

48-hour Manipur-wide shutdown call by MUSU



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IMPHAL: Most Valley based [student](#) organisations have extended support to the 48-hour [Manipur](#) wide shutdown call given by the [Manipur](#) University Students' Union (MUSU) beginning midnight tonight.

The shutdown is called for demand of removal of [Manipur](#) University Vice Chancellor Adya Prasad Pandey. The beleaguered Professor is refusing to leave his post despite weeks of strong protest spearheaded by MUSU.

[Prof AP](#) Pandey is facing allegations of financial and administrative irregularities which he has denied.

MUSU has vowed not to compromise with the authorities except for the removal of [Prof](#) Pandey from his office.

AMSU, DESAM, MSF, SUK, KSA and AIMS during a joint conference announced their support to the cause of MUSU.

The [student](#) bodies strongly condemned police brutalities against activities of Democratic Students' Alliance of [Manipur](#) (DESAM) during protest yesterday in front of Raj Bhavan and [Manipur](#) BJP office here. They were echoing the demand for dismissal of [Prof](#) Pandey.

The alliance has demanded that all cops responsible for Monday's incident be punished.

Meantime, Thoubal district unit of DESAM organised a sit-in at Thoubal Keithel where alliance's members shouted several slogans demanding that [Prof](#) Pandey be sacked.

During the demonstration, they also burnt [effigies](#) of Chief Minister N Biren, MU Vice Chancellor [AP](#) Pandey and Union Human Resource [Development](#) (HRD) Minister Prakash Javadekar.

The Thoubal unit of the alliance warned of intensifying agitation in case all police personnel involved in the assault of DESAM [leaders](#) are not punished by 12:30 pm tomorrow, Wednesday.

Essential services and religious programmes in the [state](#) will be exempted from the purview of the strike, MUSU said.

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