

MU in funding crisis as leadership is institutionally uncertain

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Manipur University is landing in dire straight once more as the Union Ministry of Human Resource and Development (MHRD) still is yet to appoint a regular Vice Chancellor after removal of Prof. AP Pandey. On the Direction of the Manipur High Court, former Chief Secretary of the state Jarnail Singh had

been appointed as Administrator of the University to act in the capacity of Vice Chancellor for time being and has been continuing till today. For reason best known to the authority UGC had stop releasing fund and the University is left with no choice but to take loan from State Bank of India. As per source, a sum of rupees one crore (Rs. 1 Crore) was borrowed from the State Bank of India and the amount

transferred to the University bank account at Bank of Baroda has been sanctioned for utilization by the Administrator on August 8. The sum of rupees one crore is being borrowed on the ground that the amount will be reimbursed after UGC releases fund for the University. Source further said that Jarnail Singh, the Administrator acting as VC by the directives of the Manipur High Court has

failed to bring the Manipur as the UGC does not want to invest when the tenure of his stay as VC is already numbered. On the other hand, the sanction amount for utilization was carried out without getting any approval from any University Authority, the source added saying that University may face another deep financial crisis as the money for development of MU is feared spent during his stay.

MHRC recommends authority to provide pscho -Social care initiatives to 36 room inmate of Babysana

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Manipur Human Rights Commission has recommended the state government authority to provide psycho-social care initiative to 36 room inmates of Ningshoujam Babysana Chanu who was

found dead inside the hostel of the Standard Robart School on July 18. The Commission also recommended the state government and other concern authority for implementation of the State Child Rights Policy. The recommendation was directed after State Corordinator of the Manipur

Alliance for Child Rights file a petition to the commission. As per the complainant the draft State Child Rights Policy was submitted to the Manipur Commission for Protection for Child Rights and later to the Department of Social welfare, Govt. of Manipur in 2017 by MARC and CRY.

State Observes Sadbhavana Diwas; Thoubal police will be befittingly rewarded: CM

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As in other parts of the country, the State today observed Sadbhavana Diwas, the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The State level function was held at 1st MR Banquet Hall with Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and Deputy Chief Minister Y. Jyokumar Singh as the chief guest and functional president respectively. Speaking at the occasion, N. Biren Singh expressed his Government's strong commitment to carry on their campaign against drugs. Observing that drugs and heroin have the potential of destroying the whole generation, the Chief Minister maintained that there is need

for putting in concerted efforts to root out drug menace for the future of the State. N. Biren Singh also announced that the police team of Thoubal District, led by its SP Dr. S. Ibomcha, who recently busted a drug factory at Lilong and seized around 185 kg of heroin worth around Rs. 166 crore in the international market, would be rewarded befittingly as done in earlier cases. Stating that Imphal-Moreh highway is known to be a major route for drug trafficking, the Chief Minister also instructed DGP L. M. Khaute, who was present at the function, to lay an intelligence network in and around Moreh under a committed officer so that drug peddling from the border town

to other parts of the State is prevented effectively. During his speech, the Chief Minister also expressed serious concern over increasing rate of casualty in road accidents. In this regard, he directed the officials concerned to issue an order making helmets mandatory for two-wheeler drivers at the earliest. On the other hand, he also asked the police to launch a drive to remove 'tints' from the window glasses of four-wheelers. He said that criminals can elude from police eyes if they travel in the vehicles having tinted glasses. The Chief Minister also instructed the officials concerned to speed up developmental works and implementation of welfare schemes. Informing that there

are around pending 20,000 applications for old-aged pension scheme, the Chief Minister said that Rs. 5 crore had been earmarked in the budget for them. He instructed the officials of Social Welfare Department to enlist these applicants in the beneficiary list. Regarding 'School Fagathansi' mission, the Chief Minister directed the officials concerned to complete necessary works like construction of required infrastructure, supply of furniture and equipment and posting of teachers within 45 days at least in some selected schools. During his speech, the Chief Minister remembered late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's works towards bringing emotional oneness and harmony of all the people of India regardless of caste, region, religion or language. Speaking at the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Y. Jyokumar said that Rajiv Gandhi had a firm belief that the country could not progress without harmony among people of different communities and religion. He always kept on bringing unity in diversity, the Deputy Chief Minister said. Later, the Chief Minister administered Sadbhavana pledge to the gathering. Ministers, MLAs, top civil and police officers and Government employees also attended the function.

Relay hunger strike continues; police disperse using smoke bombs

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The 2nd day for the relay hunger strike done by the JAC members protesting against the mysterious death of Babysana continues. Another 10 members of the JAC today staged the relay hunger strike at the Waiting shed opposite to western gate of DM college at Thangmeiband. Meishnam Leikai. Around 1.30 in the evening police personnel disperse the protester using smoke bombs saying that the area is under

CrPC 144. Speaking to media persons a protestor identified as JAC member named Pishakmacha said that they still protest though they suffer a lot because they wanted to know the truth and to attain justice for Babysana. She further questioned how 36 students living in the dormitory didn't know when she died as even a small pinch makes a loud noise. Pointing out why people support the protest Pishakmacha said that the people finds it very doubtful and mysterious on

the way how she died and also they wanted the truth. "We also wanted to stop the protest but all they (government) need to do is to find out the truth about the death of Babysana", she added. She further urged the Chief Minister to help it out and find the culprit as the people are more like his sons and daughters. The employees and students of JCRE skill solutions also staged sit-in-protest together with the protesters of relay hunger strike.

CM distributes prizes for photo competition



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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched his personal website, www.nbirensingh.com at a solemn function held at the Cabinet Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today. The website contains Chief Minister's profile, latest information, achievements, works, photo gallery and video gallery etc. The website also

has a contact page wherein people may post their complaints and grievances to the Grievance Cell of the Chief Minister's Secretariat. Prizes for the Sangai Photo Festival Competition, 2018 held as part of the Manipur Sangai Festival, 2018 was also distributed by the Chief Minister at the function. Ksh. Devkumar, Okendro Sanasam and Soibam Pritam Singh won first, second and third prizes

respectively while Rajkumar Nepolean got Special Mention prize. The Chief Minister handed over a commendation certificate each and Rs. 50,000, Rs. 30,000 and Rs. 20,000 to first, second and third prize winners respectively. It may also be mentioned that Rs. 1 lakh had already been awarded earlier to Seyeicavi Suohr, Master-Class Grant winner of the competition.

KSA storms at COHSEM

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Volunteers of Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA)

Lemongrass farmers worried over repayment of loan

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Lemongrass farmer's Association of Imphal East expressed strong apprehension about its inability to repay of loan given by the State government under the scheme Make in Manipur which was launched by the Directorate of Trade, Commerce and Industries specially on cultivation of Lemongrass, Under the Manipur Food Industries Corporation Ltd. Speaking the farmers urged the concerned authority for not holding the sapling in propriety facing the farmers in debt condition due to the lack of Buy Back Policy. He continued that very unfortunately, concerned banks have sent letter several times for repayment of loans and pressure the farmers that all the accounts.

today stormed the office of Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur (COHSEM) to derecognised Chintang Foundation for Innovative Education for using fake patta. Speaking to media persons Vice President of KSA Sukham Bidyandanda said that the authority of Chintang Foundation for Innovative Education, Yairipok uses fake documents of patta and used for the recognition of the school. He added that several

memorandum were also given to CM and Education Minister but were neglected by the authorities. Bidyandanda also said that chairman of the Council should resign from his post because of the irregularities and added that the education minister should also morally resign from his post also. He urged the government to give befitting punishment to those involved not to repeat such in the future.

Meeteis in Tripura longing to learn making of traditional attires

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The Meeteis in Tripura has been jealously following and conserving the cultures of the meeteis despite living in another state by wearing the traditional attire during rituals and festivals. Most womenfolk wore Rani Phi, Wangkhei Phi, Moirang Phi and other traditional attires on auspicious occasions bought at high cost from the Nepal. "The economy of the Meeteis living in Tripura can be strengthened if expert weavers from Manipur teach the Meeteis of Tripura or if the

Manipur government initiate a free training program at Manipur or Tripura for making such dresses" suggested Nonghombam Kusum Singha who is the General Secretary of Chhechhuria federation, Chhechhuria weaving training Centre Agartala while speaking to Imphal Times. Highlighting the centre, she stressed that the centre was funded by the World Bank under the Ministry of DoNER and NERLP and added that it was established in the year 2014 by the Meeteis and the Bengalis residing there. Speaking to Imphal Times she further said that poor people of the area generating their own



made self-employed through livestock farming and giving training on weaving thus generating their own

economy. Two Weaving experts from Assam came and taught the women at the centre in

weaving various types of clothes with patterns and designs in it, she added. Kusum further said that around 9 Meetei women were there at the centre learning weaving on the 9 looms. The Meeteis in Tripura have known how to weave simple clothes of the Meetei like Khudei and Phankes and such clothes were also widely used by the Meeteis residing in Tripura. Kusum stressed. She continued that costlier and intricately designed clothes worn by the Meeteis like Wangkhei Phi, Rani Phi, Phige, Moirang Phi were beyond the skill of the weavers there and added that the Meeteis there longed to

learn making such clothes. She added that the Meetei women living in Tripura generate their income mainly from weaving and agricultural activities. Considering the plight of the Meeteis living in Tripura Kusum urged the government and all the Civil Society Organisations and also Organisations like SALAI and individuals who love the Meeteis to help in giving training to the Meetei women in weaving and preserving traditional dresses and costumes like Wangkhei Phi, Rani Phi, Phige, Moirang Phi and help in strengthening their economy.