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24-Hour General Strike Called by Native People's Committee Manipur (NPCM) Fully Enforced Across Manipur



The 24-hour general strike called by the Native People's Committee Manipur (NPCM), a joint committee of Naga and Meetei civil-society organisations representing both the hills and the valley of Manipur, has severely disrupted normal life. The strike, which ran from midnight on 15 November to midnight on 16 November, was imposed to protest the killing of four innocent Tangkhul Naga civilians by armed Kuki militants in New Haven, Ukhrul district, on 12 November, as well as the ongoing, relentless violence targeting indigenous communities. During the strike, supporters took to the streets and blocked roads at several points in Imphal, including Chingmeirong and Dinku Road. Major markets such as the Khwairamband Ema Keithel in Imphal appeared deserted and shops remained closed. Inter-district passenger vehicle services were completely halted.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

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.

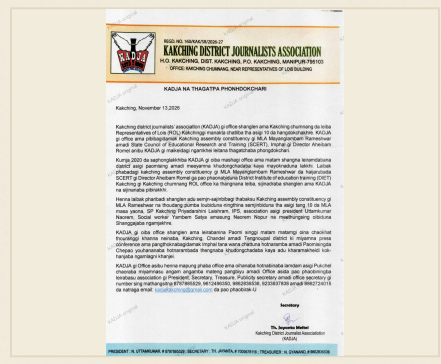
The celebration featured various entertainment and recreational activities, providing children with an opportunity to enjoy, participate, and celebrate the special occasion in a cheerful and joyful atmosphere. As part of the festivities, sweatshirts and wristwatches were distributed as gifts to all children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

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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

Kakching, Manipur 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

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.

Following the meeting, Th. 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.

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

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.

CRIME

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

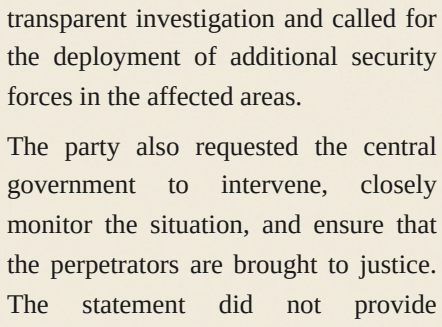


During a coordinated operation, Manipur Police arrested two individuals alleged to be linked to a militant group. Officers stopped a suspicious vehicle and took the suspects into custody.

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.

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



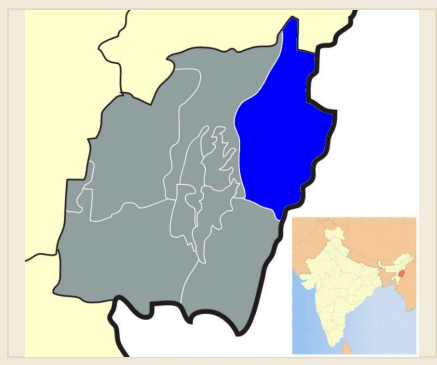
The Manipur Congress strongly condemned the recent murders in Kangpokpi and Ukhrul districts. The party stated that these incidents highlight the deteriorating law and order situation and expressed deep grief for the victim families.

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.

CRIME

Four Naga Militants Killed in Deadly Ambush in Ukhrul, Manipur



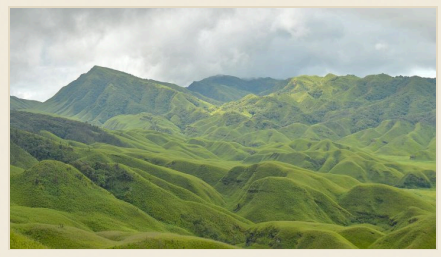
Four Naga militants were killed in a deadly ambush in Ukhrul district, located in northern Manipur, according to local sources. The attack took place on a highway connecting Ukhrul town to nearby villages, where the militants were traveling in a convoy and were suddenly subjected to gunfire.

The incident comes as Manipur is experiencing a recent surge in ethnic conflict, with increasing clashes between Naga groups and other tribal communities. Security officials have described the situation as unstable, with reports of multiple firing and arson incidents across the state.

Manipur Police have launched an investigation into the ambush, deployed additional forces in the area, and appealed for witness cooperation. No group has yet claimed responsibility for the attack, and no detailed information about the attackers is currently available.

The deaths are likely to further increase tensions in the region, while community leaders have called for peace and dialogue. The state government has reiterated its commitment to restoring peace and urged all parties to exercise restraint.

Manipur Draft Voter List Adds 33,737 New Voters to Final List



The Manipur State Election Commission (SEC) has released a draft electoral roll that adds 33,737 new voters compared with the previously published final list. The draft was made public on Tuesday and incorporates recent field verification as well as residents newly qualified to vote. Officials said the increase stems from the latest verification drive, which added households previously omitted, recent migrants, and citizens who turned 18 after the last roll. The SEC has urged citizens to examine the draft and submit any objections or corrections before it is finalised. The revised roll will be used for the upcoming local-body elections in the state, and the commission has set a 30-day window for public feedback. After resolving objections, the final roll will be certified and uploaded to the SEC’s website, reflecting Manipur’s current demographic reality.

POLITICS

Manipur Violence Inquiry Commission Granted Seventh Extension, Final Report Due 20 May 2027



The commission constituted to investigate the communal clashes that erupted in Manipur in 2023 has been granted its seventh extension of tenure. With this latest extension, the deadline for the commission’s comprehensive report is now 20 May 2027. Having already received several extensions, the commission continues to collect testimonies, examine evidence, and assess the complex political-communal dimensions of the violence. Officials said the additional time will enable the preparation of a thorough and balanced report. Victim groups and civil-society organisations welcomed the move and urged the commission to use the extra period to work with depth and impartiality. The final report will contain recommendations on accountability, reconciliation and measures to prevent a recurrence of such violence. The report will be submitted to the state government and, where necessary, to the central government to facilitate further action. This extension underscores the importance of presenting this sensitive issue as a factual, evidence-based narrative.

CRPF Deploys in Manipur Amid Rising Unrest



Following the recent escalation of unrest and violence in Manipur, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has been deployed to assist local authorities in maintaining law and order. The CRPF is a paramilitary force tasked with internal security duties across India. Its deployment aims to restore peace and stability in Manipur. The precise nature of the unrest and the specific triggers of the violence have not yet been clarified.

LIFESTYLE

Meitei Community Celebrates Ningol Chakouba in Delhi, Emphasizes Cultural Preservation



Meitei organisations staged the traditional Ningol Chakouba festival in Delhi, a celebration that marks married Meitei women returning to their parental homes. The event was organised by various Meitei community groups with the aim of showcasing the rich traditions of Meitei culture. Participants performed traditional dances and shared stories highlighting the significance of the festival. The organizers used the occasion to stress the need to preserve Meitei cultural heritage amid rapid urbanisation. The celebration shed light on the broader efforts of Meitei communities in the capital to keep their customs alive.

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.

POLITICS

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.

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.

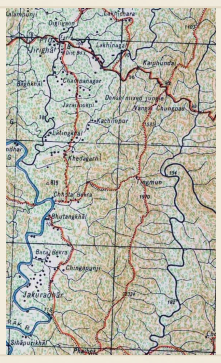
The new positions include administrative and technical roles in sectors such as public works, health, education, and revenue. Officials stated that this expansion is in line with a broader strategy to improve the state's public service delivery.

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.

LOCAL

Jiribam Declared Manipur's Cleanest City for 2025-26



Jiribam, a city in the northeastern part of Manipur, has been declared the state's cleanest city for the 2025-26 period.

The announcement was made during a ceremony held at the Science Building in New Delhi, where the Manipur government and local officials presented the award.

The recognition stems from cleaning drives and community initiatives led by Jiribam residents, which improved waste management and public hygiene.

Local officials praised the active participation of the city's residents and highlighted the role of municipal leadership in achieving this milestone.

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

Myanmar national arrested with arms and explosives in Manipur



Security forces in Manipur have arrested a Myanmar national with a large quantity of arms and explosives. The individual was apprehended during a routine check in a designated area. Officials are currently investigating the purpose of this possession of weapons and any potential links to illegal activities by the individual.

Manipur Tightens Security After Ukhrul Attack



In response to the recent attack in Ukhrul district, the Manipur government has taken swift action to bolster security throughout the state. All security checkpoints have been reinforced with additional personnel and resources. Officials are working to identify and arrest those responsible for the attack. The incident has heightened concerns about security in the region.

POLITICS

Manipur violence probe panel to submit report by May 20



The Manipur government has directed the panel formed to investigate the recent violence to submit its final report by May 20.

This panel, headed by a senior judicial officer, comprises representatives from the police, local administration, and civil society.

The violence, which occurred at the end of April, resulted in several deaths and property damage across several districts.

The government stated that further legal or administrative action will be taken against those responsible based on the report's findings.

Officials believe the report will be presented to the cabinet, followed by policy decisions.