

Manipur Current Affairs 2017

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Manipur Current Affairs – February 2017

India's first floating elementary school inaugurated on Manipur's Loktak Lake

- i. India's first **floating elementary school** particularly for drop outs has been inaugurated on Loktak lake at Langolsabi Leikai of **Champu Khangpok floating village** in **Manipur** on the occasion of World Wetlands Day on February 2, 2017.
- ii. The school named as **Loktak Elementary Floating School** has been opened under an initiative of **All Loktak Lake Fishermen's Union**, Manipur (ALLAFUM) with the support of NGO, **People's Resources Development Association (PRDA)** under a programme of ActionAid India.
- iii. The need to establish such a school was felt considering sudden high dropout rate of children living in the Champu Khangpok floating villages
- iv. PRDA will pay the volunteers under the project called '**Empowering vulnerable local communities for sustainable development**', which is funded by Action Aid India.

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Manipur Current Affairs – March 2017

High Court Declares Over 4 Month Long Economic Blockade in Manipur as Illegal

- i. The **High Court of Manipur** on March 3, 2017 declared the **economic blockade** in Manipur called by **United Naga Council (UNC)** as illegal.
- ii. The order was passed by a bench of **three judges** Chief Justice R R Prasad, Justice N Kotiswar Singh and Justice Kh Nobin Singh on public interest litigation.

Manipur Election Result 2017

Though none of the political parties managed to reach the majority mark **of 31** for securing majority win in Manipur assembly polls, Congress and BJP were racing neck and neck.

- Congress secured **28 seats, the BJP won 21 seats** in the north-eastern state.
- Manipur chief minister Okram Ibobi Singh of the Congress party won in Thoubal constituency.

Manipur CM Ibobi Singh resigns, Biren Singh Sworn in as Next CM

- i. The incumbent Chief Minister of Manipur **Okram Ibobi Singh** resigned from the post on March 13, 2017 giving way for formation of a new ministry under the BJP.
- ii. The Congress leader Okram Ibobi announced to resign after BJP named **Nongthombam Biren Singh** as the party's leader to form the government with majority win.

Senior Congress leader & RS MP Haji Abdul Salam passes away

- i. Rajya Sabha member from Manipur, Haji Abdul Salam passed away on March 1, 2017. He was 69.
- ii. Salam is the **first Manipuri Muslim** to be a member of RS from Manipur. He has been representing the state in the upper house since 2014.
- iii. He was elected to the 3rd, 6th and 8th Manipur Legislative Assembly from **Wabagai assembly constituency**.

Veteran politician, former MP Yumnam Yaima Singh passes away

- i. Veteran politician and former Member of Parliament Yumnam Yaima Singh passed away due to age related ailments at a hospital in Imphal. He was 95.

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- ii. Singh was first elected to the Territorial Council in 1957 and subsequently elected seven times continuously to the Manipur Assembly from **Oinam Constituency** from 1962 to 1985.
- iii. Besides Politics he was brilliant writer and penned a book titled "**A Piece of Tenth Lok Sabha**" in English, amongst many others

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Manipur Current Affairs – April 2017

Manipur CM launches web applications to check corruption – DARPAN

On April 14, 2017, **Manipur Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh** launched two web applications to check corruption and keep track of government activities. These web applications would monitor all government funded projects and ensure transparency and accountability.

- i. **Digital Application for Review by Public And Nation (DARPAN):** This web application would upload details of projects right from the initial stage till sanction of fund and photos of work-in-progress from sites. As per CM Biren Singh, it will stop the corrupt culture of non- completion of developmental projects after release of funds.
- ii. **Anti-Corruption Cell:** The Chief Minister said that recently launched Anti-Corruption Cell has received a series of complaints of corruption. This web application would augment in the government's efforts to end corruption in the state. Cases have been registered based on genuine complaints received through a dedicated telephone number.

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Manipur Current Affairs – May 2017

Dailong village in Manipur declared Biodiversity Heritage Site

The Manipur government has declared **Dailong village** of Tamenglong district as a **Biodiversity Heritage Site of the state.**

- i. Dailong village is declared by joint secretary of forest and environment, Kengoo Zuringla.
- ii. It has an area of 11.35 sq km.
- iii. It has been declared as Biodiversity Heritage Site under Section 37(1) of Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

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Manipur Current Affairs – June 2017

Jitendra Singh Announces Hill Area Development Programme in Manipur

The Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (**DrJitendra Singh DoNER**) has announced the launch of, "**Hill Area Development Programme**" (**HADP**) for Northeast in Imphal (Manipur)

- i. He announced the launch of the programme to address a meet of Investors and Entrepreneurs, organised by NEDF (North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd), with joint participation of the Union Ministry of DoNER and the Government of Manipur.
- ii. The programme aims to **bridge the gap between the hill and valley districts in terms of infrastructure, quality of roads, health and education.**

For the first time in the history of Manipur, 24/7 helpline 181 launched for women

The Manipur CM **Biren Singh** has launched a toll free **24/7 helpline number 181 for women** in the state .

- i. For the first time in the history of Manipur, a helpline especially for women was launched by **State Minister for Social Welfare and Corporation NemchaKipgen**.
- ii. It is launched by the **Manipur State Commission for Women (MSCW)** and **department of social welfare**.

Lok Sabha Speaker inaugurates 16th NERCPA Conference at Imphal

Lok Sabha Speaker **Sumitra Mahajan** will inaugurate the **16th North East Region Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (NERCPA)** Conference at **Imphal** on 15th of June 2017.

- i. The conference will planned on **themes** like 'North East and Look East Policy', 'Special plan for development of railways and airways for speedy economic development of North East region', and 'Setting up of a chapter of Speaker's Research Initiative (SRI) in the region'.
- ii. It **helps in recognizing the importance of north-east region in the holistic development of India.**

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Manipur Current Affairs – August 2017

Nungthaang Tampak becomes North East's first 100 % computer literate

village Manipur's Nungthaang Tampak village has emerged as the '100% computer literate' in the entire **North East** announced on 24th August 2017.

Key Points:

- i. Nungthang Tampak** has become **India's second 100% computer literate village in India.**
- ii. Kerala's Chamravattom** village is the **country's first 100% computer literate village.**
- iii. iii.**The training program was organised by Manganal Rural, an NGO working for rural development.
- iv.iv.**The computer course, which is affiliated to All India Society for Electronic and Computer Technology (AISECT), was organised by Mangal Rural as a part of the Digital India program.

Former Manipur CM RishangKeishing passes way

RishangKeishing, the **grand old man of Manipur**, who had also **served as an MLA for seven terms and became chief minister of the state four times, passed away at Imphal**, on 22nd of Aug 2017. He was 97.

- i.** He was a **member of the first Lok Sabha in 1952.**
- ii.** He was born to RungdiKeishing and MungshingKeishing of BungpaKhunou village in Ukhrul district of Manipur on 25th October 1920.
- iii.** He continued to win the next two Lok Sabha elections from Manipur Outer constituency in 1957 and 1962 as a Socialist Party candidate.
- iv.** While he first became a minister in 1975, he was **sworn in as chief minister of Manipur for the first time on 27th November 1980.**
- v.** In 2002, Keishing was elected to Rajya Sabha from the lone Manipur seat, and was re-elected in 2008.

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Manipur Current Affairs – October 2017

Manipur celebrated its traditional Mera Houchongba festival

Manipur's traditional **Mera Houchongba** festival symbolizes brotherhood and unity among indigenous communities settled in both hill and valley of State. It was celebrated at the Manipur Royal palace (Sana Konung) in Imphal in the presence of King of Manipur, **Leishemba Sanajaoba as the main host.** This is the **first time Manipur Government and Royal Council of Manipur King jointly** organised the Mera Houchongba festival under the name of State Level Mera Houchongba Committee.

Manipur government hosts Northeast labour ministers' meeting

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has addressed a regional conference of north east labour ministers and officials to take a sincere effort to end the alienation of people from the north east on 6th Oct. 2017.

- ◆ The conference was held at the Hotel Classic Grande in Imphal. He added that to show our responsibility to initiate a unity among the citizens of the country.

International Peace Conference held in Imphal

International Peace Conference was held in **Imphal, Manipur** on October 18, 2017.

Highlights of International Peace Conference, Imphal:

- International Peace Conference in Imphal was held with an objective to promote peace and harmony in the North Eastern region of India.
- th Dalai Lama too addressed the International Peace Conference.** He visited Manipur on an invitation extended by **Y Khemchand, the Speaker of Manipur State Assembly**

Ngangom Sarat Singh appointed as member of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) for Manipur and Mizoram

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Manipur Current Affairs – November 2017

Manipur CM Biren Singh inaugurates India-Myanmar media interaction programme

On November 27, 2017, **Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh** inaugurated a two-day India- Myanmar media interaction programme in Imphal.

About India-Myanmar media interaction programme:

- i. This event was **sponsored by the Manipur tourism department in collaboration with Information and Public Relations department and the state level committee of the Act East Policy.**

Sangai Festival 2017 held in Manipur

On 21st November 2017, the Sangai Festival 2017 was inaugurated by President Ram Nath Kovind in Manipur.

Sangai Festival 2017:

- a. The Sangai Festival 2017 is held for **10 days**. It is named after **Manipur's state animal**, the brow-antlered **Sangai deer**.

Northeast development summit held in Manipur

Manipur hosted the **first- ever North East Development Summit (NEDS) 2017 in Imphal** on 21st and 22nd November, 2017.

Highlights of North East Development Summit (NEDS) 2017:

- i. NEDS 2017 was jointly organised by Manipur State Government in collaboration with Union Commerce Ministry and India Foundation.
- ii. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the summit on November 21, 2017.

SAUBHAGYA Scheme launched in Manipur

On November 28, 2017, **Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, R.K. Singh** and **N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister of Manipur**, launched **Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) in Manipur**.

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'SAUBHAGYA' Scheme – Manipur:

- i. SAUBHAGYA scheme was **launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September 2017**. Objective of this scheme is to achieve universal household electrification in all parts India.
- ii. **Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC), is the nodal agency** for coordinating the implementation of SAUBHAGYA scheme

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Manipur Current Affairs – DECEMBER 2017

Indian Science Congress 2018 to be held in Manipur

2018 edition of Indian Science Congress will be held **at Manipur University in Imphal, Manipur** in March 2018.

- i. This will be the **105th edition** of Indian Science Congress.
- ii. **Initially, Indian Science Congress 2018 was scheduled to be held at the Osmania University in Hyderabad**, in the first week of January 2018. However, it had to be moved on account of security problems.
- iii. **'Reaching the Unreached Through Science and Technology'** will be the focal theme of this event.

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