

## MU in dire straits –Part 6

### Fund sanctioned for construction of Hostel for OBCs at Manipur University diverted

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It again happened when Professor AP Pandey, who is now under suspension, was acting as the full time Vice Chancellor of Manipur University. No doubt he is still enjoyed the designation 'Vice Chancellor' and has been enjoying all benefit entitled to government employees who are under suspension. It was during his time that fund sanction for construction of two hostels for OBC boys and OBC girls have been diverted and constructed hostel for accommodation of delegates participating MU calendar programme Youth Festival. October 26, 2016 Prof. AP Pandey took charge as the Vice Chancellor of Manipur University. Imphal Times Special Investigation Team

managed to procure a highly classified official documents which reveals mass irregularities being practice in the Manipur University. As per Imphal Times special team investigation, about a month after Prof. AP Pandey assumed charge as Vice Chancellor of Manipur University, i.e., on November 15, 2016 a firm identified as M/ S.M. G Construction has been awarded work order for construction of two dormitory hostel for boys and girls. The report said that separate work orders were issued to the firm and the negotiated tender value for each work order were Rs. 1,03,12,654/-, Construction of the Boys Hostel started on October 16, 2017 and completed on May 5, 2018 at the cost of Rs. 1,36,80,599/- And the dormitory girl hostel which

also started construction on the same day was completed on October 8, 2018 at the cost of Rs. 1,28,62,124/- What is interesting is that the fund utilized for construction of the dormitory hostels for girls and boys was sanctioned by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India under the central sponsored scheme for construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls on September 4, 2012, for providing hostel facilities to students belonging to socially and educationally backward students especially from rural areas. For the Central Universities 90% of constructing such hostels are born by Government of India and 10% is left for the Central University. Manipur University applied to

September 9, 2011 at an estimated cost of Rs. 3,50,00,000/-. That means estimate of each hostel is Rs. 1,75,00,000/-. The Ministry approved and released an amount of Rs. 2,80,00,000/- on September 4, 2012 for construction of both the hostel. Why the then Vice Chancellor (Prof) HNK Sharma failed to start construction of both the hostels under 90% centrally sponsored scheme for the poor and needy OBC students is a matter yet to be enquired. However during AP Pandey's era a sum of Rs. 2,65,42,723 have been diverted from the amount of Rs. 2,80,00,000/- sanctioned under central scheme which was allotted for promotion of poor and marginalized OBC students.

## FEGOCTA held sit in protests at Manipur College

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Government College Teachers today staged a sit in protests was held at Manipur College today on the third day. The protest was being held in support of the FEGOCTA's demands and other related issues of collegiate education. FEGOCTA began the agitation since September 24 demanding implementation of national policy of 7th UGC Pay



and Regulation, 2018 A spokesperson of FEGOCTA said that Manipur does not

have an education policy even in the 21st century while the neglect of higher education

policy is unfortunate. At present there is loss of trust by the College teachers to the Government which has failed to translate the verbal 3 written assurances given to FEGOCTA into action so far. FEGOCTA threatened to continue series of agitation till fulfillment of its demands. Sit in protests will be held at M.B. College, Imphal on 31st January and at Y.K. College, Wangjing on 1st February.

## Gun Licence Lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my Gun Licence No: 3979 /DM/IE NPB Pistol Revolver. on the way between Babupara(Police Station Imphal West) to Imphal West DC Bungalow Babupara on 20/01/2020. Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

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## Corona Virus...the number of quarantined patients goes up

From a Correspondent  
By Raju Vernekar

Although no case of "corona virus positive" has been reported from any part of the country as yet, number of passengers, who were quarantined on their return from China, crossed 670 with staggering 633 passengers isolated and kept under observation in Kerala alone. The break up of the persons kept under observation was: Kerala-633, Punjab-16, Tamil Nadu-8, Maharashtra-7, Haryana-4, Delhi-3, Madhya Pradesh (Ujjain-son and mother)-2, Hayana-2 and Bengaluru-1-676. Up till now 33,552 passengers who arrived in India from China in 155 flights have been screened even as, health officials began screening passengers at 21 airports across India for virus symptoms.

Three suspected patients -all men aged between 24 and 48, have been kept under observation at Delhi's Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. Two of them are from Delhi and one hails from national capital region (NCR).

In Punjab, the patient, who is a banker, himself went to the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh. While up till now the samples of the patients were being tested only at National Institute of Virology in Pune, Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan on Wednesday said that the

laboratory testing facility will be extended to four more laboratories across the country. NIV, Pune and ICMR Laboratory in Delhi will coordinate the testing of samples. A control room at the

national level with phone number 011-23978046 is operational for any query, support, and assistance regarding coronavirus, he added.

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## First confirmed case coronavirus infection detected in Kerala

IT Correspondent  
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One confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus patient, of a student studying in Wuhan University, China, has been reported in Kerala a southern Indian state and the patient has tested positive for the disease and is in isolation in the hospital, a PIB statement released on Thursday afternoon.

The patient is stable and is being closely monitored, the statement added and further details were awaited. This is the first case where the patient has been tested positive for the deadly SARS-like Coronavirus

in India. Globally Tibet, Philippines and Sri Lanka have reported one case each of confirmed coronavirus. Tibet reported its first confirmed case after a 34-year-old man from China's Hubei province, travelled to Tibet and complained of sickness. The patient surnamed Zhang is from the city of Suizhou in Central China's Hubei province. He came to Lhasa by train from the provincial capital Wuhan on January 24 and was hospitalised on January 25. His vital signs are stable, and close contacts have been put under medical observation.

## Girl died on hit and run case ; JAC threatens bandh at NH 102 from 4pm tomorrow

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A 57 years old lady identified as Moirangthem (O) Manjuri, wife of late M. Ibopishak of Khangabok Awang Bhangshubudhon Leikai in Thoubal district died yesterday after she was hit by a vehicle while she was riding on a by-cycle near KM Blooming school at around 5 pm yesterday. The vehicle driver instead of looking after her fled speeding the vehicle. Decrying the hit and run case people of the area convene a meeting at Khangabok KYC ground and form a JAC and threaten to caked indefinite bandh along NH 102 if the police and the district administration fails to provide the driver and the vehicle. Protest cum public meeting held today criticize

the district police for not able to identified the vehicle and driver who hit and run the lady despite having CCTV installation at various places particularly at Various police Check post.

## Bomb blasts

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A powerful Improvised Explosive Device (IED) today blasted at Sejang in Imphal West under Lamai Police Station at around 8.00 am today. Report reaching here said that no person was injured or hurt in the blast. So far no organization has claimed responsibility of the blast. Police team rushed the site and conducted search operation at the area. No one has been arrested so far.

## Over 1500 NDFB cadres to lay down arms on Thursday

Courtesy Ne Now News  
Guwahati, Jan. 30

Over 1500 cadres of National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) will lay down their arms on Thursday in Guwahati. The arms lay down ceremony is scheduled for 10:45 am and will be held at Guwahati Medical College Hospital (GMCH) auditorium. Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal will attend the arms laying down ceremony on Thursday. Besides, the chief minister, state finance minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Assam Police chief Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta along with others will be present at the event. The cadres are expected to lay down around 130 arms and huge cache of ammunition. Earlier on Monday the Centre and the State Government signed the Bodo peace accord with four fractions of National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB), All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU) and United Bodo People's Organization (UBPO) in New Delhi in presence of union home minister Amit Shah. Last Thursday, 644 rebels from eight militant groups, including United Liberation

Front of Assam-Independent (Ulfa-I), NDFB, Kamtapur Liberation Organisation (KLO), Rabha National Liberation Front (RNLFF) and others laid down 177 arms, responding to a government peace initiative that will allow them to rehabilitate under government schemes. The peace process was initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and union home minister Amit Shah are likely attend the celebration function of Bodo peace accord to be held in Kokrajhar on February 7 next. Assam government has invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home minister Amit Shah to attend the celebration function.

## AMMSO condemn suspicious dead of Washima

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The All Manipur Muslim Students' Organization (AMMSO), while condemning the killing of college student Washima, today demanded capital punishment to the culprit involved in the killing. Washima D/o Md. Jamanuddin Khullapam of Yairipok Tulihal Mayai Leikai

, a student of BA 2nd Semester of MB College Imphal was found dead in a suspicious manner near Irong Cheisaba Konjengbung Leikai Lampak. The AMMSO while taking the matter said that the suspected killer of the girl should be well investigated and award capital punishment. It said that the student body will support all form of agitation to deliver justice to the departed girl.

## Two day All India Bank strike to hit services

By Raju Vernekar

Over 10 lakh employees of banks organised under the banner of the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) has decided to proceed on two day strike on 31st January and first February as protest against increase workload, non-filling of vacancies and other issues. The bank employees' unions, including AIBEA, AIBOC, NCBE, AIBOA, BEFI, INBEF, INBOC, NOBW and NOBO representing almost 100 % bank employees and officers will proceed on strike on Friday and Saturday, followed by three day strike from 11 March to 13 March. If the government fails to come forward for

respectable negotiated settlement, then the employees will be forced to go on an indefinite strike from first April, 2020 onwards, Convenor of UFBU Devidas Tuljapurkar stated here on Wednesday and added that the Indian Banks Association's rigid approach has left them with no option but to go on strike. All the government schemes such as Jan Dhan, Mudra, Adhar Linkage, Social Sector Insurance Scheme, Social Sector Pension Schemes, Digital India, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana etc. are centred around banking. These schemes have drastically increased the workload at the counter. On the other side banks have not filled in

vacancies arising out of death, resignation, retirements and promotion. While considering wage revision, the employees demands are not considered, with a plea that banks are struggling on profits. But the banks are in bad condition mainly on account of provisions for non-performing assets in which big corporate share is 80% and thus employees and officers cannot be held responsible or accountable for this situation, Tuljapurkar said and added that the wage revision for employees of public sector banks is pending since November 2017. "UFBU apologises to public and more particularly bank

customers for the inconvenience. We are more than willing to extend seamless continued services but are helpless since despite continued negotiations for about 27 months, the bankers have not come forward with respectable offer on wage revision and improvements in service conditions, in the last 5 years. The meeting before Chief Labour Commissioner on Monday also remained inconclusive so unions did not take back strike notice", Tuljapurkar said. "In 10th bipartite settlement employees and officers had signed the settlement on 15% rise on pay slip component, but the bankers offered only 12.25% on pay slip component.

In last bipartite, weekly off on Two Saturday were given. This time with the extension in alternative banking channel such as ATM, Mobile Banking, RTGS, NEFT, NET Banking and digital banking initiative of the government, the unions are demanding weekly offs on all the remaining Saturdays. They have also demanded update of pension and improvement in family pension to the retirees. But the issue remains unresolved". SBI and other PSU banks have notified their customers that services are likely to be affected due to the proposed two-day nationwide strike starting from January 31. All the government offices had instructed their field

Principal Accounts officers (PAOs) to upload files of salary payments on PFMS by 28th January. As a result the government employees may get their January 2020 salary earlier. If the files are uploaded late, then the salary may be delayed. The strike will coincide with the beginning of the Budget session and presentation of Union Budget 2020-21. In Maharashtra around 40,000 employees and officers working in around 10,000 banks branches will observe the strike. Employees and Officers from 20 Public Sector Banks, Private Sector Banks, Foreign Banks and two Regional Rural Banks will also join the strike.