

GOVERNMENT GIRLS COLLEGE, BETUL

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Name of Activity: Statehood Day

No. of student:- 25

Statehood day was celebrated by taking oath in Manipuri language “ei khoi amatani” that means “we are all one”, followed by summarizing a brief history.

Key points :-

- ✚ On 21st January, 1972, Manipur became full-fledged states under the **North Eastern Region (Reorganisation) Act, 1971**.
- ✚ Before 15th August 1947, peaceful negotiations had brought almost all states whose territories were contiguous to the new boundaries of India, into the Indian Union.
- ✚ The rulers of most of the states signed a document called the ‘Instrument of Accession’ which meant that their state agreed to become a part of the Union of India.
- ✚ A few days before Independence, the Maharaja of Manipur, Bodhachandra Singh, signed the Instrument of Accession with the Indian government on the assurance that the internal autonomy of Manipur would be maintained.
- ✚ Under the pressure of public opinion, the Maharaja held elections in Manipur in June 1948 and the state became a constitutional monarchy. Thus Manipur was the first part of India to hold an election based on universal adult franchise.
- ✚ In the Legislative Assembly of Manipur there were sharp differences over the question of merger of Manipur with India. The Government of India succeeded in pressuring the Maharaja into signing a Merger Agreement in September 1949, without consulting the popularly elected Legislative Assembly of Manipur.

