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Displaced IDP Sisters in Two Khangabok Relief Camps, Thoubal District, Manipur Hosted for Ningol Chakouba



In connection with the region's premier festival, Ningol Chakouba, the Lamding WhatsApp Group hosted a celebratory meal and presented simple gifts today at Lamding Ikop Ningthou Laibung for internally displaced (IDP) sisters who fled their burnt homes due to the conflict that erupted on May 3, 2023, and are currently sheltered in relief camps at Lamding Higher Secondary School and the Rice Research Station, Khangabok in Thoubal District.

Around 170 IDP women sheltered across these two camps, having fled from various conflict-hit areas including Churachandpur and Moreh, participated in the event. The program was graced by Khangabok AC MLA Okram Surjakumar, his wife Dr. Micky Hijam, Lamding WhatsApp Group President Sorokhaibam Ojit, Sangaiyumpham Zilla Parishad Member Md. Hibjur Rahaman, PHED Thoubal Division Executive Engineer Livingstone Narengbam, and several other prominent dignitaries as guests of honour.

The main highlights of the gathering included the presentation of modest gifts to the IDP sisters by MLA Okram Surjakumar and the brother-members of the Lamding WhatsApp Group, followed by sharing a community meal together.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Okram Surjakumar remarked that even when going out for routine daily work, one longs to return home and dislikes staying away even for a single day. He expressed deep sorrow over seeing the tears of the IDPs who have endured living in relief camps for nearly two years, questioning how they would not yearn to go back to their own homes.

He further expressed joy and satisfaction at having the opportunity to host the mothers, grandmothers, and sisters from the camps, and presenting them with modest gifts irrespective of size. He concluded with a prayer that by the next Ningol Chakouba, all displaced persons across the state may return to their respective homes and celebrate the festival there in peace.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Graces Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, Commemorating the 151st Birth Anniversary of Birsa Munda



Chief Minister Shri Yumnam Khemchand Singh graced the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, commemorating the 151st Birth Anniversary of Birsa Munda, organised by the Department of Tribal Affairs & Hills at City Convention Centre, Imphal, today.

The Chief Minister, along with Hon'ble Minister Shri Loken Khuraijam and Hon'ble MLAs, joined Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's address from the national celebration at Gadchiroli, Maharashtra, via video conferencing.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister paid floral tributes to Birsa Munda, inaugurated the 3-day State-Level Tribal Cultural Festival, distributed prizes to the winners of the Tribal Lens Photo Competition and Tribal Frames Manipur 2026 Film Awards, and inspected the exhibition stalls at the venue.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

Children's Day Celebrated at Makhan Relief Camp and Child Care Institutions in Kangpokpi District, Manipur



The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Kangpokpi, under the Department of Social Welfare, organized a Children's Day celebration at the Makhan Village Relief Camp and all Child Care Institutions (CCIs) across Kangpokpi district. The event aimed to bring joy, happiness, and a sense of care and belonging to the children.

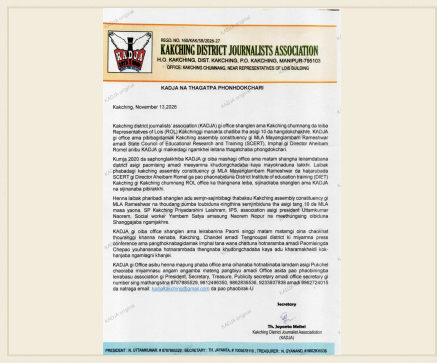
The celebration featured various entertainment and recreational activities, providing children with an opportunity to enjoy, participate, and celebrate the special occasion in a cheerful and joyful atmosphere. As part of the festivities, sweatshirts and wristwatches were distributed as gifts to all children to make the occasion more memorable and special for them.

Additionally, essential food items and refreshments, including eggs, fresh fruits, cakes, and sweets, were distributed among the children as relief materials. These initiatives were undertaken to promote the well-being of the children and ensure they feel valued, cared for, and encouraged.

Reena Chanu Moirangthem, District Child Protection Officer, Kangpokpi; Sithonliu Pamei, SDC Island Block, Kangpokpi; and Ab Mathiungamang, Convenor of the Makhan Relief Committee, attended the program as special guests.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

KADJA, Kakching District, Manipur Expresses Gratitude to MLA Rameshwar and SCERT Director Romel



The Kakching District Journalists' Association (KADJA) inaugurated its office building near the Representatives of the People (ROL) Kakching at Kakching Chumnang on November 10, 2026. KADJA expressed deep gratitude to Kakching AC MLA Mayanglambam Rameshwar and SCERT Imphal Director Aheibam Romel for providing the office space.

According to a press release by KADJA, the association was established in 2020, but the prolonged lack of a permanent office caused significant inconveniences for local journalists and the public. Fortunately, upon appealing to Kakching AC MLA Mayanglambam Rameshwar, he coordinated with SCERT Director Aheibam Romel to allocate an unused building of DIET Kakching adjacent to the ROL office in Kakching Chumnang, for KADJA's use.

Furthermore, MLA Rameshwar took full responsibility for renovating the building. The office was formally inaugurated on the 10th of this month in the presence of distinguished guests, including the MLA himself, Kakching SP Priyadarshini Laishram (IPS), KADJA President Uttamkumar Naorem, and social workers Yambem Satya and Naorem Nopur.

With this new office, journalists can now hold regular developmental discussions. It will also significantly alleviate the hardships faced by the public of Kakching, Chandel, and Tengnoupal districts, who previously had to travel all the way to Imphal to conduct press conferences or deliver press releases to media personnel.

The press release further appealed to the public to extend whatever assistance they can to make the KADJA Office a fully functional one. It also stated that anyone wishing to contact the office may reach out to the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Secretary, and Office Secretary of the association at 8787885529, 9612496350, 9862836536, 9233937838, and 9862724015, or via email at kadjakakching@gmail.com.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

Organized Ningol Chakkouba Celebration for IDP Ningols



‘Kakching Apunba,’ an organization formed by personnel from Kakching serving across various security forces, including the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force, organized a Ningol Chakkouba celebration for Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Ningols living across Kakching District, Manipur.

The celebration, hosted for around 250 IDP Ningols at the Jnnuram Community Hall in Kakching Sumak Leikai, featured a festive community feast and the presentation of simple gifts.

Speaking about the initiative, Kakching Apunba member Yengkhom Chaoba stated that the event was organized to share a meal and present modest gifts to the women displaced across various parts of Kakching district due to the ethnic violence that erupted in Manipur on May 3, 2023. He noted that while the Government of Manipur is making efforts to assist the displaced, many are still unable to return home and live peacefully. He urged the government to make necessary arrangements so that these displaced persons can resettle securely in their respective homes before next year's Ningol Chakkouba.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

Second Review Meeting on Polling Station AMFs Held in Kakching, Manipur



The second review meeting on the status of Assured Minimum Facilities (AMFs) at polling stations across the four Assembly Constituencies of Kakching district—Wabagai, Kakching, Hiyanglam, and Sugnu—was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kakching, in connection with the General Elections to the Manipur Legislative Assembly, 2027.

The meeting was chaired by Th. Kirankumar, IAS, Secretary (Land Resources) and Managing Director of Manipur State Beverage Corporation Limited. It was attended by Angeline Renita R., IAS, District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner, Kakching; Priyadarshini Laishram, IPS, SP Kakching district; Elangbam Anand, MCS, Additional District Election Officer/ADM, Kakching; Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers, Election Officer, and other officials.

The meeting reviewed the status of Assured Minimum Facilities (AMFs) at polling stations across the district, with particular focus on stations found to be in poor condition. It deliberated on the shortcomings identified and discussed measures to address them. It also covered the availability and condition of essential facilities.

Kirankumar, accompanied by the officials, visited selected polling stations to assess the ground-level status of the facilities.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

Manipur: Hiyanglam AC MLA Dr. Yumnam Radheshyam Inaugurates SWC Club Building



MLA of Hiyanglam AC, Dr. Yumnam Radheshyam, inaugurated the newly constructed building of the Social Welfare Club (SWC) at Thongjao Makha Leikai under Hiyanglam AC in Kakching District, Manipur, and dedicated it to the public.

Speaking at the event, MLA Radheshyam stated that the present state government has been constantly working toward bringing stability for the people of Manipur after years of unrest, providing employment to jobless youth, and improving the state's roads and bridges. He emphasized that the ruling government's primary objectives are improving road infrastructure, providing jobs to capable youth, and notably securing financial stability for women who manage households.

The MLA further remarked that development is impossible without peace; hence, the current government is striving hard to restore peace in the state. He noted that misunderstandings currently exist between communities, but peace cannot be achieved through gunfire or killings. Therefore, conflicting communities must sit together, hold dialogue, make mutual compromises, and reach a resolution—only then can a developed society be established. He appealed to everyone to work collectively to bring peace to the state.

The event was attended by Waikhong Police Station OC Dr. Okram Jotin, SWC Thongjao President Th. Birbal, and Hiyanglam AC Election Campaign Committee President Y. Ibobi.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

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.

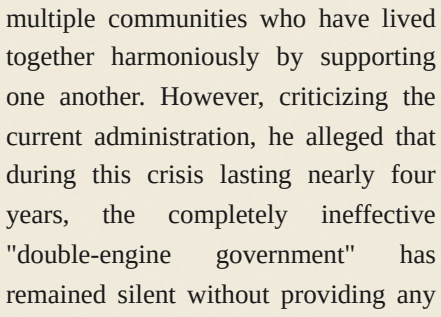
Mayai Keithel Youth Congress Committee under the aegis of the Heirok Block Congress Committee at the Mayai Keithel Community Hall in Thoubal District, Manipur based on the motto "Common Ideology, Unity, Live and Let Live." The event was attended by Former Minister Moirangthem Okendro, HBCC Working President 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

POLITICS

Manipur Government Decides to Form Panel for All Communities After PM Modi's Inquiry



The Manipur state government has decided to form a new advisory panel that will include representatives from all ethnic, religious, and social groups. This step was taken after Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised questions regarding representation during his recent visit to the region.

The panel will be constituted by the Chief Minister's Office, although no detailed information has yet been provided regarding its membership, scope, or timeline. Officials stated that the platform will provide community leaders with an opportunity to voice their concerns and offer advice on policy-making.

By forming a panel that includes all communities, the government aims to address demands for inclusive participation and strengthen communal harmony ahead of upcoming state plans. The panel's recommendations will be implemented after review by the Cabinet.

CRPF plans to deploy suicide drones in Jammu-Kashmir and Manipur



The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has announced plans to develop a new class of suicide drones to eliminate terrorist threats in Jammu-Kashmir and Manipur. These drones are described as 'advanced' and are intended for use in counter-terrorism operations, although technical details have not yet been made public. This move reflects the growing trend towards unmanned systems in India's security agencies. According to a report by Indian Masterminds, the initiative is aimed at enhancing operational capabilities in areas where persistent insurgent activities are ongoing. No specific timeline for the deployment of the drones has been provided. Implementing this plan will require coordination with the Ministry of Defence and other relevant agencies, as well as approval under existing procurement rules.

POLITICS

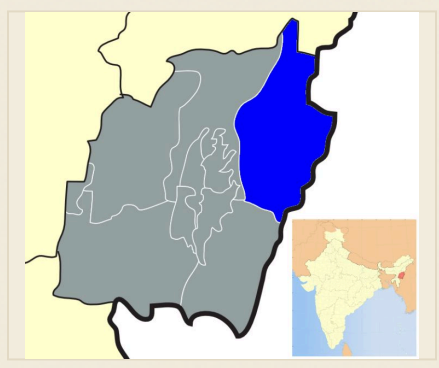
Sexual Harassment Allegations Against Congress MP in Manipur Election Committee



A Congress MP who was included in the Manipur Election Committee has been accused of sexual harassment, sparking controversy and raising questions about the selection process. The appointment has drawn criticism from various quarters, with many questioning how an individual facing serious allegations was placed in such a critical role related to the election process. The Congress party has not yet responded to the appointment. The Manipur Election Committee is responsible for overseeing elections in the state.

CRIME

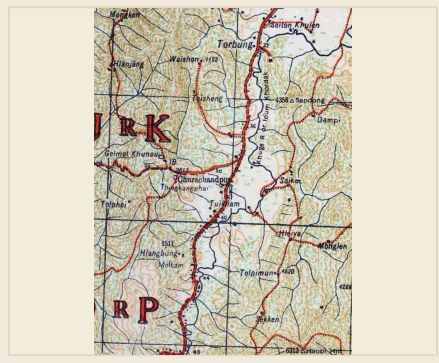
Four Naga Militants Killed in Deadly Ambush in Ukhrul, Manipur



Four Naga militants were killed in a deadly ambush in Ukhrul district, located in northern Manipur, according to local sources. The attack took place on a highway connecting Ukhrul town to nearby villages, where the militants were traveling in a convoy and were suddenly subjected to gunfire.

DEFENCE

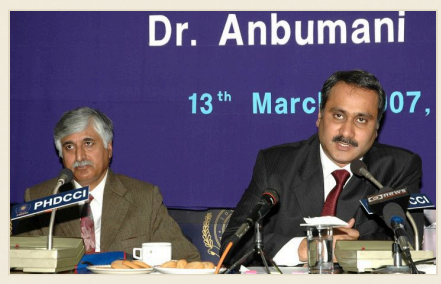
Security forces recover 10-foot rocket, Chinese mortar, and IED in Churachandpur



Security forces in Churachandpur, Manipur, seized a 10-foot rocket, a Chinese mortar, and an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) during a routine patrol. The weapons were found in a hidden location near a residential area, according to a statement by local police. The discovery comes amid ongoing security operations aimed at curbing illegal arms trafficking in the state. Authorities have not yet identified the source of the weapons, but the incident highlights the threat posed by armed groups. The seized weapons have been handed over to central authorities for further analysis.

HEALTH

Anti-Tobacco Campaign Launched Near Schools in Senapati, Manipur

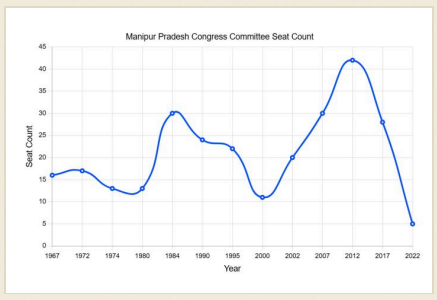


Local officials in Senapati, Manipur, conducted an anti-tobacco campaign near several schools on Saturday. The initiative was organized to curb the habit of smoking among students, during which brief lectures were delivered and informational brochures were distributed to teachers and students regarding the health risks of tobacco.

This campaign is part of the state's broader efforts to reduce tobacco consumption among youth. Such awareness activities near schools are intended to reinforce anti-tobacco messages in students' daily environment.

Officials stated that community participation and continuous education are essential to achieve long-term results, although no specific statistics were presented during the program.

Manipur Congress Condemns New Murders in Kangpokpi and Ukhrul, Questions Government's Response



The Manipur Congress strongly condemned the recent murders in Kangpokpi and Ukhrul districts. The party stated that these incidents highlight the deteriorating law and order situation and expressed deep grief for the victim families.

Congress leaders questioned the state government's response, stating that officials have not taken concrete steps to prevent further violence. They demanded an immediate and transparent investigation and called for the deployment of additional security forces in the affected areas.

The party also requested the central government to intervene, closely monitor the situation, and ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice. The statement did not provide additional details regarding the casualties or the criminals.

JOBS & CAREER

Manipur Government Approves 764 New M-SRLM Jobs



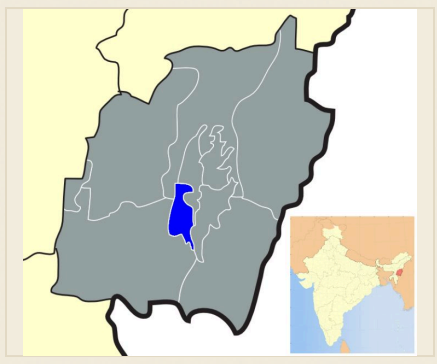
The Manipur government recently approved 764 new positions under the M-SRLM scheme during a meeting. This decision was made to fill long-standing vacancies and increase employment across various state departments.

The new positions include administrative and technical roles in sectors such as public works, health, education, and revenue. Officials stated that this expansion is in line with a broader strategy to improve the state's public service delivery.

The recruitment process for these positions will follow standard selection procedures, involving written examinations and interviews to select candidates. The government emphasized that appointments will be made based on merit and in accordance with the latest recruitment guidelines.

This announcement is part of efforts to reduce unemployment in Manipur and enhance the efficiency of state institutions. The government's approval is expected to create immediate employment opportunities for the state's residents.

Police and Army Seize Weapons and Explosives in Bishnupur



During a joint police and army operation in Bishnupur, officials seized weapons and explosives. The seized items included several firearms, ammunition, and explosive devices. Manipur Police and Army officials stated that the operation is part of efforts to curb illegal arms smuggling. The action is expected to improve security in the region.

CRIME

Manipur Police arrests two militants, seizes 745 bottles of codeine syrup



During a coordinated operation, Manipur Police arrested two individuals alleged to be linked to a militant group. Officers stopped a suspicious vehicle and took the suspects into custody.

The raid recovered 745 bottles of codeine syrup, a substance frequently misused for illicit purposes. The sheer volume suggests the existence of an organized supply network in the region.

A police spokesperson said the arrests were registered under the Drug-Free Act and anti-terrorism provisions. Investigation into the source of the drugs and the potential supply chain is ongoing.

LOCAL

Road crisis in Manipur: Residents of Ukhrul and Kamjong forced onto Ramwa-Nepetpali route as NH-202 closes



A sudden crisis blocked NH-202, the main highway in Manipur, forcing residents of Ukhrul and Kamjong districts to seek alternative routes. The Ramwa-Nepetpali road, already in poor condition, has become the sole viable option.

on NH-202 resulted from landslides and infrastructure damage, rendering the highway unusable for both private vehicles and public transport. Consequently, daily commuters, traders and emergency services now have to traverse the deteriorating Ramwa-Nepetpali road.

The alternative route passes through dense forests and uneven terrain, leading to a rapid increase in traffic. Residents have voiced safety concerns, citing the lack of signage, potholes and regular maintenance.

Authorities announced plans to clear the blockage on NH-202 and improve the condition of the Ramwa-Nepetpali road. In the meantime, local transport operators are running shuttle services to ease the burden on passengers.

The situation highlights Manipur's transport network's vulnerability to natural and infrastructural disruptions, underscoring the need for stronger emergency response strategies.

LIFESTYLE

Manipur's Yumnam Bhumeeshwar Singh Receives NAMASTE Award 2026 for Cultural Preservation



Manipur's cultural activist Yumnam Bhumeeshwar Singh was honoured with the 2026 NAMASTE Award for his dedicated efforts in preserving the state's traditional arts, music and customs. India Today NE announced the award, highlighting Singh's role in documenting local artists and oral histories. Singh has organized workshops and programmes with schools and cultural institutions to raise awareness among the younger generation about Manipur's rich heritage, helping revive several neglected art forms. The NAMASTE Award recognises individuals who advance cultural preservation in India. Organisers said Singh's initiative embodies the award's core purpose and will inspire similar efforts elsewhere. Looking ahead, Singh plans to extend his programmes to remote villages, providing protection and support to endangered art forms.

AMWJU Celebrates Nyingol Chak-Kuba with Female Journalists



The Manipur Workers Journalist Union (AMWJU) recently organised a significant festival, Ningol Chak-Kuba, which honours women. The event was dedicated exclusively to AMWJU's female members, acknowledging their contributions to journalism. Ningol Chak-Kuba is a traditional celebration where younger sisters are presented with gifts by their elder sisters. AMWJU incorporated elements of this tradition to create a special occasion for female journalists, allowing them to connect and celebrate their achievements.

JOBS & CAREER

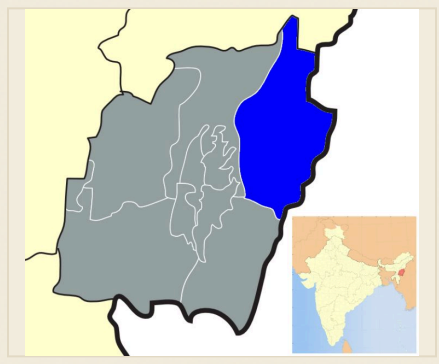
Manipur PSC Releases Answer Key for Assistant Engineer 2026



The Manipur Public Service Commission (PSC) has made available the answer key for the Assistant Engineer examination conducted in 2026. Candidates can now access the key on the official Manipur PSC website. The key lists the correct answers to all questions posed in the exam. Candidates are advised to review it carefully and compare it with their responses. Based on this comparison, they can estimate their scores and assess their performance.

CRIME

Manipur Naga Body Demands NIA Probe into Ukhrul Killings



Following the recent killings in Ukhrul district, Manipur, a Naga body has called for a thorough investigation by the National Investigation Agency (NIA). They believe that the NIA, with its expertise in handling complex cases, is best suited to unravel the truth behind the tragic events. The Naga body has also demanded the immediate removal of Kuki rebels from the Ukhrul district, citing concerns for the safety and security of the local population. They argue that the presence of these rebels has created a climate of fear and instability in the region.

Manipur Chief Minister Leads Security Review After Tafo Kuki, New Haven Incidents



On Monday, Manipur Chief Minister N. Bairan Singh led a high-level security review in the wake of the Tafo Kuki and New Haven incidents, expressing concern over rising instability in the state. He met with senior police officers, intelligence personnel and local leaders to assess the situation and devise a coordinated response. He stressed the need for a swift, comprehensive approach to restore calm and prevent further flare-ups. In his address, the chief minister assured residents that investigative work would persist and that additional resources would be deployed to monitor vulnerable areas. He urged the public to cooperate with authorities and report any suspicious activity. The review is part of Manipur's broader strategy to strengthen its security framework amid growing tensions. Officials said the findings will guide future policy and operational measures. The state government pledged to keep the public informed during the review and as new measures are implemented.

LIFESTYLE

Meetei Communities Celebrate Ningol Chak-kouba in Delhi, Highlight Cultural Preservation



Meetei organisations gathered in Delhi to celebrate the traditional Ningol Chak-kouba festival, a ceremony that marks the return of married Meetei women to their parental homes. The event was organised by community groups keen to showcase the rich cultural practices of the Meetei people. Participants performed traditional dances and shared stories that highlight the significance of the festival in Meetei society. The organisers used the occasion to stress the need for preserving Meetei cultural heritage amid rapid urbanisation. The celebration drew attention to the broader efforts of Meetei communities to keep their customs alive in the capital city.