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**The Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND) Pune is a non-proit, non-government community organization founded by like-minded working/retired professionals from Manipur residing in and around Pune. The association was founded on the 11th day of September 2011 and is registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 at Pune, Maharashtra (Regd. No. - 643/2012/Pune).**

**AMAND Pune will strive towards improvement of social life of Manipuris residing in and around Pune in particular and every citizen of India in general irrespective of their castes, creeds, communities and religions by fair and amicable means at all times.**

**AMAND Pune will provide a platform for propagating awareness on rights and issues related to social justice among its members by fair means with a goal to enhance communal harmony and national integration.**

## MISSION

**To form a common platform for Manipuri Diaspora in Pune from where issues can be raised and/or problems can be solved together from time to time**

## VISION

**To make this platform a self-sustained,full-edged, non-govt, non-political & non-profit community organization**

# Editor's NOTE



**Dear Reader,**

Welcome to VI edition of AMAND **Memior 2024** where we shine a light on the incredible work being done by AMAND and the impact we are making together. Each story within these pages is a testament to the resilience, creativity, and passion of individuals and organizations dedicated to making a difference.

I would like to thank our editorial board members and our predecessors for their guidance and their constant support. Most importantly, we would like to acknowledge each one of our AMAND family members because of whose participation in every AMAND's event, function and social welfare initiative, we are able to immortalize the beautiful memories in our AMAND Memoir 2024.

In this issue, we explore the AMAND journey from **October 2022 to October 2024**, showcasing various festivities and celebrations, social work activities, academic and extra-curricular achievements of our young AMAND members. Every contribution is a step toward the welfare of our community

As we navigate the challenges ahead, let us remember the power of collaboration and the strength found in diversity. Your involvement, whether through volunteering, advocacy, or simply spreading awareness, is crucial to our mission. Together, we can create lasting change.

Thank you for being a part of our community. We hope this edition inspires you to take action and continue the vital work we all care about.

**Chief Editor**
**Suresh Chingtham**

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# Message from
# Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha

***DR.ANGOMCHA BIMOL AKOIJAM***
*Member of Parliament ( Lok Sabha)*
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***Member:***
***Parliamentary Standing Committee on***
***Education, Women, Children, Youth & Sports***

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**Imphal**

**October 17, 2024**



# MESSAGE

**I am honoured to connect with the Manipuri diaspora of the Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND) Pune and to be invited to the 13th Annual General Meeting cum Cultural Evening 2024, which will be celebrated under the theme "Poknapham Ima."**

**I have a special connection to Pune, Maharashtra, where I spent some of the best years of my youth studying there. To say that the knowledge and experiences I gained in Pune shaped who I am today would be an understatement.**

**Amid the ongoing crisis in Manipur, the Manipuri diaspora in Pune has played a crucial role in raising awareness and standing in solidarity with the people of Manipur. These efforts have made a meaningful impact and touched the lives of many Manipuris.**

**No matter where we are, our love for Poknapham Ima—our motherland, Manipur—remains deeply rooted in our hearts. This enduring connection defines the essence of the diaspora. It is a sense of belonging that transcends borders, binding us through a shared identity that we carry with us wherever we go.**

**One of my favourite lines from a late 20th century Meiteilon song expresses this beautifully:**

***"Ho Ima Poknapham Ima, Nangumbi Leite Ima, Koina Thiduna Lapna Chatuna, Nangumbi Phangloi Ima."***

**I offer my prayers and best wishes for the release of the 6th Memoir of AMAND and the success of the 13th AGM event. I hope this event continues to strengthen the bonds within the Manipuri diaspora**

**Yours sincerely**

**Dr. Angomcha Bimol Akoijam**

*Member of Parliament ( Lok Sabha)*
*Inner Manipur*

# Message from
# Hon'ble Minister of Education/Law and Legislative Affairs of Manipur

***Th. Basanta Kumar Singh***
*(MA, LLB, IPS, Retd.)*
*(Education/Law and Legislative Affairs)*
*Manipur*

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**Imphal**

**October 8, 2024**



## MESSAGE

**It is with great pleasure that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND) in the release of your biennial publication, "AMAND's MEMOIR 2024". This significant occasion, coinciding with your 13th Annual General Meeting cum Cultural Evening in Pune, is a testament to your unwavering commitment to preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of Manipur.**

**The Publication of "AMAND's MEMOIR 2024" marks a milestone in your journey. This memoir not only chronicles the achievements and activities of AMAND but also serves as a beacon of inspiration for the Manipuri community and beyond.**

**May this memoir continue to foster a sense of unity, pride, and cultural appreciation among the diaspora. I wish AMAND continued success in all its future endeavours and look forward to the invaluable contributions this publication will make to the cultural and intellectual landscape.**

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**Th. Basantakumar Singh**

## Message from
## Hon'ble Member of Manipur Legislative Assembly

***Thangjam Arunkumar***
*Member*
*Manipur Legislative Assembly*
*15-Wangkhei Assembly Constituency*

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**Imphal**

**October 8, 2024**



# MESSAGE

**Dear Member of AMAND,**

**It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to the Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND), Pune, on the occasion of your 13th Annual General Meeting cum Cultural Evening, 2024. The theme "POKNAPHAM IMA" resonates deeply, reflecting the profound connection that every Manipuri has with our homeland and our shared cultural roots.**

**In a rapidly changing world, it is crucial to hold on to the values and traditions that define who we are. AMAND's efforts to preserve and promote the rich cultural heritage of Manipur, while fostering a sense of community among Manipuris living far from home, is truly commendable. Such initiatives ensure that our cultural legacy continues to thrive and is passed on to future generations with pride and integrity.**

**The 6th MEMOIR 2024 publication is another wonderful platform to celebrate our collective identity and to reflect on the experiences of the Manipuri diaspora. I am confident that this publication will not only inspire those who read it but will also strengthen the bonds within the community, no matter how far from Manipur they may be.**

**I wish the Association of Manipur Diaspora (AMAND), Pune, continued success in all its endeavours and a memorable and joyous celebration of this year's event. May you continue to be a beacon of our cultural heritage and a source of strength for the Manipuri community.**

**With warm regards and best wishes,**

**Thangjam Arunkumar**

## Message from AMAND President



# MESSAGE

**It is with great pleasure that I extend my heartfelt greetings on the occasion of publishing AMAND's 6th biennial Memoir on our 13th Annual General Meeting (AGM) cum Cultural evening (Poknapham Ima), 2024. This memoir covers not only the journey of AMAND over the last two years but also a celebration of our shared values, traditions, and accomplishments as a vibrant Manipuri community residing in and around Pune.**

**Over the past 13 years, AMAND has grown from strength to strength, becoming a beacon of cultural pride, community support, and collective progress. Our cultural programs, like the one we are going to gather on this 13th AGM cum Cultural evening, embody the spirit of unity, and promote our rich heritage. Whether it is the traditional festivals like Ningol Chakouba, Shajibu Cheiraoba, or Yaoshang, each event has strengthened our collective identity and kept our traditions alive even while far from home. These celebrations have been more than festive gatherings; they are powerful expressions of who we are as a people—deeply rooted in values of family, community, and respect for our traditions.**

**In these times, as we reflect on our journey, it is also crucial to remember our responsibility to our homeland. AMAND has been actively engaged in peace initiatives and humanitarian efforts in response to the recent unrest in Manipur. Our collective efforts—whether it's through fundraising, silent protests, or direct assistance to those displaced—demonstrate our unwavering commitment to the welfare of our people. The Rs. 80,000 donation to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund and the relief materials provided to those affected by the crisis are clear examples of how deeply we are connected to our roots.**

**As we move forward, I call upon all members to continue supporting AMAND's mission of preserving our cultural heritage, fostering unity, and extending a helping hand to those in need. Let us work together to build an even brighter future for our community, not only in Pune but also for Manipuris across the globe.**

**I thank you all once again for your continued support and dedication. Together, we will keep the Manipuri spirit alive and thriving.**

**Long Live AMAND!**
**Long Live Manipur!**
**Long Live India!**



**Shri Kulabidhu Chanam**
**President, AMAND**

# AMAND
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## AMAND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR 2024



The Distinguished Service Award is conferred by the Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND) Pune on the members of the association every two years, who have given outstanding contributions and services towards serving the community of Manipuri diaspora in and around Pune and the society in general.

AMAND recognizes Er. N. Giridhar Singh for the Distinguished Service Award 2024 who has demonstrated dedicated service and an untiring commitment to furthering the development and welfare of the association and its Manipuri diaspora members by giving his personal time and through his infuential leadership and sustained services to AMAND.

Er.N.Giridhar Singh served as the President of AMAND Pune from 2020 to 2022.

# AMAND
# LADIES' CLUB

**The AMAND Ladies' Club (ALC), a women's wing of AMAND Pune, is formed by the ladies of AMAND family to look upon women's issues and have a collective voice of all women.**



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# The 11th AGM cum Annual Cultural Program, "Tamnagi Khonthang" 2022









The Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND) Pune's 11th AGM cum Annual Cultural Program, Tamnagi Khonthang was held on 16th Oct 2022, Sunday at Symbiosis International University, Viman Nagar, Pune. Prof Dr. Vivek Saoji, Honourable Vice Chancellor of Bharati Vidyaeeth Deemed University, and prominent Manipuri Actor-Singer Hamom Sadananda graced the function as the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour respectively. AMAND's President Shri Naorem Giridhar Singh who presided over the function welcomed the august gathering. AMAND Gen Secy, Er. Y. Sanjoy gave a brief account on the 10 years journey of AMAND and the report of its activities during the last two years.

The Chief Guest of the Function Prof. Saoji appreciated the effort of AMAND towards betterment of the society in general and the Manipuris in Pune in particular. He praised the highly qualified members of AMAND who are experts in their own areas of work that they could do all the good work voluntarily to progress the cause of AMAND. He expressed his desire to organise a joint event for the North East community in Bharati Vidyapeeth University in the days to come.

The founder members of the association were felicitated during the function. The Chief Guest handed over a memento, cash prize and certificate to Miss YUIREISING NGALUNG, as winner of the (L) Albert Memorial Award for academic excellence. Sports personnel who have won international medals, students with very good academic performance in Xth, XIIth, Bachelor's and Masters degrees as well as those with extra-curricular achievements were felicitated with young achiever's and motivational awards during the function. The AMAND Distinguished service Award 2022 was conferred to Dr. Huidrom Narendra Singh by the Chief Guest.

The 5th AMAND Memoir 2022 was released by the chief guest during the function.

As part of the AGM, the present president handed over the executive charge to the new executive committee for 2022-2024 followed by the Cultural program. The main attraction of the cultural program was presented by Manipuri Actor-Singer Hamom Sadananda with his crowd pulling performance live songs of the stage.



**1st Meeting of new Executives and office bearers of AMAND & AMAND Ladies' Club (ALC) kicked off at Symbiosis Bhasha Bhavan, Model Colony, Shivajinagar, Pune-16 on 26th November, 2022.**



**AMAND's football Team participated in the 3rd edition of JADONANG MEMORIAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT, held in Pune from 26th to 28th October, 2022.**




# Ningol Chakouba 2022 , Celebrated with Grandeur by AMAND Pune

The Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND) Pune organized the Ningol Chakouba after a two-year pandemic-induced hiatus on Sunday, the 20th November 2022. More than 400 attendees gathered at Don Bosco Youth Centre, Koregaon Park, Pune to celebrate the aged old festival which helps in fostering the filial love between brothers and sisters through a grand feast prepared by the volunteers of AMAND. Manipuri delicacies of the feast includes nga atoiba thongba, nga matum thongba, ironba, singju, ooti and Chak-hao kheer.

Various communities like Tangkhul, Zeliangrong, Chiru, Khasi, Assamese, and Marathi attended the festival showcasing the beauty of their ethnic costumes.  In accordance with Meitei customs and traditions, the Meitei Ningols (ladies) arrived with athenpot (offerings) of yubi, kom kwa, kabok, sitamishri, and other traditional items, symbolizing the beginning of an auspicious year.






**AMAND Calendar Released on 15th January, 2023 at Vimanagar, Pune.**

**Presented AMAND 2023 Calendar and Memoir to Shri Thokchom Satyabrata Singh, Hon'ble Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly by Dr Athokpam Bijeshkumar, Joint Secy. (Imphal) AMAND.**

# 83rd NUPI LAN MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED, 2022.




AMAND Pune commemorated the 83rd Nupi Lan Memorial Day on 10th December 2022, at the Symbiosis Ishanya Cultural and Educational Centre (SICEC) Pune. This event honored the brave women of Manipur who led two major uprisings during 1904 and 1939 against British policies.

The program featured patriotic songs and recitations by children and senior AMAND members. A quiz on Nupi Lan was conducted to give awareness of the history and significance of the women-led uprising particularly among the young minds. Prizes sponsored by Nicabs, Imphal, were given to the winners of the Nupi Lan quiz competition.  Prizes for the AMAND's 2019 and 2022 Ningol Chakouba selfie contests were also distributed during this observation.

# AMAND'S INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY




On March 8, 2023, AMAND organized the International Women's Day with its theme "DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality" at the Clubhouse, Westend Riverview, Aundh, Pune.

Ms Rashitombi Huidrom delivered a talk on "Women Empowerment and Financial Independence through Insurance". Ms Jashiliya Arambam and Ms Sophie Khuman also spoke about employment opportunities as part time or full time in private companies, followed by the interaction of the members of AMAND and AMAND Ladies' Club. Attendees shared with their experiences and highlighted the role of digital advancements in empowering women and promoting gender equality. The need of such fruitful discussions in future and activities promoting women empowerment and commitment to addressing gender disparities was agreed by all

# YAOSHANG 2023 AT DON BOSCO YOUTH CENTRE, KOREGAON PARK, PUNE

On March 25, 2023, AMAND organized "Yaoshang Festival 2023" at Don Bosco Youth Centre, Koregaon Park, Pune. This vibrant celebration aimed to highlight the community's unique traditions and foster a sense of togetherness among the attendees from diverse backgrounds, including children, youth, and seniors. The festival's main attraction was the Thabal Chongba, a traditional Manipuri moonlight folk dance that brought participants together in joyful celebration.



The festival began with the distribution of prizes to the top three winners of the AMAND STEP CHALLENGE 2023, which took place during February 2023. The first three winners were Ms. Eliza Wahengbam, Laishram Rishikanta Meitei, and Mr. Romen Sairem. One of the visiting mothers, Mrs. Oinam Purnimashi Devi presented seven hand-knitted woolen Athenpot covers to AMAND. Food stalls with Manipuri snacks and meals, including Singju, Bora, Kanghou, Kelichana, Tharoi Thongba, Nga Thongba, and Eronba brought back nostalgic memories of our home state from childhood, making the audience feel happy and comfort with no sense of homesickness.









## SUPPORTING MANIPURI WUSHU PLAYERS COMING PUNE (BALEWADI STADIUM) ON 1ST MAY 2023

# SHAJIBU CHEIRAOBA, A UNIQUE TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL, IN PUNE: 23rd APRIL 2023








On April 23, 2023, AMAND Ladies' Club (ALC) organized the aged old traditional ritual cum festival of Shajibu Cheiraoba at Don Bosco Youth Centre, Koregaon Park, Pune. This celebration of the deep bonding between brothers and sisters aimed not only for a prosperous new year ahead but also to preserve Manipur's rich tradition and cultural heritage.

More than 200 Manipuris from Pune and representatives from the Mumbai Manipuri Association came in their traditional attires and attended the event with great enthusiasm. Special meals of Manipuri cuisines were prepared by AMAND volunteers and served lunch to all the attendees. After lunch, members of ALC presented gifts to all the male members present and offered their blessings for prosperity, success and a brighter year ahead.

The event included children's games, a musical chair competition, Thabal Chongba dancing. Local stalls served all by selling Manipuri indigenous food and handicrafts.




**Donation of a sum of Rs 80,000 /- (Eighty Thousand rupees only) by AMAND, Pune to Chief Minister's Relief fund, Manipur, May 2023.**

The Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND), Pune has made a significant contribution of Rs. 80000/- (Rupees Eighty Thousand Rupees only) to Chief Minister's Relief Fund in Manipur (12th May and 21st May 2023), showcasing our solidarity and support to those affected by the recent turmoil in our home state. This initiative of conducting a donation drive for this noble cause among its members reflected the collective effort of working and retired Manipuri professionals residing in and around Pune, who were committed to supporting their home state during challenging times. AMAND's contribution shows their roots remain strong and deeply connected to the land and its people.

# MASS GATHERING FOR PEACE AND HARMONY IN PUNE ON 10TH MAY, 2023

On May 3, 2023, violent discord between the Meitei and Kuki communities in Manipur led to widespread unrest, resulting in casualties, injuries, and internal displacement of thousands. In response to this tragedy, AMAND organized a silent candlelight vigil at Aundh, Pune, on 10th May 2023 to promote peace and unity. Participants voiced a collective call for the immediate restoration of peace in Manipur, demonstrating a strong spirit of solidarity and mutual respect. A two-minute silence was observed during the candlelight vigil in remembrance of the victims affected by the unfortunate incidents.

This event emphasized the significance of unity and compassion across communities, highlighting the role of diaspora organizations in advocating for peace and reconciliation.




# AMAND JOINTLY TOOK PART IN A PEACEFUL PROTEST TO SAVE THE INTEGRITY OF MANIPUR, IN MUMBAI ON JUNE 17, 2023

One peaceful protest was held at Azad Maidan, Mumbai on June 17, 2023 to address the ongoing violence between the Meitei and Kuki communities in Manipur. The protest was organized by World Meetei Council, Maharashtra State Unit in coalition with local Manipuri groups from both Pune and Mumbai. Around 500 participants from various communities gathered to express their solidarity and advocate for peace and justice during the peaceful protest.

Participants at the protest emphasized the dire humanitarian situation, with many taking refuge in various relief camps. Protesters criticized the silence of the Prime Minister of India and demanded immediate intervention to restore peace in the state of Manipur. Slogans such as “No Separate Administration” and “Restore Peace and Beauty in Manipur” echoed through the crowd, underscoring their demand for unity and the protection of their socio-cultural identity.

Speakers during the peaceful protest including Nabakishore Singha Yumnam, Lin Laishram, and Robert Naorem, emphasized the urgent need to restore the constitutional rights of Manipuris as Indian citizens and lamented the neglect of their needs during the crisis. The protest concluded with a strong message demanding urgent action from both the Central and State governments to restore peace and harmony






**Meeting with Pune Police officers - R.Raja, DCP (SB) & Rajendra Salunkhe, ACP (SB). Pune police is ready to help anytime in case of any requirement to maintain safety and peace in the city**



**Supporting Manipuri Rugby Players coming to Pune (Balewadi Stadium) on 18th June 2023**

# SIT-IN-PROTEST AGAINST NARCO TERRORISTS AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN MANIPUR, 26th JUNE, 2023, PUNE.




On June 26th, a sit-in protest led by Meitei Nupi Lup (MNL), Pune took place near the Collector's Office in Pune, drawing attention to the ongoing violence and turmoil in Manipur. More than 100 participants from various communities gathered to call for peace and demand immediate government intervention.
The protest began with a minute of silence to honor the victims of the conflict, which has resulted in over 100 deaths and displaced 60,000 people. Protestors raised slogans such as "We Want Peace in Manipur" emphasizing the urgent need for reconciliation and protection of the region's cultural identity.

Speakers, including Adv. Geetarani Takhellambam and Dr. Jyotsna Angom highlighted the dire situation in Manipur, where educational institutions remain closed and internet services have been suspended for nearly two months. They criticized the government's silence and called for action to restore peace. Personal testimonies from families who fled the violence in Churachandpur added an emotional dimension to the protest, illustrating the human cost of the ongoing conflict.

A memorandum was submitted to the local authorities, urging the Prime Minister and the Maharashtra government to act decisively. The protest concluded with a strong demand for accountability and the preservation of Manipur's integrity and heritage




## ABOUT THE CRISIS IN MANIPUR, A PRESS CONFERENCE BY AMAND, ALC AND MNL IN PUNE




Association of Manipuri diaspora (AMAND), ALC Pune in association with the Meitei Nupi Lup (MNL), Pune jointly organised a press conference in Pune seeking urgent action from both the Central and State governments to restore peace and harmony in the state of Manipur. One memorandum regarding the urgent need of intervention by the central government to the ongoing violent discord between the Meitei and Kuki communities in Manipur was also submitted immediately after the press conference to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi through District Collector, Pune

# 2023 PATRIOTS' DAY OBSERVANCE

Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND), Pune jointly with Manipur Students' Association Pune (MSAP) organized the 132nd Patriots' Day Observation on 13th August, 2023, at MCCIA auditorium, Hadapsar, Pune. The event aimed to commemorate the sacrifices made by our martyrs as well as to honor those who fought for the freedom and rights of the Manipuri people during 1891 Anglo Manipuri war.




Attendees observed a two-minute silence in memory of the martyrs followed by floral tribute to the photos of the great heroes. AMAND members and MSAP students presented patriotic songs and recitations as a part of the observation. The event brought together community members and leaders, fostering a spirit of remembrance and resilience in honor of the martyrs' legacy.



Prizes for painting competition among the kids were also distributed. The observation was concluded with a screening of the Shumang Leela "MAREIBAK NINGBA KOIRENGSANA".

## AMAND'S PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL FESTIVALS (GANAPATI VISARJAN), 2023





On invitation by Jnana Prabodhini Pune, AMAND family members led by Laishram Rishikanta Meitei, General Secretary participated the traditional rituals of Ganpati Visarjan on September 28, 2023. The event aimed to foster community spirit and engage participants in the cultural significance of the festival.




## 127th Lamyanba Irabot Day, 30th September, 2023, Pune

AMAND & Manipur Students' Association, Pune (MSAP) organized the 127th Birth Anniversary of Lamyanba Hijam Irabot, on 30th September 2023 at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Memorial Hall, Koregaon park, Pune. The students and AMAND family members paid floral tribute to the great visionary leader cum social reformer, Jananeta Hijam Irabot.




## CONDEMNING THE KILLING OF INNOCENT STUDENTS **LINTHOINGAMBI & HEMANJIT PUNE.**

AMAND observed a two minute silence Condemning the killing of innocent students Linthoingambi & Hemanjit and paid floral tribute to the departed souls on 27th September, 2023 in Pashan, Pune.




**AMAND was invited at the inauguration of Symbiosis Ishanya Bhavan, Viman Nagar on 7th Oct 2023. AMAND members representing a Manipuri Handloom and Handicraft stall during the inauguration**

## SWEET DISTRIBUTION TO RELIEF CAMPS IN MANIPUR BY JNANAN PRABODHINI






# The 12th AGM cum Felicitation of Young Achievers' Award



The 12th AGM of AMAND took place on October 8, 2023, at the MCCIA Campus in Hadapsar, Pune. The event gathered AMAND members and dignitaries to reflect on the year's activities and plan for the future.

The meeting began with a two-minute silence in memory of those affected by the ongoing unrest in Manipur. In addition to formalities of AGM, a highlight of the event was the AMAND Young Achievers' Award, presented to students excelling in academics and sports.

# RELIEF MATERIALS INITIATIVE BY AMAND FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN MANIPUR, DECEMBER, 2023






AMAND launched an initiative aimed at providing essential support to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Manipur. Collaborating with several organizations viz Jnana Prabodhini, the Rotary Club (Kharadi), Lions Club (Pimpri-Chinchwad), Rubicon Foundation, Manav Darshan Foundation, Leichal Taret Foundation and Meitei Nupi Lup, AMAND successfully dispatched 1,130 kg of relief materials from Pune to Imphal during the first week of December 2023. The relief materials included a variety of essential items, such as blankets, shawls, jackets, hoodies, women's inner wear (1,000 pieces), sanitary napkins (10,000 pieces), socks (500 pairs), locally purchased rice, oil and groceries.  The distribution took place in 35 relief camps by the members of AMAND who are now in Manipur

AMAND extended its sincere gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner of Imphal East, the Airport Director of Imphal, and Indigo Airlines for their invaluable support in facilitating cargo shipment. Their cooperation was crucial to the success of this mission, without which these efforts would not have been possible.

# PUNE SHAJIBU CHEIRAOBA



AMAND Ladies' Club (ALC) organized the aged-old traditional ritual cum festival of Shajibu Cheiraoba at Sonawane Sainik Institute Pune Cantonment, Pune-40. The celebration, marking the transition from the old year to the new, was attended by more than 300 individuals. Attendees adorned with traditional Manipuri attires enjoyed various cultural and entertainment activities. As a part this festival, lunch was served to all with authentic Manipuri cuisines including Nga Atoiba thongba, Nga Ataoba Thongba, Ooti, Eronba, Champhut etc prepared by dedicated volunteers at the venue. The members of ALC presented gifts to all the male members with blessings for a better future on this auspicious occasion.

# 133rd PATRIOTS' DAY, PUNE




The 133rd Patriots' day was jointly organized with Manipuri Students Assn., (MSAP) at MCCIA Auditorium, Hadapsar, Pune 13. Shri Ibopishak Thouna and Shri Meitram Udoi Luwang graced the function as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. Shri Jiten Irom, Vice President AMAND and Shri Thathoiba Thokchom, President MSAP were also present. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the National level essay competition on "Colonial & post Colonial Freedom struggles of the Manipur Kingdom", organized by the MSAP students.

# AMAND
# YOUNG ACHIEVERS, 2024

## Bachelor Degree

**LANCHENBI THOUNAOJAM** — **8.99**
Bachelor of Science
AKI Poona College of Arts,Sc & Commerce
Winner of Late Albert Memorial Award
for Academic Excellence 2024

**SONIKA YUMNAM** — **8.67**
Bachelor of Science
Fergusson College

**PREMI YUMNAM** — **8.50**
Bachelor of Arts
Nowrosjee Wadia College

## Class XII Standard

**LOYA KONSAM** — **89.6**
HSC (Science)
COMET SCHOOL, Imphal, COHSEM

**REHA IROM** — **84.3**
HSC (Science)
The Bishop's Co-Ed School, ICSE

**BEMBI KONSAM** — **80.8**
HSC (Science)
COMET SCHOOL, Imphal, CBSE

**RODDICK YUMNAM** — **80.6**
HSC (Science)
Army Public School, Dighi Camp

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**MANAS SARUNGBAM** — **96.0**
SSC
Vishwajyot High School, Khargar, ICSE

**ISHANYA JOSHI** — **88.2**
SSC
Pawar Public School, Nanded City, CBSE

## EXTRA CURRICULAR PERFORMANCE

**MELVIN SOIBAM**
SILVER MEDAL
World Karate Championship 2024

**ERIC THINGUJAM**
GOLD MEDAL
17th Independent Open Karate Championship 2023

**AAHEN MEITRAM**
GOLD MEDAL
Inter ClubState Level Roller Hockey Competition

**ERIC THINGUJAM**
GOLD MEDAL
2nd Legend's Karate Dojo Championship 2023

**AAHEN MEITRAM**
GOLD MEDAL
World Skating Day Championship 2024

**AAHEN MEITRAM**
SILVER MEDAL
Amdaar Chashak Roller Skating Championship 2023

**AAHEN MEITRAM**
GOLD MEDAL
Persuit Invitational Skating Championship 2024

**AAHEN MEITRAM**
BRONZE MEDAL
3rd SNBP inter School Sports (Skating)
Championship 2024

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