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PRESS RELEASE

The Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND), Pune is a non-profit, non-government community organization founded by working as well as retired Manipuri professionals residing in and around Pune (Maharashtra). The Ningol Chakkouba festival, is an age old culture signifying a strong bonding between the "Ningols" and "Pibas" of Manipur society. The festival was celebrated with enthusiasm on Sunday, 15 November 2015 at Officer's Mess, R&DE (Engrs), Vishrantwadi, Pune-411 015.


The festival signifies strengthening of love, affection, bonding and rejuvenating the same amongst the brothers and sisters, parents and daughters and friends. This unique age old festival was organized by AMAND, Pune with the firm objective to foster the spirit of unity, harmony and goodwill amongst the brothers & sisters living in and around Pune. The gathering envisaged promoting the co-existence and social bonding by reaffirming the faith in our traditional values of love and protection of people of Manipur in Pune. The indigenous Chakkouba festival was celebrated with a record turnout of 170 Manipuri's living in and around Pune to be part of this mega event. The event was participated by more than 60 Ningols and Leishabis decorated with traditional Manipuri attire which exhibit rich culture of the State.

The event was highly appreciated by the participants of all age group. Invaluable gifts were offered to all sisters, mothers, boys and girls by AMAND Pune. Brothers of MSAP, the Manipuri Student Community in Pune also offered gift to all sisters and mothers as their token of love and affection. Brothers of AMAND bowed down their heads to all sisters and mothers to affirm their oath for love, affection and care for them. In return, the sisters and mothers exchanges bora (blessings) and hei-lei for good health, prosperity and longevity to their beloved brothers.

On this occasion, AMAND Pune had the privileged to felicitated the Star Football Players from Manipur, Mr. Gouramani, Mr Jackichan, Mr.Gobin and Mr.Lalit who are playing for Pune FC in the ensuing Indian Super League (ISL) Football Championship 2015. In line with the aims & objectives of AMAND Pune, facilitated the young achievers Master Mishal Singh, S/o. (L) Dayamoy Singh who has been selected by DSK International Football Academy, Pune collaborated with Liverpool Football Club of England and Master Ch Brahmaputra Singh, S/o. Mr. Ch Jayanta Singh who won Gold Medal in Inter School State Level Skating Competition 2015 under 14 years.

The event was marked with fun filled pre-lunch as well as post-lunch entertainment programs to the delight of children and ladies was sponsored and conducted by senior Mr. Th. Pakasana Singh, a senior executive member of AMAND. This mega event was coordinated by Dr.Kirankumar Sharma and Mr. Th. Premkanta Singh. Er. Naorem Giridhar, Joint Secretary of AMAND Pune who hosted the venue gave vote of thanks to all the participating families and members of AMAND Pune.

With best Regards,


(Ch Jayanta Singh)
General Secretary,
AMAND, Pune.