

SPEECH OF SHRI LA. GANESAN, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR ON THE OCCASION OF RELEASE OF SPECIAL COVERS ON UNSUNG HEROES OF MANIPUR ON 13TH OCTOBER, 2021 AT RAJ BHAVAN, IMPHAL.

All the Officials under the Postmaster General of North East Circle,
Distinguished Special Invitees,
Dear relatives of Unsung Heroes of Manipur,
Friends from Electronic and Print Media,
Brothers and Sisters,

It gives me great pleasure to release 4 (four) Special Covers of the Department of Post on the Unsung Heroes of Manipur who without any hesitation sacrificed their lives for the Motherland.

Mother India saw the sacrifice of millions of leaders and freedom fighters to defend and free Her from the clutches of the British tyranny. The struggle which started with the death of Mangal Pandey and the great rebellion in 1857 finally ended on August 15th, 1947 when India emerged as an independent Nation.

Even in this tiny State of Manipur, people will never forget the sacrifices made by these leaders to uphold our freedom. However, amidst our praises for the greatest of the leaders, known and unknown, we often forget the contributions of some unsung heroes.

These freedom fighters were as fierce as others, had the courage to stare death in the eyes, and at last dedicated their lives for the cause of Independence. We all know their names but often fail to recall them. So, let us pay tribute to these freedom fighters by devoting some time for them.

The efforts of the office of the Postmaster General, North East Circle to have four Special Covers of the Department of Posts on the unsung Heroes of Manipur like Thangal General, Bir Tikendrajit, Paona Brajabashi and Haipou Jadonang who sacrificed their lives for the State are, indeed, commendable and praiseworthy. I am fully confident that these four covers will earn popularity not only in the North East States but in all the States of our country.

I, once again, thank the Department of Posts for inviting me to release these Special Covers of Unsung Heroes of Manipur on this solemn occasion.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.