

SPEECH OF DR. NAJMA HEPTULLA, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR AT THE RELEASE FUNCTION OF ICCR, SHILLONG PUBLICATION BOOK "DANCE BOUQUET" EDITED BY DR. KHANGEMBAM KHONI ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2019 AT RAJ BHAVAN, IMPHAL

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Friends from Media,
Distinguished Invitees,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me an immense pleasure to be with you all today on the occasion of release of a book titled "Dance Bouquet" edited by Dr. Khangembam Khoni. 'Dance Bouquet' is a book based on the 3 Day International Symposium on dance and music held at Manipur University campus and MFDC auditorium which was jointly organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Regional Office, Shillong in collaboration with Dept. of Dance and Music, Manipur University and Manipur University of Culture, Imphal in the month of March, 2019. The Symposium had a brainstorming session with participation of senior artistes/students from Manipur and renowned artistes from India and abroad. I am sure that this book which is basically a content of all the proceedings of the Symposium will be of great help in understanding the Manipuri dance and other dance forms to the students of both the Universities. The efforts made by the ICCR, Shillong for coming up with such a book in collaboration with Manipur University and Manipur University of Culture deserve appreciation. The relentless effort for compilation of this book made by Dr. Khangembam Khoni is quite commendable and praiseworthy by all.

With these few words, I feel indeed pleasure to release the book "Dance Bouquet".

Thank you.

Jai Hind.