

Manipur University fiasco:

High Court directs Independent committee to submit report within five days

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Manipur High Court has directed the two member Independent enquiry committee which was constituted by the MHRD over the month long impasse at Manipur University on the issue of VC AP Pandey, to submit the findings within five days to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) so that the Visitor of the University can proceed action.

The High Court order directed that the MHRD should place it before the Visitor of MU for

"his approval and directions." After a prolonged student agitation in MU, an Independent Two Members Committee was constituted for finding out the truth on the charges made to Aadya Prasad Pandey, the then VC of Manipur University (MU). The order clearly indicated that the Manipur High Court acknowledges the existence of Visitor of MU which Prof. AP Pandey had been denying its existence. The court order also stated that Jarnail Singh should continue as the Administrator of Manipur University till the decision of

Visitor on the matter based on the report of the Independent Two Member Committee. Furthermore, Manipur High Court ordered also "quashed and set aside" the appointed of K Yugindro Singh as Pro-Vice Chancellor by the then VC Aadya Prasad Pandey. Chongtham Nimai, retired teacher of Johnstone Higher Secondary School and Hemanta Kumar Nigombam, Editor of Sanaleibak Daily were among the petitioners who filed the case to find an amicable solution to the prolonged crisis at Manipur University.

'Village and School level awareness campaign on biodiversity is necessary'

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Thoubal Divisional Forest Office and Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation Committee Manipur (WBCC) also observed the International Day for Biodiversity -2019 at the auditorium of Divisional Forest Office Thoubal today on the theme "Our Biodiversity Our Food Our Health."

Debala Laiphrakpam, DFO Thoubal Forest Division, Rabi Takhellambam, a journalist and also president of WBCC and N Iboyal, Range Forest Officer

Kakching Range attended the observance as dignitaries on the dais.

Speakers on the occasion expressed serious concern over the massive destruction of forest and wild life.

"With the increasing destruction of the biodiversity, people should also take part in its conservation and not just wait for the concerned departments", Rabi Takhellambam said and added that people must learn the meaning of biodiversity.

Other speakers asserted the need for campaign at school and village level on biodiversity.

As a part of the event, a Divisional Level Painting competition was held for students from Class V to Class XII in three categories. For Class V to VIII, Laishram Srinivash, Sweety Wahengbam and Waikhom Abhinash from Ruda Academy Thoubal won the competition. For Class IX to X, Thouchom Utam, Moirangthem Ranjoy and Maimom Bamkimchandra took the prize. Thokchom Biron, Jeeva Takhellambam and Suranjoy Chirom took the first, second and the third prize for XI to XII category. From each category, 10 students are selected for consolation prize.

AMSU launches 'Winning our Struggle' scholarship

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The All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) is launching a special scholarship programme for students of the state under the title "Winning our Struggle".

A statement issued by Lhumpao Lupheng, Publicity and Information Secy. AMSU, said that the scholarship programme is being launched to encourage students in enhancing the spirit of patriotism among the student

community. The AMSU launched the scholarship programme under its motto - Learn, Serve, Sacrifice. Stating that the AMSU has not only been struggling for the Rights of the students' community but also has been fighting to correct the wrongs in the society. Most of the students who have been spearheading movement for the cause of the state are from the family who live on hand to mouth and AMSU felt the need for supporting such students so that they can continue in the

further studies, the statement said.

"Winning our Struggle" scholarship will be awarded to special students who passed at least in first division and who also participated in every social issues every year to students in class X and XII category respectively. Students who are selected will be awarded a onetime amount of Rs. 10,000/- along with Certificate and memento.

The statement also appealed to contact Bruce Pebam, HRD Secy. AMSU for details.

AMNEMEA provides Monetary Assistance to its ailing member

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The All Manipur Newspaper and Electronic Media Employees Association (AMNEMEA) has extended monetary assistance to Khunjamayum Amuchou of Keira Bitra Makha Leikai, who has been undergoing treatment at JNIMS Hospital, Porompat.

Khunjamayum Amuchou, is working as a Circulation Manager of Ireibak Daily



Newspaper and has been suffering from an illness since last year.

A sum of Rs. 5000/- was handed over to him by a team

of AMNEMEA led by Th. Ngaothoi, President, All Manipur Newspaper and Electronic Media Employees Association (AMNEMEA).

Massive hunt for perpetrators behind the killing of Arunchal Pradesh MLA with 10 others underway at Khonsa region

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(With inputs from Agency)

Following the assassination of Arunchal Pradesh MLA Tirong Aboh, the Indian Army have launched massive operation in Khonsa region to hunt down the perpetrators. MLA Tirong Aboh, sitting

MLA from NPP and also a contesting candidate from Khonsa West constituency along with ten others was assassinated yesterday by armed militants. All sources points fingers Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland-Isak Muiwah (NSCN-IM) behind the killing of the MLA. Report said that additional forces of the army have reinforced at Khonsa and adjoining areas to nab the culprits behind the killing.

Soon after yesterday brutal attack, Superintendent of Police of Khonsa had rushed to the spot and took stock of the situation. The 11 dead bodies have been shifted to a hospital at Khonsa for port morum.

DIGP (Eastern Range) and SP, Changlang with additional forces also rushed to Khonsa to assess the situation. The IGP (Law and Order) also moved to Khonsa to supervise and co-ordinate with different security agencies for the operation.

report said.

As per the official release of the Arunachal Police, the deceased persons are MLA Tirong Aboh, Wangngoi Hakhun, Jalin Hakhun, Longgem Aboh (son of Tirong Aboh), Ganwang Hakhun, Matlam Aboh (burnt), Pangro (teacher), Ponghang Agi (PSO RPL Khonsa), B Siksa (PSO security cell) and other two persons who are yet to be

identified.

Those injured in the brutal attack are Wangsang Hakhun (PSO) who suffered a bullet injury to his shoulder and Wangdan Hakhun, a civilian who also got shot. A woman and a PSO reportedly escape unhurt from the ambush.

It may be mentioned that NPP MLA from Khonsa West Assembly constituency, Tirong Aboh was killed in an

attack on Tuesday morning while he was returning with his family to Khonsa from Dibrugarh district in Assam. Tirong Aboh was moving in a convoy with four vehicles when they were stopped by armed men and were fired upon.

Sources points fingers to NSCN-IM cadres camped out in the frontier state Arunachal Pradesh behind the attack.

ENNG condemns Killing of AP MLA with 10 others

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The Eastern Naga National Government (ENNG) expressed string condemnation terming the killing of MLA Tirong Aboh and 10 others as the cold blooded and brutal assassination.

The MLA and ten others including family members are on their way to Khonsa from Assam when the suspected NSCN (IM) cadres attack and killed them.

"Such dastardly and inhuman act of violence by a Nagaland based organisation has no place in Tirap, Changlang & Longding (TCL) region" a statement said and added that

ever since the entry of different factions of NSCN in TCL areas in 2002 they have made several gruesome political murders including assassination of erstwhile Arunachal East MP Lt. Wangcha Rajkumar beside killing innocent aboriginal civilians of all communities of the region i.e., the Tangsas, Noctes, Tutsas, Wanchos, Singphos like a priceless animals to fulfil their ulterior agenda.

The ENNG appealed the NSCN to leave TCL region as soon as possible saying that they are not their people. The ENNG also warned to all those who harbour and support various faction of

NSCN. The ENNG also demanded the Government of India to suspend the ongoing peace talk with NSCN (IM) and their demand for integration of TCL into greater Nagalim must stop immediately.

"The public of TCL should seriously stress for Autonomous District Council (ADC) and the GOI should be serious in granting it to the people as it has been their long cherished demand" the statement said.

The statement was released by one Jime Naga, Publicity & Information Secretary, GHQ, Eastern Mahal and (Lungrok).

Public discourse howls for repeal of draconian Act APSFA

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Even after imposing the Draconian law AFSPA for the last 61 years in Manipur, the government doesn't take any positive steps to repeal it leaving aside all the mass people movement.

For Assam some forward steps has taken up to removed disturbed area from their state but Manipur fails to move ahead regarding the removal of disturbed area neither the repeal of the Draconian law.

Though the state fails to suppress the liberation movement by various underground outfits through imposition of AFSPA, moreover the people were angered adding more fuel to the fire by imposing such Draconian law.

In connection with the imposition of the draconian Act, Apunba Manipur Kanba Ima Lup (AMKIL) organised a one day meeting at Lamyamba Sanglen to mark the 61 years of imposition of Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958.

People attending the event wore black badges denouncing the Draconian AFSPA.

Addressing on the occasion Khangenbam Anandi, Advisor of AMKIL said that the people at both hill and valley area have been suffering for the last 60 years due to the atrocities of the security forces



committed under the shadow of AFSPA.

She added that many people were raped, murdered and tortured in the name of counter insurgency operation. The security forces even raped women in front of their husbands and family members. She added.

Anandi also recalled the tireless struggle of the people against the draconian act which curtail the right to life of the people. Chairman of Committee on Human Rights (COHR), Phulindro Kansom while calling on the people about the needs for repealing of the draconian Act AFSPA also stressed on the need for a mechanism to safeguard the resources of the indigenous people and the land.

He added that AFSPA is an instrument to suppress and oppress the people of Manipur.

Highlighting the importance of Right to life Phulindro said that other Rights seems to be of no use if the people doesn't get their basic right to life.

A person may get enough education or may get good economy all goes in vain if their right to life were curtailed, he added.

He stressed that AFSPA is an act which curtail the right to life for the people of the state. Phulindro reminded that the ordinance was first made by British during the colonial era to suppressed the Indian Freedom Movement.

Director of peace building action Ningthemcha Bobichand highlighted the need to maintain peace and tranquility at every society for survival, well being, identity and freedom of the people. He added that AFSPA has refrained all the requirement

to maintain peace in the state. He added that people not only want to remove disturbed area status from the state but also to repeal the draconian law from the Constitution also.

A report done by Civil Society Coalition for Human Rights' which was submitted to United Nation Human Rights Committee was also released. Director of Human Rights Alert Babloo Loitoingbam said that the report presents a gist of the major human rights challenges faced by the people of Manipur and surrounding North East people region of India.

He added that the report primarily focus on the suspension of right to life, the lack of effective remedy, the non recognition of Ethnic minorities, the plundering of Natural resources of the land and political right to self determination.