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AMAND Distinguished Service Award for 2022



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 toward serving the community of Manipuri diaspora in and around Pune and the society in general.

AMAND recognizes Dr. Narendra Huidrom for the Distinguished Service Award 2022 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 influential leadership and sustained service to AMAND.

Dr. Narendra Huidrom served as the President of AMAND Pune from 2018 to 2020.

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The Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND) Pune is a non-profit, 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.

VISION

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

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

REGISTERED OFFICE

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Objective

- To create a sense of bonhomie and harmony amongst the people of India in general and Manipur in particular.
- To promote national integration and protect socio-cultural heritage of all castes and communities of India in general and Manipur in particular.
- To act as a catalyst in bringing peace and unity of diaspora, temporary and permanent from the state of Manipur.
- To find and suggest solutions of difficulties faced by the Manipuri diaspora.
- To assist members in getting essential civic amenities and their legal rights.
- To hold and participate in Meetings/Seminars/Workshops/Conferences with a view to exchange ideas and also keep everyone abreast with the latest happenings.
- To contribute to the social, cultural, medical, financial, sports and educational betterment of the Manipuris in general and the members of AMAND in particular.
- To coordinate and collaborate with other organisations having similar objectives for welfare of the Manipuri diaspora in Pune.
- To facilitate in resolving disputes among the members, if any, through amicable means.
- To publish newsletters and periodicals highlighting the activities of AMAND from time to time.
- To pursue with various agencies and authorities, including State and Central Governments, on matters related to betterment of the society.
- To apply for and raise funds, subscriptions and donations in accordance with the objectives and activities of AMAND, subject to the laws of the land.

Message from
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur



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CHIEF MINISTER
MANIPUR

Imphal
October 12, 2022

MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that the Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND), Pune is bringing out the 5th AMAND Memoir 2022.

Manipur has a large diaspora across the country and abroad. As such, the Manipuri Diaspora can play a big role in the development of our State. Their contribution in terms of economic development could go far beyond remittances. They can share valuable experience, knowledge and skills with our people back at home. They can motivate our hard-working youth who have a desire to start their own ventures and business.

I am happy that the Manipuri diaspora living in Pune have also been working towards this end. The AMAND Memoir highlighting their activities would definitely serve as a source of inspiration to our people and our diaspora living in various parts of the globe.

I wish the publication of the 5th AMAND Memoir a grand success.

12/10/22

(N. Biren Singh)

Message from AMAND President



Nungsijaraba Lai Guru Pumnamak (Dear Sirs and Madams),

A warm wishes and hearty congratulation on the publication of 5th AMAND Memoir 2022!

I am honoured to have this golden opportunity to convey my thoughts to all my beloved senior founding members, friends and young spirited members of AMAND on this 5th AMAND Memoir 2022 and 11 years of AMAND journey. Pumnamkpu kok nonduna Khurumjari (My deepest regards to all)!

At the outset, I put my sincere gratitude and deepest regards to our Honourable Chief Minister, Government of Manipur, Shri N. Biren Singh for supporting all the diaspora of Manipur across the globe in general and AMAND Pune in specific by giving us his invaluable goodwill messages and motivation from time to time whenever we needed. Thank you Tamo (Sir Biren).

The journey of AMAND has been arduous, memorable and I shall cherish this little endeavour of mine for the years to come. I am proud to say today, that if any Manipuri student or working professional in Pune has something to look up for, it is AMAND. This has been made possible only by the continuous love and support of all the Manipuris living in and around Pune, in general and the members of AMAND in particular. My sincere gratitude and deepest regards to each one of you.
I am confident that the days are gone where a Manipuri individual or family has to suffer alone in Pune. Thanks to the great ideas of the seniors who led us to this point. Community welfare activities have been the central theme of AMAND through which we could bring members once secluded into a mainstream united diaspora. Ningol Chakouba, Yaoshang Thabal, Cheiraoba, Patriots' Day, Nupi Lan Day, Annual Cultural Program, etc. are some of the much-noted activities AMAND has been spearheadedly organizing every year for the Manipuri community in Pune. I am hopeful that with much capable young members giving impetus to more such activities, the future will even be brighter for AMAND. I am sure AMAND will continue to further the social and inter-community relationship established so far and scale new height in the years to come.

The days ahead are definitely brighter but also going to be more challenging for AMAND. As we do better, the expectations of our stakeholders from AMAND also rises. I, therefore, request the new generation of AMAND leaders to stay focused and innovate. Some of the ideas that we must work in a focused manner is that of building a common forum of Manipuri diasporas across the globe.
We have started working on this in 2021 and AMAND can play a lead role in this direction. One such forum has become inevitable to echo the voice of Manipuris in important policy matters in the regional and global geopolitics.

I wish AMAND Pune and all its well-wishers and members the very best in this endeavour.
Last but not the least, let me put my sincere gratitude and deepest regards to the team of 5th AMAND Memoir 2022 who has worked selflessly to bring out this beautiful Memoir.

Long live AMAND! Jai Hind! Yaiphare!



(Er. Naorem Giridhar Singh)
President, AMAND

Editors' Message

Mayambu Khurumjari!

It gives us immense pleasure to welcome our readers to the **5th Edition** of **AMAND Memoir 2022**, a biannual publication, for which we have been entrusted as Editors. It is an honour that the **AMAND Memoir 2022** will be released during AMAND's 11th Annual General Body Meeting cum annual cultural program "Tamnagi Khonthang".

We 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 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 2022.**

We are proud to present our readers the content of the memoir from October 2020 to October 2022, which captures the completion of the 10 year-journey of AMAND, Distinguished Service Award, various festivities and celebrations, social work activities, and academic and extra-curricular achievements of our young AMAND members.

We believe that reading the memoir will motivate every one of us in participating more events and gatherings that will be organized by AMAND Pune which will foster the spirit of unity and coexistence amongst the Manipuri diaspora in and around Pune.

Cheers to AMAND!



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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. Under the aegis of ALC, various programs were initiated on a vast range of topics related to women such as vaccination programs, health-related awareness programs, and orphanage visits. One such intiative is the launch of "Lamjing Meira," an online talk show for women and by women focussed on women-related issues on the occasion of International Women's Month 2021.

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Young Achievers

Master's Degree 2021

Elangbam Philip Meitei — **89.3 %**
MA (Geography) Pune University

Nandini Chanu Keisham — **89.2 %**
MSc (Zoology) Pune University

Maria Thokchom — **78 %**
MSc (Physics) Pune University

Seiminthang Haokip — **77 %**
MBA Spicer Adventist University

2022

Subhangkar Soubam — **85 %**
MSc (Chemistry) NIT- Imphal

Class XII 2021

Chingkheinganbi Thiyam — **90.8 %**
Rao Junior College of Science
Maharashtra State Board

Lanchenbi Thounaojam — **88.8 %**
AKI Poona College
Maharashtra State Board

Bosco Chanam — **87.2 %**
The Orchid School, CBSE

2022

Riddhi Ningthoujam — **92 %**
Elpro International school
CBSE

Extra Curricular 2021

Nancy Huidrom

WINNER
National Level Quiz Competition on National Science Day by MoEFCC and IITM, Pune

3RD POSITION
National Level Online Essay Competition by Manipur University

Bachelor's Degree 2021

Olyvia Thokchom — **84.6 %**
BSc, Modern College
WINNER- Late Albert Memorial Award for Academic Excellence 2021

Priyanka Thounaojam — **83.6 %**
BSc, AKI Poona College

Yumnam Archana Devi — **81.3 %**
BSc, AKI Poona College

Bidyapati Huidrom — **79.2 %**
BSc, AKI Poona College

Yaikhom Rooney Meitei — **77 %**
BA, Wadia College

Thokchom Mona Devi — **75.5 %**
BA, Wadia College

2022

Yaikhom Sweta Devi — **84.12%**
BCom, Savitribai Phule University
WINNER- Late Albert Memorial Award for Academic Excellence 2022

Class X 2021

Geetanjali Devi Waikhom — **96.7 %**
Bishop Co-ed School, ICSE

Kshetrimayum Paresh Singh — **91.8 %**
DAV Public School, CBSE

Agastya Naorem — **85.6 %**
DAV Public School, CBSE

Namrata Singha — **83.8 %**
Army Public School, CBSE

2022

Katrina Irom — **94 %**
DAV Public School, CBSE

Reha Irom — **92.1 %**
Bishop Co-ed School, ICSE

Gracia Mayengbam — **82.4 %**
Bishop Co-ed School, ICSE

Chitrangada Chingakham — **82.4 %**
The Orchid School, CBSE

Sports Personnel with International Accolades 2021-22

S/Cadet O. Jubraj Singh
SILVER MEDAL
Junior Commonwealth Fencing Championship at London (2022)

S/Cadet Ch. Jetlee Singh
GOLD MEDAL
Senior Commonwealth Fencing Championship at London (2022)

S/Cadet K. Denny Singh
BRONZE MEDAL
Junior Asian Fencing Championship at Tashkent (Uzbekistan) (2022)

S/Cadet L. Jackson Singh
BRONZE MEDAL
Junior Asian Boxing Championship at Jordan Amman (2022)

S/Cadet M. Jadumani
GOLD MEDAL AND BEST BOXER
40th Golden Gloves Vojvodina International Youth Men Tournament at Serbia (2022)

Orbituaries

Our heartfelt respect to AMAND fellow members who have left us for heavenly abode.
The departed souls will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family members.

"Those we love can never be more than a thought away; for as long as there's a memory, they live on in our hearts".



(Late) Shri Ningombam Brojendro Meetei
passed away on 15th January 2022.
He is survived by his wife
Smt. Binzee Ningombam and three daughters.



(Late) Smt. Aongom ongbi Priyobala Leima
passed away on 17th May 2021.
She is survived by her husband
Shri Angom Surjit Meetei and two daughters.



(Late) Shri Lolindro Lourembam
passed away on 23rd April 2021.
He is survived by his wife
Smt. L. Ibethoi (Jaya) Devi and two daughters.



(Late) Shri Binoykumar Singha
passed away on 09th April 2021.
He is survived by his wife
Smt. Bemcha Singha and a daughter.

9th AGM

AMAND celebrated its 9th AGM cum Annual Cultural Program for the completion of its glorious nine years of service and support to the Manipuri diaspora in Pune in particular and the society in general. The program was held on Sunday, 4th October 2020 via the Zoom platform and was streamed live on AMAND Facebook page. It was hosted virtually by Ms. Nancy Huidrom from Pune, Maharashtra.



AMAND President, Dr. Narendra Huidrom welcomed the AMAND family members who had participated from across the country. Dr. Narendra released the 4th edition of the biannual "e-AMAND Memoir 2020" and spoke about AMAND's journey since its inception in 2011 to the present day and how AMAND's unshakeable values and principles have led to the strong and steady growth of the association.

AMAND General Secretary, Dr. Niraj Meitram presented a detailed report of the two-year AMAND activities (2018-20) and especially spoke about the leadership, coordination, grit, and selfless sacrifices of AMAND executives who worked together in achieving the mammoth task of helping the stranded 1,500+ Manipuri diaspora in Pune (during the COVID-19 lockdown) to reach Manipur. Dr. Niraj wholeheartedly spoke about how AMAND members worked together as an indomitable team and helped succeed in coordinating between the governments of Manipur and Maharashtra for the Pune–Jiribam Shramik special train which helped reached the stranded Manipuris back home safely.

The cultural program included live musical concert from Imphal by various Manipuri artistes of Tamna Sanggai Records as well as traditional dances by members of AMAND family from different locations. There were also other activities such as AMAND Talent Hunt for young kids and the acknowledgement of achievers from AMAND family in the field of academics, sports, and arts.

AMAND Information & Publicity Secretary Shri Kulabidhu Chanam proposed the vote of thanks of the program.

81st Nupi Lan cum Exchange of AMAND Office Bearers

On Saturday, 12th December 2020, AMAND Pune observed the 81st Nupi Lan at the auditorium of ELTIS-SIFIL, Symbiosis International University, Pune to pay homage to Manipur's brave women souls who revolted against the unjust British policies in two incidents of 1904 and 1939. Er. Sanjoy Yurembam gave a brief presentation along with a quiz on Nupi Lan.

Additionally, the program for the official handing-taking over of charges of the executive body of AMAND from the term 2018-2020 to the new term 2020-22 also took place. The outgoing AMAND President Dr. Narendra Huidrom presided the program and presented the third "AMAND Distinguished Service Award 2018" to WO Pakasana Thounaojam (Retd.). AMAND President for the new term 2020-22, Er. Giridhar Singh Naorem along with the new office bearers undertook the oath to take the mission of AMAND Pune to new heights in the years to come.

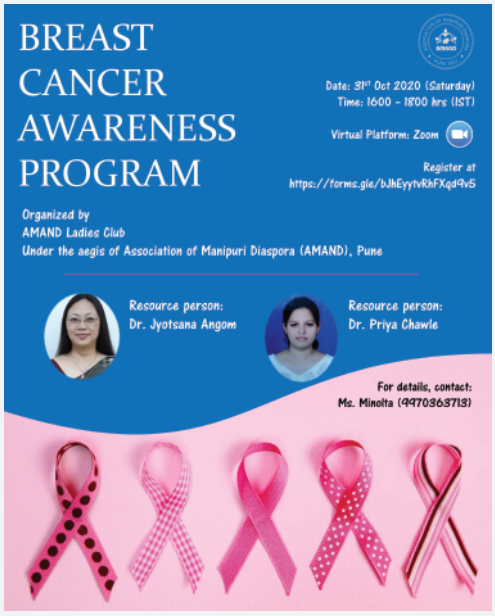




Breast Cancer Awareness Program

On Breast Cancer Awareness Month, AMAND Ladies' Club (ALC) organized the "Breast Cancer Awareness Program" on Saturday, 31st October 2020 on a virtual platform via Zoom, which was attended by 50 participants from across the country. The main theme of the program was about the general awareness, early detection, prevention and treatment of breast cancer. The program began with an introductory remark by Smt. Vijaya Namram, ALC Vice President.

Dr. Jyotsna Angom (Obstetrics and Gynaecology Specialist) and Dr. Priya Chawle highlighted how a simple self examination and general awareness can prevent breast cancer and the emphasis on the early detection of the disease. One of the AMAND members, Smt. Pushpita Aheibam (breast cancer survivor) shared her experiences on how she coped after the diagnosis and treatment and led a normal life.



Lamjing Meira
AMAND LADIES' CLUB TALK SHOW

On International Women's month, AMAND Ladies' Club (ALC) launched "Lamjing Meira", an online talk show for women and by women focussed on women-related issues on Tuesday, 23rd March 2021. Smt. Vijaya Namram proposed the apt name of the show "Lamjing Meira" and was awarded the winner of the theme name competition.

The first guest of the show Professor S. Sanatombi Singha (Vice-Chancellor, Manipur University), who is the first woman to hold such a prominent position in the history of Manipur University, highlighted and stressed upon women's upliftment and empowerment. She spoke about the importance of women to work upon empowering one's sense of self-worth and the role of women in the development of a wholesome family. She thanked ALC and AMAND for creating such a platform.

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TALK SHOW

A talk show for women and by women on women-related issues



In conversation with
Prof. S. Sanatombi Singha, VC, Manipur University



NEW VISION RAINBOW HOME

Orphanage Visit

On 7th March 2021 (eve of International Women's Day), the AMAND Ladies' Club (ALC) organized an orphanage visit to New Vision Rainbow Home (Mangalwar Peth), Pune, which is a residential home for girls of poor single parents. Grocery and stationery items and sanitary pads as well as used books and used clothes were donated to the young girls.

ALC President Smt. Tarunibala Khumanthem spoke about ALC and the significance of International Women's Day. Miss Madhuri Gaikwad, Manager of the shelter, thanked ALC and AMAND for the generous donation.



Calendar Release

AMAND released the 2021 Manipuri calendar (Thapalon) at the residence of AMAND President, Er. Giridhar Singh Naorem, on Saturday, 9th January 2021. Er. Singh thanked Shri Ibopishak Thouna, Santosh Thouna, and the calendar designers Shri Premeshor and Shri Boyai.

Felicitation of Sr. Men's Manipur Hockey Team

The AMAND senior members, including Er. Giridhar Singh Naorem, Dr. Huidrom Narendra, Th. Pakasana, Angom Surjit, and Waribam Ranjan, had visited the Major Dhyanchand Hockey Stadium (Nehru Nagar-Pimpri Chinchwad) Pune on 15th December 2021 to support and cheer for the Sr. Men's Manipur Hockey team. The Manipur hockey team had participated in the 11th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship which was held from 11th to 17th December 2021. The officials and players of the team were felicitated by the AMAND members with a Lengyan (Manipuri scarf) and a bouquet.



7th International Yoga Day

On Monday, 21st June 2021, AMAND, Pune organized the 7th International Yoga Day, with more than 50 participants, through the Zoom platform which was broadcasted live on AMAND Facebook page. The yoga session was conducted by Smt. Preeti Thockchom (renowned Yoga Instructor) with Surya Namaskar along with a series of asanas.

AMAND President, Er. Giridhar Singh Naorem thanked Smt. Preeti Thockchom, the participants and program coordinator, Er. Y Sanjoy Singh.



82nd Nupi Lan Memorial Function



AMAND observed the 82nd Nupi Lan memorial function on Sunday, 12th December 2021. The function was organized at the residence of AMAND President, Er. Giridhar Singh Naorem. The event was shared live with AMAND members who participated via the Zoom platform.

Shri Soubam Subhachandra Singh, AMAND Vice President, welcomed everyone. AMAND members paid floral tribute to the Nupi Lan Memorial statue by those physically present at the venue. Er. Singh narrated and shared his views on the Nupi Lan incidents of 1904 and 1939. AMAND senior members also emphasized in the need for remembering the great uprising of the women of Manipur against the unjust British policies, which had ultimately set new roads for social and administrative reforms in Manipur in the 1940s.

Felicitation of All India Kung-Fu Federation Members

The Board of Committee members for All India Kung-Fu Federation, Dr. (Sifu) Thokchom Norendro Singh and Dr. (Sifu) Huidrom Romen Singh visited Pune as Special Guests for the 6th National Kung-Fu Championship and School Game Kung-Fu Orientation Training Camp 2021. The program was organized by Shaolin Traditional Kung-Fu Association, which was held at Netaji Subhashchandra Bose Boys' Military School & Junior College, Pulgaon, Pune from 25th to 29th October 2021. The AMAND senior members, including Er. Giridhar Singh Naorem, Dr. Huidrom Narendra, Shri Irom Jiten and Shri Angom Surjit, visited and felicitated the committee members with a Lengyan on 28th October 2021.



10th AGM







On Sunday, 26th September 2021, AMAND's 10th AGM cum Annual Cultural Program "Melei Charong" was organised from two physical venues – one was from Imphal (Manipur) hosted by General Secretary Er. Sanjoy Yurembam and the second was from Pune (Maharashtra) hosted by AMAND President Er. Giridhar Singh Naorem from the residence of Adv. Geetarani Takhellabam – and the event was streamed live on AMAND Facebook page. AMAND senior member Dr. Narendra Huidrom proposed the well-chosen theme name "Melei Charong" and was unanimously awarded the contest winner.

AMAND President, Er. Singh welcomed all the participants of the program who had joined from across the globe. Er. Sanjoy presented the General Secretary report and spoke about the 10-year journey of AMAND. All the participants observed a two-minute silence in memory of (Late) Lolindro Lourembam and (Late) Priyobala Angom.

The cultural program included live musical concert from Imphal by various Manipuri artistes such as Mangka and other performances such as traditional dance and children's fun activities by members and children of AMAND family and well-wishers who participated from various locations. Ms. Olivia Thokchom was awarded the Late Albert Memorial Award for academic excellence (2021).

The Chief Guest Shri Yumnam Khemchand Singh (Hon'ble Speaker of Manipur Legislative Assembly) praised AMAND and highlighted his profound appreciation for the noble job that AMAND contributed in coordinating the Pune–Jiribam Shramik Special train in 2020 that brought stranded Manipuris back home safely to Manipur during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Guest of Honour Shri Yurembam Iboyaima Singh (President, Manipur Tourism Development Society) appreciated the honourable deeds of AMAND. Shri Kulabidhu Chanam, Information & Publicity Secretary, proposed the vote of thanks of the program.

130th Patriots' Day

AMAND, Pune observed the 130th Patriots' Day on Friday, 13th August 2021 at the residence of AMAND President, Er. Giridhar Singh Naorem, which was attended by many Manipuri families from across the nation via the Zoom platform. The observation started with a group patriotic song, which was followed with a welcome speech by Er. Singh.

There were audio-visual displays of various activities such as patriotic songs, essay writing, poetry, dance, and paintings performed by young children of AMAND family below 15 years of age. Dr. Narendra Huidrom vividly elaborated the answers to the inquisitive quiz questions based on Patriots' Day. All the children received a certificate and a gift from AMAND.



AMAND Calendar Release





On Saturday, 1st January 2022, the calendar released function was held at the residence of AMAND President, Er. Giridhar Singh Naorem and the event was shared live with AMAND members via the Google Meet platform.

Er. Singh welcomed the participants and the Chief Guest Shri Ibopishak Singh Thouna (an eminent astrologer of Manipur) who wrote the Meetei Thapalon (calendar) for 2022 as per Pune's geographic longitude and latitude. On the occasion, Shri Ibopishak appreciated AMAND's initiatives and contributions towards the social and community welfare for the Manipuri diaspora in Pune.

The Chief Guest released the 2022 Meetei Thapalon (calendar) in its digital format from Imphal, and simultaneously, AMAND President along with AMAND senior members and designers released the physical copies from Pune.

SHAJIBU CHEIRAOBA







The AMAND Ladies' Club (ALC), a women's wing of AMAND Pune, organized Shajibu Cheiraoba 2022 on Sunday, 10th April at the Don Bosco Youth Centre, Koregaon Park, Pune. Attended by about 200 people, including women, men, and children dressed in elegant Manipuri traditional attires, the festival fostered the spirit of unity and coexistence amongst the Manipuri diaspora in Pune. The attendees were Manipuri families and individuals settled in and around Pune, Mumbai, Talegaon, and Ranjangaon.

ALC President, Smt. Tarunibala Khumanthem welcomed the attendees and thanked the event sponsors — 3C IT Solutions & Telecoms India Pvt. Ltd., Pune; Keithel Organic Outlet, Pune; S Salon, Pune; Emung Pvt. Ltd., Imphal; and Lucky Entertainment Group, Pune.

The main attraction of the event was the presentation of the khudol pot (gifts) to all male attendees by the ALC members and the seeking of blessings from male elders. Everyone enjoyed the delicious Manipuri cuisine prepared by AMAND volunteers.

Visit to Jnana Prabodhini for Ganeshotsav Celebration

AMAND was invited to be a part of Jnana Prabodhini's Ganeshotsav celebration on Tuesday, 6th September 2022 at Janana Prabodhini Prashala. AMAND members Shri Sarat Irom, Smt. Tarunibala Khumanthem, Smt. Babuni Laishram, Shri Jagjit Mutum, Smt. Suranmala Mutum, Ms. Rashitombi Huidrom and Ms. Anju Arambam attended the Ganeshotsav celebration. The AMAND members interacted with the office bearer of Jnana Prabodhini, Smt. Preeti Mandar Chandrachud and exchanged information about AMAND and Jnana Prabodhini. Smt. Tarunibala Khumanthem and her family members performed the Load Ganesha aarti.



Visit to Jnana Prabodhini



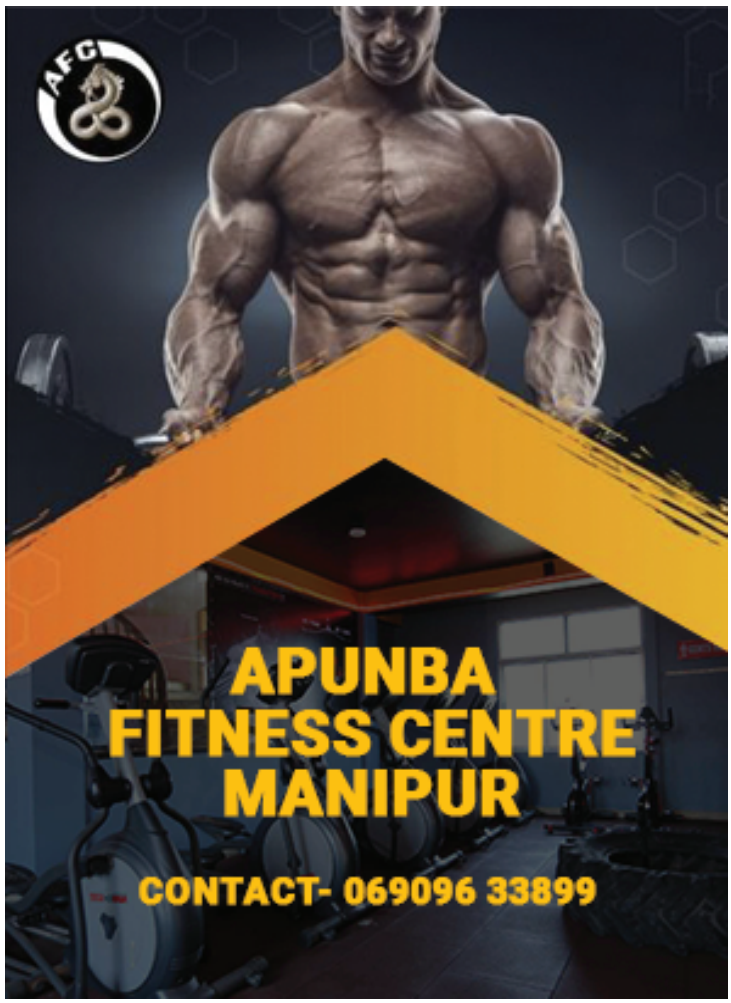
AMAND was invited to be a part of an interactive cultural exchange session and to share the rich Manipuri culture on the theme of national integration by Jnana Prabodhini for its karyakarta within the age group of 18 to 24 years.

Dr. Narendra Huidrom, Smt. Bala Huidrom, Er. Giridhar Singh Naorem, Smt. N. Subhashini, Er. Yurembam Sanjoy Singh and Shri Laishram Rishikanta Meitei attended the cultural exchange session on Sunday, 2nd October 2022. After the interactive session on Manipuri culture with the students, the AMAND team interacted with the office bearers Er. Anirudha Wagh, Mr. Ashutosh Barmukh and Shri Mitesh Achwal about working together with AMAND in the future to further enhance the cultural exchange between Maharashtra and Manipur.

Visit to SNBP College for Silver Jubilee Celebration



AMAND senior members led by Flt. Lt. W. Jugindro Singh (Retd.) visited SNBP International School and Junior College, Yerawada, to attend its silver jubilee cultural function on Sunday, 2nd October 2022. During the function, Flt. Lt. W. Jugindro Singh (Retd.) and AMAND senior members were felicitated by the SNBP College Principal Smt. Rashmi Shukla. The AMAND team also interacted with Vice Principal Smt. Regina Louis Rodricks.



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AMAND Meeting with Manipur University Students at VAMNICOM Pune

A team of 30 students pursuing their Master of Vocation led by Dr. Ksh. Narayan along with two other faculty members of the Department of Vocational Studies & Skill Development, Manipur University (MU), visited VAMNICOM, Pune, from 5th to 9th May 2022 as a part of their residential collaborative training program.

AMAND senior member Dr. Narendra Huidrom mediated between VAMNICOM and MU and made the MU students' Pune tour a smoother process, which was almost cancelled due to logistic challenges. Smt. Roshni Meisnam also helped in arranging the students' industrial visit for which she was felicitated with a Lengyan by the MU faculty members. Shri Suresh Chingtham and Dr. Niraj Meitram along with their family members visited VAMNICOM campus and interacted with the MU faculty members and students.

National Handloom Expo, Pune

The National Handloom Expo 2022 was held from 18th April to 1st May 2022 at Raga Lawn Koregaon Park Annexe, Mundhwa, Pune, organized by the Directorate of Handlooms & Textiles, Government of Manipur. About 80 weavers/exhibitors from Manipur took part in the exhibition to promote the rich traditional Manipuri handloom and textile products.



The Chief Guest of the inaugural function, Hon'ble Shri Umesh Gaikwad (Corporator of Koregaon Park & Vice President of City Development Committee, Pune) appreciated the unique Manipuri handloom products.
Shri Thokchom Basanta Singh (General Manager of Manipur Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd. Imphal) thanked AMAND for supporting the exhibition.



Interaction with Winning MTU Team of Smart India Hackathon



The Manipur Technological University (MTU) team, led by Dr. Nongmaithem Anand Singh (HoD Civil Engineering Dept. of MTU, Imphal) had come to Pune to participate in the Smart India Hackathon championship held at MIT Loni, Pune, from 25th to 29th August 2022. The MTU team bagged the 1st prize in the championship for the problem statement "Heritage and Culture". The AMAND senior members led by Dr. H. Narendra visited and congratulated the winning MTU team on 31st August.

Diabetes Myths and Facts A Health Awareness Workshop

On Sunday, 19th June 2022, the health awareness workshop "Diabetes Myths and Facts" was conducted by Leichal Taret Foundation, Pune and was organized by AMAND Pune at the Auditorium of Spicer Adventist University (SAU), Pune.

100 registered beneficiaries were given free basic diabetes parameter screening. AMAND President, Er. Giridhar Singh Naorem welcomed the gathering. This was followed by felicitation of invitees, dignitaries and resource persons of the workshop. After this, Smt. N. Subhashini (Certified National Diabetes Educator), Dr. Jyotsna Angom (Obstetrics and Gynaecology Specialist) and Smt. Sangeeta Sinroja (Qualified Fitness Trainer) conducted technical sessions of their respective fields.

Dr. Yesu Simon, Registrar, SAU, Pune appreciated Leichal Taret and especially thanked AMAND for conducting health awareness workshops in the SAU campus every year.



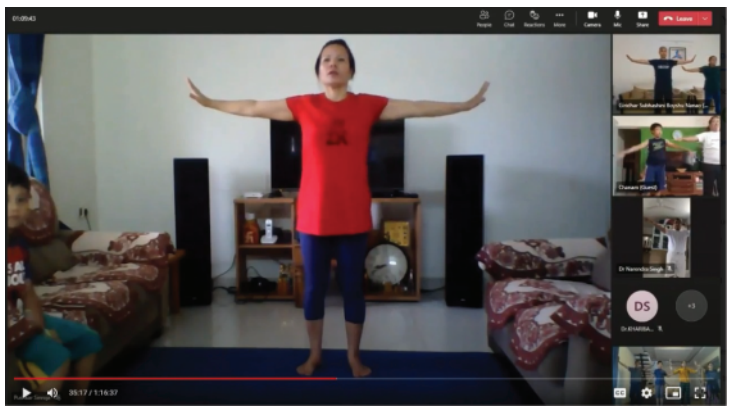




8th International Yoga Day

On 21st June 2022, AMAND organised the 8th International Yoga Day with an online yoga session conducted by yoga instructor Smt. Sangeeta Sinroja. Several AMAND members participated the session online.

AMAND President Er. Giridhar Singh Naorem welcomed the participants. Shri Pritam Konsam proposed the vote of thanks and presented a memento to Smt. Sangeeta Sinroja.



Online Training Program "Learn Meitei Mayek"

AMAND senior members Dr. Narendra Huidrom and Shri L. Rishikanta Meitei conducted an interactive online training program from Saturday, 4th December 2021 to Sunday, 9th January 2022 on weekends with its theme "Learn Meitei Mayek". A total of 46 registered participants ranging from the age of 9 years to 57 years working professionals were provided Meitei Mayek books for the training program.

A final examination was conducted on Sunday, 9th January 2022 where MM Nawaz Sharif Choudhury ranked first with a score of 82%. It was a successful training program where all participants could read and write Meitei Mayek by the end of the program duration.

AMAND Meeting with Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Education







AMAND senior members and office bearers, including men and women, had a brief meeting with Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Education, Govt. of India, Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh. The meeting was organised at the backdrop of the 4th Convocation ceremony on Saturday, 8th October 2022 at the World Peace Dome, MIT World Peace University in Loni Kalbhor, Pune, Maharashtra.

The AMAND team members introduced themselves and felicitated the Hon'ble Minister of State with a Lengyan (Manipuri scarf) and a bouquet. The senior members had an informal discussion with the Hon'ble Minister on certain socially important concerns for Manipuri diaspora such as the construction of a hostel for Manipuri students in Pune and the possibility of seat reservation at educational institutions in Maharashtra for admission in various graduate and post-graduate courses. The senior members also briefed the Hon'ble Minister about the academic activities initiated by AMAND such as weekend tutorial on Meitei Mayek for a 12-week duration.

The Hon'ble Minister noted the concerns and realized from the meeting about the zero existence of a Manipuri library due to non-availability of a physical building for the Manipuri community in Pune. Dr. Ranjan concluded the meeting with an assurance that he will remind the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur for the construction of a building which can be used as a students' hostel or a library or a cultural activity place for the Manipuri community in Pune.

131st PATRIOTS' DAY OBSERVATION

The 131st Patriots' Day 2022 was observed on Saturday, 13th August at the Auditorium of Symbiosis International University, Viman Nagar campus, Pune. The function was organized by AMAND Pune, in association with Symbiosis Ishanya Cultural & Educational Centre (SICEC) and partly funded by North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India.

13th August was observed to pay tribute to the martyrs of Manipur who sacrificed their lives defending the sovereignty of their motherland in the Anglo-Manipur War of 1891. More than 300 attendees attended the function and paid floral tribute to the martyrs. AMAND President, Er. Giridhar Singh Naorem welcomed the gathering and spoke about the selfless sacrifices of the Manipuri brave hearts.











"Mareibak Ningba Koirengsana"

The theatre play "Mareibak Ningba Koirengsana", specifically designed for the 131st Patriots' Day Observation 2022, was premiered by 27 artistes of **Manipuri Theatre Academy (MATA)** as the main part of the observation. The standing ovation at the end of the play was a testimony to its reception by the audience.

Shri Sarungbam Beeren Singh, the Director of the play, was felicitated with traditional gifts by Er. Singh. All the MATA artistes were also felicitated by Dr. Narendra Huidrom and Shri Pakasana Thounaojam. Shri Beeren thanked AMAND for organizing the function, and on behalf of MATA, he felicitated Flt Lt. W.J. Singh (Retd.), Major K.Y. Singh (Retd.), W.O. T. Pakasana Singh (Retd.), Dr. Narendra Huidrom, Shri Jiten Irom, Shri Kulabidhu Chanam, and Er. Singh.

AMAND's
10-YEAR JOURNEY

2020-22

- Key Player in Providing Welfare Measures to NE Communities During Pandemic
- Initiated a Common Forum for Manipuri Diasporas across the Globe

2018-20

- Well-Planned Annual Activity Calendar
- Expansion of Social Initiatives – ASHA, Paothang, Edu Aid
- Recognition by PMC

2016-18

- Established Partnership with Private & Govt Institutes
- Key Stakeholder among NE Communities
- Gained Community Trust - Crossed 100+ Members

2014-16

- Organized First Major Cultural Event – Blue Hills
- Kicked Off Major Social Welfare Initiatives
- Increased Our Visibility - Crossed 60+ Members

2011-14

- Formed Initial Platform by 13 People
- Kicked Off Social Gathering
- Played a Vital Role in Addressing Social Issues Eg. Exodus of NE People 2012