

Manipur welcomes Swachhta Hi Bharat Sewa Palan



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Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh on Friday kicked off the 'Swachhta Hi Bharat Sewa Palan' in [Manipur](#), which will be continued till October 2.

Swachhta Hi Bharat Sewa Palan is being held under the initiative of Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) to mark [Gandhi Jayanti](#) which is a national festival celebrated in the country to mark the occasion of the birthday of MK [Gandhi](#).

On the sidelines of the event, the [Manipur](#) Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh in a media query stated that all district administrations have been asked to look into the matter concerning candidature of non-locals contesting the forthcoming general [Panchayat](#) elections in the [state](#).

Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA) has threatened to ban movement by non-locals in all localities from September 22 till the polling day, that is, October 7, if the non-local candidates contesting in the elections fail to withdraw their candidature by September 20.

The association, which has been spearheading a movement demanding constitutional protection to [indigenous](#) people of [Manipur](#), has also demanded that names of all non-locals in the electoral roll of the [state](#) should be deleted and debarred them from contesting any election.

“We’re seriously looking into the matter,” Biren Singh further told newsmen.

The Chief Minister pledged to make a clean, healthy and new [India](#) at the launch of the Swachhta Hi Sewa at Koirengei organised by the Forest Department.

PHED minister Loshi Dikho, Additional Chief Secretary Shambhu Singh, [Principal](#) Chief Conservator of Forest K Avi Angami and several other Forest officials were present on the occasion.

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