norwegian Nobel Committee. "Aung San Suu Kyi won the Nobel Peace Prize for her fight for democracy and freedom until 1991, the year she was awarded the prize," he said. And the rules regulating the Nobel Prizes do not allow for a prize to be withdrawn, he added. The Norwegian Nobel Committee consists of a panel of five Norwegians, mostly former politicians and academics, that reflect the different forces

in the Norwegian Parliament. The other Nobel prizes are awarded in Sweden. Last year, the head of the Committee, Berit Reiss-Andersen, also said it would not strip the award after previous criticism of Aung San Suu Kyi's role in the Rohingya crisis. "We don't do it. It's not our task to oversee or censor what a laureate does after the prize has been won," she said in a television interview. "The prize winners themselves have to safeguard their own reputations."