

# Citizens Action for Manipur

## Launch of National Campaign

28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Events Report

**Manipur** is being devastated by unrelenting and unprecedented violence between communities for 9 months with no sign of resolution. It has left more than 200 persons dead and over 1000 persons injured. About 70,000 internally displaced persons are reeling under despicable conditions in 328 relief camps spread across the hills and valley. But there seems to be very little understanding or concern for the gravity of the tragedy that is unfolding in Manipur from other parts of India-.

**The Citizens Action for Manipur** is a national Campaign that seeks to provide a platform for Citizens from across the country to understand the scale of violence in Manipur and undertake a series of Campaigns and Actions to call for redress and resolution of this festering problem now.

It will be a decentralised Campaign with Events organised in as many cities/ towns / villages as possible. One or more Anchor organisations will be identified and enlisted for each city / town/ village who will organise Events periodically till the violence in Manipur is checked & resolved.



**Proposed Activities for the Campaign** are Lighting a Lamp for Manipur, Multi Faith Prayers for Peace, Meditations, Placards, Appeals for Peace, Call for action from the conflicting communities and the authorities etc.

The key tasks of the Campaign are

1. Immediately halt escalation of violence and initiate dialogue between the conflicting parties.
2. Provide full reparation, restitution and compensation for the loss suffered by the survivors of the violence
3. Ensure right to return, with security, to their uprooted settlements or at the place of their choice
4. Reconstruct destroyed houses with full access to basic needs like education, health, medicine, livelihood, etc.
5. Firmly establish the Rule of Law by controlling proliferation of illegal arms.

6. Constitute an effective Special Investigation Team to conduct prompt and impartial investigations into each of the cases of crime committed as part of the ongoing violence and prosecute the guilty within a time frame.



7. Establish Truth and Conciliation Commission in order to heal the festering wounds and transform the collective trauma.

A large number of civil society organisations, activists, concerned citizens, media persons and professionals have come together for the Citizens Action for Manipur Campaign that was launched successfully on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from over 250

cities, towns and villages of Assam, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, New Delhi, Orrisa, Rajasthan, Telangana and Tripura. Programs also continued on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January- Gandhi Ji's Martyrdom Day with Prayers for Peace and other activities in different locations.

Programs will be organised regularly in more places across the country till such time as the violence in Manipur stops completely and peace prevails.

Large numbers participated in the launch in Hyderabad with Multi Faith Prayers, Guided Meditation, Peace Songs, Painting, Rangoli Designs for Harmony and displayed Placards appealing for action and peace. The Program was livestreamed on Facebook.



**Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Place: Hyderabad**

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