

Students staged protest rally against Sept 20 midnight crackdown at MU; Prof. Pandey says Enquiry committee constituted by MHRD 'illegal'

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Large number students today staged protest rally against the September 20 midnight crackdown at Manipur University and arrest of students as well as faculty members. The students started the rally from Imphal College march towards Imphal Keithel where they were stopped by a large number of police near Hodam Leirak in Tiddim road. The police also disburse the protest staged by the students of Manipur University inside the University complex at around noon today.

Meanwhile, Prof. AP Pandey

who is under suspension today said that the enquiry committee established by the MHRD as per agreement signed between the government of Manipur, MU community and representative of MHRD as illegal.

He also stated that he had not received any intimation from the enquiry committee for submission of statement on or before September 24. The 2 member committee had asked the VC Prof. AP Pandey to submit statement in form of affidavit on or before September 24 and

also asked to appear in person before the commission on September 26, 27 and 28.

In his letter to the enquiry committee, AP Pandey stated that as per the statute of the Manipur University the visitation powers are vested in the visitor of the University and the MHRD has no jurisdiction over the affairs of the Manipur University in this regard. Similarly, the inquiry, in pursuance of a tripartite agreement between some illegal and unrecognized association on one hand and

the MHRD on the other, is completely illegal and neither binding on the university nor the Vice Chancellor.

As per his statement to the enquiry committee Prof. AP Pandey term the MUSU, MIUTA and the MUSA as illegal bodies and also the Manipur state government representative as unrecognized.

Meanwhile students of Anthropology , Dept. of Physics and Biochemistry department today stated that they will not appeared the semester examination until the problem has been settled.

7 injured in IED blast in the heart of Imphal City

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At least 7 persons were injured early today morning when a low intensity Improvised Explosive Device (IED) exploded in front of a shop located near the entrance gate of the Major Khul Imphal. According to police report the blast occurred at 5.45 am today morning and those

injured by the splinters of the blast were all daily wage earner. All the injured have been rushed to RIMS hospital for treatment. Doctors said all the six are out of danger. All the six persons were daily wage earner and have been identified as Sunil Gupta (38 yrs), s/o Vaquer Singh of UP, presently staying at Khuyathong, Chotu Sarani (26 yrs) s/o Ram Naresh of UP, Dhamendra Shahani

(24) s/o Ram Prakash of Bihar, Dharam Yadav (20) yrs, s/o Bacha Yadav of Bihar. The three of them are presently staying at Major Khul and Dharmasala. The two other injured in the blast are Ranjit Shah (46 yrs) s/o Sitaram Shah of Bihar and Rajesh Shani (32), s/o Mahindra Shah of Bihar presently staying at Nagamapal.

9 students' bodies including 4 from aboard condemn Sept 20 crackdown at MU and arrest of faculties

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Nine students' bodies from Nepal, Philippine, Bangladesh and other states of India including Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) of Manipur has expressed strong condemnation to the September 20 midnight crackdown by security personnel inside Manipur University complex.

In a joint statement signed by Bhushan Longjam, Secretary General, Socialist Students' Union of Manipur, Pesal Dahal, Secretary, All Nepal National Independent Students' Union (Revolutionary), Siddharth Samtani, President, United Students' Democratic Front, Kolkata, Priya, Publicity and Publication Secretary, Revolutionary Student-Youth Movement, Bangladesh, Arunank, General Secretary, Democratic Students' Union, Telangana, Chiranjivi Dhakal, President, All Nepal National Independent Students' Union (Revolutionary), Kara Lenina Taggaoo, National Spokesperson, League of Filipino Students, Prasanna, State Committee Member, Chaitanya Mahila Sangam, Andhra and Telangana and Sushil of Democratic Students'

Union, Delhi University, the Sept. 20 crack down by police at Manipur University is being term as a barbaric act of Political Conspiracy by RSS and BJP under Hindutva Fascism.

"We strongly condemn the incident of Manipur University that happened at the midnight of 20th September where a number of Security Forces came and arrested 90 Students and 6 Professors and put them jail by using Mock Bombs and Tear-Gas Shell in Manipur University Hostels", the joint statement said.

It added that Students of Manipur University had been suffering for completely 85 days by the Total shut down of University and students did not have the chance to have classes and even exams. For this serious matter, a MoA (Memorandum Of Agreement) was signed in between Manipur Govt. Protestors and MHRD to bring the normalcy of the University to conduct exams and to result out the pending exam results. During this bringing up of the normal Environment in MU, the BJP Govt. of Manipur is again reviving the conflicts.

"We, the Students from aboard and from India strongly demand the immediately release of the arrested Students and

Professors (associated with the Mid-Night Crack-Down) without any conditions. After the Mid-Night Crack-Down in the Manipur University campus, the BJP govt. have shut down the Internet services in Manipur. Actually this shows the Dictatorship of the BJP Govt. which they suppress the rights of the citizens.

"In order to support and help the Political Nominee of RSS, VC Pandey, life of thousands of Students have been tortured. The normal timing of the Students' Exam has been already 100 days late and again by this new Military Crack Down, the life of the students would loss more from before. Not only here in Manipur, but the coming of BJP Govt. in Central India, many other Universities have been attacking by RSS-BJP. In Manipur also, students' and Teachers of Manipur University have been attacked Under the strict supervision of RSS-BJP. The joint statement while condemning act term it as BJP-RSS against the Students' and Teachers community. The statement also demanded immediate release of the arrested students and teachers and also those who have put in jail without any conditions.

Are all students and Faculties of MU criminals? - Macha Leima

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Manipur Chanura Leishem Marup (Macha Leima) today lambasted that September 20 midnight crackdown at Manipur University by security force.

Recalling a statement of the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, at which he had stated that criminals can be crack down at any time either night or noon, the Macha Leima questioned the CM on whether all the students and the faculties at Manipur University are criminals.

"Are the faculties of MU Criminals? Are those students at the hostel preparing for exam criminals?", the statement asked the Chief Minister. It further added that the 85 days long impasses ended and when academic normalcy have been restored at the Manipur University it was again distorted after one Prof. Yugindro came to take charge of the VC on Sept. 20. The Macha Leima further said that for 85 days the state was put under turmoil for 85 days by one AP Pandey. When Pandey has not been taken up any action how could the student and teachers can be called criminals.

The Macha Leima further demand immediate and unconditional release of teachers and students detained by the state government.

CM appeals all stakeholders to put positive effort in resolving MU row

DIPR
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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the State government is committed to restore normalcy and peaceful academic atmosphere in Manipur University. This was stated by him during the joint Hill Leaders' Day and Meeyangmi Numit held at Chief Minister's Secretariat today. Speaking to media persons, Chief Minister said that the State government would mediate in its fullest capacity in resolving the present turmoil in Manipur University. The State government would act as a mediator between the Centre and Manipur University community to resolve the issue. He appealed the people, CSOs and other stakeholders to put positive effort to bring amicable solution of the MU issue. Chief Minister said that after

hearing the allegations against the Vice Chancellor Prof. A.P Pandey for his misbehaviour and mismanagement in the Manipur University, the President of India intervened in the matter and suspended Prof. Pandey. And the order further mentioned that Prof. Pandey would not be allowed to enter the University premises until further orders, he added. The President and Centre have acted after acknowledging the sentiments of the people of the State, he added.

Chief Minister recalled that many unwanted incidents have occurred in Manipur University in the past. There were instances of killing a Professor and other unlawful activities inside the University premises, he added. If the law and order situation worsens, then the State Government can't remain as silent spectator. The present

government won't let any unwanted incidents happen in the University campus.

Reacting on boycotting the University examinations by the students over the appointment of Pro-VC and Registrar, Chief Minister stated that if the stakeholders aren't satisfied with the said order then they are free to move the Court.

Talking about the grievances received on joint Meeyangmi Numit and Hill Leaders' day, Chief Minister mentioned that among several grievances, various individuals, entrepreneurs and SHGs have requested for providing financial assistance. In this regard, officials of various banks including MSCB, MRB are being deputed here to provide soft loans by them. Chief Minister opined that there is good economic momentum in the State.

RPF President Irengbam Chaoren greets people on occasion of its army wing PLA's 40th Raising Day

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Proscribed group People's Liberation Army (PLA), the army wing of the Revolutionary Peoples' Front (RPF), is observing the 40th raising day on September. President of the rebel group Irengbam Chaoren greets the people of the state in connection with the raising day.

A statement issued to media houses by RPF's president irengbam Chaoren categorically stated the present state of the region. "Manipur today is besieged by myriad socio-political and economic issues and we will never be able address these issues effectively as long as we live under the Indian colonial rule" Chaoren stated. The statement further said that the collective wish of our

people to extricate Manipur out of the prevailing sorry state of affairs, India's repressive policies have devastated the society, and the puppet rulers who have been incapacitated to exercise any of their faculties for the welfare of the land will never be able to resolve the myriad issues and problems conclusively.

"All kinds of social issues have been multiplying today while communal harmony and sense of inter-community brotherhood have been poisoned but the puppet rulers are simply watching helplessly because all these negative developments are directly or indirectly linked to Indian colonial policies. This link can be traced to New Delhi's policies of suppression, division and weakening smaller communities by way of pitching one group of people

against another with the ulterior motive of annihilating all the smaller communities. This link was visible in all the relationships shared between colonial rulers and colonized peoples across the world and this link is still operating quite actively in Manipur and WESEA.

"It's time for our people to stop directing all our wrath and grievances against the helpless and puppet State rulers and re-direct our energy and take on Indian colonial rulers for they are the real culprits. If we continue to seek solutions to the myriad issues and problems through the puppet rulers, the issues and problems will only get complicated and the social unrest will escalate because the puppet rulers have accustomed to using all their energy and wisdom only for elections and they have been

baptized in the Indian brand of politics. It's time for all of us to revert to our traditional ethics 'action speaks louder than words' rather than only shouting without doing anything, a parasitic character which we imbibe from our association with Mayangs so that we can challenge the Indian colonial rule directly and their diabolic policies which are the root causes of all our problems and hardships. This can save us from blaming and tearing into each other, a social evil born out of the forced annexation of Manipur by India, and from ultimately sinking together. Seeming differences among us have been strengthening the Indian colonial rule and the colonial rulers have been taking advantage of this seeming disunity. So the foremost task is unification. We must unite to identify and

resolve each and every single problem entangling the society.

"For we are at present living under the Indian colonial rule, there is a growing need for all of us to walk together on a common path and create a commonness among our wishes with regard to certain national tasks which must be accomplished without fail. This will certainly help in removing distrust among us and tendency to oppose one another apart from reducing the adverse impacts caused by different problems and issues. Howsoever justified they are and though they are characteristics of Indian democracy, bands and blockades are becoming very unpopular in Manipur.

"This is a social change brought about by difficulties faced by masses over the years. Any agitation launched

after overlooking this change which causes undue misery to the masses in the name of demanding one's rights will prove suicidal and malignant. It is crucial to devise modes of agitation which have least impacts on daily wage earners, healthcare services and education with the exception of general strikes called on key national issues.

"Our people are anxious and apprehensive about possible threats to the integrity of Manipur vis-à-vis the peace talk going on between India and NSCN-IM. At the same time, our people must understand that GoI, while ignoring the collective wish and aspiration of Naga people, has been working to terminate the armed revolutionary movement of Naga people after coercing NSCN-IM to sign a deceitful agreement. GoI