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## INTRODUCTION

The National People's Party (NPP) is a political party that has its roots firmly nourished and nurtured by home grounds of Northeastern states.

On 13th January 1989 a meeting was organized at Brajamohan Dev Sharma Mandop, Naoremthong, Uripok, Manipur to address the necessity of having a common agenda and raising a collective voice for issues and concerns vis-à-vis the people of Northeast within the Indian political landscape. The meeting which was attended by social activists, concerned citizens and public intellectuals alike unanimously resolved to constitute NPP as a political party. Nongthombam Ibomcha Singh, popularly known as Tera Laimu, was unanimously elected as the first President of the party in the said meeting.

NPP Manipur debuted in 1990 by fielding candidates for the first time in the Manipur Legislative Assembly elections & V. Hangkhalian became its first MLA. In the Parliamentary elections of 1991, NPP also projected a candidate although mandate could not be secured. The party progressed further by fielding more candidates in the 1995 Manipur Legislative Assembly elections, of which 2 candidates emerged victorious; in the 2007 elections the party further reassuringly increased its number to 3 out of the 5 candidates fielded.

A major turning point for NPP came in 2013 when late Purno Agitok Sangma, the former Lok Sabha Speaker, formally took over the party as its National President. Mr. Sangma reinvented NPP with much vigour and innovative political vision. The common agenda for Northeast & the



clarion call for a collective voice was pushed into action with promising results.

The party secured mandate again in the 2017 Manipur Legislative Assembly by winning 4 key constituencies & confirmed 4 ministers in the cabinet including the Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Joykumar Singh from Uripok, the birthplace of NPP. Meanwhile in the northeastern political scenario, NPP surged ahead by forming the government in 2018 in Meghalaya with NPP's National President Conrad Sangma as the Chief Minister. NPP further strengthened its stronghold by winning seats in the Nagaland & Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly elections respectively.

Having established a major presence in the Northeast, in June 2019 NPP gained further credibility by becoming the first party from the Northeast to be officially recognized as a National Party reiterating its central agenda of “One Northeast, One Voice”.

The upcoming 2022 Manipur State Legislative Assembly Elections will be critically important for the people of Manipur; the people require a mature political party such as NPP that understands and prioritise the needs of the people as opposed to parties that focus on posturing to conceal their failures.

For instance, the Covid-19 pandemic has revealed the grim and stark socio-economic inequalities that persist in Manipur, the developmental differences and injustices among communities, and the asymmetry of access to basic necessities like quality healthcare and education between the hills and valley. NPP is very clear that to address these issues there



is a pressing need for understanding the diverse perspectives, needs, and concerns of its citizenry. Manipur being comprised of a multi-ethnic and pluralistic society, these issues and concerns can only be rectified by formulating and implementing a strong coherent state policies on different thematic sectors through embracing the support and suggestions from various stakeholders, civil societies and grassroots movements. NPP is also keenly aware that key issues such as indigenous rights, AFSPA, universal access to quality health care and education, climate change and environment needs to be urgently addressed.

NPP as a political party strongly believe in people centric development where ethos of consultations and free prior informed consent are upheld and practiced in decision making, and in formulating policies about developmental projects. NPP understands and emphasise that sustainability of our planet and the ecosystem must not be co-opted for economic gains by profiteering organisations. Environmental security is a key foundation NPP banks upon as future generations directly depend on it. Therefore, NPP is keenly aware of its responsibility as a political party to ensure inclusiveness of the communities concerned along with these key issues while formulating and implementing developmental projects.

Being a people centric party NPP is open to positive criticisms which it will strive to rectify and improve upon. Several mistakes have been made by previous governments, and NPP as a party believe in learning from those mistakes and rectifying those. We believe in progressive politics making sure the most vulnerable sectors of our communities are taken care of and not excluded in decision making processes.

NPP further reiterates to incorporate mechanisms to check and balance



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the inequity in Manipur in terms of wealth distribution. The need for a transparent and accountable review committee/mechanism in each thematic sectors is something NPP will strive for to ensure effective governance.

NPP understands the need for a complete re-haul of the existing political system in Manipur to ensure inclusive and effective governance. To do so NPP has charted out a thematic People's Action Document toward developing the state of Manipur together. The People's Action Document covers themes critical for people friendly governance including economic and financial reforms, environment protection, gender justice, healthcare, youth, education, women empowerment, and agricultural and horticulture reforms amongst others.

NPP as an agent of implementation, guided by the People's Action Document, will ensure that the real power and vision which lies with the people of Manipur is translated into reality.



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## 1. POLITICAL ISSUES

- 1.1. NPP will work towards the repeal of AFSPA from Manipur.
- 1.2. NPP will also consult with various civil society organisations to ensure an inclusive and comprehensive process toward addressing human rights violations and concerns.
- 1.3. NPP will reach out to all stakeholders to ensure indigenous rights of all communities are protected.
- 1.4. NPP will focus on dialogue process with insurgency groups & non-state actors for sustained peace.

## 2. ECONOMY & FINANCE

- 2.1. NPP will formulate a comprehensive & sustainable economic policy for a well rounded and appropriate economic development of the state in consultation with leading economists & policy makers as well as with the people at large.
- 2.2. NPP will work towards securing the agro based industries, fishery sector, tourism sector & human resource development for economic resurgence of the state.
- 2.3. NPP believes that transparency must be maintained in taxation therefore NPP will work towards rationalization of State Taxation System by reviewing the existing system, and



promoting investment both foreign & direct to enhance the financial strength of the state.

- 2.4. NPP will create mechanisms to check and control leakage from government coffers and prevent wasteful expenses.
- 2.5. NPP will also aim for equitable & need based distribution of available revenue resources of the state & centre to address the concerns of developmental injustices of the past.
- 2.6. NPP will ensure timely sanction of developmental funds to minimize delay in implementation of projects.

## 3. EDUCATION

### 3.1. Education, Social Accountability and Transparency

- 3.1.1. NPP will create a committee comprising of experts, government agencies, civil society, parents & student representatives to formulate education policy.

### 3.2. Quality Education and Not Quantity Outputs

- 3.2.1. NPP will promote effective learning environments through participatory approach and equitable access to all levels of education and its allied facilities.
- 3.2.2. NPP shall assess the existing school curriculums and revamp them with special focus on the inclusion of indigenous histories, linguistic diversity, gender sensitivity and consent, sexual and reproductive health, environmental education



and climate change guided by scientific temperament and research.

- 3.2.3. NPP will encourage documentation and digitization of oral traditions and to include these in formal school curriculum so as to preserve and promote our indigenous cultures and histories.
- 3.2.4. NPP shall maximise inter-school competitions for building healthy competitive spirit & also to encourage co-curricular activities for wholesome development of students.
- 3.2.5. NPP will streamline teacher training programmes to enhance their pedagogical capacity by reviewing & reforming the existing training systems and resources.
- 3.2.6. NPP will make comprehensive sexual & reproductive health education mandatory in all schools.

### **3.3. Early Childhood Education**

- 3.3.1. NPP will create Montessori playschools & also encourage alternative education systems such as Waldorf education centres & Reggio Emilia Approach in early childhood education.

### **3.4. Special Schools for Differently Abled Children and Individuals**

- 3.4.1. NPP will establish specialised schools for differently abled children/individuals and enable proper quality functioning of such institutes by providing necessary support.



### **3.5. Mental Health, Counselling and Career Guidance**

- 3.5.1. NPP shall appoint counsellors and ensure career guidance for government schools.
- 3.5.2. NPP will appoint mental healthcare providers such as child psychologists, therapist, developmental psychologists in government schools to ensure mental wellbeing of students.

### **3.6. Professional Institutes and Infrastructural Aids**

- 3.6.1. NPP will establish professional and vocational institutes with special focus on rural areas and hill districts.
- 3.6.2. NPP will establish “Unique Schools” for students with special talent where they will be given specialised education & training in the context of their special skill be it music, bodily kinaesthetic talent, performing arts, business, visual arts, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) proficiency.
- 3.6.3. NPP will facilitate infrastructural aid in order to meet telecommunication and digital connectivity needs in remote areas of the state for better access to educational resources.

### **3.7. Libraries**

- 3.7.1. NPP will establish fully functional libraries, improve upon and revive existing ones in every district.



## 4. ENVIRONMENT

- 4.1. NPP shall critically assess existing laws and legislations pertaining to forest to align them with scientific forest management and conservation methods.
- 4.2. NPP will ensure free prior informed consent of the people when planning developmental projects.

### 4.3. Forest & Green Cover

- 4.3.1. NPP will create forest protection task force to control illegal deforestation and misuse of forest land.
- 4.3.2. NPP will work towards banning of monocultures such as palm oil plantations in forest areas.
- 4.3.3. NPP will set up Biodiversity Committee comprising of experts for better research & conservation of bio reserves and curbing of bio-piracy.
- 4.3.4. NPP will empower and support appropriate agencies for the research and documentation of medicinal plants, and their conservation and preservation.
- 4.3.5. NPP shall ensure incorporation of traditional & indigenous knowledge systems for forest management such as management of forest fires.
- 4.3.6. NPP will establish an institute in Manipur to teach forest management.



### 4.4. Waste Management

- 4.4.1. NPP shall ensure better management of household wastes through efficient collection, promotion of waste segregation, and incorporation of local organisations and clubs.
- 4.4.2. NPP will set up bio-waste organic fertilizers generation plant.
- 4.4.3. NPP shall work towards incorporating segregated electronic waste collection for efficient recycling and management .
- 4.4.4. NPP will phase out one-use plastics and will set up a plastic recycling plant.

### 4.5. Wetlands & River Systems

- 4.5.1. NPP will review the Loktak Protection Act of 2006 and amend the legislation to make it more scientific and people centric and align it with Ramsar Convention and the national wetlands rules 2017.
- 4.5.2. NPP will restructure the Loktak Development Authority to ensure its functioning is based on environmental and scientific concerns, and community needs.
- 4.5.3. NPP shall work towards enactment and enforcement of legislations to protect wetland systems.
- 4.5.4. NPP shall ensure proper management of inland water systems in municipal areas with the specific aim of curbing pollution.
- 4.5.5. NPP will set up constituency coordination committees for



better management of river systems & wetlands.

- 4.5.6. NPP shall ensure more inclusiveness in the management of Loktak lake area with adherence to Ramsar Convention guidelines.
- 4.5.7. NPP shall ensure regular cleanup of phumdis in Loktak area and will set up cooperatives at the local level to generate organic fertilisers from phumdis.

## 4.6. Climate Change

- 4.6.1. NPP will review, redraft & update the State Action Plan on Climate Change according to the changing needs.
- 4.6.2. NPP will work towards better public transport systems & pedestrian friendly townships to reduce carbon footprint.
- 4.6.3. NPP shall ensure scientific review of neo liberal policies such as the Manipur Hydroelectric Power Policy 2012, NE Hydrocarbon Visions 2030 etc.
- 4.6.4. NPP will work towards making government offices & buildings more energy efficient by installing rooftop solar power generation plants & rain water harvesting systems.

## 5. HEALTHCARE

### 5.1. Healthcare and Infrastructures

- 5.1.1. NPP will allocate more budget for public healthcare in the



state and work towards providing free health services to the poor.

- 5.1.2. NPP shall work towards establishing more medical & nursing colleges in the state with special focus on rural areas and hill districts.
- 5.1.3. NPP will ensure all the districts have a proper functioning district hospital with all the necessary technical & resource support.
- 5.1.4. NPP will increase the number of Community and Primary Health Centres and upgrade them with appropriate technical & human resource support.
- 5.1.5. NPP shall establish & improve testing & diagnosis facilities in the hills & rural areas.
- 5.1.6. NPP will provide better lodging facilities for patient care providers & families near hospitals.
- 5.1.7. NPP will establish well designed network of AYUSH services to provide accessible affordable & equitable healthcare delivery system.

### **5.2. Healthcare for Women**

- 5.2.1. NPP will ensure Specialised Health Insurance schemes for women & adolescent girls.
- 5.2.2. NPP will implement schemes to provide access to free menstrual hygiene products for women, transmen & other



non-binary people.

- 5.2.3. NPP will ensure training of nurse midwives to better handle low risk pregnancies & creating of birthing centres.
- 5.2.4. NPP will provide free prenatal & postnatal nutrition package.
- 5.2.5. NPP will facilitate data & ambulance coordination along with health monitoring systems for high-risk pregnancies especially in rural areas & hill districts.
- 5.2.6. NPP will increase maternity leave to 9 months along with provisions for paternity leave for up to 3 months for first born child.
- 5.2.7. NPP will employ certified & well trained lactation consultants in every district & increase their numbers substantially across urban healthcare centres.
- 5.2.8. NPP shall provide free maternal care package which would include traditional baby care items such as a set of *ningdha* (cloth diaper), *naobong* (traditional baby carriers), maternal healthcare supplements, and breastfeeding support items.

### 5.3. Specialists and Mental Health Care

- 5.3.1. NPP will increase the number of specialists in district hospitals and community health care centres.
- 5.3.2. NPP shall increase the number of mental health care providers.



### 5.4. Other Health Related Issues

- 5.4.1. NPP will increase rehabilitation centres for substance abusers in the state.
- 5.4.2. NPP shall review security measures for healthcare workers in conflict prone zones.
- 5.4.3. NPP will guarantee Health Insurance Scheme for Manipuri citizens from lower income group.

## 6. GENDER JUSTICE

- 6.1. NPP will give special attention to women entrepreneurs & women led cooperative societies.
- 6.2. NPP will provide zero interest rate loans to women led Self Help Groups (SHGs) and ventures.
- 6.3. NPP will focus on the needs of differently abled women & give them appropriate support for sustenance.
- 6.4. NPP will focus on effective implementation of equal pay for equal work in all government employment schemes.
- 6.5. NPP will build shelters for women and gender minorities facing violence and discriminatory actions domestically; such shelters will have counseling and vocational training facilities.
- 6.6. NPP will work on inclusion of gender sensitivity education in school and college curriculums.
- 6.7. NPP will establish a Gender Justice Commissions for the



LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual) community to address their concerns comprehensively.

- 6.8. NPP will work toward action-based reforms such as establishing gender-neutral washrooms in public spaces, health infrastructure that addresses specific needs of the LGBTQIA community, and mitigating discrimination.

## 7. YOUTH

### 7.1. Youth Policy and Implementation

- 7.1.1. NPP will formulate a comprehensive youth policy which is contextually relevant in addressing the needs of the youths in the state.
- 7.1.2. NPP will ensure that recruitment to government jobs is strictly based on fairness, merit and transparency, and ensure a streamlined process for the prompt announcement of results.
- 7.1.3. NPP shall facilitate effective implementation of pre-existing schemes for employment generation.
- 7.1.4. NPP will introduce vocational and Multi Skill Foundation Course (MSFC) at the secondary school level to equip youth with skills for greater employability.
- 7.1.5. NPP will establish a Youth Commission to look into the unique needs & grievances of the young people of the state.



### 7.2. Employment and Infrastructures

- 7.2.1. NPP will create space for the growth of young entrepreneurs by encouraging and assisting entrepreneurial ventures in the state through promotion of small and micro scale enterprises like organic farming, bee keeping, fishery, poultry, floriculture, baking, eco-tourism, hospitality, and other innovative livelihood projects.
- 7.2.2. NPP will set up vocational training hubs for professional & soft skills and personality development, and career guidance in every district with special attention to the hill districts & rural areas.
- 7.2.3. NPP will focus on setting up substance abuse rehabilitation centres in all districts.
- 7.2.4. NPP will develop more youth centric infrastructures such as community libraries, sports and performing arts centres in conjunction with organising youth centric programs such as music festivals, art exhibitions & literature fests.
- 7.2.5. NPP will take efforts to encourage healthy competitive spirit by organizing tournaments, and providing incentives like recognition of talent through awards and sponsorships.
- 7.2.6. NPP will set up Music Academies to train & hone the skills of young people in various disciplines of music education.



## 8. SPORTS

- 8.1. NPP will accord high priority in the development of quality sports facilities in rural areas to harness available talent and potential.
- 8.2. NPP will facilitate quality training and coaching of youth in different fields of sports.
- 8.3. NPP will provide new infrastructure and improve existing ones with focus on indigenous sports.
- 8.4. NPP will ensure efficient access to sports equipment with special focus on rural areas.
- 8.5. NPP will support the training and development of coaches, sports physiotherapists, referees and umpires in different sports.
- 8.6. NPP will work toward providing educational scholarships for sportspersons.
- 8.7. NPP will explore and take advantage of the high potential of adventure sports in Manipur.
- 8.8. NPP will ensure sports and fitness programmes are part of the school curriculum.
- 8.9. NPP will encourage the organising of sports tournaments in the state including those of indigenous sports.
- 8.10. NPP will set up specialised training academies and improve upon existing ones for specific sports such as badminton, boxing, football, weightlifting and others.



- 8.11. NPP will ensure that nutritional and dietary needs of sportspersons are met through subsidized rates for the same.

### 9. ARTS & CULTURE

- 9.1. NPP will formulate an Arts & Culture Policy towards preserving the indigenous cultural practices of communities in Manipur.
- 9.2. NPP will strive to preserve the State's indigenous practices by establishing research & development institutes to facilitate documentation & digitization of information related to indigenous arts & culture.
- 9.3. NPP will work towards protecting Manipur's handloom & handicrafts tradition by facilitating the obtaining of GI tags & banning the mass manufacture of Manipur's handloom products & motifs outside the state.
- 9.4. NPP will facilitate obtaining GI tags of traditional handloom and handicraft products of the state to protect the interests and livelihood of the artisans and weavers of the state.
- 9.5. NPP will introduce legislation to address the issue of cultural appropriation.
- 9.6. NPP will work towards the protection of traditional cultures of small tribes like Tarao, Koireng, etc.
- 9.7. NPP will encourage the preservation of indigenous cultural traditions such as folktales, folksongs, and folkdance by



supporting publication and creation of books, cartoons, animation, comics & films.

- 9.8. NPP will ensure the transfer of indigenous knowledge and practices on fields such as weaving, pottery making, and other traditional crafts by establishing teaching centres for such in each district.

## 10. RURAL ECONOMY

### 10.1. Agriculture & Horticulture

- 10.1.1. NPP will formulate fresh policies for the Agriculture and Horticulture sectors respectively.
- 10.1.2. NPP will review the existing Manipur Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act of 2014 to further strengthen agricultural land protection.
- 10.1.3. NPP will initiate measures through strategic restructuring of existing systems to improve agricultural & horticultural yield through sustainable & organic farming.
- 10.1.4. NPP will ensure appropriate departments/agencies initiate mapping for collection of data and maintenance of database of different crops, products & farmlands to enable proper planning & implementation of schemes.
- 10.1.5. NPP will work on providing trainings and subsidies to encourage farming as a lucrative career option with special emphasis on youths.



- 10.1.6. NPP will inculcate teaching basics of farming as a part of school curriculum starting from primary level.
- 10.1.7. NPP will streamline the functioning of the Manipur Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing Board to facilitate better marketing of agricultural produces and ensuring of Minimum Support Price.
- 10.1.8. NPP will facilitate Crop Insurance Scheme for farmers to mitigate the loss on account of unforeseeable calamities.
- 10.1.9. NPP will ensure appropriate departments/agencies create and maintain Seed Banks for indigenous varieties of crops.
- 10.1.10. NPP will establish food processing and cold storage units in all districts to ensure value addition of products to minimize wastage of perishable crops & to boost marketing.
- 10.1.11. NPP will work on regulating product prices based on domestic demand & export to maintain the richness of the indigenous food products as a step towards food sovereignty, thus keeping a check on foreign products influx.
- 10.1.12. NPP will work towards increasing the number of agricultural institutes in the state.

### 10.2. Others

- 10.2.1. NPP will implement programmes to promote and undertake sericulture in the state.
- 10.2.2. NPP will give special focus on pisciculture to increase



production as well as help support those involved in both culture and capture fishery as a means to rejuvenate the economy & ensuring self-sufficiency in fish production and also to generate employment.

- 10.2.3. NPP will formulate a comprehensive policy for fisherfolk and fish farmers and also introduce legislation to ensure their rights to a sustainable livelihood.

## 11. TOURISM

- 11.1. NPP will promote Eco-tourism by incorporating more community led initiatives & ventures.
- 11.2. NPP will support the establishment of homestays at strategic sites through start-up loans.
- 11.3. NPP will establish adventure tourism circuits after surveying its appropriateness in the state.
- 11.4. NPP will identify & establish tourism sites for historically important destinations such as Chingkhei Ching, Koubru, Willong, Yang Khullen etc.
- 11.5. NPP shall organise annual festivals in arts & culture sectors, music & indigenous cuisines to strengthen the tourism industry.
- 11.6. NPP shall work towards upgradation of hospitality and allied institutes for skill-based training to create employment in the sector.



- 11.7. NPP will establish an effective, practical website which will act as a one-stop portal for information related to tourism in Manipur including accommodation, logistics, and food etc.
- 11.8. NPP will set up specialized Tourist Police Force to ensure safety of both tourists and local communities and the sanctity of tourist spots.

## 12. INFRASTRUCTURE

- 12.1. NPP will work toward setting up proper infrastructure for power, transportation and communication to create a strong marketing network.
- 12.2. NPP will build better infrastructure & enhance access for differently abled persons in public spaces and government buildings.
- 12.3. NPP will build boys and girls hostel for minority communities in Imphal Municipal area.

### 12.4. Water Resource Management

- 12.4.1. NPP will create better infrastructures and improve upon existing ones through scientific interventions to ensure efficient water distribution in towns, cities, rural areas & the hills.
- 12.4.2. NPP will create Hybrid Water Grids by tapping in available streams, rivers & rainwater harvesting mechanisms.



12.4.3. NPP will support rainwater harvesting projects to aid water conservation and ground water recharge.

12.4.4. NPP will support building of environmentally friendly small scale irrigation dams for sustainable terrace farming.

## 12.5. Connectivity

12.5.1. NPP will take up steps to improve rural & urban road connectivity.

12.5.2. NPP will ensure that landlocked clusters of villages are connected to key market towns and district headquarters to improve economic activity of the rural population.

12.5.3. NPP will ensure proper maintenance of economically important road links to the state to ensure undisturbed movement of people & regular supply of essential commodities.

12.5.4. NPP will create a separate division for better and effective implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

12.5.5. NPP will work toward improving telecommunications and internet facilities in remote parts of Manipur.

## 12.6. Power

12.6.1. NPP will formulate an effective and workable Power Policy.

12.6.2. NPP will create hybrid power sources by focussing more on renewable resources such as rooftop solar power systems.



- 12.6.3. NPP will establish mega solar parks in the state as part of its commitment to environment friendly and sustainable energy sources.
- 12.6.4. NPP will ensure minimum transmission loss through adequate interventions & work towards providing affordable & stable power supply to all areas of the state.

### 13. EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE MECHANISM

- 13.1. NPP will ensure that the above-mentioned key areas & programs are implemented effectively by putting in place transparent & accountable mechanisms to monitor distribution of governmental schemes & projects.
- 13.2. NPP will work towards uprooting corruption in all forms & ensure smooth functioning of public services.
- 13.3. NPP will put in place Ombudsman and Grievance Redressal Cell for each departments/agencies so as to connect with the public better.
- 13.4. NPP will ensure the effective implementation of the Right to Information Act, and put into place appropriate mechanisms for the protection of whistle-blowers.
- 13.5. NPP will ensure responsible fiscal expenditure of the government by downsizing wasteful expenditures such as excessive publicity and advertisements.



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