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FROM THE DESK OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



It gives me immense pleasure to write this message for the inaugural issue of the Dhanamanjuri University Newsletter which will be available both in print and as a digital edition. This marks a significant milestone in the life of our young and dynamic institution. A university is not merely a place where knowledge is transmitted but a vibrant community where ideas are exchanged, collaborations are nurtured, and growth is continuous. In this spirit, the newsletter will serve as a vital channel of communication, connecting various stakeholders including students, faculty, researchers, alumni, and the broader academic and civil society with the life and aspirations of Dhanamanjuri University.

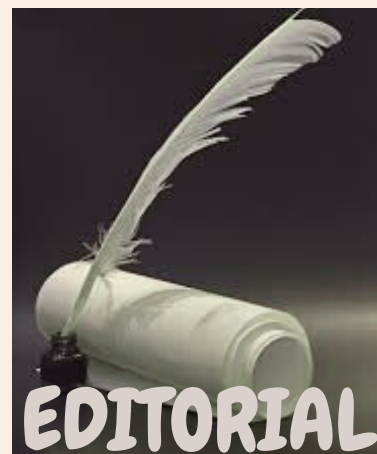
The newsletter is envisioned as a platform that will not only account the achievements and activities of our university but also reflect the shared spirit of inquiry, collaboration, and community that defines Dhanamanjuri University. In an age of visibility and transparency this newsletter will provide a platform for introspection and dialogue. From highlighting academic achievements, conferences, workshops, and seminars, to celebrating the cultural vibrancy and extracurricular dynamism of our students, the newsletter aims to capture the multifaceted life of the university. It will also serve as a record of the tireless efforts of our faculty and staff, whose dedication forms the backbone of our institutional progress.

I take this opportunity to thank the Editorial Board, faculty coordinators, student contributors, and all those involved in bringing this issue to life. Their commitment to accuracy, creativity, and representation has ensured that this publication reflects the diversity and vitality of our university. I also encourage all departments, centres, and units of the university to actively contribute to the newsletter to its future issues.

In the years to come, I envision the newsletter evolving into a repository of ideas and an archive of our growth, both academic and institutional. It can also become a tool for outreach, inviting collaboration with other universities, industries, and civil society organisations who may come to know us better through these pages.

As we celebrate the launch of this inaugural issue, let us continue to work together to uphold the values of academic excellence, inclusivity, and service that define Dhanamanjuri University. In conclusion, I extend my warmest congratulations to the entire editorial team and all contributors. May this initiative grow in scope, impact, and richness with every issue.

Prof. W. Chandbabu Singh
Vice-Chancellor, DMU



With immense pride and joy, we present the inaugural edition of the Dhanamanjuri University Newsletter. This first volume marks a significant milestone in our collective journey as a vibrant academic community. The newsletter is the brainchild of our Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. W. Chandbabu Singh, whose vision and guidance have been instrumental in bringing this platform to life.

This publication is conceived as more than just a record of events, it is a living reflection of the intellectual, cultural, and social activities that animate our university campus. From academic achievements and research breakthroughs to student initiatives and community outreach, the DMU Newsletter aims to capture and represent the dynamic spirit of our university. The vision is also to encourage critical academic thinking and pedagogical innovations, cultivating an environment where ideas are shared, challenged, and developed across the wider university community.

Equally important, the newsletter aspires to serve as a medium of communication among all stakeholders including students, faculty, administrators, alumni, collaborators and the society at large. In doing so, it will help promote greater transparency, engagement, and a shared sense of belonging within the DMU family.

As we launch this first issue, we warmly invite members of the university community to contribute to future editions. Your activities, research updates, creative works, and campus insights are what will make this publication truly representative and meaningful.

We look forward to your support and active participation in making the DMU Newsletter a lasting platform that chronicles the aspirations and achievements of our university.

Editorial Team



Dhanamanjuri University

Dhanamanjuri University (DMU), Manipur was formally established under The Dhanamanjuri University Act, 2017, which came into effect on 6th April, 2018, through a notification published in the Manipur Gazette by the Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Manipur. The Dhanamanjuri University Bill, 2017, was passed by the Manipur Legislative Assembly on 3rd August, 2017. The University was created as part of the National Scheme, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), fulfilling one of its core objectives: the upgradation of colleges into cluster universities.

The establishment of Dhanamanjuri University represents the realisation of a long-cherished vision nurtured by the founding fathers of modern Manipur, inspired in spirit and legacy by Maharani Dhanamanjuri. A pioneering figure in the history of education in the state, Maharani Dhanamanjuri's enduring contribution to higher learning was memorialized through the naming of the University.

Dhanamanjuri University comprises of five premier constituent colleges namely DM College of Arts, DM College of Commerce, DM College of Science, Ghanapriya Women's College, and LMS Law College. These institutions, occupying contiguous or neighbouring premises, were clustered to form the University under the RUSA framework.

Presently, DM University operates from the DM College campus, strategically located in the heart of Imphal city. The campus is bordered by National Highway No. 2 to the east, Thangmeiband Road to the west and north, and the Naga River to the south. Ghanapriya (GP) Women's College is situated to the southwest of Kangla, the ancient royal palace of Manipur, adjacent to the Raj Bhavan. LMS Law College lies directly opposite the DM Campus, across National Highway No. 2.

Dhanamanjuri University, through its establishment and continued development, aspires to become a centre of academic excellence, rooted in cultural heritage and responsive to contemporary educational needs.

DMU 7th Foundation Day

Dhanamanjuri University (DMU), Manipur, commemorated its 7th Foundation Day on 6th April, 2025 at the auditorium of DM College of Commerce. The event was graced by Vice Chancellor Professor W. Chandbabu Singh; eminent filmmaker and retired faculty member of DM College of Arts and Commerce, Shri Aribam Syam Sharma; and former Vice Chancellors of the University namely Shri Hawaibam Deleep Singh, Shri M. Harekrishna, Professor N. Rajmuhon Singh, and Dr. Gyan Prakash Singh.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Professor W. Chandbabu Singh, in his presidential speech, addressed the multifaceted challenges currently confronting the University. He emphasized the urgent need for infrastructural development, particularly highlighting the lack of basic facilities and stated that addressing these deficiencies would be a top priority for the University administration.

The Vice Chancellor outlined plans to strengthen campus security, including proper fencing of the University premises to ensure a peaceful and disturbance-free environment conducive to academic pursuits. "Only in a secure and serene campus can students and faculty dedicate themselves to teaching, learning, and research." He also stressed the significance of effectively implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to enhance the University's academic standing and national ranking.

Renowned filmmaker and academician Aribam Syam Sharma, who graced the function as the Chief Guest recalled the legacy of the erstwhile DM Colleges of Arts, Commerce, and Science, stating that they had produced numerous distinguished alumni who contributed significantly in various fields. He underscored that the growth and elevation of the University require a unified and dedicated effort from all stakeholders, including the administration, faculty, and student community.

As part of the function, the cultural troupe of DMU which represented the university at the 38th AIU Inter-University Zonal and National Youth Festivals performed three prize winning events – Folk Orchestra, Western Group Song and Cultural Procession.



STUDENT VIBES AND CAMPUS CHRONICLES

Dhanamanjuri University Shines at 38th AIU Inter-University North-East Zone Youth Festival “Tarang Utsav” 2024-2025

Dhanamanjuri University, Manipur, showcased exceptional talent and cultural vibrancy at the 38th AIU Inter-University North-East Zone Youth Festival, “TarangUtsav,” held from 27th to 31st January, 2025. Hosted by The ICFAI University, Tripura, under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi, the festival brought together 802 participants from 23 universities across the Northeast region.



Highlights of Dhanamanjuri University's Achievements:

- 1st Position in Cultural Procession

Dhanamanjuri University captivated audiences with a vibrant and thematic cultural procession, earning the top spot among 23 participating universities.

- 2nd Position in Western Group Song

The University's ensemble delivered a harmonious performance that resonated with both judges and spectators.

- 4th Position in Western Vocal Solo

A solo performance that showcased vocal prowess and stage presence, securing a commendable fourth place.

- 5th Position in Installation Art

Creative expression through installation art earned the university a spot among the top five.

- 5th Position in Folk Dance

A dynamic folk dance performance highlighted the rich cultural heritage of the region.

These accolades reflect the university's dedication to promoting cultural excellence and the hard work of its talented students and faculty.

Dhanamanjuri University's stellar performance across multiple categories underscores its commitment to nurturing artistic talent and cultural engagement.

Dhanamanjuri University Excels at the 38th AIU Inter-University National Youth Festival 2024-2025



Dhanamanjuri University, Manipur, brought pride to Manipur by securing second position in both the Western Group Song and Cultural Procession (Group B) categories at the 38th AIU Inter-University National Youth Festival 2024–2025. The prestigious event, titled “Amity Utsav”, was hosted by Amity University, Uttar Pradesh (Noida Campus) under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi, from 3rd to 7th March, 2025. Competing among 123 universities from across the country, the team from Dhanamanjuri University stood out with their exceptional talent and cultural expression.



Their harmonious performance in the Western Group Song captured the audience’s hearts, while the colourful and dynamic representation in the Cultural Procession (Group B) showcased the rich traditions and spirit of Manipur. This national-level achievement is a testament to the university’s commitment to nurturing creativity, cultural heritage, and student excellence. Heartfelt congratulations to the entire contingent for their remarkable success and for showcasing the vibrant essence of the Northeast on a national platform.

DMUSU Election 2025

Since its establishment on 6th April, 2018, under The Dhanamanjuri University Act, 2017, Dhanamanjuri University (DMU) had operated without a formal students’ union. In response to this gap, postgraduate students initiated the Dhanamanjuri University PG Students’ Association in 2024. This body actively represented student interests and advocated for the creation of a constitutionally recognized student representative organization.

With the demand of the students, on 4th April 2024, in the absence of an approved constitution, an ad hoc body titled Dhanamanjuri University Students’ Union was constituted. Office bearers were nominated from among class representatives to ensure continuity of student representation and to facilitate the drafting of a formal union constitution.



A draft Constitution for the Dhanamanjuri University Students’ Union was prepared by the then Dean, Students’ Welfare and Cultural Co-ordinator and submitted to the authority for approval. Following deliberations and revisions, the draft was formally approved on 7th February, 2025.

Following the newly ratified Constitution, the first election of DMUSU office bearers and Class Representatives of 22 departments for the 2024–25 academic session was conducted on 12th April, 2025. Election procedures adhered strictly to the constitution’s provisions regarding eligibility, nomination, campaigning, voting, and result declaration.

The inaugural DMUSU office bearers and class representatives were sworn into office on 19th April 2025 in a ceremony held at the Multipurpose Hall, D.M. College of Science, DMU. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Professor W. Chandbabu Singh, officiated as the first Administrator of the Oath of Office and the first Patron of the Dhanamanjuri University Students’ Union.

Inauguration of 100-Bedded Girls' Hostels

Dhanamanjuri University took an important step toward improving its infrastructure and supporting inclusive education with the inauguration of the **100-Bedded Scheduled Caste Girls' Hostel** on 25th April 2025 at the University Campus. The project, implemented by the **Manipur Minority and OBC Economic Development Society (MOBEDS)**, was formally inaugurated by Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, His Excellency the Governor of Manipur, reaffirming the government's continued commitment to enhancing access to higher education for marginalized communities.



Following the formal inauguration, His Excellency the Governor visited various facilities within the campus, including the research laboratories, where he interacted with faculty members. A high-level discussion was also held at the Conference Hall of the University, focusing on the prevailing issues and challenges faced by Dhanamanjuri University. The Governor was apprised of the University's academic progress, infrastructural requirements, and strategic plans for future development.



The University community expressed its deep appreciation for the support and encouragement extended by the Hon'ble Governor and the Government of Manipur towards enhancing educational infrastructure and promoting inclusive growth in higher education.



Another **100-Bedded Girls' Hostel** was also inaugurated at G.P. Women's College by the Hon'ble MLA R.K. Imo Singh on 19th April, 2025. The hostel is constructed under the **OBC Boys and Girls Hostel Scheme, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India**.

Dhanamanjuri University Week 2025

The Dhanamanjuri University Week 2025 was successfully held from 19th to 28th May, 2025. Organised by the Dhanamanjuri University Students' Union (DMUSU) 2024-25, the week-long celebration featured a wide range of sports and cultural events, bringing together the university community in a spirit of camaraderie and festivity.

The celebrations commenced with a three-day Sports Meet, inaugurated with an exhibition football match between teachers and students, which served as the opening event. The Sports Meet, held at the D.M. College of Science ground, witnessed enthusiastic participation from students grouped into six houses representing the postgraduate departments. Following the Sports Meet, the Freshers' and Cultural Meet was organised at the Multipurpose Hall, D.M. College of Commerce.



The first day featured the much-anticipated Mr. and Miss DMU competition, while the second and third day showcased a vibrant array of cultural performances, including dance and music competitions, highlighting the rich talents of the students.

The University Week was formally inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. W. Chandbabu Singh, in the presence of the Dean of Students' Welfare, the Cultural Coordinator, and the Assistant Director of Sports, DMU.

The Dhanamanjuri University Week 2025 served as a dynamic platform for students to display their athletic skills and cultural talents, with a strong sense of unity, creativity, and institutional pride.

KEY DECISIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

MoUs with IBSD, Takyelpat and NIT, Manipur

Dhanamanjuri University signed two Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) in the Month of May, 2025, with an objective to develop cooperation and collaboration with different institutions.

On 13th May, 2025, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Professor W. Chandbabu Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Dhanamanjuri University (DMU), Manipur, and Dr. H. Nanaocha Sharma, Director, Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), Takyelpat.

Another Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formally signed between Professor W. Chandbabu Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Dhanamanjuri University (DMU), Manipur, and Professor D.V.L.N. Somayajulu, Director, National Institute of Technology (NIT), Manipur, on 21st May, 2025, with the objective of developing mutual cooperation to enhance academic excellence and promote advanced research and development.



Among many agreements the MoUs outline a comprehensive framework for collaborative engagement between the institutions, encompassing the following key areas:

- Exchange of Laboratory Facilities to support academic and research needs across undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes.
- Joint Organization of Conferences, Workshops, and Short-Term Courses to facilitate academic interaction and capacity-building.
- Collaborative Sponsored Research, Development, and Consulting Activities, aimed at engaging in research or development programs.
- Exchange of Faculty Members, Scientists, and Administrative Staff to promote inter-institutional learning and professional development.
- Intellectual Property Rights (IP): to honour each other's intellectual property rights.
- Ph.D. Registration of DMU regular Faculty member at NIT Manipur.

The MoU is effective for a period of five (5) years from the date of execution and includes a clause for automatic renewal for an additional five-year term unless terminated by either party.

These strategic partnerships are expected to significantly strengthen the academic and research landscape of Dhanamanjuri University, facilitating interdisciplinary collaboration and enhancing institutional visibility at the national level.

7th Academic Council Meeting

The 7th Meeting of the Academic Council of Dhanamanjuri University, Manipur was convened on the 29th of May, 2025, at the Central Hall of D.M. College of Science, DMU. The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. W. Chandbabu Singh, and deliberated on several key academic and administrative matters. Among the various resolutions adopted, notable mention may be made of the following:

1. Approval of University Journals

The Academic Council granted approval for the publication of the Journals under Arts Stream, Science Stream, Legal Studies and Business Studies.



2. Introduction of Postgraduate Programmes

The Council approved the proposal to introduce new postgraduate programmes subject to the availability of adequate faculty, infrastructure, resources, and the requisite approval from the Government of Manipur

3. Approval of Research and Development Policy

The Academic Council also approved the proposed Research and Development Policy of Dhanamanjuri University.



Constitutional Approvals and Cultural Frameworks

- Constitution of the Dhanamanjuri University Students' Union (DMUSU) approved on 7th February, 2025.
- Constitution of the Dhanamanjuri University Cultural Committee (DMUCC) approved on 9th April, 2025.
- Formation of Dhanamanjuri University Cultural Club and its accompanying policy approved on 20th June, 2025.

Individual Achievements



Mrs. Kangjam Devishri, Assistant Registrar (Administration), DMU, Manipur, has been granted a German Patent for her research work titled "A System for Extracting Glacier Boundaries Using Multiparametric Analysis." The patent recognises a novel methodology developed for accurately delineating the boundary of the Zemu Glacier using a combination of multi-parametric analytical technique.

Dr Arambam Noni, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, DMU has been Appointed as an Honorary Fellow, April 2025, at the Centre for Multilevel Federalism, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi. The institute is a member of the International Association for Federal Studies.



Dr. Khoirom Johnson Singh, a faculty member of the Department of Electronics, Dhanamanjuri University has been selected for the prestigious "Outstanding Reviewer Award 2024" by IOP Publishing, England

These achievements are significant milestones that not only highlights the real-world relevance of academic research but also brings recognition and prestige to Dhanamanjuri University on the international stage.

Arrest of Offenders: Recent Judicial Trend

by N. Brajakanta Singh

Introduction

Manipur recently witnessed different forms of protests over the arrests of Kamgingthang Gangte, a Kuki National Army leader from Moreh town and Arambai Tenggol leader Kanan Singh from Imphal on different grounds by security forces. Kuki civil society groups alleged “arbitrary arrest” of Kamgingthang Gangte, who is an accused in the murder case of Manipur Police Officer Chingtham Anand with a sniper rifle in October 2023 and called a shutdown in Tegnoupal district where Moreh is located. Kanan Singh is the main suspect in the attack on the house of Additional Superintendent of Police Moirangthem Amit and the subsequent kidnapping of the senior police officer in February 2024. The arrest of Kanan Singh has been challenged before the High Court of Manipur. In this short article, the author examines the various legislative provisions relating to arrest as provided in the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS). It also analyses a recently passed landmark judgment of the Supreme Court of India preventing abuse of law relating to arrest.

Procedural safeguards relating to arrest

Although section 35 of the BNSS empowers the police to effect arrest of offenders, section 36, inter alia, obligates every police officer while making an arrest shall—(a) bear an accurate, visible, and clear identification of his name which will facilitate easy identification;

(b) prepare a memorandum of arrest which shall be—

(i) attested by at least one witness, who is a member of the family of the person arrested or a respectable member of the locality where the arrest is made;

(ii) countersigned by the person arrested; and

(c) inform the person arrested, unless the memorandum is attested by a member of his family, that he has a right to have a relative or a friend or any other person named by him to be informed of his arrest.

Further, section 48 mandates following obligations:

(1) Every police officer or other person making any arrest under BNSS shall forthwith give the information regarding such arrest and place where the arrested person is being held to any of his relatives, friends or such other persons as may be disclosed or mentioned by the arrested person for the purpose of giving such information and to the designated police officer in the district.

(2) The police officer shall inform the arrested person of his rights under sub-section (1) as soon as he is brought to the police station.

(3) An entry of the fact as to who has been informed of the arrest of such person shall be made in a book to be kept in the police station in such form as the State Government may, by rules, provide.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Magistrate before whom such arrested person is produced, to satisfy himself that the requirements of sub-section (2) and sub-section (3) have been complied with in respect of such arrested person.

Recent Judicial trend

Very recently, the Supreme Court has delivered a landmark judgment in the case of *Vihaan Kumar v. The State of Haryana*, (Crl. A. 621/2025). A bench comprising Justice Abhay S. Oka and Justice Nongmeikapam Kotiswar Singh delivered the judgment on 7 February 2025. In the instant case, the appellant was arrested on 10 June 2024 for offences under various sections of the Indian Penal Code. The Appellant challenged his arrest claiming that he was arrested at 10:30 AM on 10 June 2024 and produced before a magistrate on 11 June 2024 at 3:30 PM, alleging a violation of Article 22(2) of the Constitution (failure to produce within 24 hours). He further contended that the grounds of arrest were not communicated to him, breaching Article 22(1). The State, however, asserted that the arrest occurred at 6:00 PM on 10 June 2024, complying with the 24-hour rule, and that the grounds were orally communicated.

Allowing the appeal, the Supreme Court declared that the Appellant’s arrest illegal due to non-compliance with Article 22(1). The Court ordered the Appellant’s immediate release, quashed all subsequent remand orders. The Court held that communication of grounds must be meaningful and effective, preferably in writing, to avoid disputes. The State argued that the filing of a chargesheet validated the Appellant’s custody. The Supreme Court rejected this and held that constitutional violations at the arrest stage cannot be cured by subsequent procedures. The Court reasoned that once an arrest is vitiated under Article 22(1), continued detention based on remand orders or trial proceedings remains unlawful. Justice Kotiswar categorically held that the mandate of Article 22(1) is not merely procedural but a fundamental safeguard to protect liberty under Article 21. Justice Kotiswar ruled that written communication of grounds is essential to ensure the arrestee can meaningfully challenge detention and seek legal remedies. Justice Kotiswar further noted that statutory provisions such as Section 50 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Section 47 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023) and Section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 operationalize this constitutional right, making non-compliance a fatal illegality.

Justice Kotiswar held that informing the arrestee's relatives or nominated persons about the arrest and its grounds was not a "mere formality" but a critical mechanism to enable the arrestee's circle to act swiftly — such as arranging legal aid or bail — to actualize the right to liberty. By linking this statutory duty to Article 21, he held that the failure to communicate grounds in writing to both the arrestee and their representatives undermines the very purpose of constitutional safeguards, rendering the arrest unlawful.

Conclusion

It is true that arrest of an accused is a part of the investigation and is within the discretion of the investigating officer. The obligation to inform a particular person of an arrest, public records of arrested persons, and stricter guidelines on the treatment of arrested persons demonstrate a trend toward increasing police activity supervision, which is a welcome step in the direction of preventing arbitrary arrest. This system has been designed to prevent abuses of power by providing that no arrest takes place in isolation, and all actions taken by the police are documented and monitored. It can be safely concluded that the judiciary, particularly the higher judiciary of the country have a zeal to safeguard the precious rights of people from violation by unscrupulous police personnel and other authorities and we hope the same zeal is also prevailed in the district judiciary, where the accused persons are produced after arrest.

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Impact of Frequent Internet Shutdowns in Manipur

by Sorokhaibam Guneshwori Devi

Internet shutdowns or suspension of internet services, while not a recent phenomenon, has escalated in the last few years in many parts of the world. Globally, internet shutdown occurred 296 times in 2024 and 283 times in 2023 as reported by The Hindu (Feb 2025). By definition, internet shutdown is an 'intentional disruption' of internet services imposed by government agencies on certain populations or regions. Other terms used to describe such situation includes 'internet outage' or 'internet blackouts'. In the present digital age every aspect of human civilization has adopted the use of technology, making access to internet essential in empowering people. With access to internet any person in any part of the world can share information, gain knowledge, learn new skills, establish communication or conduct businesses. Consequently, for many government agencies the act of banning internet serves as a powerful measure to govern or at times control and censor the citizens.

In recent years, Manipur has found a spot among the top states in India in terms of frequent internet suspension. According to an article published by Scroll.in, the internet ban that persisted from May till December of 2023 due to the ethnic clashes that broke out on 3rd of May, 2023, has become the world's longest internet shutdown. As per reports the ban lasted for more than 5,000 hours. The following years 2024 saw the ban of internet during the month of November and December. Manipur continues to be affected by internet outage as recent as June 2025. It is hard to measure in accurate numbers the cost of internet shutdown borne by Manipur's economy as most analysis is done at national levels. An article published by 'The News Minute' in June 2023, claimed that internet suspensions in the state of Manipur and Punjab cost the Indian economy an estimate of 1.9 Billion dollars, out of which 118 million dollars were loss in foreign investments. Another article published in June 2025 by 'Imphal Times' mentions that Internet Society and SFLC.in has estimated a loss of 1.9 million per hour in India in the event of internet suspensions. Frequent internet blackout has affected Manipur's reputation as a digitally connected state. Investors and recruiters alike are discouraged from investing in projects or holding interviews in Manipur. Import and export of goods and services get delayed due to lack of fast communication and accessibility. This imposed digital isolation remains a main cause in the decline of Manipur's tourism and hospitality industry.

From disrupting educational and academic activities to depriving employments and livelihoods, the impact of internet suspension on Manipur's socio-economic condition is quite evident. The post-covid economy relies heavily on online medium; whether it is online classes or work-from-home, students and employees alike use internet on a daily basis. With internet suspensions, students face trouble while checking exams or college admissions notifications. In this competitive age students from Manipur are at a disadvantage without access to online courses, mock-test or study-materials. On the university level, with no access to internet, academic activities like conferences, seminars and workshops had to be postponed multiple times. During the internet shutdown many employees working from home for national and international companies struggled to keep their jobs. Job aspirants were unable to submit job applications or give online interviews. Moreover with the rise of social-media marketing and online shopping culture in Manipur many youths are exploring new business ventures to generate a self-sustaining economy. Many local businesses like online booksellers, florist, bakers, cloud kitchens, food delivery services, etc that runs solely online suffered heavy losses. India's goal of achieving cashless transactions and digital payments become unattainable in a state like Manipur with frequent internet bans. On such occasions there is no scope for internet banking, online transactions, UPI or credit payments.

This recurrent curbing of internet has been justified time and again citing unrest in the state. In most instances the primary goal of the government is to prevent the spread of misinformation that sensationalize the issues. However the fact remains, suspending the internet serves as an act of reprisal, suppressing sentiments and silencing the public voices. It goes against the principles of digital democracy and fundamental human rights. The quality of life is greatly affected as public wellbeing is compromised. The price of prolonged internet suspension is paid by the citizens in terms of their daily bread, delayed examinations, missed opportunities, and collective helplessness.

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UNIVERSITY OBSERVANCES AND AWARENESS DAYS

World Anthropology Day 2025

The Department of Anthropology, Dhanamanjuri University (DMU), Manipur, observed the World Anthropology Day on Thursday, the 20th of February, 2025, under the theme “Celebrating Human Diversity and Connecting Cultures.” at the Central Hall of D.M. College of Science, DMU.

Dr. O. Kumar Singh, Retd. Principal, D.M. College of Commerce who is also an eminent anthropologist, Dr. M. Bhubaneshwari Devi, Principal, D.M. College of Science, Dr. Ng. Pungfa, HOD, Anthropology, DM College of Science, and Prof. Th. Rabikanta Singh, HOD, PG Anthropology & Dean of Students’ Welfare, DMU graced the function as Chief Guest, Guests of Honour and President respectively. Shri K. Shashikanta Sharma, Superintendent, State Archaeology, Govt. of Manipur was the Special Invitee of the day.



It was observed to depict the relevance of anthropology in understanding human diversity, preserving indigenous knowledge, and fostering socio-cultural connection. By combining academic presentations, cultural performances, health awareness, and regional scholarship, DMU offered a rich, comprehensive experience reflecting the true spirit of the theme. The Department of Anthropology at DMU continues to play a pivotal role in educating students and the public about the relevance of anthropology in addressing contemporary social issues and promoting cultural understanding.



World Poetry Day 2025

The Department of English, Dhanamanjuri University, organised a literary event titled “Echoes of Verses and Voices: A Celebration of Poetry” on 21st March, 2025, at the Auditorium of Dhanamanjuri College of Arts, Imphal, in observance of World Poetry Day on the theme “Poetry as a Bridge for Peace and Inclusion”. Professor S. Lanchenba Meetei, Dean of the School of Humanities and Principal of D. M. College of Arts, Dhanamanjuri University, attended the programme as the Chief Guest, while Dr. R. K. Sangsari Devi, Head of the Department of English, presided over the function. The Guests of Honour included five eminent poets of Manipur—Shri Yumlembam Ibomcha, Shri Rajkumar Bhubonsana, Dr. Arambam Ongbi Memchoubi, Moirangthem Borkeinya, and Shri Birendrajit Naorem – all of whom are recipients of the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award.



The highlight of the event was the poetry reading session by these five celebrated poets. Each poet recited two of their original works in Manipuri, which were followed by the presentation of the English translations by faculty members of the Department, allowing the audience to appreciate both the lyrical beauty of the original texts and their thematic depth in translation, thereby reinforcing the bridging capacity of poetry across languages and cultures. Speakers including the Chief Guest and the President emphasized the vital role of poetry in shaping and reshaping the worldview of society.

“Echoes of Verses and Voices” thus stood as a meaningful tribute to World Poetry Day, offering both celebration and contemplation. The Department of English, Dhanamanjuri University, reaffirmed through this programme its commitment to encourage dialogue between creative expression and critical thought in service of a more inclusive and peaceful world.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES 2025



The Department of Sociology, DMU organised International Day of Families 2025 on 15th May, 2025 in the D.M. College of Arts Auditorium on the theme “Family Oriented Policies for Sustainable Development”. The event focused on strengthening families as a pathway to sustainable development. The event featured the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof. W. Chandbabu Singh, Prof. Rajendra Kshetri (ex-HOD, Dept. of Sociology, Manipur University), Deans Prof. K. Indramani Singh and Prof. S. Lanchenba Meetei, and HOD Prof. Th. Umavati Devi as the key speakers. The event looked at the inclusion of families in global goals, solve problems in healthcare and migration, and support policies that understand different cultures while collaborating with other stakeholders.

In his address, the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Professor Chandbabu Singh affirmed the relevance of the ‘International Day of Families’ as a global initiative that honours the crucial role of families in keeping society stable and moving forward. He pointed out how the annual observance, marked by evolving themes such as gender equality, poverty alleviation, and intergenerational solidarity, reflects the UN’s acknowledgment of families as vital units for nurturing human connections and societal development.

The program highlighted the pressing need to re-imagine familial spaces as sites of equity, empathy, and resistance against systemic oppression. The gathering concluded with a shared commitment to academia’s vital role in turning ideas into action through cross-disciplinary dialogues and ground-level involvement to question and to deconstruct any prevailing harmful social norms.



World Day for Cultural Diversity 2025

The School of Humanities and D.M. College of Arts, Dhanamanjuri University, jointly organised The World Day for Cultural Diversity on 21st May, 2025 at the Auditorium of D.M. College of Arts, Dhanamanjuri University. The event marked the global observance of World Culture Day, highlighting the richness of cultural diversity and the need for intercultural dialogue in contemporary society.

The ceremony was graced by distinguished guests, with Professor P. Gunindro Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Manipur University of Culture, Imphal, serving as the Featured Guest and Key Speaker, Professor W. Chandbabu Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Dhanamanjuri University as the Chief Guest, Professor K. Indramani Singh, Dean of the School of Social Sciences, DMU as Guest of Honour and Professor S. Lanchenba Meetei, Dean of the School of Humanities and Principal of D.M. College of Arts, DMU as the President.

The celebration of the World Day for Cultural Diversity served as a significant platform to engage with the pluralistic ethos of the region and reflect on the evolving dimensions of cultural identity, continuity, and change. The event reaffirmed Dhanamanjuri University's commitment to promoting cultural awareness, inclusivity, and academic discourse on heritage preservation and cultural resilience.



AWARENESS PROGRAM ON THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT WORKPLACE ACT, 2013

Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) of Dhanamanjuri University conducted a one-day awareness program on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013, on 27th May, 2025. The event took place at the Multipurpose Hall of D.M. College of Science. The event laid primary focus on educating the employees and students about the Act, its relevance and the due procedures available for filing complaints to promote a safe, respectful, and inclusive work environment. The event was attended by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of DMU Prof. W Chandbabu Singh, Dr. David Elangbam (Joint Secretary, Higher & Technical Education) and Prof. N Jayanti, Presiding Officer, ICC DMU, as the chief guest, guest of honour and function president, respectively. Two prominent resource persons Shri N Brajakanta Singh, Asst. Professor, LMS Law College, Imphal and Smt. Pampak Khumukcham, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Clinical Psychology, RIMS were also invited to speak on the topic.



The awareness programme grounded DMU's commitment to creating a work environment free from harassment and discrimination, where every individual has the opportunity to thrive. The ICC office is located at D.M. Colleges of Arts, Science, and Commerce, LMS Law College, and GP Women College, with contact details displayed on campus notice boards for easy access.

INTERACTION WITH THE VICE CHANCELLOR ON NAAC ACCREDITATION



The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Dhanamanjuri University, organised an Interaction Programme of Vice Chancellor with the Deans, Principals, HOD's (UG & PG), and Faculty Members of the University on 26th May 2025 at 02:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Hall, D.M. College of Science, DMU, to discuss the development of NAAC Accreditation of the University. Speaking at the function, the Vice Chancellor highlighted the key areas that could more easily earn higher marks for the university in the NAAC Accreditation process.

One Day Workshop on Career Guidance and Placement Abroad

A "One day workshop on Career Guidance and Placement Abroad" was organized at the Dhanamanjuri University Campus on 6th May, 2025. The event was jointly hosted by Dhanamanjuri University, Korea Manipuri Association, South Korea, Global Manipur Federation- Dubai Chapter and Yelhoumee Phurup, Manipur.

The dynamic speakers have had experience of living and pursuing education and research in South Korea and Dubai. Dr. Soram Bobby Singh, Principal Scientist, Advanced Hydrogen Energy Solution talked about the prospects of Pursuing Higher Studies in South Korea. Another speaker, Oinam Yanchen, a Ph.D. candidate from Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology detailed the existing scholarships in higher education in South Korea. Dr. Khumujam Debarani Devi, a Post-doctoral Researcher from Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology gave a talk on Personal Experience in South Korea: Higher Studies, Research, and Life as a Woman. Thoudam Kritish Singh, a Ph.D. Candidate from Kyungpook National University briefed on Global Korea Scholarship. Dr. Toijam Sunder Meetei, a Post-Doctoral Researcher from Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology highlighted Post-Doctoral Opportunities in South Korea. Thokchom Jotin, Proprietor of M/S Loktak Décor Company, Dubai described "KANGLEI SANG-GAI, a Manipuri Guest House in Dubai" which is being set up to help Manipuris who are struggling in UAE during the initial days. Thokchom Sunil Meetei expressed his view on how to Guide & Facilitate Unemployed Youths of Manipur who are seeking Jobs in the United Arab Emirates.



More than 250 faculties and students attended the workshop offline and nearly 250 Manipuris residing in different parts of the globe attended online. The workshop was being initiated to help broaden the views and options of our students. Interested students can contact us at the given email addresses: binotao7@yahoo.com, thokchoms1@gmail.com, sbsoram@gmail.com.

GLIMPSES FROM THE CONSTITUENT COLLEGES

D.M. College of Arts



One Day Workshop on Inter-Cultural Resources of the Communities in Manipur organized by Department of Political Science, D.M. College of Arts and Yelhoumee Phurup, Manipur on 22nd February, 2025.



Department of Political Science, D.M. College of Arts took the initiative to conduct a Short Term Training Program on Civic Engagement and Democratic Process jointly organised by Indian School of Democracy and Dhanamanjuri University



Observance of International Workers' Day on 1st May, 2025, organised by Department of Economics



Extension Lecture Program organised by History Club, D.M. College of Arts

Activities of
NSS Unit of
D.M.
College of
Arts



One Day Interaction Programme with young Manipuri poets organised by Department of English, D.M. College of Arts on 17th May, 2025



3rd Invited Lecture of the ARF Lecture Series organised by Academic Research Forum, DMU and Dept. of Philosophy, DMU



International Mother Language Day 2025 (Silver Jubilee Celebration) organised by Department of Manipuri, DMU on 21st February, 2025

D.M. College of Commerce



Department Of BBA, D.M. College Of Commerce: Industrial Visit To Kolkata From 19th To 22nd February 2025



Dm College Of Commerce: College Week And Annual Social Fresher's Meet 2025

D.M. College of Science



Cleanliness Program by Department of Anthropology, DMU on 15th June, 2025

Successful Implementation of Semester-wise Internship Programs in Anthropology under NEP 2020 Skill Enhancement Framework



Business and Corporate Anthropology (SAN-004) Internship Program for B.Sc. 2nd Semester was carried out successfully at Taret Foods, Kairang Rd. Heingang, Manipur 795002



B.Sc. 4th Semester Internship Program on Media Anthropology (SAN-008) conducted at Doordarshan Kendra Imphal, Porompat, Manipur 795001



Internship Program for B.Sc. 6th Semester on Anthropology of Health (SAN012) Urban Primary Health Sub Centre, Thangal Bazar, Ward No. 25, Imphal West.

G.P. Women's College

Department of Education, G.P. Women's College, Dhanamanjuri University organized a Community Engagement Programme on the occasion of International Women's Day, 8th March 2025, in collaboration with Nirvana Foundation, South Babupara, Imphal. The event was held at Nirvana Children's Home for Girls, Ghari Awang Leikai.



Blood Donation Camp on
International Women's Day
8th March, 2025
Organised by the NCC and NSS



One Day Workshop on "Career Opportunities in Indian Armed Forces" organised by Dept. of Pol. Sc. on 27th May, 2025



EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO BHUTAN
2nd – 7th May 2025



G.P. WOMEN'S COLLEGE 58TH ANNUAL COLLEGE WEEK AND FRESHER'S MEET 2025

The 58th Annual College Week of G.P. Women's College, DMU, 9th-12th April was celebrated with great enthusiasm, bringing together students, faculty, and staff in a vibrant display of talent, sportsmanship, and academic excellence.





LMS Law College Freshers' Meet was held on 17th February, 2025 on the theme "LMS Genesis 2025- the Beginning of Greatness."



College Sports Meet and Literary Meet
February 17 to 24, 2025



Two-day National Seminar/Workshop on the theme "Decoding the Three New Laws: BNS, BNSS & BSA of 2023, organised by LMS Law College and School of Legal Studies from 28–29 April, 2025

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INFORMATION

The next issue of the DMU Newsletter (Volume 1, Issue 2, July - December) is scheduled for release in the last week of December. Therefore, all members of the University Community including Schools of Studies, Departments, Constituent Colleges, Students' Unions and individuals are hereby informed to collect and compile information/data related to events organized, such as conferences, workshops, extension lectures, etc., as well as notable achievements of faculty members and students. This information should be sent on a monthly basis to the Editor, DMU Newsletter, via the email address: editordmunewsletter@dmu.ac.in.

- For events organized by Constituent Colleges or Undergraduate Departments within colleges, submissions must be routed through the respective College Coordinators.*
- Faculty members and students who wish to contribute to the Featured Article section may submit their articles of about 1000 words.*

Submissions should include:

- A brief description of the event or achievement,*
- Supporting photographs (preferably geo-tagged),*
- All files compiled in a folder named after the organizing School, Department, or College, with the same name clearly mentioned in the subject line of the email.*

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