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Sit in protest staged against the non availability of Head of Institution; Warns Bishop House to shut the school down if they fail to send the Father

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With the non availability of the Head of Institution of Catholic School Canchipur for the last many days, students, parents and guardians staged sit in protest outside the school gate on Wednesday.

Speaking to media persons Sobita Biramani a parent of a student said that the principal of the school Father Sony Thomas has taken leave from June 17 and has not returned till now.

Stressing that Catholic School Canchipur as well as all the other Catholic Schools were under the control of Bishop House he reminded that the Bishop House has tried to

remove Father Sony Thomas many a times from the school. Because of strong agitation by the parents, guardians and Van Drivers Association Father Thomas was extended his term for the post of Principal of Catholic School Canchipur for two more years, he added.

Biramani contended that they believed the Bishop House has a role to play for the father not to come to the school and with previous issues they have trust deficit to the Bishop House.

As the 2nd terminal exam will begin from 24th of this month he urged the Bishop House to send the Principal to resume its duties and also to manage for the students who will face

the HSLC exam and also the terminal exams soon. They felt discontented to know that the school was left without the head of the Institution for a long time and it is a clear sign for system failure, he added.

Praising the Principal he asserted that the school performance was increased in comparison with the previous years during the time of Father Thomas. He also said that they strongly believed in him.

Biramani warned the Bishop House that they will force to shut the school down after the second terminal exam which will start from 24 July if they fail to send back the Principal of the school Father Sony Thomas.

NEFIS demands immediate removal of irregularities in disbursal of Non-Net Fellowships

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The North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) had submitted a memorandum to the Administrator (Vice Chancellor) of Manipur University demanding removal of irregularities in the disbursal of Non-NET fellowships to the research scholars enrolled at Manipur University. These fellowships were instituted to be granted to all the research scholars i.e. those enrolled in M.Phil and Ph.D courses at the Central Universities across the country however, the scholars of Manipur University were being denied the fellowship. The amount had not been released since 2017. A statement said that the

research scholars represented by North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) had made a representation to the University Grants Commission (UGC) seeking an immediate intervention into the matter. It added that following the representation the UGC authorities had written to the MU authorities seeking a clarification in the matter. Consequent to it, the MU authorities had started disbursing the Non-NET fellowships to the research scholars vide Office Order/240 dated 12th June, 2019.

However, still many irregularities concerning the disbursal of the fellowship remain, the NEFIS statement added. It said the scholars are only being given fellowship

amount of 3 months, and it is not at all made clear by the university as to which particular months they have received their fellowships for. Further, some things still remain unclear as to when do the scholars start receiving their fellowships i.e. from the date of their admission as at all other Central Universities or after the completion of their coursework.

NEFIS, through the memorandum, had demanded that these irregularities should be immediately removed. It also terms the disbursal of Non-NET fellowships a victory of its struggle, since it was disbursed after NEFIS's and others' efforts. NEFIS would be taking up other issues of students of MU and intensifying its struggle in the coming days.

Protest continues demanding arrest of culprits involved in the attack to U. Thoibi



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Local women and youths of Kshetri Awang Leikai, Kshetrigao today staged a sit-in-protest demanding arrest and punishment of the culprits involved in the

attack to Urikhinbam Natacha @ Thoibi on July 4. Thoibi is the daughter of Human Rights Defenders U Nobokishore and Sobita Mangsatbam.

While the protest urged the government for arrest and punishment of the culprits, it

also demanded installation of CCTV camera in proper places of Imphal area.

The protestors also warned the government of intense agitation with the help of various civil society in the state if the government fails to arrest the culprits.

Brahmaputra crosses danger mark in Guwahati

Agency
Guwahati, July 18,

Flood situation in Assam continues to deteriorate even further as the water level is rising at a speed of 2-3 cm per hour in Guwahati. River Brahmaputra that flows through the vital city of the northeastern state crossed danger mark on Monday. Sadikul Haq of Central Water Commission told, "Water is flowing 1.5 cm above danger level and it is increasing 2-3 cm per hour. The rising water level can be a danger for the city."

So far, 11 people have died in Assam floods this year while incessant rains continue to spread the state. 31 of the 33 districts in Assam have been affected by the current spell of heavy rain.

Over 26.5 lakh people have been affected in the flood situation that is worsening every hour.

PM Narendra Modi spoke to Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Monday and took stock of the flood situation in the state.

Sonowal briefed PM Modi about the situation in Assam while the Prime Minister assured Sonowal of all assistance from the central government in dealing with the situation.

Barpeta is the worst-hit district



with 7.35 lakh people facing the flood fury, followed by Morigaon where 3.50 lakh people are hit. In Dhubri district, 3.38 lakh people are affected, the Assam State

Disaster Management Authority said. About 70 per cent of the Kaziranga National Park, the habitat of the Great Indian Rhino and a world heritage

site, has been affected too. In Meghalaya, rising waters of the Brahmaputra and the Jinjiram rivers have life thrown out of gear for 1.14 lakh people across 164 villages.

CM N. Biren shares pains of Assam

Imphal, July 18,

Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh has expressed sadness at the loss of life, destruction of property and immense suffering caused to the people of Assam by the unprecedented flood.

In a letter to his Assam counterpart Sarbananda Sonowal, the Chief Minister said, "I offer my condolences to you and all those affected by the calamity and wish you

a successful and smooth execution of relief efforts."

In a press release issued to the media through DIPR, Shri Biren said that it was really saddening that Assam had been hit by one of the worst floods of recent times.

He lamented, "Several lives have been lost or injured. Thousands are left homeless. Properties have been swept away by raging flows of water. Innumerable wildlife has been destroyed. My

thoughts are with the people of Assam in these trying times."

He further said, "I, on behalf of the people of Manipur express our deepest condolences to the people of Assam, who were affected by the unprecedented natural calamity. Manipur prays for early receding of water and speedy rehabilitation works. We stand with the people of Assam in these challenging times."

Army gear up for worsening floods in Assam

PIB (DW)
Ghy, July 17,

In view of the worsening flood situation in the Eastern region, Lieutenant General MM Naravane, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, General Officer Commanding in Chief, Eastern Command, took stock of the situation and was briefed by various Commanders on the ground about the

preparations underway. The Army Commander stated that the situation is presently under control and assured a quick response by the Army on being requisitioned for deployment on flood relief tasks.

Various resources of the Army in anticipation of flood related calamity are on 'Stand by'. Army is closely monitoring the flood situation in close

coordination with civil administration along large number of flood prone areas. There are 152 monitoring stations which will ensure timely warning of an impending crisis due to floods.

Army has alerted the flood relief columns which consist of rescue and relief material, to be prepared for deployment on short notice. Total of 95

flood relief columns along with additional 31 columns as reserve have been kept on 'Stand by' for this purpose. As on date five columns have been requisitioned and are helping in the relief operations. Column Commanders are in regular touch with the civil administration to ensure timely response when called upon to assist.

News from South East Asia

Indo-Myanmar Friendship Projects in Education prepare skilled youth for Industrial Development

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Out of 6 Industrial Training Centres (ITC) in Myanmar, India has set up two Centres - in Myingyan and Pakokku. During his visit recently, Mr. Nandan Singh Bhaishora, Consul General of India met with the Principal, Head of the Departments and some students at ITC, Pakokku. It was set up in 2010 and to date, 8 Batches of about 160-180 students have completed their course. As per the information given by the Principal, 100% of students are getting placement either under the Ministry of Industry and other Ministries or in various Industrial Zones/Companies in Myanmar.

While speaking at ITC, Pakokku, the Consul General said that Myanmar has 55% of its population less than 30 years of age- its most precious resource- its young people- provide a large number of human resources, and if the right kind of skill is developed among them, this

goes a long way in bringing industrial development as well as peace and prosperity for the nation; both the centres are doing exceedingly well in imparting the technical knowledge and training to the youth of Myanmar; they are easily getting jobs in the market.

He also mentioned that during May 2018, MOU was signed between India and Myanmar for the setting up of two more such Centres in Monywa and Thaton (Mon State). The intake has been about 180 students at each Centre, after completing their Grade-11 (with 17-25 years of age) and the selection is through documents and interview, strictly on merit. The courses being offered are -Machine Tools Operator/CNC Operator/Automobile Mechanic/Welder/Electrician /Electronic Course. The Centres come under the Ministry of Industry, Government of Myanmar. Consul General also mentioned that 85-88% students in the Centre in Myingyan too have been

getting jobs in the market within 6 months of completion of their course in the preceding years; some of them have been going to Japan for 3 years internship in industries in Japan.

Mr. Bhaishora also said that Myanmar Institute of Information Technology (MIIT), a Centre of Excellence was set up under India-Myanmar Friendship Project and it became one of the top 5 Computer Universities/Institutes in Myanmar out of 33 within 2 years; running in 5th year, it is likely to be No.1 in Myanmar soon; the courses being offered are B.Eng (Hons.) 5 years in Computer Science Engineering and Electronics & Communication Engineering; these have become highly sought after courses in Myanmar, as, for 120 students' intake every year, more than 2000 students have been applying for the entrance exam. Also, the Institute had conducted one year Post Graduate Diploma Courses in Software Development; it is learnt that

these students got jobs in Yangon, Mandalay and various countries like Japan, Thailand, Singapore, etc at 25-30% more salary package than the graduates from other Computer Universities of Myanmar. Certainly, these are the steps India has been taking for implementation of its Act East Policy as well as Neighbourhood First Policy. The Consul General also said that India values its relationship with a close neighbour like Myanmar and would like to increase its engagement on a long term basis in various areas including healthcare, education, skill development, capacity building, connectivity, culture, trade & people to people contacts. During his recent visit to Imphal, he also met with the Vice-Chancellor of Manipur University and requested him to invite a team of Rectors from various Universities of Myanmar for closer cooperation and exchange of faculty, students study trips as well as for exploring the possibility of signing the MoUs.