



History of Lions Clubs International:

- The International Association of Lions Clubs, or Lions Clubs International started as the dream of a Chicago insurance man **Melvin Jones** to reach beyond business issues and address the betterment of the communities and the world. This initiative gave birth to Lions Club in June, 1917.
- Since then, Lions Clubs International gradually expanded to various countries of the world and is now the largest service activity club with over 14,00,000 members in more than 48,000 clubs spread across 200 countries.
- With the motto of “We Serve”, the Lions service programmes are vision conservation, diabetes awareness, alleviating hunger, environment awareness, childhood cancer and many more.

Relationship with the United Nations & Peace Poster Contest:

- Lions Club helped develop the NGO Charter for United Nations since its inception. Lions have provided aid and manpower for the projects of several UN Agencies like UNESCO, WHO, UNICEF.
- Keeping in view the activities of good relations between the UN and the Lions, the UN has started observing a day, sometime during the month of February/March as 'Lions Day at the United Nations (LDUN)'. To reciprocate the nice gesture shown by the UN by organizing the LDUN etc. the Lions Clubs all over the world observe **24th October as “United Nations Day”**.
- For over three decades, Lions Clubs all over the world has been sponsoring Lions International Peace Poster contest for children of age group 11-13 years. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.
- On LDUN, apart from recognizing the services of the Lion leaders by the United Nations, the **Grand Prize** winner of the global Peace Poster Contest which carries a monetary award of **US \$ 5,000** is also felicitated and honoured in person, if time permits.
- Peace posters from Manipur had won the Grand Prize award **twice in 2010 and 2014**. On both the occasions, the winners were sponsored by Lions Club of Moirang.

Lions Club of Imphal & Peace Poster Contest:

- Lions Club of Imphal which was inaugurated in 1968 is the oldest Lions Club of Manipur. Over the years, the Club has sponsored many other Lions Clubs in the State.
- Organizing the Peace Poster contest is a permanent activity in the annual calendar of Lions Club of Imphal. It is generally held between the 3rd week of September to 24th October.
- This year, the Contest will be held on **10th September 2023 (Sunday)** at the Service Centre of the Club on the theme “**Dare to Dream**” for children of the age group 11-13 years.

- The 1st prize winner will be given a cash prize of Rs. 5,000/-. The 2nd and 3rd prize winners will be given a cash prize of Rs. 3,000/- and Rs. 2,000/- respectively.
- The award winning poster will be submitted to District Governor. If selected, it will be submitted to Multiple District Council Chairperson and finally the International Headquarter of Lions Clubs International.
- The Grand Prize and other international prize winners will be announced around February next year.



First Peace Poster Contest Prize Ceremony
at UN HQ (1988)



Grand Prize Winner (2014)
Mahesh Tongbram (Manipur)



Grand Prize Winner (2022)



1st Prize Winner, Peace Poster Contest 2022
sponsored by Lions Club of Imphal



A Prize Winner at Peace Poster Contest 2019
sponsored by Lions Club of Imphal



A Prize Winner at Peace Poster Contest 2017
sponsored by Lions Club of Imphal



A Prize Winner at Peace Poster Contest 2016
sponsored by Lions Club of Imphal