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# MANIPUR TODAY

*Republic Day Special*







## GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR



### MESSAGE

I am very happy to know that the Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Manipur is bringing out "Manipur Today" Special Issue on the occasion of 74th Republic Day, 2023. At the outset, I warmly greet the people of Manipur on the occasion of Republic Day, 2023 and my best wishes to them all.

It was on this day in 1950, that we gave ourselves a Constitution which is the guiding principle of our country. Despite reservations from various quarters, the experiment of democracy in India has been successful and we are going from strength to strength, respected by other nations of the globe. On this auspicious occasion, we should revere and offer our homage to those founding fathers for their foresight and understanding.

Despite its large population many of whom were un-educated, successive elections have shown the maturity of the electors and the aspirations of the people are reflected in the ballot. From a fledgling democracy, we have now become a mature one.

India is poised to become one of the leading nations of the world. Its progress in science and technology backed by a young and dynamic population will usher the country to greater heights. We have however, to harness the potential of our youth in the right direction so that they become our main assets for the future. Let us all strive to work together to make our country strong, peaceful and prosperous, free from wants. While celebrating our 74th Republic Day, we all should also feel proud of leading G-20.

On this auspicious occasion, let us re-dedicate ourselves to uphold and promote the secular, socialist and democratic values enshrined in our Constitution and work collectively to make our country great.

Once again, my best wishes to all the citizens of Manipur on the occasion of Republic Day, 2023.

(La. Ganesan)





## CHIEF MINISTER, MANIPUR



### MESSAGE

**I**t gives me immense pleasure to learn that the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Government of Manipur is bringing out a special issue of Manipur Today on the occasion of our 74th Republic Day.

On this historic day which marks the coming into force of the Constitution of India and the transition of the country to a republic, let us remember and pay homage to our great leaders and freedom fighters for their selfless sacrifices.

On this auspicious occasion, let us solemnly reaffirm a pledge to uphold justice, freedom and equal rights for every citizen and reaffirm to enrich and preserve our rich cultural heritage and our national ethos. Let us also strive to promote love, mutual understanding and peaceful co-existence among different communities to ensure progress and prosperity in the State as well as the Nation.

I extend my warm greetings to the people of the State on the occasion of the 74th Republic Day and best wishes for publication of Manipur Today.

(N. Biren Singh)





## MINISTER, IPR MANIPUR

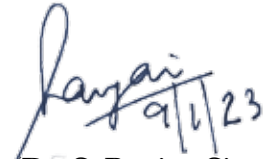


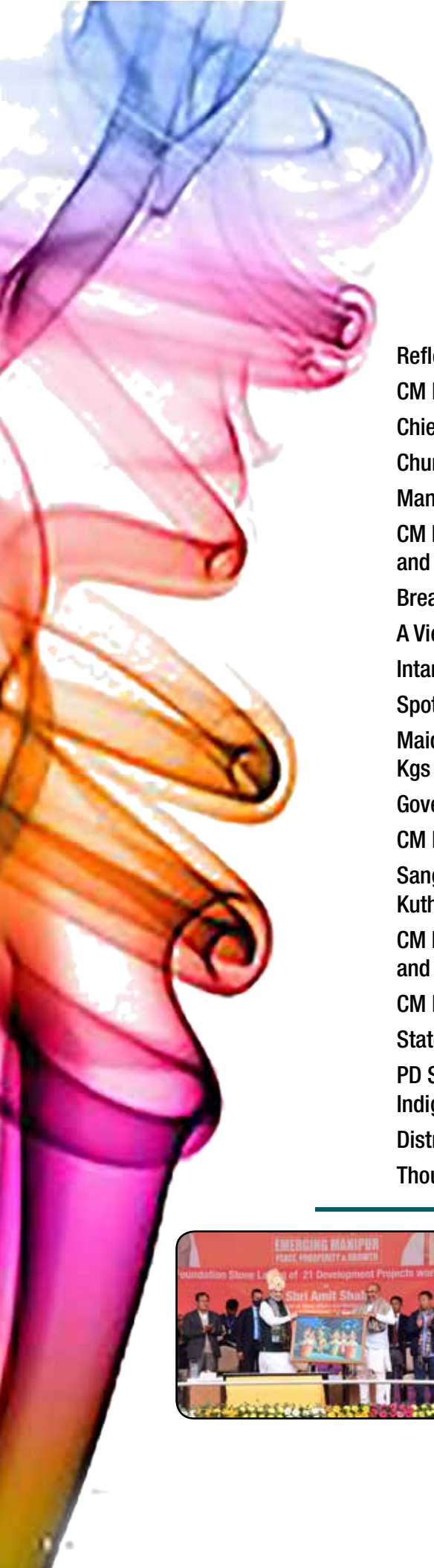
### MESSAGE

I convey my heartiest greetings and best wishes to the people of Manipur on the auspicious and joyous occasion of 74th Republic Day, 2023.

This is a great and auspicious occasion for all of us. We should congratulate each other and pray to God for the development and prosperity of our nation. Today is the best day when we should pledge to preserve the real meaning, status, prestige of our country, and most importantly the culture of humanity. We celebrate it every year on 26th January because on this day the constitution of India came into existence and it started celebrating from the year, 1950. Let us salute the sacrifices made by freedom fighters and soldiers who made us realize the dream of an independent and unified India.

Jai Hind

  
(Dr. S. Ranjan Singh)



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## *From the Editor-in-Chief*



**A**s Indians all over the country celebrate 74th Republic Day of India, it is worth pondering how our Republic has managed to emerge as the world's largest democracy with strong roots of democratic values and principles. Every year, Republic Day is celebrated in India on 26th January since 1950 to mark the enforcement of the Indian Constitution, which is considered the world's largest Constitution. Under the Constitution, India was established as a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular and Democratic Republic.

Last week, Manipur celebrated its 51st Statehood Day on 21st January 2023. This day is a historic day for the State. Soon after the independence of India, Manipur was merged into Indian Union in October 1949 and attained Statehood on 21st January 1972.

The 51 years of statehood of Manipur within the Indian Union has greatly accelerated the democratic practices in India. Some fundamental democratic traditions and institutions have also taken firm roots inside the state. This has been evident from elections being held at regular intervals, elections being conducted on lines of political parties and the Government being responsible to the State Legislative Assembly.

January 2023 herald significant achievements of the State. Inauguration and foundation stone laying of 21 development projects worth Rs.1311 crore by the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah which include inauguration of Manipur Olympian Park at Sangaitel, Churachandpur Medical College, Marjing Statue Complex, Nongpok Thong, Cave Tourism at Khangkhui, Fruit Preservation Factory at Nilakuthi, 100 bedded residential school at Rengpang and foundation stone laying of Jiribam Tipaimukh Road, 40 police outposts (34 along the Indo-Myanmar International Border and 6 along the NH 37) among others have put Manipur at the pedestal of good governance.

Another milestone achieved by the State is India Today's honour of Manipur as the Most Improved Small State topping 8 out of 12 categories for 3 years in a row. The State Government organized a grand celebration by honouring the officials who have contributed towards bringing the milestone. As the new year brings emergence of new Manipur, we hope that the year 2023 would certainly witness robust changes in all sectors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heisnam Balkrisna Singh'.

(Heisnam Balkrisna Singh)

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## REFLECTION ON THE REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA UNDERSTANDING AND SIGNIFICANCE



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On the 15th August 1947 dream of millions of Indian for an independent India achieved. India's independence from the British colonial yoke was the culmination of a struggle of millions of Indian for more than 200 years. It is the reflection of undying spirit of millions of Indian to see India a liberated nation and to put this ancient civilization on its rightful place within the comity of nations. We owe the freedom and independence that present generation of India are enjoying to the heroic sacrifices, selfless dedication and devotion to the cause of India's independence by thousands of leaders. The joy and euphoria of awaking to life and freedom was never been smooth and easy. India's independence was followed by the partition of Indian sub-continent into two dominions – the Dominion of Pakistan and Dominion of India. The partition led to one of the greatest migrations in human history. Due to centuries' of colonial subjugation, exploitation and divide and rule policy of British, India was not economically poor but also socially fragmented. At the time of independence, India encountered the twin problem of nation building and national development. The first major step towards the realization of nation building

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and national development was to enact a constitution through which such a vast and diverse country like India can be governed with stability and accountable.

### **Making of The Constitution and Republic.**

As a newly born nation, India's path to freedom, peace and progress was never been smooth and easy for it was shrouded with multiple challenges. The first challenge came in the form of partition of Indian sub-continent, which had left deep wound to the psyche of millions of Indians and Pakistanis. Moreover India being a plural society also posed several challenges. It is needless to emphasise the diversity of India. The foremost challenges to the founding leaders of modern India were nation building and national development amidst so many diversities. At the time of Independence, there were some 560 princely states in the sub-continent, that had to brought within the fold of India. With much political acumen and will most of the princely states were integrated into India with the help of standstill agreement and instrument of accession. Besides, states reorganization was done on the basis of linguistic line on the basis

of recommendation of State Reorganization Commission (SRC). This was done to accommodate linguistic diversity in India. As India moves on from the dark slumber of colonialism to new dawn of life and freedom, she has to deal with many challenges that Indian society was facing. She has to clean the society from caste discrimination, poverty, unemployment, illiteracy and deal with the question of administration of tribals and tribal areas etc.

The Credit for bringing such diversities and challenges into a unified nation of India goes to the wisdom, farsighted vision and political acumen of makers of the Constitution of India. The Constitution of India, which was adopted on 29th November, 1949 and commenced from 26th January, 1950, is a masterpiece legislation that makes a fine balance between the need for accommodating India's variety and diversities on the one hand ; and the need for national security through centralized administration when the need arises on the other hand. By the time Constitution was adopted on 26th November 1949, India is constituted into a "Sovereign, Socialist and Democratic Republic", which means India had adopted a democratic republic as a form state and head of the State should be an elected one. The Constituent Assembly of India beautifully summarised the philosophy of the Constitution in its Preamble. Preamble not only define the nature of the Indian State but also guarantee important fundamental rights to the citizens. Preamble guarantees justice, liberty of thought, expression, worship and ensure dignity of individual etc.

### Significance of Indian Republic Day

In India, Republic Day is celebrated every year on 26th January with great pomp and a show. Republic Day is enthusiastically celebrated throughout the country in all the administrative units, capital cities, district headquarters, sub-divisions, panchayats and educational institutions. The celebration of 26th January commemorates the day of Purna Swaraj (complete independence) which was declared at the historic Lahore Session of the Indian National Congress on 31st December 1929. Based on the resolution passed by the Lahore Session, the nationalists of our country had initially observed 26th January 1930 as the Independence Day of India. India achieved its independence from the British

Dominion on 15th August 1947. Thereafter on 26th January 1950 the Constitution of India came into force. With the constitution of India came into force, India became a truly sovereign state. To remember the adoption of the constitution of India and the transition of India from a British dominion to a republic, we celebrate the

Republic Day.

There is much significance in the Indian Republic Day celebration. This day shaped the final realization of the intents of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and numerous freedom fighters who fought valiantly and courageously for the sake of our motherland India. Such a historic day and festival is always a solemn reminder of the sacrifice of the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives in the struggle for India's independence. This day shows secular democratic India and carries a significant message for all of us with a sense of vision to make India a developed and prosperous country. The day also makes us realized how

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the country has made progress and issues and challenges before the nation. This day signifies the priceless sacrifices and hard works that our bygone leaders had made to the Republic a success and vibrant one.

India has come a long way after the British left us as an underdeveloped, poverty-stricken & economically unstable state. Post-independence period of India faced several challenges – illiteracy, poverty, corruption, gender discrimination, untouchability, regionalism and communalism. Despite all odds, the 75 years of independence has marked a significant transformation of a new India which shows remarkable progress in the fields of progress and development in science & technology, economy and human development.

India after independence had strived hard towards progress through her successful green revolution, science & technology, powerful defense, education, gender justice, etc. From the policy of mixed economy approach, today Indian economy is fully integrated with the global economy through her policy of economic liberalization. India, however, is cautious enough to make herself self-reliant. Prime Minister Narendra Modi policy of “Make in India” is big catalyst in this direction. Today Indian economy is much stronger and prepared to withstand any major economic challenges. Over the last 75 years, India’s policy approach is guided by aspiration to reinforce its civilizational strength, cultural diversity and strengthening her rightful place within the comity of nation. Over the years India has embraced economic growth with Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of 143.36 lakh crore in 2021-22 from 2.79 lakh crore in 1950-51. Foreign Trade rising from \$2.54 billion in 1950-51 to over \$1426 billion in 2021-22. In terms of food grains production, India has become self-sufficient. In order

to boost nation’s education system a new education policy has been initiated.

**New Education Policy (NEP)2020** – It is a revolutionary policy of the government of India to create equality, innovation & research in the education sector and make India a new knowledge super power. The implementation of this new vision is perhaps a new big challenge for the academicians and its positive consequences is yet to be proved in the years to follow.

**Gender issues:** The principle of gender equality is enshrined on the constitution of India. The government of India has taken up steps to provide equal status to women. Despite efforts made by the government, women in India still face the wrath of suppression posed by the age-long patriarchal system. Protection of women from Domestic Violence Act of 2005 was passed to provide protection to women guaranteed under the constitution. Ironically with all the progress and developments India had achieved after 75 years of independence, women still faced the tragedy of sexual harassment and violence against women continues in our society. A State like Manipur where respect for women is held in high esteem had seen a number of rape cases committed against women and children. This brings up the question to what extent the constitutional provisions guaranteed to women had been safeguarded in reality after 75 years of the so-called progressive and developed independent India.

### **Climate change and the response of the government**

Global warming and climate change has become the greatest challenge of our existence today. The government of India has been taking up steps for climate change mitigation under NAPCC (National Action

Plan on Climate Change) 2008 and keep the scenario in check. Rules are being laid down by government to protect and conserve biodiversity. The materials progress and development after independence effected by industrialization and urbanisation led to deforestation of large areas which are the main reason of climate change and global warming. A number of initiatives has been taken up by P.M. Narendra Modi-efficient utilization of Solar Energy(ISA),

**SWACHH BHARAT MISSION**, most important move made by the P.M. in GLASGOW SUMMIT - a vision of India to bring down carbon intensity of India & achieve the target of net zero carbon emissions by 2070.

- Sustainable development of environment
- Promote natural farming
- Electric vehicles
- Use of ecofriendly bags.
- Fulfillment of these visions?
- Menace of poppy cultivation in Manipur impact not only environment but a huge negative impact on society.

Thus, Republic of India has come a long way from a backward, underdeveloped economy to a much more developed economy over the decades. This is all due to the efforts of our visionary leaders, scientists, academicians. Not just at the national level but also at the state of Manipur much progress has been made in the field of economy and administration. The present government of Manipur under the able leadership of N. Biren Singh Manipur has made much progress in different aspects of the state. The law and order situation has improved tremendously

and there are vibrant economic activities in the state. There are immense efforts to make administration more transparent and corruption free. Policies like Go to Village and Go to Hills are connecting people and administration and reinforcing people's trust and confidence towards administration and government. This is a big step towards bringing good governance in the state. In the field of healthcare also state government is giving much efforts and attention. Scheme like Chief Minister Gee Hakselgee Tengbang (CMHT) has benefitted poor people of the state. Moreover state government is taking the issue of drug menace in the state very

seriously and government has declared "War on Drug". Under the movement of "War on Drug 2.0", State government is able to destroy various poppy plants and captured the culprits. According to the press release issued on 31st December 2022 by Addl. Director General of Police (L&O) Under the war on

drug the State police in last year (2022) was able to seize 52.144 kg of heroin no 4, 395 kg of opium, 450 kg of brown sugar etc. This shows that present government of Manipur is very seriously taking on the problem of drug menace in Manipur.

This Republic Day is an occasion for all the citizens of India to recollect the sacrifices of past generations and leaders to make India an independent Democratic Republic and reflect upon the issue and challenges facing the nation today. It is a time to strive towards making India a more developed, vibrant and democratic one.

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## UNION HOME MINISTER INAUGURATES, LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF 21 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WORTH ₹ 1311 CRORE

Union Minister of Home Affairs and Co-operation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated and laid foundation stone for 21 Development Projects worth Rs 1,311 crore at a function held at Chengkhei Lampak, Pologround, Moirang, Bishnupur District on 6th January 2023. Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh and his Council of Ministers, Union Minister of State for Education & External Affairs Dr. R.K. Ranjan Singh; MP Dr.Lorho S. Pfoze, Rajya Sabha Member Leishemba Sanajaoba, MLAs and Civil & Police officials were also attended at the virtual inauguration and foundation stone laying function.

Shri Amit Shah inaugurated 10 projects virtually and physically inaugurated 2 projects namely Marjing Statue Complex and Churachandpur Medical College (State Component). The projects that were inaugurated virtually included Olympian Park, Sangaitheh; Fruit Preservation Factory (MAGFRUIT), Nilakuthi; Paid Private Ward at JNIMS; Moreh Town Water Supply Scheme; Nongpok Thong Bridge at Eastern Side of Kangla, Imphal; Infrastructure Development of DM University; Development of Cave Tourism Project at Kangkhui Cave; Model Residential School at LM Block, Ukhrul; 100 Bedded Residential School at Rengpang and



Pediatric Cardio-Thoracic Operation Theatre at RIMS Campus.



The Union Minister also laid foundation Stone of Manipur Exhibition Centre, Imphal East; District Youth Skilling and Employment Centre in 5 districts; Construction of Jiribam-Tipaimukh Road; Strengthening of road from Serou Lamkhai to Salluk Village via Chakpikarong; Construction of 40 Police Outposts (34 along Indo-Myanmar International Border and 6 along NH-37); Integrated Management of 3 Water Bodies/Wetlands (Utra Pat, Zaimeng, Waithou-Phumnom); Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme; Bharat Net Project Central Project on OFC Network under Scheme for Capital Investment (SACI) and PM Gati Shakti Projects under Scheme for Capital Investment (SACI) virtually from Chengkhei Lampak, Pologround, Moirang, where the function was held.



Addressing the gathering Shri Amit Shah said that the present government has brought immense development in the State. The inauguration of Marjing Polo Statue at Heingang Ching will definitely make Manipur the birthplace of Polo in the world, he said. The Churachandpur Medical College will help in imparting medical science to the students of the state, Minister added. It may be mentioned that the foundation stone of Churachandpur Medical College was laid by Union Home Minister on 6th January, 2022, just one year back on the same date.



Amit Shah said that in the six years tenure of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Manipur has marched forward without any bandhs and blockades maintaining peace and tranquillity in the state. Minister also stressed on the lifting of Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), 1958 from six districts of the state. He further added that the present government in the state is



undertaking massive operations against drug trafficking and abuse to make Manipur drug-free.

Recalling the inauguration and laying of foundation stones of 29 development works worth Rs. 2,450 crores in Manipur through video conferencing on 6th January, 2022, Amit Shah said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Centre has invested Rs 3.45 lakh crore in the Northeast in less than eight years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has kept his focus mainly in development of North East States, he added.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the Union Minister has come to the state to review the developmental works taken up by the present government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that the Union Minister played a great role in permitting Inner Line Permit System in the State and rechristening of Mount Harriet to Mount Manipur. Today Manipur can stand proud in the world.

Chief Minister said that the government can deliver whatever the government said and it is possible only under the leadership of Narendra Modi. In the previous term of the government, development works were hindered due to the covid pandemic but at present there is progress in laying foundation stone and inaugurating various projects in the State, he added.

Chief Minister also stressed on the importance of inaugurating the Nongpok Thong, which is a historic place, to bring peace and prosperity in the state. He also said that the tallest and biggest polo statue was inaugurated in recognition of the 'Sagol Kangjei', 'Sangol Lanmi', 'Arambaai' etc. He expressed his gratefulness to Union Home Minister for extending support in developing





the State under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Earlier Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated Marjing Polo Statue at Heingang Ching, Imphal East in the presence of Chief Minister N.Biren Singh at a function organised by Tourism Department, Government of Manipur. The Minister later inaugurated Churachandpur Medical College, the first Medical College in a Hill District in Manipur.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah also hoisted the National Flag at the historic INA Headquarters, Moirang in Bishnupur. The Minister paid floral tributes to a portrait of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the Heritage Site. The Union Minister also visited the residential building of Hemam Nilamani Singh which served as the first headquarters of the Indian National Army of Provincial Government of Free India. The State government has now acquired and transformed the complex into a beautiful Heritage Site by preserving it. It may also be mentioned that the heritage site was virtually inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 4, 2022.





## CM DEDICATES KANGLA NONGPOK THONG TO THE PUBLIC

**C**hief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh handed over and dedicated the historic Kangle Nongpok Thong – The Eastern Gate of Kangle Fort to the people of the State on 10th January, 2023. The dedication ceremony was held in the presence of Rajya Sabha MP Maharaja Leishemba Sanajaoba, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, various high-ranking officials and locals of the area among others also attended the function.

Speaking as Chief Guest at the function, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh stated that the Kangle Nongpok Thong is one of the 21 projects recently inaugurated by the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah during his visit of the state last week. He expressed that

it is of great pride and honour that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has bestowed such concern and recognition to a small state like Manipur on reopening of Nongpok Thong by tweeting “May the spirit of peace, prosperity and happiness be enhanced across the state”.

The Chief Minister further stated that following its re-opening, the Nongpok Thong will be manned by IRB personnel while Nongchup Thong (western gate) will remain closed. He also said that the area adjacent to the eastern gate will be developed so as to give a unique sense of appeal towards the historic Kangle. He continued that the approach road towards the gate will be converted to a double lane road soon.

Stating that we all should live as one and united, Shri N. Biren Singh said that the government is making all possible efforts for peace, prosperity and unity in the State, he added. He lauded the efforts of the engineers and officials of MPHC for completing the project on time.

The Nongpok Thong was constructed through Imphal Smart City Limited (ISCL) as the Funding Agency and Manipur Police Housing Corporation Limited (MPHC Ltd) as the Work Agency.





## CHIEF MINISTER, MANIPUR HANDS OVER OLYMPIAN PARK TO THE PEOPLE

**C**hief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh handed over Manipur Olympian Park to the people on 13th January, 2023. Created to honour the 19 Olympians from Manipur and to encourage players of the state, the Park is located at Sangaithel area, Imphal West.

Speaking as the Chief Guest at the function, the Chief Minister acknowledged the contributions of local clubs in moulding the careers of the 19 Olympians, who brought respect and recognition for the state and country. The Chief Minister referred the Olympians as 'Living Legends' and appealed towards creating a healthy society free from drugs. Acknowledging the rich sporting

culture and love for sports, the State has been referred as 'Powerhouse of Sports' and the first National Sports University has been set up in the State, he added.

Shir N. Biren Singh said that suitable government jobs were given to the sportspersons who won gold medals at national and international level as a part of one-time solution in the past. The same will be continued in the near future, he added.

The Chief Minister asked each and every one to create and promote one Manipur where there is no division based on caste, religion, tribe or hill and valley. Appreciating the village chiefs and CSO leaders, Shri N. Biren Singh said that villagers have started

destroying Poppy plants in the hills voluntarily. We can root out the drug menace by collective and cooperative efforts, he added.

Stating that the government has been delivering lots of development projects in all corners of the State, the Chief Minister urged the people to have a sense of ownership to the different public properties and take care of it.

Mention may be made that the Park was constructed by Keystone Infra Pvt Ltd under Manipur Police Housing Corporation Ltd and was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah on January 6.

Cabinet Ministers Shri Govindas Konthoujam, Smt. Nemcha Kipgen, Shri L. Susindro Meitei, Shri H. Dingo Singh, Shri Th. Basantakumar Singh, Shri Khasim Vashum, Chairpersons, MLAs, Government Officials, Olympians and their family members attended the function.





## CHURACHANDPUR MEDICAL COLLEGE (CMC)

A MILESTONE IN ACHIEVEMENT OF MANIPUR GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO DEVELOP THE HILL DISTRICTS

Dr. (Prof) S. Iboyaima Singh  
Dr. Sujeeta Oinam  
Dr. Aheibam Bidya Devi

The long-cherished dream of getting a medical college in the hill districts of Manipur has been realised when Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation, Government of India formally inaugurated Churachandpur Medical College on January 6, 2023 in the august presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur Shri N. Biren Singh; Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh, Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Manipur and other Cabinet Ministers, & MLAs of Manipur.

In history, the day will go down as a red-letter day for the people of Manipur and it is anticipated that the college will take Churachandpur onto an upward trajectory of development of medical education and training and provision of specialised medical facilities and cares not only to the people of the district but also to the other patients from each neighbourhood. It will not be an exaggeration to call the medical college a feat and that it is a long awaited and much desired answer to the health problems and

medical needs of the people.

The Churachandpur Medical College (CMC) has become the first medical institute in the hill districts of Manipur and the fourth in the entire State of Manipur. It has an intake capacity of 100 MBBS seats.

Background: With a vision to extend quality medical infrastructure and provide affordable medical education in the remotest part of the country, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi has formulated and implemented the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for setting up of new Medical Colleges all over India since 2014.

The Government of Manipur applied for the establishment of three medical colleges by upgrading existing District Hospitals, each in Churachandpur, Thoubal and aspirational district of Chandel under phase-III of the CSS. Out of 75 colleges sanctioned in the country, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India approved the upgradation of Churachandpur District Hospital on March 20, 2020 at an estimated cost of Rs. 325 crore.

It is pertinent to mention here that not only patients from different parts of the district including remotest corners rely on Churachandpur District Hospital to get treatment and fulfil their medical needs, patients from neighbouring districts come to the Hospital for treatment as Imphal, the State capital is relatively far from this place. The District Hospital even attracts patients from neighbouring State such as Mizoram and neighbouring country Myanmar. Churachandpur was one of the three districts of the State receiving the Backward Region Grant Fund under the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India from 2006-07.

Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation stone

of Churachandpur Medical College on December 27, 2020 virtually from Imphal in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur Shri N. Biren Singh and other State's Cabinet Ministers.

The State Government identified Manipur Police Housing Corporation as the work agency on September 21, 2020. Subsequently, a construction firm, Keystone Infra Private Limited started the construction of the Medical College on May 17, 2021. The construction was started within the premises of the existing District Hospital located on IB Road, Lamka, Churachandpur covering an area of approximately 6.2 acres. A four-storey Academic Block was constructed with the Department of Anatomy on the ground floor, Department of Physiology on the first floor, Department of Biochemistry and Department of Community Medicine on the second floor; two lecture halls of gallery type, two teaching rooms and a library on the third floor. Separate hostels for both boys and girls - to accommodate 40 students each - were also constructed adjacent to the A Block.

The National Medical Commission (NMC), after inspecting the College, identified various gaps. However, with the unflinching support of the Manipur Government and the relentless efforts of the Directorate of Health Services, the identified gaps have been bridged up and a Letter of Intent (LOI) was received on August 3, 2022 from the Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB). The NMC then granted the Letter of Permission (LOP) on August 23, 2022 for 100 MBBS admissions from the academic session 2022-23.

The existing District Hospital had a bed strength of 282 and was subsequently upgraded to a total bed capacity of 367 including 30 ICU beds by building a three-storied hospital extension within a span of 14 months.



## CAMPUS:

As per NMC guidelines, a Medical College shall be housed on a unitary campus of not less than 20 acres of land. However, this may be relaxed in hilly regions, notified tribal areas and the North Eastern States where the land shall not be in more than two pieces and the distance between the two pieces shall not be more than 10 km. However, one plot of land shall not be less than 10 acres and the second plot shall not be less than 5 acres.

Keeping in view of the above guidelines, the Directorate of Health Services, Manipur; District Administration, Churachandpur; Chief Medical Officer, Churachandpur; Medical Superintendent, District Hospital, Churachandpur visited various sites suggested by local leaders to find the feasibility for the establishment of CMC. A plot of land spread in over an area of 25 acres at Mata Village was found suitable for the construction of the Medical College which is approximately 7 km from the existing District Hospital. This piece of land has been generously donated by its owner one V. Vungzaman S/o VK Tawna, and family for the construction of the Medical College.

Since Mata Village belongs to the forest land category, the Directorate of Health Services applied for forest clearance to the competent authority for starting the construction of the Medical College. The Forest Department granted in principle (Stage-1 approval) on April 18, 2022. A new Academic Block will be constructed at the Mata Village incorporating all the pre-clinical and para-clinical branches, resident/quarters for faculties, academic section, account section, library, examination halls, lecture halls, museums, auditorium and hostels for both boys and girls for approximately 500 students.

The approved cost of Prefab structure at District Hospital (State component) is Rs. 46.46 crore. It was started on May 24, 2021 and completed on November 30, 2022. The project components included Academic Block (G+3), 90 bedded Hospital Ward Extension (G+2) and Boys & Girls Hostel (40 capacity each)

Dept of Community Medicine: For providing training to the MBBS students in the field of Community Medicine under the Dept of Community Medicine of the College.

**a) Two Primary Health Centre have been identified for Urban & Rural Health training namely Seijang PHC and Saikot PHC**

1. And for Family Adoption program under the Department the two villages- Bungmual and Vengnuam have been selected.

### **Vision, Aims & Objectives:**

1. To move forward for accomplishing a better Health Care Facility Centre in the State and Nation at large.
2. To produce committed Medical Professionals for a Healthy nation tomorrow.
3. To motivate and enhance humanitarian spirit among the Medical Graduates and for induction of sincere service to mankind.
4. To strive towards promoting a comprehensive health care system and provide management consultancy in preventive, diagnostic, curative and rehabilitative services for all categories of people in the community, the State and the Nation.
5. To cooperate the State Government Authorities in coordinating health planning and developmental activities especially in the organization of primary health care and health manpower development for the State.
6. To promote various health research activities, especially in operational, applied and other studies as related to health sci-

- ences and manpower development.
7. To hold examinations and exercise to grant such degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions and titles as may be laid down in accordance with the regulations of the University.
  8. To execute all such other lawful acts that are conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.

#### LOCATION:

The Churachandpur Medical College (CMC) is located at Hiangtam Lamka, I.B. Road, Churachandpur, Manipur, Pin - 795 128. It is about 60 km south from Imphal and Imphal International Airport.

#### Lists of Departments:

##### i. Pre-Clinical

1. Anatomy
2. Physiology
3. Biochemistry

##### ii. Para-Clinical

1. Community Medicine
2. Forensic Medicine & Toxicology
3. Microbiology
4. Pathology
5. Pharmacology

##### iii. Clinical

1. Anaesthesiology
2. Dentistry
3. Dermatology
4. Emergency Medicine
5. ENT
6. General Medicine
7. General Surgery
8. Obst. & Gynaecology
9. Ophthalmology
10. Orthopaedics
11. Paediatrics
12. PMR
13. Psychiatry
14. Radio-diagnosis
15. Respiratory Medicine



#### FACULTY & ADM STAFF:

Dr. (Prof.) S. Iboyaima Singh is the Director of Churachandpur Medical College. Dr. (Prof.) Sanaton Ahanthembi is the Dean(Academic).

Shri S. Ginmuan Ngaihte, MCS is the Deputy Director (Admin); Shri Ng Rajesh, MFS is Deputy Director (Finance) and Shri Subinson Sapam, MCS is the Administrative Officer.

Besides, it presently has 21 teaching faculties and 23 Senior Residents. Filling of vacant non-teaching faculties through recruitment is undergoing.

A foundation course was started from 15th November 2022 and successfully completed on 14th December 2022. During the foundation course, students were given orientation to all aspects of the medical college environment, introduction to the concept of professionalism and ethics, skill sessions such as basic life support, first aid, universal precautions and biomedical waste and safety management, field visit to Community and Primary Health Centres, enhancement of language and computer skills, and sports and other extracurricular activities.

The efforts and concerns shown by the State Government under the able leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh; Hon'ble Health and FW Minister Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh; other leaders particularly the six Hon'ble MLAs of Churachandpur and Pherzawl and high ranking Govt officials for turning the dreams of having a new medical college in the hill district into reality will be etched in the hearts of the people. The medical institute shall certainly script success stories in the days to come with the unwavering supports of the leaders and the people.

[With inputs from District Information Officer, DIPR, Churachandpur]

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  - \*\*\* Dr. Sujeeta Oinam is Senior Resident, Department of Biochemistry, CMC





## MANIPUR HAS TRANSFORMED IN THE LAST 6 YEARS

STATE CELEBRATES MOST IMPROVED SMALL STATE OVERALL HAT TRICK

In the annual State of the States Survey 2022 carried out by India Today Group, Manipur won the Most Improved Small State Overall after its performance in eight out of 12 categories - economy, infrastructure, agriculture, health, governance, entrepreneurship, tourism, and cleanliness. This is the third consecutive year that Manipur ranked the top slot among the small states in the country.

As a part of celebration for winning the award the Planning Department, Government of Manipur organised a

function titled “Emerging Manipur 2023” at City Convention Centre, Imphal on 14th January, 2023.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh said that such a feat is the achievement of all the officials who had worked selflessly with dedication and the people of the State who incessantly support the government. The government is implementing numerous developmental projects for the welfare of the people in various sectors like construction of roads, tourist attractions sites, reforestation of the deforested hills, he stated that solution to a



problem can be achieved through collective and dedicative efforts.

Highlighting the problems caused by deforestation, the Chief Minister asked the forest officials to educate the people on forest related laws and implement the same. He said that tree saplings will be planted in the deforested hills. Survey of forest areas will be conducted with the help of helicopters and drones and any poppy plantation will be destroyed, he added. He asked the police and forest department not to spare anyone found guilty of destroying the forest by cultivating poppy plants.

Informing that the government aims to improve health care facilities in the State, the Chief Minister also stated that the priority of the BJP 2.0 government is to provide super specialist doctors in every hill district hospital. Any serious case would be treated at these hospitals, he added. He mentioned that Tele-ICU Hub has been inaugurated and most of the District Hospitals in the far-flung areas are equipped with it and can perform complicated operations, treat critically ill patients with the help of super specialist doctors.

To promote sustainable economic growth and generate large scale employment opportunities in the state of Manipur, the Chief Minister launched the Manipur Start up 3.0 during the event.

During the function, Shri N. Biren Singh also honoured the Chief Secretary, DGP, Head of Departments, DCs, SPs with citation and gifts.

It may be recalled that the government has implemented various welfare schemes, citizen centric initiatives such as Go to



Village, Go to Hills, Meeyangi Numit, Hill Leaders' Day, CMHT, CMST, CM Health for All (CMHA), Sub-Division Development Monitoring Mission, CM Da Haisi and War on Drugs etc

The government is implementing Externally Aided Projects (EAP) worth Rs. 5712 crores and has more projects worth Rs. 9141 in the pipeline.

Short films on Manipur's Achievements and Tele-ICU & CMHA were screened

during the function. Chief Secretary Dr. Rajesh Kumar and DGP Shri P Doungel made a detailed power point presentation on various development projects and law and order improvement in the State.

Cabinet Ministers, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), MLAs, top civil and police officers, DCs and SPs of different districts and other dignitaries attended the function.





## CM LAUNCHES CHIEF MINISTER'S MENSTRUAL HYGIENE SCHEME AND CHIEF MINISTER MITKI LAYENG

Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh launched the Chief Minister's Menstrual Hygiene Scheme (CMMHS) at Wangkhei High School, Imphal East. He also launched the Chief Minister Mitki Layeng (CMML) Scheme and Mobile Ophthalmic Bus on 15th December, 2022.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri N. Biren Singh maintained that the State Government is giving priority to health and education sector and as such, various schemes have been taken up for the development of the sectors. He continued that education and awareness on menstrual cycle is very important for women and taking care of it helps in healthy development and growth of adolescent girls.

Stating that the world is changing fast, the Chief Minister stated that we need to be transparent and not to feel shy in expressing about the menstrual cycle. He added that not only the medical staff, but also teachers also have an important role in educating girl students on menstrual cycle. He also mentioned that the State Government would try to cover all the Schools of the State with CMMHS soon.

Shri N. Biren Singh further maintained that his government always fulfils their commitment towards the public adding that the Wangkhei High School had been upgraded to Higher Secondary School as announced earlier. He continued that the State Government had sent proposal to upgrade

the infrastructure of 275 High Schools and 35 Higher Secondary schools under Prime Minister's development initiative for North East region.

The Chief Minister appreciated health staff and ASHAs of the State for the selfless service rendered during the COVID-19 Pandemic, with which the State had overcome the pandemic. He also gave credit to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the achievements of the State stating that all the initiatives had been taken up under the guidance of the Prime Minister.

He spoke on the benefits provides to the people through Chief Minister-gi-Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT) and Ayushman Bharat Scheme. He continued that the people of Manipur have the habit of ignoring health problems until it becomes serious and fatal. As such, the State Government had started the Chief Minister's Health for All Scheme to ensure early detection and early treatment of diseases. Door to Door visit by health staff and testing are done under the scheme. So far, more than 800 villages with around 3.5 lakhs people had been covered under the Scheme.

Shri N. Biren mentioned that the Government has constructed Open Gyms in various places considering the importance of healthcare adding that Open Gyms for remaining areas would be developed soon. He further spoke on the campaigns carried out by the Government for preserving the nature and mitigating the global warming.

Stating the role of women of Manipur in shaping the society and their achievements, the Chief Minister informed that the State Cabinet had taken the decision to focus on women's power and showcase it to representatives of G-20 Countries during

their visit in the state. He appealed to the public to support the Government initiatives to develop the State and make Manipur a Model State in the entire Country.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Sapam Ranjan, while delivering his presidential speech, congratulated the Health Department Officials on receiving the best performance award in Tele consultations category of Health and Wellness Centers (Small State) on Universal Health Coverage Day 2022 held at Varanasi recently. He added that award is the result of the Chief Minister's initiatives and concerned for healthcare sector. He spoke on the recognition of Chief Minister's Health for All in various platforms.

The Minister informed that Chief Minister's Menstrual Hygiene Scheme (CMMHS) will cover all schools soon. Stating on the benefits to be given by Chief Minister's MitkiLayeng Scheme, he informed that the State had set the target of cataract surgery for 2022-23 as 3000 adding that the state has done around 2850 surgery so far. He also expressed hopefulness that an eye bank will be launched in the state soon.

During the programme, the Chief Minister distributed 14 Advanced Life Support (ALS), one each for Kamjong District, Tengenoupal District, Noney District, Pherzawl District, Thoubal District, Bishnupur District, Imphal East District, Imphal West District, Ukhrul District, Senapati District, Tamenglong District, Churachandpur District, Chandel District and one for Directorate of Health central pool. He also distributed kits for door-to-door campaign for Chief Minister Mitki Layeng Scheme and National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP).





## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WORKSHOP HELD

**H**ealth & IPR Minister Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh has said that teamwork is very necessary for smooth & effective functioning of a department. Shri Ranjan was speaking as Chief Guest at the Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop cum Panel Discussion on Breast Cancer organized at the Classic Grande, Imphal East on 10 January, 2023.

Shri Ranjan Singh informed that 16% of the cancer patients in the state is found from breast cancer. The number of breast cancer patient is more than the cervical cancer patients. This ailment is also common to the young women. To control this, we need to put effort with a commitment, minister added.

He maintained that proper training of the medical professionals, health staffs and field workers are necessary to take care of the scenario in the state. The state government has also been working relentlessly to improve the health care system of the state. Chief Minister's Health for All, CMHA, has been launched for bringing a change to the

health care system of the state. The health department has also started screening of NCDs in the state, he informed.

He appealed to all the concerned health staffs to be sincere and dedicated to their service so that the objective of overall improvement in health sector can be achieved. He also informed that organizing such workshop will help to create awareness amongst the public.

Minister also distributed appreciation letters to the outstanding performers of different categories as a part of the workshop.

Director, Health Services Manipur, Dr. Kh. Sasheekumar Mangang, Director NHM, Manipur, Dr. Somorjit Ningombam, Dr. Y. Gopalkrishna, Additional Director, Public Health graced the occasion as President and Guests of Honour respectively.

The workshop was jointly organized by State NCD Cell and CMHA Cell, National Health Mission and the Directorate of Health Services, Government of Manipur.

# A VIEW ON IMA PANTHOIBI AND DANCE

In the long journey of mankind on this earth which is marked by the events of birth and death, our ancient fore-fathers' first thing, other than food and shelter was to try to express their feelings and thoughts with one another by using any means. Language thus is a natural corollary for men in this regard unlike other animals which have no language. But before the use of language expressing one's thought and feelings through signs of the different parts of the body like smiling which expresses joy, frowning anger and weeping sadness. Over and above these, in order to express many more emotions movement of the hands, feet, upper and lower parts of the limb were used to make their associates understand what they wish and think. This is the origin of dance. That is to say, dance comes from such things. One's style and form of eyeing people and one's show of facial movement along with movement of the hands and legs also form an important ingredient of dance. These are nothing but signs and signals of artistry. So it is the beginning of dance.

For the Meiteis, dancing forms a very important aspect of life from the earliest stage of a person's career. A very young infant is taught to move its fingers and palms with the words "Tading Tading" from the lips of its parents or grand parents. For the Meiteis this is the beginning of dancing and the child gets its first communication with its mother. The Meitei ancient scripture called "Annoiroi" mentions that the first "Punglon" of the Meiteis is "Ta-Ting-Ting" and "songs: are the first vocal sound. In course of time, when chiefs and kings emerged they established



*Longjam Somorendro*

institutions for the performance of rituals and ceremonies accompanied with songs, drums and dances on occasions of the birth and death of kings and important nobles and officials. Such performances accompanied and showed the inner feelings with great force.

Another important aspect is that the natural movements and artistic forms inherent in the psyches of different groups of people the legends, folklores, stories of their origins and events connected with the times and places of the society are all expressed through the medium of dances. Ultimately it became a joy giving part of human existence and an entertaining piece of a fuller life. That also added to the good taste of dances. All these show that dances form an inseparable and indispensable part and parcel of the societies of the human groups that inhabit different parts of the globe.

Coming to the main topic, "Meitei Dance and Panthoibi", the ancient texts and scriptures of the Meiteis mention that for the Meities it was introduced by Nongthangleima. A deeper dip into the Meitei ancient chronicles dealing with the Meitei creation story of the earth confirms that the first dance was performed by Nongthangleima in connection with the creation of the earth. The story given hereunder will make it clear.

After the completion of the creation of the seven layers of the sky and the heavenly

bodies at the behest of Taibang Mapu Sidaba, Sanamahi, the eldest son of Taibang Mapu was ordered again by his divine father to create the earth also. Jubilant at the success of the creation of the sky and the heavenly bodies by himself, Sanamahi obeyed his father's command without delay. He started the work but his younger brother Haraba Leithingai became a huge impediment to his work. No sooner had he completed the work than his younger brother destroyed it. The embarrassment was that it was done repeatedly. Every-time the earth was created Haraba destroyed it. When reports about it reached Taibang Mapu Sidaba, he became restless and began to think of finding out some means to distract his youngest son Haraba from his destructive state of mind. At last an idea hit his mind. He brought forth Khoinou Nongthangleima a lightning like maiden from his navel and instructed her to mesmerise his son by using her feminine charms by jumping and turning rhythmically around him and distract his mind from destroying the earth Nongthangleima obeyed his command. Thus she and Haraba Leithinkai were enjoying together and continued to indulge in "Paosanaba" i.e. romantic activities. Lainingthou and Lairemma used to pass their time with "Paosanaba". In Laiharaoba lest posterity should forget the ceremonials of the creation of the earth, the Paosanaba of Lainingthou and Lairemma are included. The said story of Paosanaba and creation story which is accompanied with the cult of Nongthangleima is one with Ima Panthoibi's religion which forms the foremost one. This shows that Nongthangleima and Panthoibi are one Panthoibi herself is a combination of two personalities. One in the form of a male Nongpok Kainou Chingsomba and the other in a female form i.e. Panthoibi herself. That Chingsomba and Panthoibi together prepared and managed to create the earth and human beings is written in "Thirel Meiram Leeba". It is written thus :Atiya Sidaba as two personalities emerged

as Leihou Maibi but Langmaiba with the combination of Panthoibi and Nongpok Ningthou declared to create the earth in darkness perching on the Tarang Ching. In "Shakok Lamlem" something is written about Panthoibi and Nongpok Ningthou as "Do worship Nongpok Apanba, nobody is greater than he in the whole earth. He is the supreme god in the universe". This expresses clearly that Panthoibi originated in the soil and way of life of the people of this land and was worshipped in this way.

On the other hand, the tradition of what is known as Maibi in Lai Haraoba started from very ancient times. What is written in the "Panthoibi Khongul and Poireiton Khunthokpa" is that "what is called Leinung Yeepe Liri Liping who is going with the full knowledge of forward and backward is none other than the "Amaibis" who is again Ima Panthoibi. Thus the Meitei ancient texts dealing with legends and religious stories express that "Meitei Jagoi" started from the time of creation. Dances are a gift to mankind which accompanies them since they set their foot on this earth. The first dance performed by Nongthangleima on the command of Taibang Mapu to enchant "Haraba" came to fruition at the time of Nongpok Ningthou and Panthoibi's ancient dances. This is clearly reflected in Lai Haraoba dances. Now, It is said that the true Meitei Jagoi originated from the Lai Haraoba. It is said that people dance before Nongpok Ningthou and Panthoibi to please themselves and the spectators.

What is mentioned in the "Panthoibi Khongul" is that in the abode of Nongpok Ningthou after the union of Panthoibi and Nongpok Ningthou the two protagonists on the peak of Langmaiching, with the deities Lai Haraoba was performed and Ougri Hangel Khencho and Langmei and "Lairembi Pousa Annoirol" was sung. Thus in the wake of Annoirol which is regarded as the origin of dance, the dances are designed from the stories of gods. "Annoirol" expresses the functions

and event. Which was first performed and started by the gods. "Annoiol" further expresses how the earth was created, where from it comes, who and why it was created.

To know "Annoiol" it has been written that at the time of creation, TaibangMapu first brought forth Nine Laibungthous and seven Lairemmas. Recollecting what they did at the time of Leishemlon(creation) they, as a group reproduce what they did moved their limbs and danced. This is called "Noiba" i.e. dance, and the system and sequence of dancing is known as "Annoiol". In short, the systematic dance sequence of Annoiol is a sequence of Lai Haraoba. Laibou Jagoi is the depiction of the way of life of the people of this land which forms a big chapter of their existence as a society. On one side it is an illustration of the way, the universe was created along with the earth and human beings and all animate objects. This can be known after a careful study of the dance form. The dances being displayed at this time is an expression of a philosophy by movement and reflexes of the body. It can be regarded as a good support given by the movements of the legs and hands when human beings express by speech what they think in their minds. It can further be likened to the gesticulation and by movements that lend support to the speeches that express through the lips what they are thinking in the mind. So the Laibou is so called because the divine messages are expressed by the forms and manner of the Maibis. The presiding deity in this is Lainingthou Ashiba who is another name for Sanamahi. This is a demonstration of the creation of the earth and the seed-sowing of human life by the songs and dances of the Hoirou Haya and the dances of Annoiol is likened to the gradual transformation and growth of the foetus that is in the womb of its mother.

As regards the Annoiol dance what we can look at and find from the "Panthoibi Khongul" wherein the beginning of dance on Annoiol chapter is mentioned is

*"Tupee ngangyek chanu toipi tangka nupi khapileng naomompina amai marang houna heshan-onchingta yong musharang chingta tangka nupi phuiting wakkhuyol phuiting laopitattara nongtang lengpina mapallaika noiye, mapallaipu noiye."*

This reveals the dancing of Panthoibi and the Sun together. "Tubi Ngangyek Chanu" is Panthoibi herself. Panthoibi separates herself from the sun and has become known as Tubi Ngangyek Chanu. And what is meant by "Mapallaiga Noiye" is nothing but Panthoibi dance with her father i.e. the sun. This shows the push and pull between the sun and the earth on their respective courses. What is written in the Meitei Chronicles is that when Sanamahi created the earth it could not be finished because of the obstruction given each time by Haraba by destroying it. In this situation Taibang Mapu brought forth Nongthangleima from his body and she charmed and enticed Haraba by provocative dances. Here the Taibang Mapu is the Sun and Nongthangleima is the Earth.

Initially, many eruptions of the active volcanoes took place. It disturbed the hardening of the earth and the light that came out as a result of the destroying of the earth and the light that emanated from the eruptions of the volcano that go meandering are taken as the dance of Nongthangleima and the sound of the volcanic eruption is regarded as the love talk of Haraba and Nongthangleima. Therefore, "Panthoibi Khongul" demonstrates that Panthoibi introduced dances as the first. She can be called the source of dances. This is written in Annoiol.

*"Hayingeida noibadi  
Nongmadonda noiye  
Nongmadon nganna noiye  
Sorarelna noiye"*

What is mentioned here is that during

the time of Hayingei, Panthoibi danced with her father in the sky with all its brilliance. That type of dance is performed by Sorarel(the Sky). The sky shines because the sun and the earth go their respective paths. This shows that dance begins from this. So Korou Khongjom is the Sun because it goes everywhere touching every place. He can reach the heavens and can come down to the earth. Hence his name "Angouba". He is Nongpok Ningthou. He is also known as Nongpok Malang Hummoiba. About Huitok Pakhangba it is written in Annoirol thus, "Your lover, Korou Khongjomba incarnated as Tangkhul Huitok Pakhangba". This states that Tampha Wangamlon who is Panthoibi's lover Nongpok Ningthou is transformed into Sanamahi and hence "Marjing"

Laiharaoba which is seen before us can be credited with the culmination of Meitei Jagoi which grew and developed to its present state changing with the changing times along with reflecting the character and culture of the Meiteis. Laiharaoba starts from Leishemlon. Therefore, the beginning of Meitei dance should be the dance displayed by Nongthangleima to Haraba in the wake of a dictate given to her to enchant Haraba. It came to fruition later during the time of Nongpok Ningthou Panthoibi. This is still reflected in Laiharaoba Jagoi.

Thus the soul and source of Meitei culture and way of life is found in Laiharaoba. Here in the Laiharaoba everything for the welfare and well-being of mankind is there the creation of the earth the emergence and coming of Taibang Mapu and Leimarel, the origin and science of dances, the theory of house-making, Pamyamlon(shifting cultivation), Loutarol (cultivation work and agriculture) etc, so it is a very important religious festival of the Meities. The soul of Laiharaoba is also in "Lai Ikouba" (Invocation of the God). In the invocation the Maibis(Priestesses) dance

holding two pots. This shows that the earth that is created is round like the shape of a pot. Just before the invocation to the deities /gods the Maibis dance near a water body. This shows that at the time of creation, to distract Haraba from his evil intention of destruction, he and Nongthangleima performed romantic activities and the world was created intact without any flaws. So also the Maibis (Priestesses) perform the dance of Nongthangleima to successfully celebrate Laiharaoba. During Lai Haraoba, "Maibi Dance" always open each day as a rule as the first item of the day. The question of how many types of dance are there and who taught it to whom is contained in the book "Panthoibi Khongul" and the part of Ougri Lairol etc. is pointed out in "Annoirol" which deals with the principles and theories of dance. There are various types of these dances. They are: (i) Panthoibi Dance (ii) Moirang Dance (iii) Soubon Yairen Chanu Dance and (iv) Chakpa Dance.

That the dance with song that was taught to Panthoibi was introduced by Konde Khutcham Mai can be clearly known from the style and mode of Annoirol singing in the Laiharaoba.

*Tubi ngangyek chanutoibitang kanubi  
habi lengnao mombina amaimarang houna  
sanlong ching*

*Konde khutchammaina he laikan chingda*

... ..

... ..

*Lairen Khongkapmada*

*Mahout phaipok chingbu noiki noithekkhi-  
ye.*

Here we can know who taught this and to whom? Mahou Phaibokching is the place of teaching dance. The dance master is Konde Khutchummai and the pupil is Panthoibi. A few words hint at it.

The area or spot in the middle of the court yard of the deity which is cleansed with

water and on which “Laibou La” is placed is a very important and sanctified place. In between the plaintain leaf that is placed in the sacred place and that of the seat of the God the Maibis perform Laiching jagoi (Dance) with the “Pena” players shouting “Hoirou”.

So at the time shouting “Hoirou” nobody can move their hands and feet. After the birth of the child the indicated by the dances, houses are built and Consecrated to the Deity(God). Next, the Panthoibi dance will follow which is also very important. In this dance a feature of weaving is also inserted. Here the mystery of who wove the cloth first and who invented it is also made known to everyone. Clothes are an indispensable necessity of mankind. The dance that was performed by Nongpok Ningthou and Panthoibi with romantic songs after offering clothes to the Deity(God) in Laiharaoba is called the Panthoibi Dance. Scholars opine that the style of the songs should be called “Panthoibi style of singing in Laiharaoba.

The song is given here under :

*Aa... .... Ha... ..*  
*Numidangwaigina matamda*  
*Numitna chingyana thanglakle.*  
*Chinggimeinabu tamyatheng*  
*Tamgi meinabu khongmeinem*  
*Chinggipamelna ningthibi*  
*Sabi manjana pammuba*  
*Thanglenggi chenglou naobara ?*

Further, after :Chongkhong Yetpa “ of Laiharaoba is over two maibis should stand on the north and south under the canopy of the Laibung. At this time also the two maibis should sing one after another. Here also they should perform “Leishi Jagoi”

(Dance) jumping rhythmically. The theme of the song is of (none other than) Mother Panthoibi.

The song :

*Thng thang thangnaroraso thangnaro*  
*Nongmaijingda u yalle, khongda yuharare*

*Thangjaba leikai khurai Leima*  
*Nungsi kaponung re rere*  
*Nurabigi pamlouda nurabigi pamlouda*

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*Eduna nongthang leimane*  
*Eyengna Panthoibinido*  
*Nabemma hoi hoihoi.*

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Thus, the origin of our paramount Laiharaoba which forms the nucleus of our way of life and culture is Panthoibi. So in the religious life of the Meiteis, song and dance form a very important part. In the ceremonies of Lamtaiba, Sharoi Khangba dance is associated on the last day of the devotional service to God in Laiharaoba.

Lastly songs in praise of God are sung to conclude the religious festival. Laiharaoba also clearly indicates the reason of the creation of Panthoibi first. She is our mother Goddess and she is associated from the beginning of creation and the end. Therefore, expressions and songs in praise of Panthoibi are manifold. Those of Leimarel, Nongthangleima, Ayangleima, Koubru, Loyalakpa, Thangjing, Wangbren are not many. The type and style of singing in praise of Panthoibi along with invoking is known as Panthoibi Sheirol and Sheishak as opined by scholars. So in Lai Haraoba the form and style of these two type of songs are indispensable and it completes the great festival of Lai Haraoba. The latter actually is a festival of Ima Panthoibi from the beginning to end. Our origin is also from Lai Haraoba. We cannot trace our origin without knowing Lai Haraoba.

From the above statements we can understand that the Meitei Jagoi started from the times of Gods. It was handed down to us by the Gods. Thus the features of Meitei Dance come down the ages under various kings with slight gradual changes brought by the situations of the times. Now it has spread throughout the world. This is a pride of us all. Glory be to Ima Panthoibi.

# INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE & SANKIRTANA



*Shri L. Upendro Sharma  
Retd. Director JNMDA*

United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) was founded in 1945. The mission of UNESCO is to advance peace, sustainable development & human rights by facilitating collaboration and dialogues among nations. The organization pursues these objectives through five major programmes areas – education, natural science, social/human sciences, culture & communication/information.

The cultural heritage is of three kinds – (i) Tangible culture such as buildings, monuments, landscapes, books, works of art & artifacts, (2) Intangible culture such as folklore, traditions, languages and knowledge, (3) Natural heritage such as cultural significant landscapes and bio-diversity.

The Intangible cultural heritage is the practice, representation, expression, knowledge or skill considered by UNESCO to be part of a place's cultural heritage. There are five domains of Intangible Cultural Heritage- performing art, social practices, rituals and festive event, knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe traditional craftsmanship. Intangible Cultural Heritage is an important factor in maintaining the cultural diversity in the face of growing globalization. An understanding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of different communities helps with inter

cultural dialogues and encourages mutual respects for other ways of life.

The importance of Intangible Cultural Heritage is not the cultural manifestation itself but rather the wealth of knowledge and skills that is transmitted through it from one generation to the next. The social and economic values of this transmission of knowledge is relevant for minority groups and for mainstream social groups within a state and is as important for developing state, as for developed ones.

Intangible Cultural Heritage is a UNESCO programme initiated in 2001 to recognize and protect various culture and practices that, unlike items on the UNESCO world Heritage list, cannot be touched. UNESCO had adopted the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2003. The list of Intangible Cultural Heritage was established in 2008. The programmes consist of two lists from 2010. They are Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity which is a longer list which comprises cultural practices and expressions that help demonstrate the diversity of this heritage and raise awareness about its importance and the shorter one is List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in need of Urgent Safeguarding which is urgently required to keep them alive.



### **Intangible Cultural Heritage & India:**

India being a member of UNESCO has implemented the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India is nodal agency for this programme MOC has been working with the related agencies under its area. It has been working with Sangeet Natak Akademi, Sahitya Akademi, Lalit Kala Akademi, National School of Drama, CCRT, Zonal centres and State govts. From the year 2011, the Govt.

of India has declared the Sangeet Natak Akademi, India's apex body on Culture as the Nodal Centre for co-ordinating India's nominations for various lists and other actions such as developing and maintaining the National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage. Before Sangeet Natak Akademi the nodal centre was Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA). India become the member of UNESCO from November 4, 1946. The India Govt. had constituted the Indian National Commission for Co-operation with UNESCO and deputed one



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Ambassador as a Permanent representative at UNESCO, France (Paris). The office looks after the affairs of India in the International organization.

The writer of this article was transferred from Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal to Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi as Officer on Special Duty from June 2009 and was entrusted Special programmes such as International Cultural Relations (ICR), Common Wealth Games Cultural programmes organized by Ministry

of Culture (MOC), (2010), Rabindra Pranati on the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore (2011), Festival of India held in Kazakhstan, Brazil (2009) etc. When Sangeet Natak Akademi became the Nodal Agency of Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2011 from IGNCA, the Officer in-Charge of Intangible Cultural Heritage came in the hand of this writer under the able guidance of Shri Jayanta Kastuar, the Secretary of Sangeet Natak Akademi. The Govt. of India had constituted a strong Expert Committee with Secretary Sangeet Natak Akademi as Convenor. The Committee has to examine the list of nominations forwarded by the State Govts. /Akademies and to upgrade the list of National Inventory. The requirement of submitting the nomination shall be a film on the element for 10 minutes and another film of 1 hour as well as the details of the element on their (ICH) nomination form. The submission of the details of the element and the form filled up should be done carefully and correctly, otherwise the rejection of the nomination shall be in the preliminary stage. In 2011, Sangeet Natak Akademi had constituted a core committee consisting of Shri RK. Singhajit, Smt Usha Malik, Dr. Molly, assisted by Secretary Sangeet Natak Akademi and Officer-in-Charge, Intangible Cultural Heritage. The Akademi had organized a week-long workshop on Intangible Cultural Heritage with the representatives of the agencies who submitted the nominations along with the film Directors. They studied the articles of the convention, how to produce the film on the guidelines of Intangible Cultural Heritage and to prepare and elaborate National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage in the month of November 2011. The nomination list was around 40 and the Committee selected 10 nominations which was forwarded to Intangible Cultural Heritage Secretariat, Paris through the

Permanent representative of India, Paris. The submitted lists included Nautanki, Kalamkari Painting, Sitar, Qawwali, Durga Puja, Sankirtana.

Sankirtana is a kind of kirtana, developed and flourished on the artistic soil of Manipur based on the stories on Ram and Radha Krishna, in the 15th Century. In the Narada Samhita, we have found that in the Kali Yuga, the only way of salvation from this world is to chant only the holy names of Lord. This is the basis of Sankirtana which was propounded in large scale by Shree Shree Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Manipur has different types of Sankirtana - (a) Ariba Pala or Bangdesh based on Ramanandi culture, (b) Monoharsai, (c) Dhop, (d) Nata-Sankirtana based on life-cycle of Radha Krishna during the reign of Rajashree Bhagyachandra (1763-1798 AD). Nata-Sankirtana is a highly evolved style of kirtana which is based on the astakal leela of Shrimati Radhika and Krishna. It is very much associated with the dasa-Karma of every human being starting from birth to death ceremonies. We are proud of the authority of Shree Shree Govindajee and Gurus of Manipur which still preserves the astakal leela tradition in the temple of Shree Shree Govindajee which is a rare case in the world.

The Intangible Cultural Heritage nomination states that the Sankirtana of Manipur is a vibrant practice promoting an organic relationship with people, the whole society is involved in its safeguarding, with the specific knowledge and skill traditionally transmitted from mentor to disciple. Sankirtana works in harmony with the natural world, whose presence is acknowledged through its many rituals.

The film on Sankirtana was done by well-known film Director, Shri A. Shyam Sharma with the support of the gurus and

authority of JNMDA. The dossiers were prepared by a group of scholars led by Shri RK. Singhajit Singh. The nomination on Sankirtana was submitted to Intangible Cultural Heritage office in 2011 and inscribed on the Representative Lists of UNESCO, Intangible Cultural Heritage of humanity on December 4, 2013 during the 8th Session of the UNESCO Inter-Governmental Committee Meeting held in Baku, Azerbaijan from December 2-7, 2013. The Govt. of Manipur has declared December 4 as Sankirtana Day.

India has 14 elements on the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage from 2008 till date. They are:

- 2008 - Kutiyattam, Sanskrit Theatre, Tradition of Vedic Chanting and Ramlila.
- 2009 - Ramman, Religions Festival & Ritual Theatre of the Garhwal Himalayas.
- 2010 - Chhau Dance, Kalbelia and Mudiyettu.
- 2012 - Buddhist Chanting of Ladakh.
- 2013 - Sankirtana, Ritual Singing, Drumming & Dancing of Manipur.
- 2014 - Traditional Brass & Copper Craft of Utensil Making, Punjab.
- 2016 - Yoga, Nawruz.
- 2017 - Kumbh Mela.
- 2021 - Durga Puja in Kolkata.

Manipur has a rich cultural heritage. It has varieties of cultural heritage for every community inhabited in the State. We should try to explore for more nominations to Intangible Cultural Heritage from our vast repertoire.



# SPOTLIGHT

**U**nder the leadership of People's Chief Minister, Shri N. Biren Singh, the Government of Manipur has performed remarkable feats for the welfare of the people of Manipur.

In this section, Manipur Today brings out a photo feature highlighting a glimpse of welfare activities taken up by the Chief Minister and his cabinet colleagues and events participated by them.

# CHIEF MINISTER, MANIPUR



Flight tests and demonstration of drones were successfully carried out. These drones capable of spraying herbicides have been procured to intensify the state government's War on Drugs campaign.



Handed over and dedicate the Nongpok Thong on the eastern side of Kangla to the public today. The bridge will restore order, peace, harmony, and prosperity in the state



Dedicated the Marjing Statue Complex to the people during the visit of Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs & Co-operation Shri Amit Shah



The state government has been opening several open gyms in different corners of the state. This latest addition in the Churachandpur district



Launch Start-Up Manipur 2.0 as a part of the State Level Celebration on Emerging Manipur 2023 at City Convention Centre, Imphal East



A meeting with Assam Riffles, NIA, NCB, NAB, Police, and Home Department to discuss issues and strategies of War on Drugs 2.0 at the Cabinet Hall of his secretariat

# TH. BISWAJIT SINGH

Minister, Power, Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Agriculture, Science & Technology



A review meeting with officials of Forest Deptt. An endeavour to end drug menace and destruction of poppy cultivation to begin as soon as possible.



A meeting Chaired, Hon'ble CM Shri N. Biren Singh ji, deliberated on matters concerning the registration of transactions, sale, etc. with strict adherence to maintaining authenticity and transparency



Proud moment when Hon'ble President Smt Droupadi Murmu presented a 'Gold' certificate to e-Services Manipur under 'Public Digital Platforms - States' category at the prestigious Digital India Awards, 2022



41st Archives week celebration-cum- record exhibition



Inauguration of Common Facility Centre (Keirao Block Level Handloom Cluster) for public convenience



The First ever Desi Cow Mela

# YUMNAM KHEMCHAND

Minister, MAHUD and RD&PR



19th Kachai Lemon Festival, 2023 at Kachai village local ground, Ukhrul District



Inauguration of Solid Waste Management Plant, for effective disposal and treatment of solid wastes, at Moramba, Kakching



Inspection of the improvement work of Beso to Oinam PMGSY road,



Inspection of Maram to purul 22 km Package no. MN06294 PMGSY I which are in progress, in Karong AC



Social Service with the public of Oinam leirak along Manipur college road, Singjamei today



With an aim to bring unity through sports, at Phuba Thapham, Senapati District today, where the youths gather to compete in various events

# K. GOVINDAS SINGH

Minister, Public Works Department, Youth Affairs & Sports



Blacktopping of Bishnupur Ward No 7 road. Enhancing connectivity



Inspection the work progress of Civil Secretariat at Mantripukhri



Felicitation of the medalists and participants of the 36th National Games, 2022 (Gujarat)



Inspecting the road condition of Thanga and Sendra with officials



Promoting Indigenous Games; The 2nd State Level Mukna Takhatnaba



Presenting a paper on the Highways of Manipur at the Review of National Highways Development Project in Manipur in the presence of Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister, Road Transport & Highways

# NEMCHA KIPGEN

Minister, Textiles Commerce & Industries  
and Co-operation



With a sole objective for efficient functioning of the various functionaries, a review meeting at New Secretariat



With the aim to develop the various taste of Cinema, at 35 Yrs of Kuki Cinema



For the first time, the Sangai Festival is being held at Geljang, Churachandpur District promoting tourism of Manipur



MANITEX; Hope for the handloom and handcraft craftsmen and artisans of Manipur



A meeting with the representatives of World Bank along with Department's Heads of Commerce & Industry, Manipur at her office in New Secretariat



Preserving the Culture; Inauguration of Thadou Heritage Museum with HCM



# AWANGBOW NEWMAI

Minister, Water Resources, Relief & Disaster Management



Inspection of river banks from Kangpokpi to Koirengiei



Rescue operation of the victims of Marangching (Makhuam) landslide



Inspection of the vulnerable river banks of Iril river and its tributaries along with Kshetrigao AC MLA, Shri Sheikh Noorul Hassan on 2nd May, 2022



Special scheme for widows, widower, orphan and disabled for the people of 52-Tamei AC at Shikinuh Inn, TMG HQ



Interface Programme of Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, HUM, Ministry of Jal Shakti, GoI & Students of CAU, Manipur University, DMU & NIT, Manipur on "Climate change and wetland based livelihood



Welcoming Gajendra Singh Sekhwat, Minister of Jal Shakti and discussing on improvement of Jal Shakti in Manipur

# LETPAO HAOKIP

Minister, Tribal Affairs & Hills, Horti & Soil Conservation



Visited Sylvan Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hengbung, Orchid Research & Development Centre, Hengbung and College of Agricultural Science with Hon'ble MLA of Saitu AC Pu Haokholet Kipgen



Attended a meeting to review issues related to Rani Gaidinliu Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museum this evening chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri N Biren ji at CM's Office



Consultative meeting chaired by Hon'ble Chairman, Sub-Committee (HAC) Dinganglung Gangmei Retd. IAS



Distribution of Winter Rabi seeds to farmers of Tengnoupal under the scheme of 'Cultivation of Horticulture crops as an alternative to poppy cultivation in hill areas



Briefing the media at his Office regarding State Cabinet meeting



A fruitful discussion on students' welfare with leaders/delegates of Thiimziih Bujuur Rvwrkkeh (Moyon Students' Union and Anal Students' Union)

# DR. S. RANJAN SINGH

Minister, Health & Family Welfare,  
Information & Public Relations



Visiting Maram Khullen today to take part in the 41st General conference of the Maram student's Union, Maram Karalimei Swjoikang



At the one day state level awareness function and panel discussion at the Classic Grande, Imphal today. A burning issue that needs to be taken care



Happy Chakan Gaangai; Celebrating Brotherhood with our indigenous Kabui Tribe



Inspection of the Mock Drill for COVID preparedness at JNIMS, Imphal and District Hospital Thoubal



The 23rd Annual conference of the Indian Psychiatric Society, Manipur State Branch at RIMS. The theme – Digital addiction -An Emerging Pandemic. A theme chosen at the right moment.



Inspection of black topping of road at Yurembam within Konthoujam AC and interacted with the people in the area

# L. SUSINDRO SINGH

Minister, PHED and CAF&PD



Visited Sylvan Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hengbung, Orchid Research & Development Centre, Hengbung and College of Agricultural Science with Hon'ble MLA of Saitu AC Pu Haokholet Kipgen



International Day of Older Persons across the globe. This year's theme of International Day of Older Persons is "Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World"



Jal Jeevan Mission; a meeting on improvement of Har Ghar Jal, vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi



Inauguration ceremony of Community Hall and SHG Building at Khurai Chingangbam Leikai; Improvement of Public Utility



The MAPAO ZINGSHO village is known for its cleanliness which attracted a lot of visitors over the years. Inspiring the youths towards a better Manipur



Health Care Par Excellence: Inauguration a 100 bedded multi-speciality services at American Oncology Institute (AOI) at Babina Speciality Hospital, Shajiwa Imphal East with HCM & Health Minister

# H. DINGO SINGH

Minister, Social Welfare, Labour & Fisheries



Donation for 8th National Junior Deaf & 25th senior Deaf National Sports Championship which will be held at Indore, Madhya Pradesh from 15th to 19th February 2023



Maiden Emoinu Fish Festival, 2023 registered sale of 2600 kgs of Meitei Sareng



Visit of Fishery Office at Jiribam. Various changes and development will be witnessed in near future



Togetherness: Feeling blessed to have had the opportunity to visit one of our historic places, Nambashi Khullen, Kamjong District to attend Darduoy (Nambashi) Ramthou Phanit



1st Social Welfare Department Recreational Meet 2023 at Sports Complex, KhumanLampak.



MODEL CAREER CENTER, IMPHAL WEST and #MEGA\_JOB\_FAIR organised by the Directorate of Employment Exchange under the Department of Skills, Labour, Employment and Entrepreneurship

# TH. BASANTAKUMAR SINGH

Minister, Education, Law & Legislative  
Affairs



Inaugural function of the 2 Day International Conference on 'Innovative Practices in Business, Education and Environment for Sustainable Development in Post COVID 19 pandemic' (Biramangol College)



National Startup Celebration Programme  
The country's start up ecosystem has emerged as the 3rd largest in the world with more than 84K startups in 656 districts across the nation



Golden Jubilee Celebration of Board of Secondary Education Manipur, BSEM and Annual Prize Distribution Programme, 2022



Programme of Distribution of Welfare Benefits to Beneficiaries of MBOCWWB, Manipur Building and Other Construction Worker's Welfare Board



Inauguration of Nungoi bridge over Iril river on #GoodGovernanceDay in the presence of Hon'ble CM Shri N. Biren Singh along with Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble MLAs and officials at Nungoi Mapa



Addressing the gathering at Asian Summit on Education and Skills, Bengaluru (Sep. 20, 2022)

# KHASIM VASUM

Minister, Transport, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary



Promoting Culture  
Cultural Function and Production Grant, CFPF under  
Ministry of Culture, GoI, New Delhi



Bringing Connectivity in Manipur  
Launching of Somdal-Imphal MST Bus Service



Inauguration of Zingran Foods Market Shed, Ukhrul  
Inspiring to Produce more Indigenous Foods



Feeling Blessed to be a part of the Celebration of Independence Day, 2022; #HarGharTiranga #Flag@Heart



The Inaugural flight operations between Imphal-Aizawl route through video conferencing;  
Intercultural Connectivity



Acting to be a part of the action to improve the NHs and bring a convenient mode of transportation in Manipur



## MAIDEN EMOINU FISH FESTIVAL, 2023 REGISTERED SALE OF 2600 KGS OF MEITEI SARENG

The first Emoinu Fish Festival, 2023 organized by the Department of Fishery, Government of Manipur at Hapta Kangjeibung, Imphal on the auspicious day of Emoinu Festival, one of the most popular religious festivals of Manipur registered sale of 51,362 kgs of different species of fish including 2600 kgs of home-grown Meitei Sareng. Fish farmers of Bishnupur District contributed the highest production with 17,709 kgs followed by Imphal West District with 14,218 kgs and Thoubal District with 9009 kgs. The significant outcome of Emoinu Fish Festival, 2023 is that

the total proceeds accrued from the sale of fish accounted for Rs.1.30 crore which is a spectacular achievement for the fish farmers and Fishery Department, Government of Manipur.

Silver carp which is not so popular in other festivities made a strong presence in the fish mela and a total of 18,890 kgs were sold like hot cake. 10,633 kgs of Grass carp and 8073 kgs of Catla, Rohu and Mrigal which is commonly known as Indian Major Carp were sold. Among the indigenous fish varieties, 3360 kgs of Ngaton, 686 kgs of Pengba and 246 kgs of Khabak were sold out.



The stalls where Meitei Sareng was made available to the public consequent upon the initiative of Manipur Chief Minister and State Fisheries Department were thronged by thousands of consumers making a beeline for a first glance and grab an opportunity to purchase for offering to the goddess Emoinu. The hefty price fixed by the State Fisheries Department didn't hamper the spirit of the enthusiastic consumers.

Unlike the annual Fish Festivals held on the eve of Ningol Chakouba festival in the past, this year's Emoinu Fish Festival witnessed departmental stalls of Agriculture, Horticulture, MOMA, Forest and various start-ups catering to agro and allied products like organic black rice, ginger, turmeric, fresh seasonal vegetables, value added local fruits, beverages, etc. which provided a shopping spree and extravaganza to the visitors. The total sale proceeds recorded by the departmental and start-up stalls are around Rs.3.00 lakh.





## GOVERNOR INAUGURATES UNAU SUOPUI CULTURAL FESTIVAL, 2023

**G**overnor of Manipur Shri La. Ganesan visited Pherzawl District and inaugurated Unau Suopui Cultural Festival, 2023 held at Parbung Ground, on 12th January 2023. Governor also interacted with District Level Officers (DLOs), Representatives of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Woman leaders among others. He heard about the issues and grievances faced by the people in the newly created district and assured to extend all possible help in the larger interest of the people.

Addressing the gathering in the inaugural ceremony, Governor said, it is gratifying to note that 26 Cultural Troupes including Aimol, Anal, Chiru, Hmar, Lamkang and many others are participating

in the mega cultural festival. He said, although, the communities were originated from Ruong-Le-Vaisuo, popularly known as Tipaimukh, they have been found scattered in Manipur, Assam, Mizoram, Tripura etc. however, these communities share similarities in their language, songs, dances, indigenous games and sports, Governor continued that these tribes have been harmoniously living together for the last more than four centuries.

Stating that the Cultural Festival will certainly provide a platform to meet all the tribes who have already been settled down at different places of the North East, Governor said, the festival symbolizes peace, harmony and unity rising above the barriers of caste, creed or religion. Let the spirit of Ruong-Le-Vaisuo Unau Suopui Cultural Festival em

brace one and all to strengthen the social fabric more than ever and bring prosperity to all the communities irrespective of caste, creed and religion in the State, he added. Governor also unveiled a Monolith in the inaugural ceremony of the festival.

Later interacting with the DLOs, CSOs, Woman Leaders and villagers at the Community Hall near Parbung Ground, Governor said, the State Government is doing best in many sectors of development. He said, although Pherzawl District has been lagging behind in comparison to other districts of the State, Government is committed to ensure all round development in the district. Issues pertaining to healthcare, education, connectivity, banking etc. should be taken care of and all concerned authorities should also pay their attention for the welfare of the people.

Shri La. Ganesan further stated that the problem regarding shortage of manpower and infrastructure in the newly created district is a major issue and he will ask the concern officials to make necessary arrangements at the earliest. He assured the people that he will write to the concerned departments and also will ask the Chief Minister to take necessary steps in the best interest of the people of the district.

CSOs, Woman Leaders submitted memoranda to the Governor during the interaction programme. Earlier, Governor was accorded a warm welcome on his arrival at the helipad at Pherzawl District Headquarter by Shri Huanlianlal Guite, Deputy Commissioner, Pherzawl, Shri A. Ghanashyam Sharma, SP, Pherzawl, Dr. L. Fimate, Chairman, Core Committee of the Festival, students and the villagers. Governor was accompanied by his Secretary Shri Waikhom Bobby in his visit.





## CM BIREN LAUNCHES 5G NETWORK

Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh soft launched 5G Network in Manipur at the Cabinet Hall of the Chief Minister's Secretariat and further urged the service provider to focus on the border and remotest areas of the State.

Speaking at the formal launch programme, the Chief Minister highlighted the Prime Minister's vision regarding 5G Network, and said India had launched the 5G network on 1st October 2022, with an objective to transform various sectors including health, transport, logistics, agriculture, disaster management, etc.

He said making use of telecom infrastructure extensively for better governance is an integral part of the State's development strategy, and added that 5G network offer manufacturers and telecom

operators the chance to build smart factories, to take advantage of technologies such as automation and artificial intelligence.

The launching of 5G will improve the lives of the common man, raising the living standard of the people of Manipur and will also create such needed employment opportunities as well as generating revenue for the State, he continued.

Chief Secretary Dr. Rajesh Kumar expressed confidence that in the next six months each and every habitation, recognised villages in the State will have atleast 4G connection which will make connectivity in Manipur one of the best in the North East region.

Rajnish Verma, CEO, Bharti Airtel, Assam and North East said Airtel is the first operator to launch 5G services in North East.



## SANGAITHEL POLICE OUTPOST AND MAYANG LANGJING KUTHABI BRIDGE INAUGURATED

Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh launched the Sangaithel Police Outpost under the Imphal West District in presence of Deputy Chairman, Manipur State Planning Authority Shri Sorokhaibam Rajen, MLA of Patsoi AC Shri S. Kunjakeswor, Director General of Police Shri P. Doungel and senior police officials on 26th December, 2022. The Outpost was constructed by Manipur Police Housing Corporation Ltd.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated Mayang Langjing Kuthabi Bridge in presence of Deputy Chairman, Manipur State Planning Authority Shri Sorokhaibam Rajen. The bridge was constructed by the Public Works Department, Government of Manipur with a

cost of approximately Rs. 3 crores.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri N. Biren expressed that Police work for security and welfare of people and as such, both the police and the public need to respect each other. Meeyangi Numit is now organized at different districts under Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and Superintendents of Police (SPs) so that grievances of the public could be raised through them. Interaction between the public and police could help in maintaining a healthy relationship among them, he added.

The Chief Minister stated that Sangaithel has become a tourist spot and once the Olympian Park is opened, many

tourists will surely visit the site. As such, he stressed the need to expand the road from Patsoi Lamkhai to Olympian Park into a double lane. He further appreciated the locals including Chiru, Rongmei and Kabui for expressing their support for expansion of the approach road to the Olympian Park.

He informed that the Olympian Park will be inaugurated by the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah during his likely visit in Januray. Shri N. Biren stated that the law and order of the State has considerably improved and different communities inhabiting across the State are living together, giving respect to one another. He gave the recently held Sangai Festival, being held across different places of the State with participation of various communities, as the proof of peaceful co-existence among different communities. He added that the Government has been putting in every effort to realize the objective of One Nation, One Manipur.

He also spoke on the impacts of climate change and its adverse effect on water bodies and appealed to the locals of Sangaitheh not to cut down trees extensively.

The Chief Minister informed that the Government will develop Sangaitheh Football ground. He also asked the locals to identify a suitable place for construction of a market shed and inform him so that it could be constructed. Regarding the setting up of a Primary Health Centre at Sangaitheh, he assured that the Government would take up necessary steps, by including it in budget preparation.

Speaking on the Mayang Langjing Kuthabi Bridge inaugurated on the day, the Chief Minister stated that the bridge would be very useful for the people, though constructed with a meagre cost of Rs. 3 crores.



# LAUNCH OF ILP PORTAL

for Deputy Commissioners and Labour Commissioners

by

Hon'ble Chief Minister

Shri N. Biren Singh

23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022



## CM LAUNCHES ILP PORTAL FOR DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS AND LABOUR COMMISSIONERS

Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh launched the Inner Line Permit (ILP) Portal for Deputy Commissioners and Labour Commissioners at the Chief Minister's Secretariat on 23rd December, 2022.

The launching programme was also attended by Additional Director General of Police Shri Ashutosh Kumar Sinha, Commissioner Shri T. Ranjit, Deputy Inspector General of Police Shri Ningshen Worngam, Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police and other Government officials among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri N. Biren Singh stated that the portal has been launched

with certain improvements added to the earlier ILP system, in consultation with the Department of Information Technology, ILP Cell and Home Department. The portal has been upgraded considering the importance of saving the indigenous population of the State and also for the convenience of visitors from outside the State in applying for ILP.

The Chief Minister informed that ILPs were issued earlier manually at Mao Gate, Airport and Jiribam and then later issued through online portal. With today's launching, the ILPs can now be issued by Deputy Commissioners and Labour Commissioners too through online, he added.

Mentioning that people from outside the State can apply online for ILP through its web portal [www.manipurilponline.mn.gov.in](http://www.manipurilponline.mn.gov.in), Shri N. Biren informed that Temporary Permits are given for 30 days, Regular Permits for 3 months and that of Labour Permits for 1 year. He added that the permit could be downloaded from the portal. As most people who come from outside the State are labourers, Deputy Commissioner had also been authorized to issue Labour Permits. He continued that Application for applying ILP could also be downloaded from Google Play Store.

The Chief Minister further mentioned that a bar code has been put in the permit, through which the identity of the possessor can be identified by scanning. Through this system, duplicity and fraud on ILP could be checked, he added. He continued that a system of face identification would also be implemented soon.

Mentioning the arrest of people staying in the State with fake IDs, he stressed the

need to know the intention of those people for their stay in the State with fake IDs. Raising concern on the seriousness of the issue, he spoke on the need to tackle the issue jointly.

Maintaining that the State Government had been working at the best level to check those people illegally staying in Manipur, Shri N. Biren sought support from the people of the State. He appealed to the public to inform the concerned authority if they found any suspicious non-local in their areas. Informing that the State Police would start visiting house to house to check those staying as tenants with fake documents, he urged those who rent out their space, to inform if such outsiders are staying at their houses. He warned that those landlords who are intentionally providing space to those with fake documents would also be taken as criminals and action would be initiated against both the landlords and tenants.

Chief Minister also appealed to people from outside, who wish to visit the State, to take advantage of the portal to apply for ILP







## CM BIREN INAUGURATES NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ORGANIC FARMING

Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh inaugurated a Two-Day National Seminar Cum Workshop on Sustainable Agriculture and Organic Farming: Health Hazards of Agro-Chemicals use in Food Production at the Court Hall, Manipur University, Canchipur on 21st December, 2022.

Addressing the inaugural function, Shri N. Biren Singh said that no matter how many seminars or discussions are conducted, we cannot achieve success, unless we work with on mission-mode with a target.

Highlighting a few achievements of the past few years, the Chief Minister lauded officials of Horticulture and Agriculture departments and said that these officials

have work with sincerity and aggressively ensuring massive change in the sector.

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*- N. Biren Singh*

He elaborated that the overall land covered under organic farming in the State was just 5000 hectares in 2016 which has been expanded 37,900 in 2021-22, which is almost 200 times that of the 2016, with approval from the Centre.

Not only this, but production has also increased from just 25,000 MT to 2,59,400 MT now, he added.

Lauding the hard-work of the farmers and capabilities of the officials, Shri N. Biren said that Manipur can be among the top States in the country. Today, Manipur has been adjudged Best Improved Small State for three consecutive years, he added.

Highlighting steps taken up in the State to encourage farmers, the Chief Minister said that Rs. 80 crore have already been earmarked in the budget to buy-back rice from the State's farmers.

We are trying to bring the changes, the Chief Minister said stressing that we are moving forward with opinions, advice and suggestions from experts.

Shri N. Biren also deliberated on the issue of water scarcity in the State and expressed concern over the depleting jungle cover of the State.

He strongly said there can be no water in the lakes and rivers, if there are no forests.

We are concentrating on ground water, he said, adding that installation of 550 groundwater tube-wells and 375 wells are under process in the State.

The Chief Minister further spoke on natural and organic farming and said both Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Union Minister Shri Amit Shah have laid emphasis on natural and organic farming.

Shri N. Biren Singh stated that a committee headed by an Additional Chief Secretary under a Cabinet sub-committee has been set up and a toll-free number will be announced soon to immediately assist and intervene to any issues raised by farmers.

Further deliberating on the natural and organic farming, the Chief Minister also highlighted the importance of natural fertilizers.

He said the government has also identified a site at Mayang Imphal area for composting phumdis from Loktak to organic fertilizer.

We are also encouraging Nano fertilizer instead of chemical fertilizer, he said further highlighting the need to eradicate use of chemical fertilizers to build a strong and healthy society.

The Chief Minister also highlighted that the State will showcase women empowerment in the State during the March 17-18 G-20 event in the State by highlighting various achievements of the State's women including Ema Market, start-up woman entrepreneurs, etc.

Agriculture Minister Shri Thongam Biswajit Singh, Vice Chancellor, Manipur University, Prof. Naorem Lokendra Singh also attended the inaugural function.



# STATE CELEBRATES NATIONAL START UP DAY



**H**ealth & IPR Minister Shri Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh has stated that passion and perseverance are keys to success of an individual. Minister was speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion of the celebration of National Start Up Day organized by the Planning Department, Government of Manipur at Sangai hall, Imphal Hotel, on 16th January, 2023.

Shri Ranjan Singh informed that for becoming a successful entrepreneur, one need to be determined and passionate. Mentioning the role of entrepreneurs to bring

a welfare society, Minister said that without the contribution of the young entrepreneurs it will be hard to bring economic changes in the country. We need to encourage our entrepreneurs so that a greater number of entrepreneurs will come up, minister added.

He maintained that a clear concept, right approach, target, marketing strategies, determination etc. are needed to become a successful entrepreneur. The concept of how to market a product by the manufacturers is an important part of the process. Positive criticism is to be taken and need to learn from

mistakes, he informed.

Speaking as President, Minister, Education, Law &LA, Shri Th. Basantakumar Singh said that the Start Up scheme which was launched in the state with the objective to provide employment to the unemployed skilled and unskilled youths of the state. The advancement of Information Technology had made it easier to expand a business. We need to have a vision to have an entrepreneur in every household in the state, he added.

Minister Basantakumar also informed that Gifted Child Scheme will be implemented in the state. This is the first of its kind in the country. Under this scheme, 100 talented children will be selected and trained specially after keeping in a separate hostel. Manipur has been tremendously changed during the last five years. We also have plenty of talents which are God gifted, he maintained.

**Passion and  
Perseverance  
are keys to  
success**

*-Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh*



It may be mentioned that the main objective of the scheme is to promote the startups, generate employment and wealth creation. This scheme has initiated several programs for building a strong ecosystem and transforming India.

Additional Chief Secretary, Shri V. Vumlunmang, IAS, Director, Planning, Kulkarani, IAS, officials of Planning Department, Entrepreneurs from different parts of the state also attended the occasion. Checks were also distributed to the selected entrepreneurs as subsidies as a part of the celebration.

# PD SHANGREIWON MULTHOU THE LADY WHO IS REDEFINING MANIPUR'S INDIGENOUS CUISINES

*By Theimila Marchang*



The opening quote on her recently released cookbook by the name Shang's Cookbook reads as, "Taking The Road Less Taken And Making A Difference", inspired by Robert Frost's The Road Not Taken. Shangreiwon Multhou, Proprietor of Popa Cakes and Bakes, Founder of Exotic School of Cooking, also the curator of SheChef and SangaiChef, always wanted to make her career in the culinary field. This was something which not many people considered taking up as a career doing during her time. However, when she expressed her desire and passion to pursue Hotel Management, her parents readily supported her and sent her to

IHM Guwahati. Right after completing her management degree, she worked at ITC Marriot Saket, Delhi; Taj Land's End, Mumbai, Carnival Cruise Lines, Texas and California Port USA and as an Executive Chef in Air Chef Pvt. Ltd, Guwahati Airport. Shangreiwon started the Exotic School of Cooking in Dimapur, Nagaland in 2011. Later on, it was shifted to Imphal in 2016. These are just a few of her job profiles.



**PD Shangreiwon Multhou**

Having worked abroad and also in various states of India for many years, Shangreiwon felt the need to go back home and do something with all her acquired skills, experiences and expertise. While several lucrative and enticing job offers in India and abroad were made to her from time to time, the lingering thoughts in her mind and desire to come back home, make use of her expertise and contribute to the society in bringing about a progressive change in her own way stopped her from accepting the job offers outside Manipur and India. So, Shangreiwon and her husband PD Sengvaingir Chiru started the Popa restaurant in 2016 and also her cakes and confectionery business at MBC Complex. Since then, Popa has been treating people of Imphal with good treats of quality cakes and other confectionery items.

Besides, doing what she loves, an ardent believer of food and cuisines as an ambassador/agent of one's culture and traditions, Shangreiwon felt the need to promote more of the various delicious local cuisines that Manipur has. Using the various nutritious and unique food ingredients that Manipur is blessed with and also making exquisite local cuisines available for tourists travelling in to Manipur is something that Shangreiwon had always thought of working on after coming back to Manipur. She found the best partner and confidante in her husband, who also runs a restaurant in Delhi and quite a foodie himself as well. They both came about the idea of creating a platform where various local cuisines from different communities and tribes could be brought in together. This is when, they both curated ShiChef and brought about the beginning of the first ever cooking competition in Manipur. For this, Shangreiwon and Sengvaingir approached Shri Leishiyo Keishing, MLA 43-AC Phungyar about organizing the ShiChef competition as part of the state's Shirui Lily



**Bamboo Shoot & Smoked Meat Salad**



**Pork Thali**



**River Snail with buff meat**



### **Fresh Bamboo Shoot with Local Basil and Dry Meat**

Festival. He instantly encouraged to organize the competition. Not only did he help in organizing the competition but Shri Leishiyo Keishing also sponsored the cash awards of the winners of ShiChef Season 1.

Like they say there is always a first for everything, state level cooking competition in Manipur also had its first in the form of ShiChef in 2018. Since then, there is no looking back. After the successful conduct of the Shichef at Shirui Lily Festival, a proposal was made to the Tourism Department, Government of Manipur for another cooking competition i.e., SangaiChef as part of the State's Sangai Festival. Shri W. Ibohal Singh, Director of Tourism Department, instantaneously agreed to conduct SangaiChef. With a lot of support and guidance from the Tourism Director, SangaiChef came into being in 2018 as well. Knowing the importance and necessity of promoting local cuisines at a larger scale, the Tourism Director found sponsorship for SangaiChef and SheChef under Manipur Tourism Department.

SheChef and SangaiChef had their 2nd editions in 2019. The 2nd edition of ShiChef competition was held under the Prime Minister's Slogan "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" slogan and hence the name was changed from ShiChef to SheChef. As the name suggests,

SheChef is a cooking competition only for women contestants. This platform enables and encourages women to come out and explore their abilities, empower themselves and manifest their skills and strengths while bringing out the best local cuisines for the world.

Both SheChef and SangaiChef are organised with the tagline 'Redefining Indigenous Cuisines'. The visions of both these platforms are simple and clear, which is to put the cuisines of Manipur on the culinary map by unearthing the exotic food of the communities of Manipur and showcasing it to the world with an aesthetic presentation. While promoting the cuisines of Manipur, using the locally available ingredients and crops of Manipur and adding value to the produce of local farmers is another point that is envisioned by the curators. During the SheChef and SangaiChef competitions, the contestants are made to use local ingredients produced by the local farmers. More than 200 local ingredients are made available in the pantries during the competitions for the contestants to use. Contestants are given the opportunities to recreate traditional local cuisines and innovate new recipes to make maximum use of local ingredients, herbs, vegetables and crops, etc. Astounding local culinary creations and recreations have come up through these two platforms.

The Covid 19 pandemic brought SheChef and SangaiChef to a halt for two consecutive years in 2020 and 2021. It both came back with their 3rd editions, SheChef season 3 at Shirui Lily Festival and SangaiChef Season 3 at Sangai Festival. The popularity of both SheChef and SangaiChef has grown exponentially with each season and these are now two cooking competitions that are looked forward to by a lot of people. Interested people can now avail the recipes

of the contestants through the cookbooks that came up with expert inputs after the competitions. Foodies and enthusiasts can also get video recipes of the curator and chef Shangreiwon Multhou on Instagram and YouTube channel with the name ofmountainsandgardens.

Shangreiwon Multhou has put in a whole lot of passion, hard work and perseverance to make happen what people of Manipur witnessed today in the form of SheChef and SangaiChef. She has created platforms to celebrate our traditions and culture through the various cuisines and dishes of the diverse communities and tribes, simultaneously creating a window of Manipur's rich culinary knowledge to

the rest of the world, indeed giving a whole new definition to the Indigenous cuisines of Manipur.



**Rocky Singh, TV anchor, food enthusiast and author, a well known person in the food industry releasing Shangreiwon's Cookbook**



# DISTRICT PERSPECTIVE PLAN (2022-2026) PRADHAN MANTRI JAN VIKAS KARYAKRAM PHERZAWL DISTRICT

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**P**herzawl District was created on 8th December 2016 by carving out 3(Three) Sub Divisions), viz Thanlon, Tipaimukh and Vangai Range from Churachandpur District. The District was inaugurated on 16.12.2016. It had 99 Villages, 46 Villages in Thanlon Sub Division, 35 Villages in Vangai Range Sub Division and 18 Villages in Tipaimukh Sub Division. The total area of the District was 2285 Sq Kms. The District shares boundary with Tamenglong District in the North, Mizoram State in the South, Churachandpur District in the East & Cachar (Assam) in the West. The National Highway 150 connects Pherzawl & Tipaimukh Sub Division while the Imphal Jiri Road and the Old Cachar Road connects Vangai Range Sub Division via Imphal and Bishnupur respectively. With the re-amalgamation of Thanlon Sub Division to Churachandpur District vide Gazette Notification dated 06.01.2022, the Geographical area of the District is now 1,222 Square Kilometres.

The District has 3 (three) Sub Divisions namely, Pherzawl Sub Division, Parbung/Tipaimukh Sub Division and Vangai Range Sub Division. However, Pherzawl Sub Division is yet to become fully functional.

The total population of the District is approximately 28,795 according to 2011

Population Census with a Population Density of 22.27 Sq. Km.

Pherzawl District is predominantly inhabited by the indigenous Hmar Tribe which is spread in large numbers in neighbouring Indian States of Mizoram, Assam, Tripura and Meghalaya. Apart from the Hmar Tribe, there are other Ethnic groups viz Gangte, Paite, Thadou, Kuki, Bengali (Muslims), Bengali (Hindu) residing in the District.

## **METHODOLOGY**

The formulation of the District Perspective Plan is based on several deliberations and discussion forums held at the Block levels/District Level with Line Department Officials of the district particularly Health and School Education Department. Several interactions at the grassroots level have also been conducted to identify the felt needs of the community. Analysis and suggestions made are based on inferences drawn from interactions with various stakeholders. The planning team has also made various field visits for interaction with community members. Opinions / comments and suggestions of local Bodies, village chiefs and various stakeholders etc. were taken in consideration wherever necessary at the time of formulation of the District Perspective Plan.

**Table A: Details of existing Educational facilities available: (Source ZEO Pherzawl)**

Sl. No.	Educational Block	Management	Total Schools	LP Schools	UP Schools	High Schools	Hr Secondary Schools.
1	Tipaimukh Block	Department of Edn (S)	28	7	9	11	1
		Govt. Aided	12	11	1	-	-
		ADC	5	4	1	-	-
		Private	17	3	13	1	-
2	Thanlon Block *	Department of Edn (S)	34	17	7	9	1
		Govt. Aided	7	4	3	-	-
		ADC	22	21	1	-	-
		Private	6	-	3	3	-

**Table B: Details of Health Care Facilities available: (Source: CMO Pherzawl)**

Sl. No	Name of Block	No. of Health Centres.
1	Tipaimukh & Vangai Range TD Block	CHC Parbung
		PHSC, Pherzawl
		PHSC, Lungthulien
		PHSC Tinsuong
		PHSC, Tuolbung
		PHC Senvon
		PHSC, Parvachom
		PHSC, Leisan
		PHSC, Sipuikon
		PHC, Patpuihmun
		PHSC, Kangreng
		PHSC, Ngampabung
		PHSC Kharkhuplien
		PHC, Sibapurikhal
		PHSC, Buangmun
PHSC, Chingmun		
PHSC, Phailenthanpunjee.		

## PMJVK Perspective Plan for Pherzawl District at a glance

### 1.1 EDUCATION SECTOR

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Name of TD Block	UDISE CODE	Proposed year of implementation	Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)
1	Construction of Teachers Quarters at Parbung Hr Sec. School	Tipaimuk TD Block	14120501701	2022-2023	100.00
2	Construction of 50 Bedded Hostel at Sibapurikhal Govt. H/S	Vangai Range TD Block	14120503601	2022-2023	80.00
3	Construction of Toilet facilities at Pherzawl Govt.H/S	Tipaimuk TD Block	14120500701	2022-2023	15.00
4	Construction of 50 Bedded Hostel at Senvon H/S.	Tipaimuk TD Block	14120500101	2023-2024	80.00
5	Construction of Teachers Quarters at Pherzawl Govt. HS.	Tipaimuk TD Block	14120500701	2023-2024	100.00
6	Construction of 50 Bedded Hostel at Buangmun H/S.	Vangai Range TD Block	14120504401	2024-2025	80.00
7	Construction of Teachers Quarters at Senvon HS.	Tipaimuk TD Block	14120500101	2024-2025	100.00
8	Construction of 2 ACRs with Toilet Facilities of Kangrengdor Govt. Aided Jr. High School.	Vangai Range TD Block	14120502902	2025-2026	40.00
Total					595.00



## HEALTH SECTOR

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Name of TD Block	Proposed year of implementation	Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)
1	Construction of Additional Facility at CHC Parbung including a Rehabilitation Centre and a Public Community Toilet for up gradation of the existing Hospital to a full-fledged District Hospital.	Tipaimuk TD Block	2022 - 2023	165.00
2	Construction of Maternity Ward at Sibapurikhal PHC along with a Public Community Toilet.	Vangai Range TD Block	2023 - 2024	65.00
3	Construction of Rehabilitation Centre at CHC, Senvon along with a Public Community Toilet.	Tipaimuk TD Block	2024 - 2025	65.00
4	Construction of Public Community Toilet at PHC Patpuihmun	Vangai Range TD Block	2025 - 2026	15.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>310.00</b>



## SOCIAL SECTOR

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Name of TD Block	Proposed year of implementation	Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)
1	Establishment of Hunar Hubs at Parbung under Tipaimukh Sub-Division.	Tipaimukh TD Block	2022-2023	35.00
2	Construction of Skill Development Training Centres at Parbung.	Tipaimukh TD Block	2022-2023	100.00
3	Establishment of Hunar Hubs at Taithu under Tipaimukh Sub-Division.	Tipaimukh TD Block	2023-2024	35.00
4	Construction of Skill Development Training Centres at Pherzawl.	Tipaimukh TD Block	2023-2024	100.00
5	Establishment of Hunar Hubs at Savomphai under Vangai Range Sub-Division.	Vangai Range TD Block	2024-2025	35.00
6	Construction of Skill Development Training Centres at Parvachom,	Tipaimukh TD Block	2024-2025	100.00
7	Establishment of Hunar Hubs at Phailienthang Punjee under Vangai Range Sub-Division.	Vangai Range TD Block	2025-2026	35.00
8	Establishment of Hunar Hubs at Kangrengdhor, under Vangai Range Sub-Division.	Vangai Range TD Block	2025-2026	35.00
9	Construction of Skill Development Training Centres at Kangreng .	Vangai Range TD Block	2025-2026	100.00
10	Construction of Skill Development Training Centres at Khangbor	Vangai Range TD Block	2025-2026	100.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>675.00</b>

## SPORTS & OTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

### Sports & Allied Activities

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Name of TD Block	Proposed year of implementation	Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)
1	Development of Playground at Lungthulien.	Tipaimukh TD Block	2022-2023	50.00
2	Construction of Stadium at Parbung.	Tipaimukh TD Block	2023-2024	200.00
3	Development of Playground at Khangbor	Vangai Range TD Block	2024-2025	50.00
4	Development of Playground at Savomphai	Vangai Range TD Block	2025-2026	50.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>350.00</b>

### Women Centric Activities

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Name of TD Block	Proposed year of implementation	Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)
1	Construction of Working Women Hostel at Parbung	Tipaimukh TD Block	2022-2023	200.00
2	Construction of Working Women Hostel at Khangbor	Vangai Range TD Block	2023-2024	200.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>400.00</b>

### Community Infrastructure

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Name of TD Block	Proposed year of implementation	Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)
1	Construction of Sadhbhavana Mandap at Kangrengdor	Vangai Range TD Block	2024-2025	250.00
2	Construction of Sadhbhavana Mandap at Ngampabung	Vangai Range TD Block	2025-2026	250.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>500.00</b>

## PERSPECTIVE PLAN IN EDUCATION SECTOR

### Rationale:

Pherzawl District, a newly created district in 2016 is located in the remotest part of Manipur with its District Headquarter at Pherzawl which is 195 Km from Churachandpur Town and 256.5 Kms from Imphal City. It is densely populated with a mixed community and religion comprising predominantly of Schedule Tribes, Bengali Hindu & Muslims and OBCs. The economic condition of the district is far from satisfactory with most people living below poverty line. Farming is their main occupation. The literacy rate is 84.29% (2011 Census). Most of the schools are in deplorable condition requiring major repair work and provision of Sanitation and Toilet Facilities. Most of the students who are from the neighbouring villages walk 10-20 kms every day to and fro to reach their school. Some stay at their relative's house and get their education while their parents supply the necessary requirements. Even though there is considerable presence of Privately run Schools under various Church Patronage, as many of them live below poverty line, revamping of the existing Government Schools will come a long way in ameliorating the economy and wellbeing of these families. On the other hand, since most of population are engaged in cultivation, the older children are found mostly engaged in the field during the harvesting season. Thus, the need for Hostels assumes more importance.

Apart from the 3 ( three) 50 Bedded Hostels proposed for construction, Transit Quarters for Teachers at Parbung Hr Sec. School, Pherzawl Govt. HS & Senvon Govt. HS is highly required. This is primarily because most of the Teachers serving in these schools are from neighbouring Districts viz

Churachandpur, Bishnupur and even from Imphal. Considering the distance and the time taken to reach these remote locations and in the absence of Staff Quarters, there is prevalence of absenteeism of the Teachers and sometimes resorting to having substitute Teachers. To avoid absenteeism of Teachers and for doing away of the Substitute Teachers, having Teachers Transit Quarters is a must.

### LIST OF WORKS PROPOSED.

#### 50 Bedded Hostel at Sibapurikhal Govt. High School under Vangai Range TD Block.

Sibapurikhal Govt. High School with UDISE CODE No.14120503601 is under the Tipaimukh Educational Block. Students of the School will be drawn from the villages viz Sibapurikhal, Khangbor, Kachurbali, Moinador, Jeisuo, Savomphai, Lower Kharkhuplien, Chowdhurikhal, Buangmun, Tuisen, Muolkhangthol, Nungsekpunji, Henchungpunji, Phailienthangpunji. It has a mixed community of Hmar, Vaiphei, Bengali and Muslims.

Proposed year of implementation	2022 - 2023
Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)	80.00
Services that may be provided	A safe place to house deserving students from financially deprived families. It can also serve as a place where their study schedule can be monitored by the Teacher in charge of the Hostel
Targeted beneficiaries	Students from age group 11-16 years from the village and neighbouring villages

### 50 Bedded Hostel at Senvon Govt. High School under Tipaimukh TD Block:

Senvon Govt. High School with UDISE CODE No 14120500101 is also under Tipaimukh Educational Block. Students of the School will be drawn mainly from the villages viz Rovakot, Sipuikon Tipaimukh, Lungthulien, Parvachawm, Leisen, Talan, Serhmun, Taithu etc.

Proposed year of implementation	2022 - 2023
Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)	80.00
Services that may be provided	A safe place to house deserving students from financially deprived families. It can also serve as a place where their study schedule can be monitored by the Teacher in charge of the Hostel
Targeted beneficiaries	Students from 9 neighbouring villages between the age group of 11-16 years.

### 50 Bedded Hostel at Buangmun Govt. High School under Vangai Range TD Block.

Buangmun Govt. High School with UDISE CODE No.14120504401 is also under Tipaimukh Educational Block of Pherzawl District. Students of this School are from namely, Tuisen, Nungsekpunji, Muolkhothang, Dolakhal, J. Phaimuol, Hengchinpunji, Saikulphai, Tuaitengmun, Suongphumun, Chingmun, Doltang, Phailienthangpunji

Proposed year of implementation	2022 - 2023
Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)	80.00
Services that may be provided	A safe place to house deserving Students from financially deprived families from in and around the village of Buangmun. It can also serve as a place where their study schedule and general wellbeing can be monitored by the Teacher in charge of the Hostel.
Targeted beneficiaries	Students from 12 neighbouring villages between the age group of 11-16 years belonging to ST, SC, OBC and General.

#### Availability of land:

All the schools proposed for Hostel Construction have sufficient vacant space for constructing the hostels.

#### Expected Enrolment:

Student enrolment is expected to increase in each of these three schools if the proposed hostels are established. Since the students are generally from 10 to 12 neighbouring village, once the Hostel facilities are provided, select children will get accommodation facilities thereby cutting down the time taken in commuting from village to the school and subsequently focus on their studies and general well being.



**Construction of Teachers Quarters at Parbung Hr Sec. School under Tipaimukh TD Block. (UDISE CODE No. 14120501701)**

Proposed year of implementation	2022 - 2023
Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)	100.00
Services that may be provided	Provision of Transit Accommodation facilities for Teachers posted in this School.
Targeted beneficiaries	Govt. Lecturers/ Teachers from the far flung areas of the district and outside the district who are posted in the School

**Construction of Toilet facilities at Pherzawl High School under Tipaimukh TD Block. (UDISE CODE No. 14120500701 )**

Proposed year of implementation	2022-2023
Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)	15.00

The student enrolment In Pherzawl Govt. High School has increased to more than 300 since 2018. However, the existing toilet facilities are in bad shape and in unusable condition. Students opt to attend to natures call in the open than use the existing Toilet facilities during rush hour. This in turn leads to unhealthy hygiene and health. To maintain the student health and hygiene good toilet facilities with provision of water is a must for the School.

**Construction of Teachers Quarters at Pherzawl Govt. High School under Tipaimukh TD Block. (UDISE CODE No. 14120500701 )**

Proposed year of implementation	2023-2024
Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)	100.00
Services that may be provided	Provision of Transit Accommodation facilities for Teachers posted in this School.
Targeted beneficiaries	Govt. teachers from far flung areas of the district and outside the district who are posted in the School

**Construction of Teachers Quarters at Senvon High School under Tipaimukh TD Block with UDISE CODE No. 14120500101**

Proposed year of implementation	2024-2025
Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)	100.00
Services that may be provided	Provision of Transit Accommodation facilities for Teachers posted in this School.
Targeted beneficiaries	Govt. teachers from far flung areas of the district and outside the district who are posted in the School

**Construction of 2 ACRs with Toilet facilities of Kangrengdor Govt. Aided Jr. High School under Vangai Range TD Block with UDISE Code No. 14120502902.**

Proposed year of implementation	2025-2026
Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)	40.00

Kangrengdor Govt. Aided Jr. High School is under the Tipaimukh Educational Block. Even though it is situated in a very remote village, the school have a comparatively better student enrolment with more than 130 students at present. However, the School Building is made of Kacha building with tin roof and is in a very dilapidated condition with no Toilet facilities. If a new School building and Toilet facilities are provided to the existing school, the student enrolment will definitely increase.

**PERSPECTIVE PLAN IN HEALTH SECTOR**

**Additional Facility at CHC Parbung with Rehabilitation Centre and Public Community Toilet under Tipaimukh TD Block.**

**CONCEPT NOTE:** The present Infrastructure of CHC Parbung is inadequate to meet the increasing demands lead by the increase in programme related services. Even though it is the largest Health Centre and the only First Referral Unit (FRU) in the district, it is beset with lack of several infrastructure. It renders services to all patients referred from PHCs and PHSCs and neighboring villages of Mizoram. Due to the COVID - 19 Pandemic, there is also need for setting up of infrastructure to accommodate Isolation Ward, ICU, Dialysis Room, Truenet Testing Room, X-ray Room, Counseling Room, Conference Hall, Waiting Area etc.

For carrying out National Health Mission Programmes as well as State Programmes for Non- Communicable Diseases (NCD), Adolescent Friendly Health Clinic (AFHC), Mental Health, Palliative Health (Elderly Care) and CMHT/PMJAY Registration Room there is a need for additional dedicated rooms.

A Rehabilitation Centre is also needed for conducting Trainings, Seminars, and Counselling etc. With the introduction of the Adolescent Health Services, a Rehabilitation Centre is required for conducting Counseling, Training, Workshop, Seminar and Recreation etc.

Besides, there is no provision for construction of Public Toilets under Health Department and due to non-availability of public toilet for the attendants, visitors and public, there is an urgent need for provision of Toilets in almost all the Health Centres including Parbung CHC.

Proposed year of implementation	2022 - 2023
Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)	Rs. 165,00,00.000/-
Services that may be provided	Improved & enhanced delivery of the various services provided so far.
Targeted beneficiaries	Residents of Taithu, Damdiei, Tuolbung, H. Maulien, Thingpan, Lungthulien, Rovakot, Sipuikawn, Leisen, Talan, Serhmung, Tinsuong may get manifold benefits and this may largely curtail taking the sick and the infirm to bigger Hospitals situated in Churachandpur or Imphal.

**Construction of Maternity Ward along with Construction of Public Community Toilet at Sibapurikhal PHC under Vangai range TD Block.**

There is no dedicated Maternity Ward in the existing PHC. The PHC is a dedicated delivery point. It is located in the remotest corner and very inaccessible. In spite of the topography, the Health Centre conducted all available services including normal delivery without a dedicated Labour Room and Maternity Ward. For these reason, the Centre is very much in need of dedicated Maternity Ward.

Besides, the absence of Public Toilet in the PHC renders a lot of inconvenience to the general Public/ attendants and as such Construction of Public Toilets is very much needed. Over and above, there is no Budgetary Provision for such activities under the State Health Department.

Proposed year of implementation	2023-2024
Amount Proposed ( in Lakhs)	Rs. 65,00,000.00/-
Services that may be provided	Improved safe Delivery Service and enhancement of maternal Health/ prevention of maternal deaths.
Targeted beneficiaries	Married, expecting and lactating Mothers consisting of mixed community of Hmar, Vaiphei, Bengali Hindus and Bengali Muslims residing in and around Sibapurikhal, Khangbor, Kachurbali, Moinador, Jeisuo, Savomphai, Lower Kharkhuplien, Chowdhurikhal, Buangmun, Tuisen, Muolkhangthol, Nungsekpunji, Henchungpunji, Phailienthangpunji.

**Construction of Public Community Toilet at PHC Patpuihmun under Vangai Range TD Block.**

As there is no provision for construction of Public Toilets under Health Department and due to non-availability of public toilet for the attendants, visitors and public, a lot of inconvenience is caused to the general public/ attendants. Patpuihmun PHC also suffers from the same problem.

Proposed year of implementation	2023- 2024
Amount Proposed ( in Lakhs)	Rs. 15,00,000.00/-
Targeted beneficiaries	Anyone coming to the PHC from the surrounding Villages of Kangreng, Kh Jeikhan, Lower Kharkhuplien, Ngampabung, Patpuihmun, Phulpui, Sartuinek, Thingkal, Upper Kharkhuplien

**Construction of Rehabilitation Centre along with a Public Community Toilet at CHC Senvon under Tipaimukh TD Block.**

A Rehabilitation Centre is needed for conducting Trainings, Seminars, and Counselling etc. With the introduction of the Adolescent Health Services, Rehabilitation Centre is required to conduct counseling, training, workshop, seminar and recreation etc.

CHC Senvon also suffers from lack of Public Toilet for want of Fund from the State Health Department

Proposed year of implementation	2024 - 2025
Amount Proposed ( in Lakhs)	Rs. 65,00,000.00/-
Services that may be provided	Counselling of Adolescents
Targeted beneficiaries	Villagers mainly from Rovakot, Sipiikon Tipaimukh, Lungthulien, Parvachawm, Leisen, Talan, Serhmun, Taithu will benefit from such a Centre

## PERSPECTIVE PLAN IN SOCIAL SECTOR

Pherzawl District is abundant with natural resources viz Ginger, Orange, Pineapple, Bamboo, Banana, Areca Nut, Broom grass etc. One thing mainly lacking is skill & expertise for value addition of these abundantly available resources and its subsequent marketing. Hence there is an urgent requirement of establishment of Skill Development Training Centres at places where such things are found in abundance as well as at such places where there are large unemployed youths where trades viz Tailoring , Embroidery, Food Preservation and Packaging, basic skills like DTP, hair cutting , Electric Fitting, masonry, Carpentry may be trained. This can help in generating self - employment of the youths who have discontinued studies. Talented youths may also be provided a space through these Hunar Hubs to showcase their talents and skill and also to market their finished items.



Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Name of TD Block	Proposed year of implementation	Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)
1	Establishment of Hunar Hubs at Parbung under Tipaimukh Sub-Division.	Tipaimukh TD Block	2022-2023	35.00
2	Construction of Skill Development Training Centres at Parbung.	Tipaimukh TD Block	2022-2023	100.00
3	Establishment of Hunar Hubs at Taithu under Tipaimukh Sub-Division.	Tipaimukh TD Block	2023-2024	35.00
4	Construction of Skill Development Training Centres at Pherzawl.	Tipaimukh TD Block	2023-2024	100.00
5	Establishment of Hunar Hubs at Savomphai under Vangai Range Sub-Division.	Vangai Range TD Block	2024-2025	35.00
6	Construction of Skill Development Training Centres at Parvachom,	Tipaimukh TD Block	2024-2025	100.00
7	Establishment of Hunar Hubs at Kangrengdhor, under Vangai Range Sub-Division.	Vangai Range TD Block	2025-2026	35.00
8	Establishment of Hunar Hubs at Phailienthang Punjee under Vangai Range Sub-Division.	Vangai Range TD Block	2025-2026	35.00
9	Construction of Skill Development Training Centres at Kangreng	Vangai Range TD Block	2025-2026	100.00
10	Construction of Skill Development Training Centres at Khangbor	Vangai Range TD Block	2025-2026	100.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>675.00</b>

## PERSPECTIVE PLAN IN COMMUNITY & OTHER SECTORS

Youths of Pherzawl District are very fond of sports like their counter parts in the rest of the state. Every year, they hosts several Football Matches with financial support from Local Enthusiast and likeminded citizens. Some of the major annual Events are Hmar Martyrs Trophy and Pherzawl Women's Football Match etc. where Footballers from neighbouring Churachandpur District and even from Mizoram come to play in these friendly matches. These events not only help in nurturing their sporting talent but also sway them away from intoxicants. Many sportspersons have come up to play at the State Level and even at the National Level. It is but natural to provide adequate opportunities in terms of proper Infrastructure, regular Training sessions, talent hunt right from childhood and their proper grooming and exposure etc.

Parbung has several playgrounds out of which the particular ground situated at Parbung Village can be developed with floodlighting and other basic infrastructure. Apart from these, several other playgrounds can be developed with land development and other basic amenities.

### Sports and Allied Sector

Sl No	Name of the Project	Name of TD Block	Proposed year of implementation	Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)
1	Development of Playground at Lungthulien	Tipaimukh TD Block	2022-2023	50.00
2	Construction of Stadium at Parbung	Tipaimukh TD Block	2023-2024	200.00
3	Development of Playground at Khangbor	Vangai Range TD Block	2024-2025	50.00
4	Development of Playground at Savomphai	Vangai Range TD Block	2025-2026	50.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>350.00</b>



### Community Assets:

A Working Women's Hostel at Parbung and Khangbor are highly required. It can serve the dual purpose of a Hostel for Female Government employees serving in the District as well as a Transit Accommodation Centre for Female employees during Field visits requiring stay for more than a week. The term working women may not be strictly confined to Government employees but it can also refer to women entrepreneurs and other women professionals.

The Sadbhavna Mandap is felt necessary in villages/habitations where there is heavy concentration of population. This Mandap can serve multi ferrous purposes.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Name of TD Block	Proposed year of implementation	Amount Proposed (in Lakhs)
1	Construction of Working Women Hostel at Parbung	Tipaimukh TD Block	2022-2023	200.00
2	Construction of Working Women Hostel at Khangbor	Vangai Range TD Block	2023-2024	200.00
3	Construction of Sadhbhavna Mandap at Kangrengdor	Vangai Range TD Block	2024-2025	250.00
4	Construction of Sadhbhavna Mandap at Ngampabung	Vangai Range TD Block	2025-2026	250.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>900.00</b>

### COMPREHENSIVE PERCENTAGE SECTOR WISE PROJECT COST WEIGHTAGE

Sl. No.	Sector	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total Project Cost (in lakhs)	% Sector Wise Weightage
1	Education	195.00	180.00	180.00	40.00	595.00	21.02
2	Health	165.00	65.00	65.00	15.00	310.00	10.95
3	Skill	135.00	135.00	135.00	270.00	675.00	23.85
4	Sports	50.00	200.00	50.00	50.00	350.00	12.36
5	Social Sector: Women Centric	200.00	-	200.00	-	400.00	14.13
6	Community Infrastructure	-	-	250.00	250.00	500.00	17.66
<b>Total</b>		<b>745.00</b>	<b>580.00</b>	<b>880.00</b>	<b>625.00</b>	<b>2830.00</b>	

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## ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

Pherzawl District being located in the remotest part of the State faces deficiency in various aspects and challenges, starting from connectivity issue, exclusivity, lack of Higher Educational Institutes, basic Health Care Institutes, Skill Training Avenues, etc.

A few of the inhabitants from the District have been fortunate enough to be in the upper echelons of the Society. However, a vast majority of the population remains caught in the vicious cycle of extreme poverty and deprivation.

The present proposal looks forward to addressing some of the inherent challenges faced by the inhabitants of Pherzawl District by way of providing better Educational & Health Care Infrastructure, Skilling of the Youths and creating self-employment avenues, providing opportunities for games & sports and bringing out a general upliftment in the living standard of the Pherzawl Denizens.



*Hmar Hills, Pherzawl*



# THOUBAL DISTRICT

## A REPORT

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The district of Thoubal, which occupies the bigger portion of the eastern half of the Manipur Valley, takes the shape of an irregular and triangular with its base facing north. It is bounded on the north by Imphal West and Imphal East district, on the east by Kangpokpi and Tengenoupal districts, on the south by Kakching and Tengenoupal districts.

It is also the window to South-East Asia as the Trans-Asian highway (AH1) passes through it. Through the district pass the international road that leads to Myanmar (Burma) via Moreh and Tammu.

The district came into existence in May, 1983 through a notification of the Government of Manipur and subsequently the Thoubal sub-division of the erstwhile Manipur Central District with all its administrative units was transferred to form a new district under the name of Thoubal with its head-quarters at Thoubal.

The District Administration is led by Deputy Commissioner Shri A. Subhash Singh, IAS with Shri Jogeshchandra Haobijam, IPS as Superintendent of Police. The district is divided into 2 (two) Sub-divisions/C.D Blocks, Thoubal and Lilong.

Total Geographical Area - 324 sq km
Total Population (2011 Census)- 2,86,687
Literacy Rate (2011 Census)- 85%
Distance of District HQ from Imphal- 24 km
No.s of Sub-Division - 2 (Thoubal and Lilong)
No.s of Zilla Parishad - 10
No.s of Gram Panchayats- 25
No.s of Urban Local Bodies- 6
No.s of Assembly Constituencies- 6

*(N.B. The data given above is excluding Kakching District)*

### EDUCATION

Education sector is witnessing a steady growth in the district. Six schools were included in the first phase of "School Fagthansi Mission " and seven schools in the second phase. The enrollment of students have increase from 1,966 in 2019-20 to 2,830 in 2021-22. With the aim to render effective Education to the children, Building as Learning Aid (BaLA) was introduced in various schools. Pass percentage of students in Government schools in the last Board exam have also increased to 86 percent.

### School Fagthansi Mission

1st Phase (2019-20):
1. Lilong Hr. Sec. Madrassa at Lilong A/C
2. Khangabok Hr. Sec. School at Khangabok A/C
3. Sekmai Khumbi High School at Heirok A/C
4. Wangjing High School at Wangjing Tentha A/C
5. New Ideal High School at Thoubal A/C
6. Yairipok High School at Wangkhem A/C

2nd Phase (2021-22):
1. Lamding Hr. Sec. School at Khangabok A/C
2. Eureka High School at Wangjing Tentha A/C
3. Heirok High School at Heirok A/C
4. Thoudam Leishangthem H/S at Thoubal A/C
5. Charangpat High School at Wangkhem A/C
6. Oinam Sawombung High School at Lilong A/C
7. Irong High Madrassa at Wabagai A/C

### Achievement School Fagthansi Mission Rise in Enrolment

Sl. No	Name of School	Enrollment Before (2019-20)			Enrollment Before (2022-23)		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Lilong Hr. Sec. School	255	309	564	482	432	914
2	Khangabok Hr. Sec. School	199	325	524	318	420	738
3	New Ideal High School	88	107	195	144	111	255
4	Wangjing High School	111	117	228	140	121	261
5	Yairipok High School	63	73	136	105	104	209
6	Sekmai Khumbi H/S	142	207	349	200	253	453

### Government Schools Performance in the HSLC Exam. 2022-23 (Thoubal)

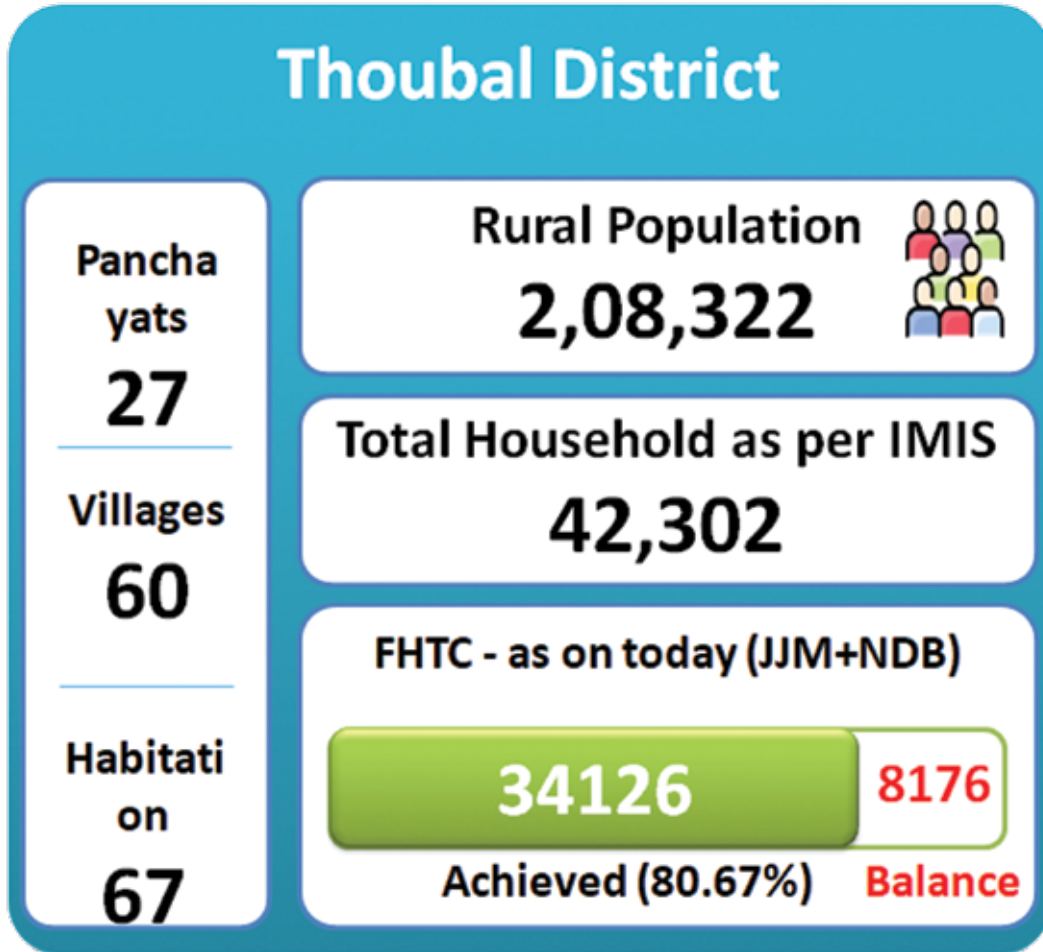
Sl. No.	Level	Stud App	1st Div	2nd Div	3rd Div	Total Passed	Pass %
1	District	1053	660	252	6	918	87.18
2	State	8306	2828	2074	120	5022	60.46

## INNOVATIONS TAKEN UP IN GOVT. SCHOOLS, THOUBAL

1. BaLA (Building As Learning Aid).
2. Details of Staff displayed on all walls of Govt. Schools.
3. Displaying of signages at govt. school toilets indicating Boys and Girls. (This was suggested by Shri Dr. Subhas Sarkar Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Education GoI, when he visited the district on July 4, 2022)
4. Education Excellence Awards for meritorious students, teachers and schools and co-curriculars and sports competitions at the district level.
5. Annual sports and culturals meets, 1st and 3rd Saturday social services at schools



**Water Supply Schemes at Thoubal District under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**



**Providing Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC)**

Total Households under JJM: 25,576
FHTC Provided as on 31/12/22 20,985 (82.05%)
Balance: 4,591



### Providing FHTC - Rural

<b>Total Households under NDB (RURAL): 16,726</b>
<b>FHTC Provided as on 31/12/22: 13,141 (78.57%)</b>
<b>Balance: 3,585</b>



### Providing FHTC - Town

<b>Total Households under NDB (TOWN): 19,936</b>
<b>FHTC Provided as on 31/12/22: 1,147 (5.75 %)</b>
<b>Balance: 18,789</b>



### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, THOUBAL DIVISION

Under the work programme 2022-23, PWD Thoubal Division will improve roads of cumulative length 40km under this fiscal year.

Sl. No.	Road Type	Road Length (in km)	
		Total	Bituminous surface
1	State Highway (SH)	15.50	10.20
2	Major District Road (MDR)	81.03	56.37
3	Other District Road (ODR)	202.80	99.94
4	Inter Village Road (IVR)	373.95	129.38

## RURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (RED), MANIPUR

for PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)  
UNDER TAKEN BY PIU-II THOUBAL, RED

UPTO PHASE -X :	
1.	TOTAL NO. OF WORKS : 39 - COMPLETED
2.	TOTAL LENGTH : 210.50 km COMPLETED
TOTAL NO. OF ROADS = 9	
TOTAL NO. OF BRIDGES = 7	
GRAND TOTAL = 16	
COMPLETED WORKS = 8 (7-ROADS + 1-BRIDGE)	
BALANCE / ONGOING = 8 (2-ROADS + 6-BRIDGES)	

## AMRIT SAROVAR MISSION

UNDER MGNREGA & OTHERS LINE DEPARTMENTS  
OF THOUBAL DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

**AMRIT SAROVAR WORKS OF THOUBAL DISTRICT AS ON 8th JANUARY, 2023**

Targeted Amrit Sarovar upto 15th August, 2023	MG-NREGA Scheme	Scheme With 15FFC (Thoubal Municipal Council)	Scheme With State FC (Thoubal Municipal Council)	Total works taken up till date	Completed	ongoing	Balance [to Complete Targeted nos]
75	57	8	1	66	30	36	9



Construction of public pond at Chandrakhong Awang Leikai, Ward No. 9 (2022-23)



Construction of Public Pond at Kangyambem Lokchao maning leikai ward no.6 (2022-23)

## FINANCIAL INCLUSION SCHEMES

1	PMJJBY (Pradhan Mantri jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana)	17,150 persons enrolled
2	PMSBY ( Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana)	60530 persons enrolled
3	PMJDY (Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana)	140999 persons enrolled
4	APY (Atal Pension Yojana )	4980 persons enrolled

### CAF&PD, THOUBAL PROFILE

From January 2023 to December 2023 the NFSA rice will be distributed at Free of Cost instead of Rs. 3/- per kg where as the PMGKAY will no longer continue from December 2022.

Under NFSA, the Govt. target is to cover 87 % of the total population according to the Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011, and the district has reached 80.46% and remaining 13% are those Family whose annual income is above one lakh.

7,221 AAYCard/Families have registered include 25,390 Beneficiaries and 2,527 Qtls of rice 41,061 PHH card/family and 2,05,296 Beneficiaries have registered and 10,264.8 Qtls of rice distributed per month. All together 12,792.15 Qtls of rice distributed per month.

#### The “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Aanna Yojana” (PMGKAY)

- Under PMGKAY 2,30,686 beneficiaries were covered in Thoubal District. Total 11,534 Qtls of rice were distributed per month.
- This PMGKAY was completed in December 2022 and will not continue in 2023 instead NFSA rice will be provided at free of costs.

#### Distribution of LPG under ‘Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana’

- Under this scheme 14,324 beneficiaries were benefited with LPG gas connection in Thoubal District. Where the connection charges are at free of cost. The scheme was completed in October 2022.

### DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICE, THOUBAL

Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan: It was launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in 272 most vulnerable districts of the country on August 2020. The programme was launched on 15th August, 2020 in Thoubal District by the Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal.

Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan laid special emphasis on the participation of stakeholders such as women, children, educational institutions and civil society organizations.

The campaign was for a period from August 2020 to March 2021. Thoubal District is Awarded 2nd Position in the best Performing in NASHA MUKH BHARAT ABHIYAAN FOR THE YEAR 2020 & 2021

### District Child Protection Unit ( DCPU), Thoubal

It has been functioning since 2014, handling different cases relating to Child in need of Care and Protection and Child in Conflict with Law. The District Child Protection Unit , Thoubal is in charge of Kakching District also. The Unit has conducted 10(ten) awareness, workshop and sensitization programmes. In Thoubal District, 41 children were given financial assistance under sponsorship programme for the financial year 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017. And another 41 children were also given financial assistance under sponsorship for the financial year 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 which was selected by “ Sponsorship and Foster care Approval Committee”.

After Care Program is a provision of care for children with special need after they have reached 18 years and are discharge from children home and special home. 10 (ten) youths are enrolled under the After Care Services in Thoubal District.

11(eleven) COVID semi orphan beneficiaries was given financial support under Chief Minister gi Angangi Tengbang ( Chief Minister Bal Seva).

### ICDS cell thoubal , Social welfare Department

No. of ICDS Project in Thoubal District

Sl. No.	Name of ICDS Project	No. of AWC
1.	Thoubal	674
2.	Lilong	273
	Total:-	947

## HEALTH

Ayushman Bharat/ Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang/ CMHT, the pioneering health assurance scheme initiated by the State Government continues to be popular in demand with the public.

**Total number of CMHT enrollment report Thoubal district as on 4th January, 2023**

Sl No	Dis- trict	Aay Fami- lies	Dis- abled Fami- lies	Local Me- dia Per- sons	News- paper Hawk- ers	Wid- ow Fami- lies	Other poor fami- lies	Ima Mar- ket Wom- an Ven- dors	Anga- wadi Work- ers	ASHAs	Grand Total
1	Thou- bal	4719	945	29	10	1841	10967	1	2	5	18516



### Total number of PMJAY card created in Thoubal district as on 4th January, 2023

Sl. No.	District	Nos. of PM-JAY eligible beneficiary	Total PMJAY Card Created	Total remaining beneficiaries	No. of PC achieved
1	Thoubal	81423	51322	30101	63.3%

### Number of Empanelled Hospitals in Respect of Thoubal Districts along with Service Given to the CMHT/PMJAY Beneficiaries as on 4th January, 2023

Sl. No.	Name of Hospital	Private/Public	Number of PMJAY beneficiaries who avail benefits	Number of CMHT beneficiaries who avail benefits
1	DISTRICT HOSPITAL THOUBAL	Public	451	1212
2	CHC HAOREIBI LILONG	Public	1	1
3	CHC YAIRIPOK	Public	1	1
4	CHC HEIROK	Public	2	1
5	PHC LILONG	Public	0	0

### SURAKHSIT MATRITVA AASHWASAN (SUMAN)

The Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan scheme is an initiative of the Centre where the central government is committed to achieving the target of reducing maternal and infant mortality.

#### SUMAN Beneficiaries

	Mode of Delivery	SUMAN	PMJY	CMHT
JULY 2022	NVD	27		
	LSCS	22	00	01
AUG 2022	NVD	94		
	LSCS	64	01	06
SEPT 2022	NVD	73		
	LSCS	30 (till 12th September)	01	06
OCT 2022	NVD	94		
	LSCS	00	10	17
TOTAL		404	11	30

SUMAN Beneficiaries till Date = 116 ( LSCS )  
= 288 ( NVD )

## Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Jan Aushadi Pariyojana (PMBJP)

### PMBJP Empanelled hospital in Thoubal District

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| 1. District Hospital, Thoubal              |
| 2. Community Health Centre, Heirok         |
| 3. Community Health Centre, Haoreibi Makha |
| 4. Community Health Centre, Yairipok       |



## DISTRICT POLICE THOUBAL

In recognition of massive seizures of drugs by Thoubal Police, the Chief Minister awarded a cash reward of Rs 8 lakh on June 20, 2022. A team of Thoubal police carried out the operation and busted a brown sugar manufacturing laboratory in Moijing Mina Bazar and recovered 222.85 kg of brown sugar worth crores on June 15th, 2022.



Busting of brown sugar manufacturing laboratory at Moijing Mina Bazar



Seizure of 40,00,000 (Forty Lakhs) WY Tablets, Weighing 400(Four Hundred) Kgs Worth Approx. Rs. 400 Crores

Sl. No	Drug Head	Quantity of Seized drugs			
		2020	2021	2022	Total
1	Brown Sugar	477.0315 Kgs	1,141.9763 kgs	348.44kgs	1,967.45 kgs
2	Heroin No. 4 Powder	1.20 kgs	3.3485 kgs	3.3485 kgs	2.1833kgs
3	Opium	10.84 kgs	15.163 kgs	10.15 kg	36.15 kgs
4	WY Tablets	23,846 tabs & 26.875 kgs	4,970 tabs	8804 tabs & 8.125 kgs	37,620tabs & 35 kgs
5	SP Capsule	6,138 caps	15,954 caps	1440 caps	22,092 caps
6	Simplex C+ capsule	720 caps	970 caps		1,690 caps
7	N-10 Tablet		224 tabs		224 tabs
8	Hola-Nitra Tablet	500 tabs			500 tabs
9	Ketamax Injection Bottle	295 bottles			295 bottles
10	Cough Syrup Bottle	5,232 bottles	1,147 bottles	12963 bottles	19,342 bottles
11	Morphinated Liquid	548 litres	131 litres	134 litres	813 litres

**Sl. No. Drug Head Cases registered related with ND & PS Act.**

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Case Registered	Charged Sheeted
1	2020	53	35
2	2021	31	10
3	2022	48	77



Busting of brown sugar manufacturing laboratory at Moijing Awang Leikai with the seizure of 184.5549 Kgs of brown sugar worth approx. Rs. 164.253 Crores

**PRADHAN MANTRI AWAS YOJANA - URBAN PMAY(U)**

Stage-wise Physical Progress of PMAY (U) Thoubal District											
No	Name of ULB	Project	Number of Beneficiaries approved by the Ministry (2)	Started (3)	Foundation (4)	Lintel (5)	Roof (6)	Total in Progress (7 = 3 + 4 + 5 + 6)	Completed (8)	Grounded (9 = 7 + 8)	Non Started (10 = 2 - 9)
1	Heirok NP	(1st Project)	198	26	43	47	9	125	73	198	0
		(2nd Project)	293	2	36	42	1	81	34	115	178
		Sub Total	491	28	79	89	10	206	107	313	178
2	Lilong Thoubal MC	(1st Project)	2203	21	439	498	470	1428	696	2124	79
3	Sikhong Sekmai MC	(1st Project)	709	0	132	243	10	385	324	709	0
		(2nd Project)	800	20	328	194	19	561	12	573	227
		Sub Total	1509	20	460	437	29	946	336	1282	227
4	Thoubal MC	(1st Project)	2661	1	851	737	292	1881	780	2661	0
		(2nd Project)	1520	100	661	231	30	1022	14	1036	484
		Sub Total	4181	101	1512	968	322	2903	794	3697	484
5	Wangjing Laming MC	(1st Project)	709	2	9	70	30	111	598	709	0
		(2nd Project)	1132	3	184	643	80	910	220	1130	2
		Sub Total	1841	5	193	713	110	1021	818	1839	2
6	Yairipok MC	(1st Project)	713	0	101	218	6	325	388	713	0
		(2nd Project)	680	15	167	105	0	287	14	301	379
		Sub Total	1393	15	268	323	6	612	402	1014	379
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>11618</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>2951</b>	<b>3028</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>7116</b>	<b>3153</b>	<b>10269</b>	<b>1349</b>



Financial Progress of PMAY(U), Thoubal District									
<i>Rs in Lakhs</i>									
No	Name of the ULB	Project	1st	2nd	3rd	1st (in Rs)	2nd (in Rs)	3rd (in Rs)	Total (in Rs.)
1	Heirok	1st Project	172	125	57	103.20	75.00	17.10	195.30
		2nd Project	108	59	17	64.80	35.40	5.10	105.30
		<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>168.00</b>	<b>110.40</b>	<b>22.20</b>	<b>300.60</b>
2	Lilong(Thoubal)	1st Project	1932	585	0	1159.20	351.00	0.00	1510.20
3	Sikhong Sekmai	1st Project	702	566	192	421.20	339.60	57.60	818.40
		2nd Project	453	105	1	271.80	63.00	0.30	335.10
		<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1155</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>693.00</b>	<b>402.60</b>	<b>57.90</b>	<b>1153.50</b>
4	Thoubal	1st Project	2553	1775	249	1531.80	1065.00	74.70	2671.50
		2nd Project	475	128	0	285.00	76.80	0.00	361.80
		<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3028</b>	<b>1903</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>1816.80</b>	<b>1141.80</b>	<b>74.70</b>	<b>3033.30</b>
5	Wangjing Laming	1st Project	710	691	540	426.00	414.60	162.00	1002.60
		2nd Project	1127	812	0	676.20	487.20	0.00	1163.40
		<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1837</b>	<b>1503</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>1102.20</b>	<b>901.80</b>	<b>162.00</b>	<b>2166.00</b>
6	Yairipok	1st Project	700	572	302	420.00	343.20	90.60	853.80
		2nd Project	146	0	0	87.60	0.00	0.00	87.60
		<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>507.60</b>	<b>343.20</b>	<b>90.60</b>	<b>941.40</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>9078</b>	<b>5418</b>	<b>1358</b>	<b>5446.80</b>	<b>3250.80</b>	<b>407.40</b>	<b>9105.00</b>

**PRADHAN MANTRI AWAS YOJANA - GRAMIN  
PMAY(G)**

**Physical Progress of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (G)  
upto 6th January, 2023**

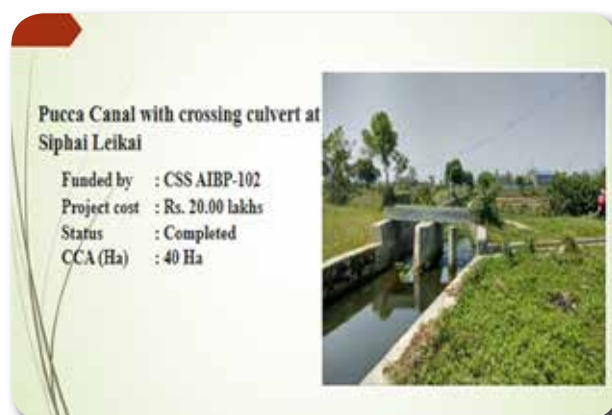
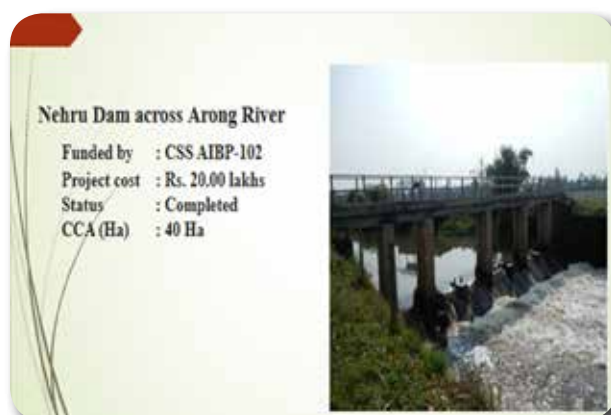
Sl. No	Name of Block	FY 2019-20		FY 2020-21
		Sanctioned during 2019-20	Work/ House Completed	Sanctioned during this year 2020-21
1	Thoubal C.D. Block	200	189	293
2	Lilong C.D. Block	78	60	37
3	Wangjing Tentha C.D. Block	323	306	831
<b>Total</b>		<b>601</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>1161</b>



## MINOR IRRIGATION

### Works taken up in Thoubal District

Sl. No	Source of Funding	No. of works	Physical Progress	Financial Progress	Remarks
1	CSS-Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme(AIBP)-102	71	100%	90%	NA
2	NEC( North Eastern Council)	2	100%	90%	NA
3	CSS-Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchaiyee Yojana- Har Khet Ko Pani( PMKSY HKKP)	13	70%	50%	NA
4	CSS-Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchaiyee Yojana- Har Khet Ko Pani( PMKSY HKKP) ( Ground water	25	90%	30%	NA



## MEEYAMGI NUMIT

District Administration Thoubal, Guided by- Citizen-First-approach has been successfully organising Meeyamgi Numit on the 3rd Friday of every month and if 3rd Friday happens to be a general holiday then it is held on previous working day. Under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Thoubal Shri A. Subhash Singh, the District Administration officials and District Level Officers of various departments have received a grand total of 919 application related to various schemes from July till December , 2022.