

SPEECH OF SHRI LA. GANESAN, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF
MANIPUR ON THE INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF "3-DAY
FESTIVAL OF MANIPURI DANCE & MUSIC" ON 24TH
NOVEMBER, 2021 AT INDIA PEACE MEMORIAL,
MAIBAMLOTPA CHING, NAMBOL, BISHNUPUR DISTRICT

Dr. Th. Radheshyam Singh ji, Hon'ble MLA,

Shri Dilip Mayengbam, National Awardee,

Shri P. Bilash Singh, Director, JNMDA,

Distinguished personalities in the field of dance and music,

Distinguished Invitees,

Friends from Electronic and Print media,

Brothers and Sisters,

I am, indeed, very happy to be here this evening amongst you all at the inauguration of a three-day long Festival of Dance and Music, organized by the Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy. My greetings to you all especially to those who had taken the trouble to organize this wonderful festival here at a sacred place of Japanese War Memorial.

Dance and Music is the art or practice of movements of physical bodies (or their depictions) in which motion, form, or both are specified. I am also very happy to know that Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, first constituent Unit of Sangeet NatakAkademi, New Delhi established in 1954 has been relentlessly making efforts as the apex body in the field of performing arts in the country in general and the State in particular, preserving and

promoting the vast intangible heritage of India's diverse culture in the form of music, dance and drama. I would like to express my gratitude to the Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal for taking the lead to organize this Festival here.

Manipur is well-known for its rich cultural heritage not only in the country but overseas. Manipur is almost synonymous with dances and music. Dancing for the sake of dancing was almost unknown here. The occasion of dances in Manipur is the changing of seasons and the objective is devotional. I have also been given to understand that artistes from this State have given more than thousand shows in our country and several countries abroad and have brought commendation and recognition from various foreign countries.

Organization of such festival will help in enhancing the popularity of Manipuri dance and music and I strongly believe that during the festival many renowned Gurus of the State will have tremendous opportunities to exchange their valuable views for promoting the diverse cultural activities of the country in general and the State in particular.

I, once again, thank the organizers for inviting me to this important festival and wish the festival a grand success.

Thank you all,

Jai Hind.