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178 People from 54 Families of Congress and PDA Join BJP in Heirok AC, Thoubal District, Manipur



A total of 178 people belonging to 54 families from the Congress and PDA parties in the Heirok Assembly Constituency joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday, expressing their trust in the leadership of local MLA Dr. Thokchom Radheshyam.

A welcoming programme for the new entrants was held at the Langmeithet Community Hall in Heirok AC. During the event, MLA Dr. Thokchom Radheshyam warmly welcomed the new members by presenting them with BJP party scarves.

Speaking on the occasion, Thokchom Radheshyam, Spokesperson of the Manipur Government and MLA for Heirok AC, stated that God gives nothing to those who cannot lead or manage responsibly. Therefore, he said, God will never again bless someone with the position of MLA who does not know how to be a proper legislator, fails to connect with the public, and lacks concern for the people.

In today's event, 163 members from 49 families formerly with Congress and 15 members from 5 families formerly with PDA were warmly received. MLA Radheshyam felicitated them by draping traditional BJP lotus lengyan phis.

Several prominent dignitaries attended the event, including Thoubal Zilla Parishad Adhyaksha Khoirom Sanakhomba Singh, Heirok Zilla Parishad Member Moirangthem Rajmohon Singh, and Lourembam Gram Panchayat Chairperson Maibam Deben Singh.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

Thoubal DC Chairs District Health Review Meeting



Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal, Yumnam Robita (IAS), who is also the ex-officio Chairperson of the District Health Society, Thoubal, chaired the District Health Review meeting today at the DC Conference Hall in Thoubal District, Manipur.

The meeting was held in the presence of the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), the Medical Superintendent (MS) of the District Hospital, and Medical Officers In-Charge (MO I/Cs) of health centers.

Discussions were held on various agendas, including the upcoming visit of the Common Review Mission (CRM) team from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) from November 21 to 28. The DC issued instructions regarding the required arrangements to be made for the visit.

Further, the DC instructed officials on updates to key health portals, stating that the focus is on ensuring that digital records accurately reflect real-time service delivery across the district. Instructions were given for data entries on the HSMIS portal and to scale up real-time NCD portal entry.

Discussing the Janani Suraksha Yojana, the DC directed the MS (District Hospital) to closely monitor institutional delivery reporting and beneficiary data entry on the RCH portal -- Janani. She further gave instructions to monitor the 102 Ambulance Service.

Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) was also discussed at the meeting. All MOs in charge of CHCs, PHCs, and UPHCs were advised to conduct health camps regularly and ensure timely monthly updates on the portal.

All health facilities were also directed to ensure that the Essential Drugs List (EDL) is prominently and properly displayed. They were also instructed to maintain Palliative Care Registers, Elderly Care Registers, and all other programme-specific files and documentation. Further, they were directed to strictly maintain cleanliness, sanitation, and hygiene across the premises.

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Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan Scheme is a Mission Launched to Make the Country Drug-Free: Aram Anth, Superintendent NCB



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Speaking as a resource person on the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan during the second technical session of the programme, Aram Anth stated that this scheme is a mission launched to make the country drug-free. He noted that it is built primarily on three pillars: supply reduction, demand reduction, and rehabilitation. He further emphasized that to ensure the success of this mission, dedicated efforts are being made with the aim of moving from awareness to action, from stigma to support, and from addiction to recovery.

In a region like Manipur, which lies close to the Golden Triangle and borders international boundaries, drugs have caused severe consequences—not only triggering ecological disasters, soil erosion, landslides, loss of flora and fauna, and rising crime rates, but also dealing a devastating blow to the economy and productivity. Therefore, he expressed that everyone must collectively shoulder responsibility to ensure the success of the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan.

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He further noted that the scheme directly addresses the major challenges faced by artisans, such as the lack of capital, modern equipment, advanced skills, and market access. He appealed to local craftsmen and artisans to avail the benefits of the scheme to preserve and promote the traditional handicrafts inherited from their ancestors.

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The programme was presided over by Pushpa Maibam, Media & Communication Officer, PIB, Regional Office Imphal, while M. Siva Sai Reddy, IEDS, Assistant Director, MSME DFO Imphal and the Superintendent of NCB Imphal Zonal Unit attended as resource persons.

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Martyr Rohit Srivastav, AC Memorial Women's Open Football Tournament



D\66 CRPF, Located at DC Office, Thoubal District, Manipur, today organised Martyr Rohit Srivastav, AC Memorial Women's Open Football Tournament in collaboration with SAI from 17 Nov to 19 Nov 2026 at Wangjing Kodompokpi Sports Complex. The inaugural match commenced today at 0800 hrs on 17\11\2026. Senior officers of 66 Bn CRPF and locals gathered to witness the event. Organised Under the aegis of M&N Sector and SPANDAN drive, a total of 8 teams are participating in the tournament. The event will culminate with the final match on 19 Nov 2026, followed by a grand prize distribution ceremony among various categories.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

Physiotherapy and Wellness Center Inaugurated at Palem Panthou Academy, Wangjing in Thoubal District, Manipur



A Physiotherapy and Wellness Center was formally inaugurated today at the campus of Palem Panthou Academy, a private school located near the BSF Camp at Wangjing Hodamba Heitupokpi in Thoubal District, Manipur. The center, which will be managed by the Likmabam Bino Devi Foundation, Wangjing Hodamba Heitupokpi, was donated to the foundation by Sanjeev Jain and Anubhab Gupta from Delhi in memory of their late family members. The inaugural event was attended by donors Sanjeev Jain and Anubhab Gupta, along with Wangjing Gram Panchayat Chairperson Tekcham Sumila, Social Worker Konjengbam Shyam, Likmabam Bino Devi Foundation Director Likmabam Ibomcha, Foundation Founder Likmabam Bino, physiotherapists Thokchom Raju, Wangkhem Kabita, and Wangkhem Silky Devi, as well as teachers and students of the school. Speaking on the occasion, Likmabam Ibomcha, Director of the foundation, expressed that a long-cherished dream has finally been realized today. He expressed hope that the center will alleviate the hardship of traveling far for treatment for issues such as back pain, age-related mobility problems, joint weakness, sports injuries among youth, or trauma from accidents requiring physiotherapy.

— Rabi Takhellambam, Imphal

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.

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

DEFENCE

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.

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.

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.

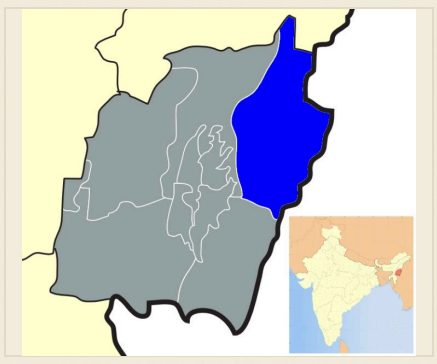
EDUCATION

School Assembly News Headlines: Top Updates of 16 November



Maitrabhumi English's website presents a comprehensive overview of the country's top news, featuring leading stories from national and international sources. The report also includes updates related to the school assembly.

Manipur Naga Organization Calls for NIA Probe into Ukhrul Murders



Following the recent murders in Ukhrul district, a Naga organization in Manipur 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 uncover the truth behind the tragic incidents. The Naga group also demanded the immediate removal of Kuki insurgents from Ukhrul district, expressing concerns over the safety and security of the local population. They argue that the presence of these insurgents has created an atmosphere of fear and instability in the region.

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.

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 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.

CRIME

Manipur Intensifies Security Measures to Arrest Suspects



Law enforcement agencies in Manipur have announced intensified security measures to apprehend suspects. The state government stated that additional resources are being deployed to strengthen search operations.

Officials stated that the objective of this intensified action is to ensure public safety and restore order in affected areas. Details of the alleged crimes have not yet been made public, but officials emphasized their commitment to swift justice.

This move comes amid heightened vigilance in the state, where police are appealing to citizens to cooperate and provide any useful information. No further information on the matter was available at the time of reporting.

CRPF deploys Naxal counter battalion from Chhattisgarh to Manipur



The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has ordered the redeployment of a Naxal counter battalion from Chhattisgarh to Manipur. The unit, which was engaged in operations against insurgents in the state, is being shifted to Manipur amid mounting pressure from rising security challenges.

According to senior CRPF officials, the redeployment aims to strengthen the force's deployment for upcoming operations against armed groups in the northeastern state. The move reflects a strategy to curb the escalating violence and civil unrest in Manipur.

No reduction in Naxal counter operations in Chhattisgarh has been indicated; the force will maintain its presence there with other units. The transferred battalion is expected to reach Manipur within the next few days and will work alongside existing units to enhance operational readiness.

TRAVEL

New flight service launched between Imphal and Silchar to boost Manipur's air connectivity



Imphal, the capital of Manipur, and Silchar in Assam are now connected by a new flight route. This new flight service is expected to significantly improve air connectivity in the region, making travel more convenient and accessible for passengers. The inauguration of this route is anticipated to boost tourism and economic activity in both Manipur and Assam.

EDUCATION

Manipur National Sports University to begin first academic session in 2027



The Manipur National Sports University has confirmed that its first academic session will begin in 2027. The institution was established with the aim of promoting high-level sports training and research and is set to become a major hub for sports education in northeastern India.

national sports development framework, with timelines established for infrastructure development, faculty appointments, and curriculum preparation for various sports disciplines ahead of the 2027 launch.

The university is expected to attract emerging athletes and coaches from across India, thereby strengthening the talent pool for national and international competitions. For Manipur, which is already a birthplace of several elite players, this move will bring new energy to the sports sector.

POLITICS

KOTU to decide next steps after 48-hour Kangpokpi bandh ends, demands remain firm



A 48-hour bandh in Kangpokpi district of Manipur ended on Saturday, providing some relief to residents after two days of road blockades and disruptions to public services. The bandh was organized by the Kuki community organization KOTU to exert pressure regarding its long-pending demands.

In a statement following the end of the bandh, KOTU said it would now decide its next course of action while maintaining its key demands as non-negotiable. The organization did not provide detailed information about upcoming actions but indicated that the protest would continue until its conditions are met.

Transport, local markets, and schools were affected during the bandh, causing concern among district officials regarding the impact on daily life. While the state government has appealed for dialogue, negotiations may remain stalled due to KOTU's firm stance until its demands are fulfilled.

Analysts believe this incident reflects the ongoing ethnic tensions in Manipur's hill districts, where groups often resort to bandhs to voice their grievances. The situation in the coming days will determine whether tensions escalate or move toward a resolution.

POLITICS

Congress MP Christopher Tilak says Manipur issue to be raised in Parliament's Winter Session



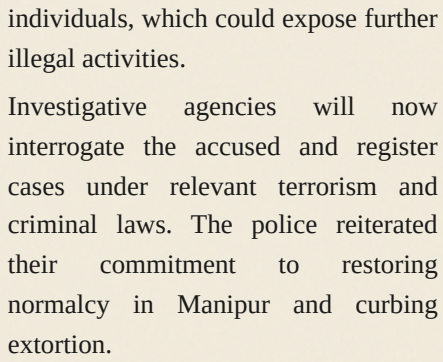
Congress MP Christopher Tilak, who represents Manipur, stated that the state's issues will be raised in Parliament during the upcoming Winter Session.

The announcement comes as Parliament prepares for its Winter Session, which typically involves discussions on various state-related issues.

Manipur issue to the parliamentary floor would highlight the state's challenges and help secure the necessary assistance from the central government.

CRIME

Manipur police arrest three insurgents in separate extortion crackdowns



Manipur police stated that three insurgent cadres were taken into custody following the dismantling of separate extortion networks. The arrests were made sequentially, with each linked to a distinct extortion scheme that was causing losses to local traders and travelers.

A police spokesperson said the coordinated action is part of a broader campaign to dismantle the financial foundation of insurgent groups. Cash, weapons, and documents were recovered from the detained individuals, which could expose further illegal activities.

Investigative agencies will now interrogate the accused and register cases under relevant terrorism and criminal laws. The police reiterated their commitment to restoring normalcy in Manipur and curbing extortion.

POLITICS

Manipur Cabinet Approves Recruitment of 764 MSRLM Employees, Adopts App Taxi Regulations



The Manipur State Cabinet recently approved the recruitment of 764 employees, which is required for the Manipur State Rural Livelihood Mission (MSRLM) to eliminate rural poverty. The recruitment process will be conducted transparently by the state's Rural Development Department, and appointments are expected to commence in the coming weeks, thereby enhancing the mission's effectiveness. In the same meeting, new rules were adopted to regulate app-based taxi services, covering licensing, safety standards, and a complaint resolution system, to improve passenger safety and service quality. Under the new regulations, operators will be required to register with the Transport Department, display vehicle registration numbers in the app, and maintain insurance and driver training records, in line with similar policies in other states. Officials said that this dual step reflects the government's focus on both rural employment generation and the systematic development of urban mobility services.