

MUTA declines CM's invitation for talk

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Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA) has declined the invitation of the Manipur Chief Minister to hold talk over the issues of Manipur University. The invitation was sent to the authority of the MUTA by the Secretary to the Chief Minister of Manipur, N. Geoffrey base on a statement given by President of MUTA I Tomba during a panel discussion at NE Live TV on September 27, 2018. The MUTA said that talk between them and government may be possible

on the ground that if the arrested faculty members and students are released without any condition and also by withdrawing the FIR lodged against the members of the University Community. The MUTA also stated that how could they hold meeting with the government when the faculty members, staffs and the students are being chased. "Stop the dodging and arrest of the teachers, staffs and students; remove all the security forces from the Manipur University campus, then we may consider talking", a MUTA representative told Imphal Times.

Why the MU Community is against Prof. AP Pandey? 'Of the 482 working days Prof. AP Pandey remain out of station of about 180 days'

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With Prof. AP Pandey's refusal to cooperate the 2 member independent enquiry committee looking to the crisis at Manipur University and after documents which were kept sealed in the VC room at A Block of Manipur University have been taken out, Imphal Times now felt that people across the nation need to know why the Manipur

University Community stand firm with their demand. One factor which enraged the students of the varsity was his frequent absence and touring outside the state which makes difficult for students in taking approval for their research works whatever so related. As per documents available with the Imphal Times, Prof. AP Pandey who joined the Manipur University on October 26, 2018 used to be out of station for a period of over 180 days out of the 482

working days. Which means, AP Pandey attended office for 272 days only. The total expenditure for his travel comes around Rs. 8 crores and was bear from the Manipur University Exchequer. Imphal Times had earlier reported that at most of leave return dates were not mentioned. As per source available with the Imphal Times, AP Pandey made about 32 trips during 180 days which he remain out of station. As per report Prof. Pandey never prepared any

official tour diary in all the 32 trips. On the other hand since Prof. AP Pandey joined that VC Office in Manipur University there was never a regular meeting of the statutory bodies of the Manipur University which includes the Court, Executive Council, Academic Council, College Development Council, the board of studies and the finance committee. A source said that failure to hold regular

meeting of the statutory bodies is a gross violation of the Manipur University Act, 2005. As per the MU Act it is mandatory to hold meeting of the statutory body for at least three times a year. Moreover the last convocation held of the Manipur University was on April 29, 2014. Source said that Prof. Pandey refused to entertain the request for conducting of the convocation.

State observes Surgical Strike Day; CM seeks support to bring a solution to MU row



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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the government seeks the support and co-operation of the people and media to find a solution on the Manipur University issue. This was stated by him at the Surgical Strike Day Observation held at Banquet

Hall of 1 M.R. Battalion, Imphal today. Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said that we all must join our hands together to bring an amicable solution on the issue. He maintained that the government is open to hold meeting with the representatives of MUTA, MUSA and MUSU for a fruitful dialogue to bring solve the MU row. He stated that the government had invited the MU community for talks today but they turned it down for their own reasons. In the meantime, the government will send another invitation when they are ready for talk so that the 3 months long agitation would be put to an end. He believed that the MUTA, MUSU and MUSA would hear the earnest appeal of the government to restore

normalcy in the Manipur University. Appreciating the people of the State for their positive feedbacks and response during the bandh recently, Chief Minister thanked the people for showing maturity and refraining from any violent acts during the bandh. Since the installation of the present government, Manipur is experiencing positive change. And no unwanted incidents have taken place in the last 18 months, he added. He urged the people to join hands together to build a better Manipur. Mentioning the contribution of Manipur in the Nation Building, Chief Minister said that Manipur has produced highest number of Army Officers in per capita by any State in the country. The State has produced two Lieutenant

Generals in the Indian Army so far. There are around 300 Army officers serving the Nation, he added. He thanked the Army and Paramilitary officials for extending their valuable help during natural calamities such as flood, landslides which have occurred in the State. Chief Minister highlighted that India believes in universal values of humanism and is a peace loving country. The world must member that we are the founder members of Non-Aligned Movement. India also believes in holding political dialogue to bring a solution with any country, he added. Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar Singh presided the function. Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Chief Secretary, DGP, top Army Officers, top civil and police officers attended the function.

9th State Level Children's Cultural Meet, Governor presents Child Rights Award to three individuals

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The 9th State Level Children's Cultural Meet, 2018, under the theme 'Break the Silence, End Child Sexual Abuse, Let us Make a Child Friendly Manipur' organized by Manipur Alliance of Child Rights (MACR) was held at Tribal Research Institute, Chingmeirong, Imphal today. The Children's Cultural meet was graced by Governor Dr. Najma Heptulla, Law, Health and Art & Culture minister L. Jayentakumar Singh and Advisor, MACR and also Former Chairperson of MCPCR S. Sarat Kumar Sharma as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honour respectively.

Speaking at the function, Governor said that she was happy to be amongst all, especially the young talented. It is indeed an opportunity for the young children to show their talents and innate potential in different fields of art and culture, she added. The Governor stated that the theme of this year's cultural meet 'Break the Silence, End Child Sexual Abuse, Let us Make a Child Friendly Manipur' is relevant in the current social scenario. Congratulating the Manipur Alliance for Child Rights for putting up the important issue into context, the Governor said that the campaign launched by MACR from the month of August this year has covered 32 Educational Institutions and more than ten thousand students have taken the pledge to stop sexual violence against children. Expressing anguish over reports of child abuse in the country, the Governor stated that sudden escalation in the number of cases of child sexual abuse is most disturbing. In Western countries where family bonds are presumably less tenacious there have been extensive reports of such crimes however, it was assumed to be quite alien to the Indian society and more so to the well knit culturally rich society of Manipur. Unfortunately, such



rabid social aberrations have started occurring in Manipur also, which was completely unheard of in the past. It underscores the need of realizing our collective responsibilities of each and every stakeholder, schools, colleges, parents and students to ensure a safe and secured environment, where basic rights of the children are well protected and promoted, she added. The Governor further said that there are other grievous challenges confronting the children which if not engaged appropriately can destroy the whole generation. The menace of drugs and substances among the school going children is on the rise. A comprehensive approach for containing this enemy of the youths is imperative. 'Digital Addiction' leading to Cyber Crime is another dimension of the challenges faced by the young generation. She expressed hope that with sincere and focused efforts, Manipur Alliance and Child Rights will be able to contribute substantially in the fight against these evils. Lauding the Manipur Alliance and Child Rights for submitting a draft 'State Child Policy' to the Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights, the Governor expressed confidence that the Government will consider implementation of such policy earnestly in the interest of the younger generation. The Governor also stated that

the participation of large number of children from both valley and hills from different districts, different ethnic communities to a single forum will help in achieving communal harmony, emotional integrity amongst the indigenous peoples, tribes of hills and valley of Manipur. In his presidential speech, Law, Health and Art & Culture Minister Shri L. Jayentakumar Singh stated the need for mass awareness on the various laws related to children which protects the legal rights of the children. He said it is the responsibility of each and every parent/guardian to nurture their children in the right direction. In the nine district of Manipur, there are nine Juvenile Justice court, the Minister added. As part of the cultural meet, the Governor presented Citation and shawl to Child Rights Awardees, Shri Kabib K. IPS, SP, Churachandpur and Shri M. Pradip Singh, IPS, SP, Senapati for their outstanding work in the protection of Child Rights and N. Sanajaoba Meitei, Senior Reporter, ISTV for his commendable media report and stories on Child Rights. Later in the afternoon, Children from different district showcased variety of dances including Folk dance, Body building show, Cultural dance, Thougol Jagoi, Fashion parade, Kabui dance, Mao Jagoi, Thadou Kukli Folk dance, Choreography among others.

Manipur Maoist conveys the people to remain firm & steadfast against the repressive regime

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Marxist Communist Party Manipur conveys the people of the state to remain firm & steadfast against the repressive regime of Manipur. A statement of the outfit said that on the 122nd birth anniversary of the Late Hijam Irabot, the Maoist Communist Party Manipur, the lone voice of the peasants & the working class of the society, would like to request the public to remain firm against the repressive regime of Manipur and work together to give a befitting reply to the repressive regime. "It is an everchanging world and MCPM also understands that even the Philosophy of a Revolution should also develop with time", the statement added. It further says that the evolving revolutionary theory of Marxism to Marxism-Leninism and presently to Marxism-Leninism-Maoism is laid bare for all to see and witness, as no one can stop the wheels

of change, develop even in the ideology of Revolution. Likewise the seed of Revolution, the revolution of equality, sown by the Late Hijam Irabot based on Marxism-Leninism was indeed the right thing for the generation of that time and with the Philosophy of a Revolution evolving with time, the Maoist Communist Party of Manipur was formed based on the ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, with the objective of striding forward the revolutionary steps taken by our predecessors. On the other hand, the ever increasing defiance, arrogance & the repression of the Manipur Govt should be met head on collectively. A quote by the Late Bhagat Singh, one of freedom fighters of India. In the grab of a fraud called "rule of law" the oppressing state's violence is treated as legitimate and the rationale behind the adoption of violent means by the oppressed is not even acknowledged" - needs to be analysed thoroughly using

our rational and wisdom by all of us. It is very evident that the present repressive rule in our motherland Manipur is exactly what his term of "Fraud" was and it is also crystal clear to all of us that the tyrannical BJP regime is exercising "the rule of law", a pure eye-wash, to suppress the genuine and the just demand of the people of Manipur. Why would the regime then unduly without any rhyme or reason assault the innocent students of Manipur University and that too in their dorms in the middle of a night? Is this what they call it as the "rule of law" and Isn't this what the Late Bhagat Singh had described as "Fraud of the Rule of Law"? The repressive and the tyrannical act of the BJP Govt has indeed given us and the public a new zeal and a new desire to resist them even if some of us were mere mute silent spectators. The MCPM would also like to quote the great freedom fighter Nelson Mandela who once said "The freedom fighter learn the hard way that

it is the oppressor who define the nature of the struggle, and the oppressed is often left no resource but to use method of that mirror those of the oppressor". From what is happening now and what has happened in the past, we need an all out effort to counter this repressive Anti- People Regime of the BJP or any other repressive regime for that matter, in unison. The present imbroglio of Manipur University and the inability to solve a very simple issue which of course as puppets, they are not allowed nor do they have the gall. Instead they unleash a fury of assault and repressive measures on their own people, a typical cowardly quality of a fascist tyrant and a direct challenge to their own people. This however is indeed a blessing in disguise as we all, including both the young & the old, are morally & emotionally strengthened to resist them even more firmly and ready to take the bull by the horn. It is time for all of us to wake up or else we will never wake up, the statement added.