

State police continue to hunt down MU students and faculties; President of MUTA Prof. I Tomba picked up and questioned

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Self proclaimed Pro-VC Prof. Yugindro compliant to state police now is converting almost all faculties of the varsity as well as students as underground. President of Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA) Prof. I Tomba was today picked up by a team of state police today morning from his residence at Lilong Chajing and released later after questioning if he was present on the incident of Sept 20 evening.

This news paper term Pro VC Yugindro as self proclaimed as University act clearly stated the the Pro VC shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the executive Council on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor. And the VC who is under suspension appointed the Pro VC Yugindro when he was on leave.

"We are being followed everywhere by state force and we cannot even convene a meeting to discuss the development, everywhere we tried to gather for discussing the matter, large number of police will arrive creating threat intimidation", said a professor while talking to this reporter.

Midnight crackdown at Manipur University on Sept. 20 was conducted as per complaint lodge by the self

proclaimed Pro VC Prof. Yugindro. As per police source the Pro VC reported he was pelted stones and detained for over 3 hours at a room at Manipur University.

General Secretary of MUSU Kennedy who is taking shelter somewhere in Imphal area while talking to this reporter said that the self proclaimed Pro VC along with the self proclaimed in charge Registrar Shyamkesho when entered the Manipur University complex along with large number security force was trying to get sympathy by telling false story. He said it was the Prof. Yugindro who suggested to enter in a room so that the matter can be discussed properly.

On one hand, Kennedy accepted that some student threw eggs on his vehicle, but the MUTA and MUSU volunteers tried to keep control them.

"It is natural that the fuel burnt if pour petrol", Kennedy said.

He further condemn the midnight crackdown saying that those police didn't simply check the students but entered every room, pull up the mattress, throw the pillow and open lockers and disburse all reading material. When tried to resist the police excess, the reiterated in the most hostile way.

"I think those police personnel were trying to justify what Mr. Prahlad Patel, who called the Manipur

University as Den of insurgence. Had not we intervened there might be possibilities that they placed some unwanted anti social element that might score their point", Kennedy added.

On the other hand Kennedy also stated that some of his colleagues reading materials as well as prepared project along with money are reported missing.

Over 20 students were injured on that night after they fired mock bomb, tear gas shell. 5 faculty members including the assistant proctor prof. Sanatomba were picked up and another faculty member was picked up from his residence.

13 students were picked up on the very night. Among them 2 students had been remanded in police custody while others including the faculty members were sent to Judicial custody.

In the presence of this reporter, Kennedy called on the Proctor of Manipur University Prof. Sumitra Phanjaobam and enquired about the midnight crack down at which she replied that she had no knowledge of the incident neither she was informed.

As per University convention any raid or security related matter should be informed to Proctor, in case his or her absence it is the assistant proctor that has to be informed. On the other hand any raid to hostel of Universities should be

accompanied by a warden. None of the procedures as per convention of the Manipur University rules were followed on the day. Meanwhile, a highly placed source told this newspaper that the state government had selected 3 persons namely Dr. Ranjan, Prof. Joykumar and Former MLA Kh. Loken to meet all stakeholders of the Manipur University.

The three were not only directed to meet the MU stakeholders but also were advised to meet all leaders of civil society bodies who might create problem due to the recent development. Another highly placed source also confirmed meeting between the three government representatives with some leaders of major civil society organizations of the state.

160 students of Manipuri Dept says they will not appear exam if all arrested students and faculties are not released unconditionally

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Demanding unconditional release of all students and teachers of Manipur University without any condition, students of 2nd and 4th semester today said they will not appear examination scheduled to begin from September 27.

In a write up signed by 106 students, it is stated that they vehemently condemn producing the faculties treating them as not less than a criminal. The 106 students demanded immediate release of the teachers and the students. They also demanded revocation of the suspended teachers.

'Stop Terrorising the M.U Campus and State'

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Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) strongly oppose the move of the State and Central Government for terrorising the Manipur University in the name to bring normalcy at the MU Campus after a complaint was made by the Pro-VC of the university.

YFPHR also oppose the move of the State to book the innocent students under several sections of the IPC such as *Attempt to murder, Kidnapping, Punishment for Criminal Intimidation, Punishment for Extortion, Common Intention, Wrongful Confinement* etc, we cannot deny the fact that the unarmed students have been fighting against the corrupt head of the institution namely Mr. AP Pandey and for his removal. YFPHR asked, "why did the police entered the MU campus & Hostels of the University at the mid-night hour by disturbing the students from preparing for their on-going second & fourth semester Post Graduate examination?". "Was the prior permission taken from the warden of the hostel to enter the Hostel?", "Who gave the male police personnel to enter the Girls Hostels no. 3?"

Another unfortunate area is that in many instances the State Police Department fails to arrest the Rapist or other criminals from absconding,

however, to arrest the unarmed students 100s of Paramilitary forces and the State Armed forces were deployed in the middle of the night by destroying the educational environment and also to destroy the hard earned normalcy of the MU which may leads to the loss of academic career and psychologically threat to the students of Manipur, a statement of the YFPHR said.

It added, "We also have a fear that like using the tool of 'Rape as an instrument of War', the Central and State Government is using the tool of 'Destroying Education Environment is an Instrument of War' under the imposition of AFSPA, 1958 to destroy the people of Manipur from the on-going self-determination movement. We further fear that it was strategically planned by the State Government under the influence of Central government to make our Manipur more dependent to the central government by Destroying the MU which is the top institution of our state producing many intellectuals which is to be must aware by the state government".

The Forum also appeal the Government of Manipur and the Governor to remove the deployed state and central forces from the Campus of the MU immediately and Stop terrorising the students and the people of Manipur in the best interest of the people.

One Day State Level Sensitization Workshop on Children related schemes and acts held

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A "One Day State Level Sensitization Workshop for NGOs Running Children Home and Hostels on Provisions of RTE Act 2009, NCPRs Regulatory Guidelines for Hostels of Educational Institution for Children and Leveraging CSR Initiatives for Child Education, Child Welfare and Child Well Being" was held on September 23, 2018 at the Banquet Hall, MR Ground, Imphal. The Workshop was jointly organised by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and the Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights. Ksh. Bhabananda Singh, MP Rajya Sabha, Manipur & President, BJP, Manipur Pradesh and A. Brajakumar Sharma, President Seva Bharti Manipur graced the Inaugural Session of the Workshop as Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour, respectively. Smt. Sumatibala Ningthoujam, Hon'ble Chairperson, Manipur Commission for

Protection of Child Rights presided the session.

Pareash Shah, Expert Education, NCPCR, welcomed the distinguished guests, dignitaries and delegates of the Workshop. He expressed that hostels for children for in the country remains unregulated in terms of fees structure and the manner in which these are run. Likewise, homes for needy children remain equally unsafe. So the main objective of running both hostels and homes for needy children is to sensitize about them.

A. Brajakumar Sharma, in his speech as the Guest of Honour, shared that RTE for free and compulsory education was adopted in 2009. However, within the last 60 years, we witnessed that providing education as such remains a tragedy as the budget allocated for this sector is very low compared to other countries in the world. In the context of Manipur, he expressed that expenditure on education for children is very costly. Moreover, the state

witnesses inadequate infrastructure and human resource to provide education, he added. This is the reason, parents send away their children outside the state for education. Homes and hostels for children in the age group of 6-14 years need a safe and secure environment especially in a state which witnesses crime against children. He concluded that there is degradation of moral education and most of the persons committing crimes are youths (below the age of 28 years). Thus, he pleaded for moral education in the state as well as provide a safe environment to children. Chief Guest of the Workshop, Ksh. Bhabananda Singh, expressed that as a citizen of India we need a safe environment for children. He inferred that none of the human beings ever skipped the period of childhood. He asserted that what we are today is because of what we learnt and experienced during our. Even today, every person has story of childhood. He

shared that he always remembers the hardship he faced during his childhood as well as the love and care received from his grandmother as if etched in the brain.

40% of India's population comprises of children. He shared that stayed in hostel during his school days in Sanik School, Golpara. He feels that homes are equally important although he never stayed there. Living in a hostel, one learns to learn about discipline and follow guidelines. Homes, meant for orphans and needy children, he heard are mostly disorganized. These are run under meager budget. And issues one hears about such homes, for example, recent case of homes in Uttar Pradesh, are shocking. When the ones who run these homes commit crimes against the inmates of tender age are despicable acts and highly condemnable. I believe today's workshop is to prevent such crimes and sensitise the ones who are

running them especially the NGOs. They need to be supervised and monitored. They should be guided by spirit of humanity, the human touch and feeling to serve and sacrifice not merely to earn profit. They should provide love and care especially to those who do not have parents. Without love of parents and guardians children cannot grow up normally and without psychological trauma. It is impossible to expect the same from these bodies but they should try to give the best and try to be filled up the emotional vacuum. These demands that these bodies strictly need to follow the guidelines provided by NCPR but above all, work with a spirit of sacrifice and love as children are like God. Smt. Sumatibala Ningthoujam gave a brief about Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights how the Commission has been striving to uplift the welfare of children, especially those who are in need.

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Those who chant name of poor did nothing for them in 50 years, says PM

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Launching the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana from Jharkhand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the scheme would transform India into a medical hub in the future while slamming the Congress for ignoring the health of poor people for the past 60 years due to votebank politics. Besides, PM Modi also launched 10 wellness centres in Jharkhand and laid the foundation stones of medical colleges in Chaibasa and Koderma. Being touted as the world's largest health protection scheme, PMJAY will allow a beneficiary to take cashless benefits from any public/private empanelled hospitals across the country. The scheme covers health conditions and surgical procedures encompassed in

over 1,350 packages that include practically all secondary and tertiary conditions requiring hospitalisation, barring a few such as organ transplantation. Praising the launch of an ambitious health insurance scheme by PM Modi as historic, BJP president Amit Shah Sunday remarked that the government has given the 'poor the right to live with dignity' with its plethora of schemes. He said the poor people are at the focus of the Modi government's projects. National Health Agency (NHA), the apex body implementing the PMJAY scheme, last week launched a website and a helpline number to help prospective beneficiaries check if their name is there in the final list. One can visit the website mera.pmjay.gov.in or call up the helpline (14555) to check their enrolment.