

Present govt would take Manipur to new heights: Chief Minister

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh urged the people of the State to give a chance to the present Government to take Manipur to new heights. This was stated by him at the Manipur Startup Conclave 2018 held at City Convention Centre, Imphal yesterday.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said that the present government is committed to bring peace, stability and unity in the State. The government would always be there to hear the grievances of the people and ready to solve any problem in the State, he added. He mentioned that every State has its own problem/issue and there is no State or country without having a single problem. He appealed the people of the State to refrain from the culture of calling bandhs and blockades in the State. He promised that Manipur will leap forward in the next 5-10 years once we disown such mentality.

Chief Minister further stated that stringent legal action would be taken against those who are responsible of imposing bandhs and blockades in the State. Stating that the Supreme Court of India had declared bandhs as 'unconstitutional' in the country, Chief Minister stated that the State Government will consult the Judiciary on what legal course of action can be taken against those offenders who don't abide the rule of law. Mentioning about the frequent bandhs and blockades in the last few months, Chief Minister said that presently, many outside Companies are reluctant to set up their business in the State due to the situation. Everyone has the right to protest in a democratic and



systematic way in this country, however it shouldn't affect the lives of an ordinary people. People want peace and tranquillity in the State, he added. Chief Minister highlighted that it is a historic day for the State of Manipur as we witness the roll out of an ambitious program "Start-Up Policy" and opening of road route for immigration flow between India and Myanmar at Moreh. Since its inception, the present Government has been trying its level best to bring development and good governance in the State. He mentioned that the aim objective of launching the Manipur Start-Up scheme is to unleash the potential, talents and entrepreneurship skills of the State. He stated that the Manipur Start-Up Policy would nurture and encourage Start-ups and Entrepreneurs in job creation and economic growth in the State. Since its

initial days, the government had promised to address the issue of unemployment in the State, he added. The scheme is proposed to be implemented with a financial assistance of Rs. 150 crores in the next five years i.e. 2017-2022. He hoped that more banks would extend their support to the entrepreneurs of the State. Out of the total 334 Start-up/beneficiaries, 29 start-ups were selected under Revenue Stage Start-Up, 200 in beneficiaries in Idea Stage and 105 beneficiaries in Entrepreneur Support Scheme category. Chief Minister assured that the government would extend every possible help to nurture and support those promising entrepreneurs of the State. While delivering his Presidential address, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Y. Joykumar Singh stated that today is indeed a watershed

in the history of Manipur. We all must know that we need to promote and develop the secondary sector so as to become a develop State or Country. And such sector has been a neglected area in the State for so many years. He mentioned that the future economy of the State depends on the Entrepreneurs of the State. During the programme, a brief presentation of six selected successful Start-up were showcased. The Dignitaries also distributed the grants and sanction letter to be borne by the State Government to the selected Start-Ups and Entrepreneur under the scheme. Cabinet Ministers, Chairman Manipur Pollution Control Board L. Radhakishore, Deputy Chairman Manipur Planning Board S. Rajen Singh, MLAs, Chief Secretary, HODs of various Departments, officials of Bank of Baroda attended the function.

Big win for NDA, Harivansh Narayan Singh wins Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman election

Agency
New Delhi, Aug. 9,

NDA candidate Harivansh Narayan Singh has defeated Opposition's BK Hariprasad following the voting in the Rajya Sabha for the post of Deputy Chairman. With last minute backout by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the Opposition faced a jolt in regards of the numbers. Singh defeated Hariprasad by garnering 125 votes in the Upper House. This battle was the one between the government and the Opposition who were unable to unite for the warm-up ahead of Lok Sabha 2019 elections.

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) claims it has the support of 126 members in the Upper House with the power of 244 MPs. The fight is between a first-time MP Harivansh from the Janata Dal-United against the Congress leader and three-time MP Hariprasad.

Latest updates:

- Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said, "Looking at Congress's attitude we have decided to abstain from voting for Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman, Congress is the biggest obstacle in Opposition's unity."
- Voting underway as the Member of Parliaments are set to elect the Deputy Chairman. - Arun Jaitley, Defence Minister Nirmla Sitharaman and other BJP leaders present in the Rajya Sabha ahead of the election for the deputy chairman.
- NDA candidate Harivansh Narayan Singh said, "We are confident of our win and election result is a foregone conclusion." Biju Janta Dal

The NDA candidate Harivansh Narayan Singh won the Rajya Sabha election to become the Deputy Chairman of the Upper House following the voting by Members of Parliament. Singh has defeated Hariprasad by 25 votes.



supporting JDU since JDU & BJD have similar ideological origins-emerging from Jay Prakash Narayan movement. Congress candidate was AICC in charge of Odisha till recently & was vitriolic in his statements against BJD and State: BJD Statement on RS Deputy Chairman polls - In a jolt to Opposition, the YSR Congress said it is abstaining from voting in the Rajya Sabha deputy chairman elections. "We have decided to abstain from voting for Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman elections. Both Congress and BJP have not fulfilled the promises made to Andhra Pradesh," said V Vijayasai Reddy.

Congress candidate in the Upper House. And on the ruling party's side, the candidate has the support of Shiv Sena, Akali Dal and there are chances of independent parties like All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIAMDK) coming along. According to news agency PTI, the sources have said that the BJP candidate might garner the support of Biju Janata Dal (BJD) after JD-U and BJP have talked to Naveen Patnaik.

Number game Both the parties been claiming that the other does not have numbers. Vijay Goel, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs said, "We have numbers on our side and Harivanshji will comfortably win the election tomorrow. It would have been better if the deputy chairman was elected unanimously."

Congress senior spokesperson also claimed that NDA does not have a majority in the Rajya Sabha alleging that the BJP will put its power and authority in play during the election. The opposition is confident that their candidate is "formidable" and if the question is being raised as to why the opposition is contesting an election, then they are questioning the "very essence" of democracy. The BJP calculation says that their candidate is going to get at least 91 members to back him and the votes of independent parties - AIAMDK's 13, TRS' 6, YSRCP with 2 and INLD with one - add up to 117. With BJD's MPs the NDA candidate will stand with 126 votes.

In case of Hariprasad, he has the votes of 61 Congress MPs, TMC and SP both have 13 members each, TDP's six, 5 of CPI and one of JD-S make the tally go up to 109. The TDP has said that they are going to support the

Social Service Conducted

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Bishnupur, Aug 9,

A social service was conducted at Mini Secretariat campus, Bishnupur in order to keep the complex neat and clean.

Speaking to the press during the service, the Deputy Commissioner Pawan Yadav said that the campus and adjoining area has been declared plastic free zone in the past and the staffs will continue maintaining the declaration by conducting social service once in a month. District level officers and police departments take part in the social service and also took a pledge to keep the environment clean.

It may be mentioned that the district administration has been organizing social service once in a month in order to spread the message of clean and healthy environment.

Awareness Programme on Primary Health Care

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A one day Community Awareness on Health and Wellness Centres (HWC) to Deliver Comprehensive primary health care was held today under Ayushman Bharat, National Health Mission Manipur was organized by the Health and

Wellness Centres (HWC) Tekcham at Tekcham Mayai Leikai Community hall in Thoubal District. Langathel Zilla Parishad Member Ibetombi, Pradhan Tekcham GP L. Iboyai, Up Pradhan Tekcham GP W. Samananda and Imo, attended the Awareness Programme as chief guest, functional president and guest of honours respectively.

The key objective of the Awareness was to come to a shared and common understanding of the multiple components to enable HWC to deliver comprehensive primary health care. During the Awareness Programme, CMO Thoubal Dr. N. Jayantakumar, DPM Thoubal Ch. Basanta, DFWO Thoubal Dr. Ksh. Memcha Devi, Nurses under NHM, ASHAs, Anganwadi Workers and Local Peoples of Tekcham attended the program.

AMWJU elect new President



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Thoubal, Aug. 9,

A General body meeting of the All Manipur Working Journalists' Union held yesterday at Manipur press Club has unanimously elected Brozendo Ningombam, Editor-in-Chief of ISTV News

programme as the President of the Journalists' for untill the completion of the term. After W Shyamjai resigned from the post G Sarojkumar has been looking after the journalist body as in-charge president. Senior Journalist N Tomniraj is still the advisor of the Journalist's body.