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Manipur, Heirok AC: Around 114 Members from 38 Families of BJP and Other Parties Join Congress



Around 114 members from 38 families of Mayai Keithel, Ward No. 14, Leirongthel Ningel Gram Panchayat under Heirok Assembly Constituency, formerly associated with the BJP and other parties, have joined the Indian National Congress (INC). Former Minister of Heirok AC, Moirangthem Okendro, along with Heirok Block Congress Committee (HBCC) Working President Elangbam Rajmohon, warmly welcomed them by presenting Lengyanphi (traditional shawls) as a mark of respect.

The programme was organized by the Mayai Keithel Youth Congress Committee under the aegis of the Heirok Block Congress Committee at the Mayai Keithel Community Hall in Thoubal District, Manipur based on the motto "Common Ideology, Unity, Live and Let Live."

The event was attended by Former Minister Moirangthem Okendro, HBCC Working President Elangbam Rajmohon, Lilong Block Congress Committee President Md. Imamuddin Shah, former Thoubal Adhyaksha Kh. Shoba, HBCC General Secretary (Organisation) M. Tourangba, former Pradhan of Leirongthel Ningel GP Salam Kumar, and several key members of the HBCC.

Welcoming the members of the 38 families, Former Minister Moirangthem Okendro stated that people with common ideologies must unite and stand as one for the sake of the motherland in Heirok AC. He noted that the constituency is inhabited by multiple communities who have lived together harmoniously by supporting one another. However, criticizing the current administration, he alleged that during this crisis lasting nearly four years, the completely ineffective "double-engine government" has remained silent without providing any relief, surviving only on false rhetoric. He emphasized that only love and mutual affection can restore peace to the region.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

One-Day Production of 'Nupa Basok' Held Alongside 'Govardhan Pooja' at Tentha Heibung in Thoubal District



As part of its continuous efforts to preserve art and culture, the Guru Ibungo Sharma Sangeet Vidyalaya in Tentha Heibung, Thoubal District, Manipur, organized a one-day production titled "Nupa Basok" alongside the celebration of "Govardhan Pooja" at the Tentha Heibung Bamon Mandop today.

The inaugural function of the production was attended by T. Samu Singh, President of Goura Sampradai Sanga, Tentha Heibung; Ningthou Naoria, retired professor at Kakching Khunou College; M. Jadumani Singh, President of Nat Academy, Tentha; T. Luxmon Singh, Treasurer of Goura Sampradai Sanga, Tentha Heibung; along with M. Pukei Singh and Th. Kondum Singh, former members of the Tentha Gram Panchayat, who served as presidium members.

During the event, six teachers from Guru Ibungo Sharma Sangeet Vidyalaya, Tentha Heibung—Th. Sanayaima (Pung Yeiba), M. Khomei (Pung Yeiba), N. Ibungo (Vocalist), M. Manichandra (Vocalist), I. Modhurjit (Vocalist), and M. Radheshyam (Vocalist)—presented the Basok performance.

Delivering the keynote address, B. Gomati Devi, Secretary of Guru Ibungo Sharma Sangeet Vidyalaya, stated that the institution has been actively working to protect endangered cultural traditions. She noted that the event was organized on the occasion of Govardhan Puja with the objective of preserving nature, planting trees and flowering plants, protecting hills, lakes, and rivers, and safeguarding the indigenous cultural heritage handed down by ancestors.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

Former Minister Moirangthem Okendro Hosts Ningol Chakouba for Hills and Valley Women of Heirok Constituency in Thoubal District, Manipur



In connection with the region's premier festival, Ningol Chakouba, and under the motto "Live and Let Live," former minister and INC candidate for the Heirok Assembly Constituency, Moirangthem Okendro, along with his wife Moirangthem Ongbi Sarita, hosted a grand feast today for around 1,000 women (Ningols) representing both the hills and the valley of the constituency.

Jointly organized by the Moirangthem Ibotombi Memorial Charitable Trust and the Heirok Block Congress Committee (HBCC) at the Sikhong Khunou Community Hall in Heirok AC, the main highlights of the event included women from various villages presenting traditional gifts (athenpot), followed by a community feast shared with local men and the former minister, concluding with the presentation of customary gifts (dakhina) and blessings.

Speaking on the occasion, M. Okendro stated that the event was organized with the conviction that hill and valley people are one indigenous family, aiming to restore harmony at a time when elements acting with disregard for kinship and civilized conduct have attempted to sever fraternal bonds and erode Manipur's cherished traditions and social etiquette.

He appealed to the gathered sisters to bless the state with the return of peace and stability. He urged the diverse communities residing peacefully in Heirok constituency for generations to strengthen their familial ties as brothers and sisters and to unite in efforts toward creating a stable and peaceful Manipur.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

Manipur CLP Leader Keisham Meghachandra: Those in Power Should Surrender if Unable to Govern



"If the Manipur government cannot work for the welfare of the people and is unable to govern the state fully, those in power should surrender," stated Manipur CLP Leader Keisham Meghachandra.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

CLP Leader Keisam Meghachandra Criticizes BJP Government for Mocking Women with False Commitments



Manipur CLP Leader Keisam Meghachandra stated that the BJP government in Manipur should stop mocking the women of this land by making false commitments.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

Diwali Festival Celebrated Widely in Manipur



With the arrival of the festival of lights, Diwali, people across Manipur are joyfully celebrating by lighting up every household. Citizens are also visiting the state's major markets to enjoy the illuminations.

Welcoming the festival, households light traditional earthen lamps while praying for happiness, peace, and prosperity, with the lighting of lamps and candles marking the core observances.

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SARKARI YOJANA

Manipur government releases ₹5.88 crore for 58,000 displaced persons ahead of Diwali

The Manipur state administration announced the release of ₹5.88 crore to provide immediate relief to more than 58,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have been uprooted from their homes due to recent ethnic conflict. This amount is part of a special relief package aimed at meeting basic needs such as food, shelter, and healthcare.

The funds will be distributed through district collectors and local welfare offices, with disbursements expected to begin this week to ensure beneficiaries receive assistance before the Diwali and Ningol Chakouba festivals. Officials stated that the timeline is designed to help displaced families celebrate the holidays with a sense of financial security.

State representatives noted that this measure is temporary relief, while discussions with the central government continue regarding long-term rehabilitation plans. They appealed to community leaders to assist in ensuring the aid reaches the most vulnerable households without delay.

SARKARI YOJANA

Manipur government gives festival assistance of 5.88 crore to 58,863 displaced persons

The Manipur Chief Minister's Office announced the release of a festival assistance fund of Rs 5.88 crore. The fund will be provided to 58,863 people displaced by recent communal tensions.

The assistance will be distributed through local welfare offices, helping beneficiaries with basic holiday expenses such as food, clothing and school supplies. Officials said a detailed verification process was adopted to ensure that only genuinely displaced families receive aid.

The state has urged recipients to use the funds prudently and pledged continuous monitoring of the scheme's implementation. The move is part of a broader effort to stabilise affected communities and provide economic relief during the festive season.

The per-person amount has not been disclosed, but the total sum indicates that the government has allocated significant resources to mitigate the humanitarian impact of displacement.

completed within the next few weeks, with further information to be provided by the Manipur Disaster Management Cell.

VIRAL & TRENDING

Video of Manipur Protest Misrepresented as Bangladesh on Social Media



A video of a public march in Manipur is going viral on social media platforms with misleading information. The footage shows local residents participating in a protest, but it has been presented as a protest in Bangladesh.

This incident highlights the ongoing challenge of misinformation on digital platforms, where video context is often stripped away to create false narratives. While the original video clearly shows the situation in Manipur, altered captions and metadata have led to confusion among online users.

Such misunderstandings can have a profound impact on public perception and cross-border relations. It is essential for users to verify the source and context of a video before sharing it to prevent the spread of misinformation.

The incident serves as a reminder of the importance of digital literacy and the need for fact-checking mechanisms to address content that spreads misinformation on social media.

HEALTH

Manipur Deputy CM Inaugurates New Diagnostic Center at KCH Imphal



The Deputy Chief Minister of Manipur inaugurated a new diagnostic center at KCH in Imphal on Tuesday. The center is equipped with modern imaging and laboratory instruments, which will enable faster and more accurate testing for patients. Officials stated that this facility will reduce the need for people to travel to distant cities for specialized examinations. The Health Department described the center as a significant step towards strengthening the state's healthcare infrastructure, particularly in remote and underserved areas. Senior medical officers and local dignitaries attended the inauguration ceremony and praised the project.

Awaiting NIA Investigation Order in Manipur



An order for an investigation by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) is awaited in Manipur. The NIA is a central agency that investigates serious crimes, such as terrorism and organized crime. Specific details regarding the NIA investigation have not yet been clarified. It remains unknown what specific incidents or allegations are prompting consideration of an NIA investigation in Manipur.

HEALTH

Mental Health Crisis Deepens in Manipur Amid Lack of Hope



The mental health situation in Manipur is deteriorating, and many people have lost hope of recovery, reports indicate. This deepening crisis reflects the increasing pain across various communities in the state.

Health authorities and local NGOs state that a lack of adequate counseling services and limited access to professional care are exacerbating the problem. People living in remote areas feel isolated, and the social stigma surrounding mental illness discourages them from seeking help.

Experts warn that without immediate action, the crisis could spread further, affecting both families and social structures. Calls are intensifying for increased funding, awareness campaigns, and the establishment of more mental health centers to address this silently spreading crisis.

EDUCATION

Manipur CM Announces Reopening of Colleges on September 6



The Chief Minister of Manipur announced today that all colleges in the state will reopen on September 6, marking the end of summer vacations.

The decision has been taken in accordance with the academic calendar, during which classes were suspended for the holiday period. Officials stated that the reopening will allow students to resume their scheduled curriculum and examinations.

Teachers and staff are expected to make necessary preparations for the return of classes, while administrative bodies will coordinate the required arrangements.

No additional information has been released regarding specific dates for private institutions at this time.

Violence Disrupts Education in Manipur; Experts Call for New Policy



Violence in Manipur has disrupted children's education, leading to the closure of several schools and preventing students from attending regular classes.

This disruption has raised concerns about learning gaps and the impact on students' long-term academic progress.

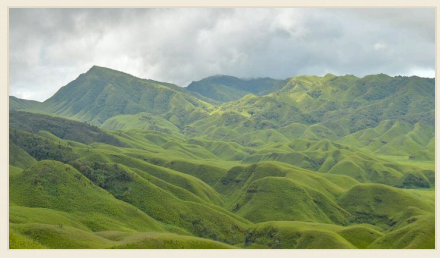
Education experts have urged the state government to implement a new policy to protect schools from future violence and ensure the continuity of education.

This demand comes amid reports of increasing attacks on educational institutions in the region, underscoring the need for immediate security measures.

Although authorities have not yet announced specific steps, experts believe that swift policy intervention is essential to prevent permanent damage to children's education.

CRIME

Manipur Government Hands Over Case of Two Kuki Youth Murders to NIA



The Chief Minister of Manipur announced that the investigation into the murders of two young men from the Kuki community will now be conducted by the National Investigation Agency (NIA). The state government made this decision because the case required a central agency for an impartial and comprehensive investigation.

According to official statements, both victims were killed under circumstances that raised suspicions of communal or insurgent motives. By transferring the case to the NIA, the state has expressed its intent to utilize the agency's specialized capabilities and jurisdiction over terrorism-related matters.

Local civil society groups have welcomed this move, as they had been demanding a transparent investigation. The NIA has not yet released details of its investigation plan, but a team is likely to be sent to Manipur soon.

Authorities have appealed to the public to refrain from speculation and to cooperate with the investigators. The case will be under close scrutiny once the NIA begins its investigation.

National Tribal Film Festival to Be Held in Manipur Amidst Birsa Munda Birthday Celebrations



Manipur has announced that it will host the National Tribal Film Festival, a major event showcasing cinema from India's tribal communities. The festival will be organized as part of the cultural programs held in the state to commemorate the birthday of Birsa Munda, a prominent tribal freedom fighter. The organizers aim to provide a platform for indigenous filmmakers to present their work to a national audience. The event is expected to attract film enthusiasts, artists, and cultural officials from across the country.

DEFENCE

Army Enhances Security in Moirangpyurel, Manipur, to Ensure Harvesting



The Indian Army has taken active steps to strengthen security in the Moirangpyurel area of Manipur. The primary objective of this deployment is to create a safe environment for agricultural activities, specifically ensuring that there are no disruptions during the ongoing harvest season.

Military personnel have been deployed to monitor the situation and provide immediate assistance to farmers. This measure aims to prevent any obstruction that could affect the timely harvesting of crops, which is vital for the local economy.

By increasing its presence, the Army is working to maintain law and order in the region, enabling residents to complete their daily agricultural tasks peacefully. Focus is on supporting farmers during this critical time of the year.

AGRICULTURE

Manipur CM Inaugurates 47th Fish Fair, Announces Subsidy for Farmers



The Chief Minister of Manipur officially inaugurated the 47th Fish Fair, a significant event for the state's aquaculture sector. The ceremony highlighted the government's continued focus on promoting local aquaculture and improving the livelihoods of those involved in the industry.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced a new financial assistance package for fish farmers. The subsidy, ranging between 3 lakh and 4 lakh rupees, aims to help farmers expand their businesses and improve productivity in the state.

much-needed boost to the local economy and encourage further investment in the aquaculture industry. The fair serves as a platform for farmers to display their produce and connect with buyers, thereby strengthening the market for Manipuri fish.

POLITICS

Protests Erupt Over High Ethanol Content in Petrol After Diwali



In several Indian cities, consumers protested at petrol stations after Diwali, questioning the composition of petrol due to high ethanol content. Protesters stated that the ethanol levels in recent petrol batches exceeded permitted limits, which could affect engine performance and fuel efficiency. The agitation began in the early evening and spread to multiple petrol pumps, where people expressed their dissatisfaction over additional costs and reduced mileage. Authorities have not yet issued an official statement, but the protests have fueled demands for stricter enforcement of fuel standards.

Heavy Crowds at Chakkouba Festival in Khwairamband



A large number of people attended the Chakkouba festival in Khwairamband, including visitors from surrounding areas. Organizers stated that the crowd this year was significantly larger than in previous years, indicating deep community interest. The festival featured traditional performances and cultural programs that attracted families and tourists. Local authorities confirmed that crowd management, security, and order were maintained smoothly. This heavy turnout underscores the cultural significance of Chakkouba in the region.

NATIONAL

Economic Times Publishes 'SoO far, yet so close' on Manipur's Story



The Economic Times, one of India's leading business dailies, has published a special article titled “SoO far, yet so close,” focusing on a specific issue or development in the northeastern state of Manipur. The title highlights the paradox between distance and proximity, suggesting that a project, initiative, or program may be geographically distant but strategically significant for the state. While the full content of the article is not available here, its placement in a national business newspaper elevates Manipur’s profile in economic and developmental discourse.

reflects growing media attention to the state’s infrastructure, investment potential, and socio-economic challenges. Readers anticipate that the article will explain how this subject connects local realities with national objectives and sheds light on the state’s role in India’s overall development narrative.

For all stakeholders, including policymakers, investors, and local communities, this story may serve as an indicator of potential opportunities or policy shifts. The Economic Times’ coverage could influence public perception in Manipur and encourage further discussion on the topic.

POLITICS

Manipur CM Appeals for Preservation of Indigenous Sports, Including Naga Wrestling and Meitei Mukna



Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh recently emphasized the need to preserve indigenous sports, which are an integral part of the state's cultural heritage, in a speech. He specifically highlighted Naga wrestling and Meitei Mukna, which are symbols of Manipur's rich sporting tradition.

The Chief Minister stated that these sports not only promote physical health but also serve as a medium for ethnic unity and identity. He warned that the younger generation might distance themselves from these ancient practices if active steps are not taken.

To counter this trend, the Chief Minister urged the state government to take measures such as setting up special training facilities, including these sports in school curricula, and organizing tournaments to attract national attention.

indigenous sports would strengthen Manipur's cultural foundation and boost tourism by showcasing the state's unique sporting heritage.

NATIONAL

Six Naga Men to Be Buried in Manipur Mortuary After Months



Families of six Naga men who died tragically in Manipur will finally be given the opportunity to perform their loved ones' final rites. After months of uncertainty and delay, the bodies will be handed over to the families for burial on November 16. The cause of death for the six men remains unclear, and officials have not provided further information about the incident. The families have expressed their gratitude for the efforts made to bring their loved ones home.

NATIONAL

High Court Halts Manipur Census, Orders Stay Pending Further Directions



The Manipur High Court has stayed the state's census proceedings, halting the collection of demographic information in the region. The court cited procedural irregularities and pending legal petitions as the reasons for the stay. This decision comes amid growing concerns over the accuracy and transparency of the census process in Manipur.

given the Regional Registration Officer (RGI) until April 30 to make a decision on the National Register of Citizens (NRC). This additional directive allows the RGI to address pending appeals before finalizing the NRC list.

The stay is likely to cause delays in the census program, which was originally scheduled to be completed in early 2024. State officials have stated that they will work with the judiciary to resolve pending issues and resume data collection as soon as possible.

Legal experts believe this decision could have a significant impact on policy planning and resource allocation in Manipur, as census data are essential for government planning and development initiatives.