



DHANAMANJURI UNIVERSITY HOLDS ITS FIRST CONVOCATION CEREMONY

Dhanamanjuri University (DMU), Manipur, marked a historic milestone with the successful conduct of its First Convocation Ceremony on 17 January 2026 at the DM Science Ground, Dhanamanjuri University, Imphal. The event was a momentous occasion in the history of the University, celebrating academic excellence and honouring the achievements of its graduating students. The ceremony commenced with the welcome address by Prof. W. Chandbabu Singh, Vice Chancellor, Dhanamanjuri University, who warmly welcomed the distinguished dignitaries, graduating students, faculty members, officers, parents, guardians, and other members of the University community. In his address, the Vice Chancellor also presented a report on the activities and achievements of the University, highlighting its academic journey, institutional development, and various initiatives since its establishment.



The convocation was presided over by Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Hon'ble Governor of Manipur and Chancellor of Dhanamanjuri University, who conferred degrees upon the graduating students. In his address, the Chancellor congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to contribute meaningfully to society through knowledge, integrity, and service. Dr. Puneet Kumar Goel, Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. The ceremony also featured the Convocation Address delivered by Dr. Vineet Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of India.



During the ceremony, degrees were conferred upon a total of 796 students, including both undergraduate and postgraduate scholars from the 2020-2024 batches, representing the University's seven Schools of Studies. The First Convocation witnessed an enthusiastic participation of nearly 1,500 individuals, including distinguished invitees, faculty members, officers, students, parents, and guardians. The First Convocation of Dhanamanjuri University stands as a landmark event in the institution's journey, reaffirming its commitment to academic excellence, holistic development, and the pursuit of higher education in Manipur. The ceremony not only celebrated the accomplishments of the graduates but also strengthened the University's vision of nurturing responsible citizens and future leaders.

EDITOR'S NOTE

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Volume 2, Issue 1 of the DMU Newsletter, covering January to June 2026. Like earlier editions, this issue is a kaleidoscope of events that reflects the legacy of Dhanamanjuri University and stays true to the spirit of dialogue, shared responsibility, and sincere engagement with which the Newsletter was launched a year ago.

This issue records historic milestones such as DMU's first Convocation, alongside institutional achievements, academic events, students' activities and accomplishments, cultural programmes, and national and global collaborations. The Newsletter is both a window into the vibrant life and steady growth of the University and its constituent colleges. It is a platform for participation, intellectual inquiry and a shared drive for excellence — sustained by the students, faculty, alumni and administrative leaders whose everyday contribution extends to making this publication a success.

With the support and guidance of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the Newsletter continues to serve the University community by chronicling significant developments. We hope it keeps motivating all concerned to strive for a better, brighter DMU.

CAMPUS CHRONICLES

CONFERENCES AND LECTURES AT DMU

6th National Conference on Recent Advances in Mathematical Sciences and New Trends in Statistics (NCRAMS-NTS-2026)

The Department of Mathematics hosted the 6th National Conference on Recent Advances in Mathematical Sciences and New Trends in Statistics (NCRAMS-NTS-2026) from 16 to 18 January 2026. The three-day event brought together researchers, academicians, and students to discuss modern developments in mathematics and statistics and to promote collaborative research across the country.



1. The Head of the Department presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Jaya Yadav, Assistant Professor, Bharati College, University of Delhi, in recognition of her insightful lecture on "Historiography and Hermeneutics: Analyzing How to Study Texts Through an Interdisciplinary Lens."



2. Dr. Jaya Yadav delivering her lecture to an engaged audience of faculty members, students, and scholars from Dhanamanjuri University and other institutions.



3. Dr. Jaya Yadav with faculty members and participants following the successful conclusion of the invited lecture organized by the Department of Philosophy, Dhanamanjuri University.

Invited Lecture: Historiography and Hermeneutics (Department of Philosophy)

The Department of Philosophy organized an invited lecture, "Historiography and Hermeneutics: Analyzing How to Study Texts Through an Interdisciplinary Lens", on 7 February 2026. Delivered by Dr. Jaya Yadav, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Bharati College, University of Delhi, the lecture examined the relationship between historiography and hermeneutics. It showed how interdisciplinary approaches deepen our understanding of literary, philosophical and cultural texts. Drawing on cultural studies, gender studies and postcolonial theory, it drew enthusiastic participation from students and scholars of DMU and other institutions, followed by a lively discussion.

Five-Day Orientation-cum-Workshop on Leadership Development for College Principals (Department of Education)

The Department of Education, in collaboration with the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi, organized a five-day Orientation-cum-Workshop on Leadership Development for College Principals of North Eastern India from 16 to 20 February 2026.

Two-Day International Multi-Disciplinary Conference: Discourses Beyond Boundaries (Department of English)



The Department of English, in collaboration with the English Literary Circle, Manipur, organized the two-day international multi-disciplinary conference Discourses Beyond Boundaries on 13–14 February 2026. Key speakers were Prof. Ahmed Ahsanuzzaman (Independent University, Bangladesh), Dr. Wirote Thongplew (Surindra Rajabhat University, Thailand), Prof. Paonam Sudeep Mangang (NIT Meghalaya), Dr. Radha S. Gautam (S.B. Garda College, VNSGU, Gujarat) and Debraj Mookerjee (Ramjas College, University of Delhi). The conference explored how the intersection of disciplines shapes our understanding of cultural, social and literary expression. Research scholars and faculties from Manipur and other states deliberating on the theme.



Two-Day National Seminar: Democracy and Development in India's Northeast (Department of Political Science)

The Department of Political Science organized a two-day National Seminar, "Democracy and Development in India's Northeast: Pathways, Prospects and Challenges", on 20–21 February 2026 at the Auditorium Hall, D.M. College of Arts. Eighty delegates and four resource persons participated. Prof. W. Chandbabu Singh, Vice-Chancellor, DMU, attended as Chief Guest and President of the function, and Dr Farijuddin Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, served as Convenor.

Interaction, 6th Media Fellowship Programme (2025–26): Climate Change Reporting (Department of Environmental Science)

An interaction for the 6th Media Fellowship Program (2025–26) on Climate Change Reporting was organized by the Department of Environmental Science on 28 February 2026 to promote informed, responsible reporting on climate and environmental issues and to strengthen capacity in environmental journalism and science-based reporting. It brought together media professionals, researchers, academicians and students to discuss the evolving challenges of climate communication, evidence-based environmental journalism, and the media's role in raising public awareness of climate resilience and sustainable development.



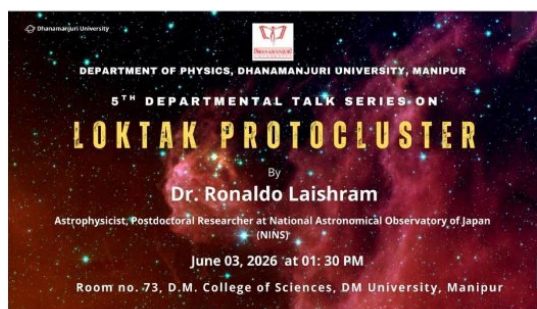
National Workshop on Research Methodology

The Department of Home Science organized a National Workshop on Research Methodology on 5 May, 2026. The technical sessions were delivered by Dr. Sunildro LS Akoijam, Associate Professor, Department of Management, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), and R.K. Narendra Singh, Retired Professor and Head, Department of Biostatistics, Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS).

3-Day Agentic AI SAKSHAM Workshop-cum-Hackathon (Department of Computer Science)



DMU's first three-day Agentic AI SAKSHAM Workshop-cum-Hackathon was held successfully at the Central Hall from 11 to 13 May 2026 under PM-USHA (NEP 2020), under the aegis of the Ministry of Education, Government of India. The Department of Computer Science led the event in partnership with Capable, Bengaluru, whose team served as experts. The workshop taught students and faculty across disciplines how to build Agentic AI tools and offered hands-on exposure to AI tools, automation, and platforms. It drew registered students and faculty as well as research scholars from colleges and universities across the state.



5th Departmental Talk Series: Loktak Protocluster (Department of Physics)

The Department of Physics organized its 5th Departmental Talk Series, "Loktak Protocluster", on 3 June 2026. Astrophysicist Dr Ronaldo Laishram, Postdoctoral Researcher at the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, discussed the protocluster — a 12.6-billion-year-old "city of galaxies" named after Loktak Lake — that has placed Manipur on the global scientific map. Prof. M. Shomananda, Head, Department of Physics, chaired the session. Prof. L. Nandababu, Dean, School of Mathematical & Physical Sciences; Registrar Dr R.K. Joteen; and Prof. Ksh. Birbal, Principal, D.M. College of Science, attended as special guests.



Workshop: Building Future-Ready Youth in Manipur - Mapping Skills, Employment & Entrepreneurship Pathways

The Department of Economics, Dhanamanjuri University (DMU), Manipur, in collaboration with the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute (VVGNI), Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, organised a One-Day Workshop on Building Future-Ready Youth in Manipur: Mapping Skills, Employment and Entrepreneurship Pathways on 8th June 2026. The substantive session was conducted by Dr. Otojit Kshetrimayum, Fellow (Faculty) & Coordinator, Centre for North East India, VVGNI, Noida

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS CELL

The International Affairs Cell organized a series of events in collaboration with universities from South Korea and Japan.

South Korea : A one-day workshop, "Fully Funded Higher Education Opportunities for International Students in South Korea", was held on the DMU campus on 21 February 2026. Dr Jiten Nongmaithem (Samsung, South Korea) and Dr Minjae Park (Representative, Korean Cultural Center, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, New Delhi) spoke on scholarships and study opportunities in South Korea.



Japan : A one-day workshop in the International Talk Series, "Career Opportunities for International Students in Japan", was held on 11 March 2026. Dr Nobuyoshi Kojima (Tokyo) and Mr Teruaki Watanabe (New Delhi) guided students on applying for scholarships and the associated procedures.

Placement Cell



The Placement Cell organized a Partnership Meet & Placement Drive 2026 in collaboration with Igknight and APPromise International on 12 June 2026 at the DM College of Science Hall. Presided over by Prof. W. Chandbabu Singh, Vice-Chancellor, DMU, and Dr R.K. Joteen, Registrar, DMU, the programme drew 355 students and 24 teachers from various departments and institutions. It aimed to bridge academia and industry by opening employment opportunities and offering students insight into the corporate sector.

IPR Cell



A One-Day Interaction Programme on "IPR & Economic Development" was organised by the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Cell on 11 June 2026. The invited speaker, Dr Dhanpat Ram Agarwal spoke on the occasion.

NSS Cell

The District Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2026 for Imphal East was held on 27 February 2026 at G.P. Women's College, with DMU as the nodal institution selecting the top five participants to represent the district at the Manipur State-Level Youth Parliament. Participants debated constitutional rights under Articles 14, 19, 21 and 32 and discussed policies to shape the vision for Viksit Bharat@2047. Winners advanced to the state-level finals against delegates from Imphal West, Thoubal and Bishnupur.



STUDENTS' ACTIVITIES

DMU Triumphs at the 39th UNIFEST — 11 Top Positions (North-East Zone)

DMU delivered a spectacular performance at the 39th AIU Inter-University North-East Zone Youth Festival, hosted by Assam Don Bosco University under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities from 16 to 20 February 2026. Competing against 22 universities across 28 events, DMU entered 18 categories, secured top-five finishes in 11, and captured the Overall 2nd Runner-Up Trophy in the Dance category.



Top placements were:

Cultural Procession	4th	Classical Dance	2nd
Light Vocal (Indian)	4th	Creative Choreography	4th
Group Song (Western)	5th	Skits	4th
Folk Orchestra	4th	Mime	5th
Folk/Tribal Dance	2nd	On-the-Spot Painting	4th
Collage	2nd		



DMU Shines at the 39th AIU National Youth Festival (UNIFEST), Chennai



Following their podium finishes at the zone level, DMU's cultural contingent represented Manipur at the grand finale of the 39th AIU Inter-University National Youth Festival (UNIFEST), themed "Kalai Saaral" and hosted by the Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, from 10 to 14 March 2026. The event brought together youth talent from over 140 universities across eight zones. Having qualified in three events — Folk/Tribal Dance, Classical Dance and Collage — DMU's performers matched elite national contingents with a display of precision, rhythm and artistic innovation. The 39th UNIFEST campaign marks a defining chapter in DMU's cultural history: moving from zonal runners-up to a nationwide presence in Chennai reflects the depth of talent on campus.

Top placements were:

Folk/Tribal Dance (Highly Commended National Finalist)	2nd
Cultural Procession (Pool A)	5th
Group Song (Western)	4th

DMU Cultural Club Inaugurated and Newsletter Released



Dhanamanjuri University organised the inauguration of the DMU Cultural Club, felicitation of its cultural troupe, and release of DMU Newsletter Vol. I, Issue 2 on 27 February 2026 at the DM College of Arts Auditorium. Jointly organised by the Cultural Club and Newsletter Committee, the programme was attended by Prof. W. Chandbabu, Vice-Chancellor, DSW, Principal, DM College of Arts, members of the Newsletter team and the Cultural Club. The Vice-Chancellor formally inaugurated the Cultural Club and felicitated members of the troupe who participated in the AIU Inter-University North East Zone and National Youth Festivals. He also released the DMU Newsletter Vol. I, Issue 2 and DMU Table Calendar 2026.

CAMPUS PROGRAMMES & WEEKS

79th Annual College Week, D.M. College of Arts



The 79th Annual College Week of D.M. College of Arts was held on the college premises from 19 to 23 January 2026, and the week comprised the Annual Social Freshers' Meet, the Annual Sports Meet, the Annual Literary Meet and the Annual College Week Exhibition.

As part of the week-long event, the Annual College Week Exhibition, a cornerstone of the 79th College Week (2025–26), was held from 19 to 23 January 2026. Each participating unit curated a uniquely themed display, with themes ranging from peace and environmental consciousness to socio-cultural concerns, personal and cultural philosophies, and scientific innovation — a vibrant platform for creative expression and collaborative learning.

6th College Week Celebration, D.M. College of Science (2025–26)



59th Annual College Week, G.P. Women's College

The 59th Annual College Week was held on the college premises from 30 March to 3 April 2026. The week comprised the Annual Social Freshers' Meet, the Annual Sports Meet, the Annual Literary Meet, and the beauty pageant.



Commerce & Management Activities

BBA External Industrial Visit to Pune



An external industrial visit to Pune, Maharashtra, was organized for BBA sixth-semester students from 28 January to 3 February 2026. Hosted by the Pune Institute of Business Management (PIBM), Pirangut, it gave students practical exposure beyond the classroom, including two special subject-specific sessions led by PIBM faculty.

BBA Internal Industrial Visit

An internal industrial visit for BBA fourth-semester students was organized on 21 February 2026 to Takyel Industrial Estate and Nilakuthi Food Park, giving students practical exposure to industrial operations and a better understanding of business management, production processes, entrepreneurship and industrial development.



Visionary Voices 2.0: A Session on Entrepreneurship

"Visionary Voices 2.0: A Session on Entrepreneurship", an annual academic programme for BBA students (session 2025–26), was held on 23 March 2026 at the Conference Hall of the College. It aimed to foster entrepreneurial thinking and equip students with the knowledge, skills and motivation to pursue entrepreneurial ventures in a competitive business environment.

History Club Educational Trips (D.M. College of Arts)

The History Club of D.M. College of Arts organized a series of educational trips on 10 May 2026.

Langthabal Konung : The heritage walk to Langthabal Konung, within the Manipur University campus at Canchipur, examined the site's cultural and political significance as an earlier royal capital. The site is associated with Maharaj Bhagyachandra, who developed it as a capital in the late 18th century, and Maharaj Gambhir Singh, who later used it as a royal centre after the liberation of Manipur. Students observed structural remains and palace areas, connecting classroom learning with historical evidence and gaining insight into Manipur's political and cultural history, as well as an appreciation of heritage conservation.



George Gordon's Graveyard : The visit to the graveyard of George Gordon, near Canchipur High School, studied a colonial-era burial ground and its place in local history. Students noted the site's neglected condition and the visible deterioration, underscoring the need to preserve such historical monuments.



M.K. Binodini's Residence : The visit to M.K. Binodini's residence offered insight into the life, works, and contributions of one of Manipur's most celebrated literary figures and her role in shaping modern Manipuri literature and theatre. Discussions highlighted her contribution to drama, fiction and cultural expression, inspiring students to value regional literature and literary heritage.

Field Surveys & Educational Field Trips

B.Com Rural Management Field Survey, Huikap Village (D.M. College of Commerce)

As part of the B.Com 8th-semester Rural Management curriculum, D.M. College of Commerce organized a field survey to Huikap Village, Mayai Leikai, on 5 June 2026 to study socio-economic conditions, community-development initiatives and rural administrative structures. Students examined the village's demographic profile, livelihood patterns, agricultural practices, infrastructure, access to basic services and community institutions, applying rural-development techniques such as focus group discussion (FGD), transect walks and household surveys for demographic, livelihood and resource mapping.





Educational Field Trip to Sangai Resort (Department of Education)

The Department of Education organized an educational field trip to Sangai Resort, Bishnupur District, on 10 June 2026 for M.A. 4th-semester students (2024–2025).

Internship Programme

The Department of Chemistry, G.P. Women's College organized a Two-week Internship Programme for the B.Sc. 7th Semester (Chemistry Hons) students of Don Bosco College (Autonomous), Maram, during 2 – 16 January, 2026 on the topic, **"Soil Analysis and Dye Degradation by Synthesized Nanoparticles"**. For the smooth conduct of the Internship Programme, a committee was constituted by the Office of the Principal with K. Sanaton Sharma, Associate Professor and HOD, (Chemistry Dept.) as the **Chairperson**, Dr. P. Grihanjali Devi, Assoc. Prof. as **Coordinator** and Mentor and four Assistant Professors—Dr. M. Aken Singh, Dr. K. Gayatri Sharma, Dr. Ganngam Phaomei and Dr. A. Mavani as **Mentors**. Six students from Don Bosco College were updated on current research trends in Nanoparticles and their applications in Chemistry. Hands-on training was given to the students for the synthesis and characterization of Cu-based nanoparticles and their dye degradation properties were studied using Methylene Blue and Methyl Orange.



Men's Mental Health Awareness Programme



The RE 650 Club Manipur, with the Dhanamanjuri University Students' Union (DMUSU), the National Health Mission (NHM) Manipur, DM Science NSS Units 1 & 2, and the State Tele-MANAS Cell, organized a Men's Mental Health Awareness Programme on the theme "Breaking the Silence, Building Stronger Minds" on 25 June 2026. The programme promoted awareness of men's mental health, encouraged open discussion of emotional well-being, and highlighted early intervention and professional support, including the Tele-MANAS helpline (14416). The Chief Guest announced that the programme would become an annual event in DMU's Academic Celebration Calendar. It closed with an interactive session between students and mental-health professionals on stress, anxiety and emotional well-being.

2nd Senate of Dhanamanjuri University



The 2nd Senate of Dhanamanjuri University was held on 9 January 2026, presided over by the Chancellor, Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla.

VOICES FROM THE CAMPUS

Freedom after Life Imprisonment: A Case Study of Hopeson Ningshen

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Plato, the Greek Philosopher in his treatise, *The Laws*, underscores that “Punishment is to be inflicted, not for the sake of vengeance, for what is done cannot be undone, but for the sake of prevention and reformation.” The laws of the country permit convicts to be released from prison prematurely. The premature release of a prisoner punished with imprisonment for life is subjected to executive discretion as provided under section 432 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (section 473 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023). However, the benefit of remission can be available only when he had served at least fourteen years of imprisonment, as laid down in section 433A, CrPC, 1973 or section 475, BNSS, 2023. Recently, the government of NCT of Delhi recommended the premature release of self-styled NSCN (IM) ‘lieutenant Colonel’ Hopeson Ningshen, who was convicted in connection with the abduction and killing of three Manipur government officials in the state’s Ukhul district in February 2009. These murders have shocked the conscience of the society and is a gruesome offence which may be dealt with capital punishment. This short write up is a case study of the impending premature release of Hopeson Ningshen, in the light of recent judicial and executive trends.

The trial of the offences charged against Hopeson Ningshen of the NSCN (IM) was conducted before the Special Judge, Patiala House Courts, Delhi on the direction of the hon’ble Supreme Court in 2010 to ensure a fair trial, as the incident caused significant social unrest in Manipur. In the trial held in Delhi, altogether 43 prosecution witnesses were examined and three defense witnesses were examined on behalf of the defense. The Learned Court found Hopeson Ningshen presently lodged at Tihar Central Jail, Delhi guilty under sections 120-B, 302, and 364A of Indian Penal Code, now replaced by the BNS, 2023 and sentenced him to undergo imprisonment for life and a fine of Rs. 10,000/- on all three counts and the sentences were to run concurrently. He was not awarded the exceptional death sentence, in the opinion of the trial court, as his case was not falling under rarest of the rare cases. It is also reported that his partners in crime, two in number, are still at large and the police are clueless about these absconders.

According to a letter issued to the Director General of Prisons, Tihar, on February 5, 2026 the Sentence Reviewing Board (SRB) considered 51 cases for premature release in its meeting held on December 23, 2025. Of these, 24 cases were rejected. The SRB recommended premature release of Hopeson Ningshen, subject to concurrence of the Central government and the hon’ble Lt. Governor, Delhi also approved his premature release based on the recommendation of the SRB. The Home Department, Government of the NCT of Delhi also sent on February 5, 2026 its letter to the Under Secretary (Judicial), MHA, Govt. of India for necessary action in this regard. The appropriate government in his case is Union of India, as the case has been investigated by the CBI.

It is pertinent to refer herein the case of *Bilkis Yakub Rasool v. Union of India*, (2024) 5 SCC 481, in which several writ petitions were filed by convicts, who were all convicted and sentenced with life imprisonment, having been found guilty of committing heinous crimes during the large-scale riots in Gujarat on February 28, 2002 and a few days thereafter which occurred in the aftermath of the burning of the train incident in Godhra in the State of Gujarat on February 27, 2002. A division Bench of Justices B.V. Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan of the Supreme Court, by its order dated January 08, 2024, quashed the remission order of the State of Gujarat, and directed convicts to report to the concerned jail authorities within two weeks from the date of the judgment.

Remission serves as a beacon of hope for convicts to be reinstated into society by having their sentences suspended or remitted wholly, acting as a corrective measure that encourages good behavior and discipline—key elements for successful rehabilitation. Release from prison is perceived as an escape from the pernicious influence of the prison. Even though prisons are now called correctional institutes, they are considered as breeding grounds for criminal minds. The primary focus of prison policy must be rehabilitation. A comprehensive policy for rehabilitation should be made and premature release should be part of this policy. The focus of the criminal justice system should be to punish those deserving a sentence. After the purpose of sentence has been served, attempts should be made for resocialization of prisoners. The power under Section 432 of the CrPC or Sections 473 of the BNSS, 2023 is to be exercised in a fair and reasonable manner. Another relevant point for consideration by stakeholders of criminal justice administrations is the role of victims’ family in the remission landscape. Should they be ignored altogether? Should there be any reproachment to them from the side of the convict or his family? In the instant case, whether there was any significant action taken by the convict or his family members for the benefit of the victims as well as any impact on the victims and their families because of the early release? If I am not mistaken, the sentenced person or his family members took no action for the benefit of the victims nor was the impact of the remission on the victims and their families a consideration in the decision of remission of the sentenced person in the case. This is relevant because victims’ families are against his immediate release. Whether Hopeson’s hope will be realized or not depends upon the wisdom of the Central Government. Time will tell the outcome.

OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL DAYS

World Wetlands Day (Department of Geography and Department of Environmental Science)

World Wetlands Day, 2026 on the theme- Wetland & Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage organized by IQAC, GPWC in collaboration with Dept. of Geography and Dept. of Environmental Science, GPWC on 3 February, 2026



World Anthropology Day (Department of Anthropology)

World Anthropology Day 2026 was hosted by the Department of Anthropology on 19 February 2026 on the theme "Celebrating Anthropology: Understanding Humanity, Culture, and Diversity." A poster competition on "Towards Integration and Sustainability" was held, alongside a display of material culture, prehistoric stone tools, ceramics, and related artifacts.



World Poetry Day (Department of English)

The Department of English observed the World Poetry Day on the theme "Poetry as a Bridge for Peace and Inclusion," was observed in the Department of English on 21 March 2026. Invited speakers Dr Shreema Ningombam, Dr H. Shimreingam and Prof. S. Lanchenba Meitei, with faculty and students of the Department, recited poems and discussed the importance of poetry for a peaceful, harmonious society.

World Earth Day (Department of Geology):

The 56th World Earth Day was organized by the Department of Geology on 22 April 2026, on the theme "Our Power, Our Planet." Prof. W. Chandrabu Singh was the Chief Guest and Dr Chanam Deborjit Singh, former Deputy Director General, Geological Survey of India, was the Guest of Honor.



International Worker's Day (Department of Economics) :

Commemorating International Labour Day, the Department of Economics established the Annual May Day Symposium on Labour and Society as a flagship academic initiative dedicated to examining contemporary labour issues through interdisciplinary dialogue. The inaugural edition (2026) was themed "The Broken Livelihood Chain: Conflict, Informality, and the Future of Work in Manipur."



International Day of Plant Health (Department of Botany) :

International Day of Plant Health was observed on 12 May 2026 on the theme "Plant Biosecurity for Food Security," hosted by the Department of Botany. An exhibition of fruits and vegetables was displayed, and prizes were distributed to the best student entries.

World Environment Day (Department of Environmental Science & NSS) :

World Environment Day 2026 was observed on 5 June 2026 on the global theme "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For our Future." Organized by the Department of Environmental Science with NSS Units I & II, it featured a campus-wide poster exhibition and tree-sapling plantation, highlighting climate solutions and ecological responsibility. Dr Waikhom Roshan Singh, Member Secretary, Manipur Pollution Control Board, distributed eco-friendly cloth bags to participants.



GLIMPSES FROM DMU AND ITS CONSTITUENT COLLEGES



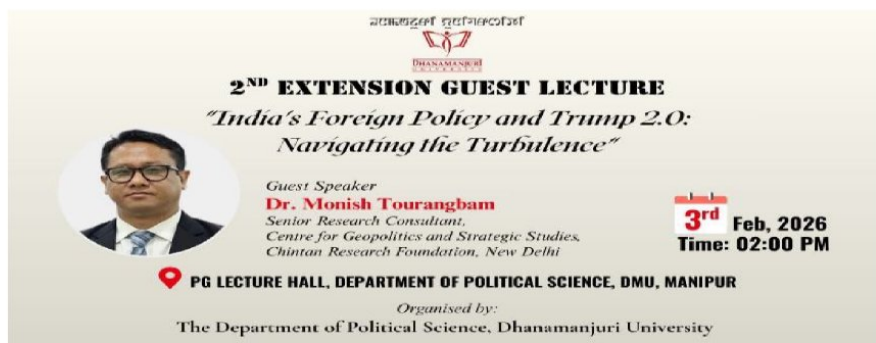
Three-Day Workshop on Industrial Skills for Unemployed Youths (COC Beekeeping, G.P. Women's College)

The Career Oriented Course in Beekeeping and the Manipur Beekeepers' Federation jointly organized a three-day workshop, "Industrial Skills for Unemployed Youths of Manipur," at the Central Hall of G.P. Women's College, Imphal, from 8 to 10 January 2026. Sponsored by the North Eastern Council, Shillong, under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and initiated by Course

Co-coordinator N. Nando Singh (Department of Geography, G.P. Women's College), it drew more than 140 men and women — mostly regional bee farmers — from across Manipur.

2nd Extension Guest Lecture: India's Foreign Policy and Trump 2.0 (Department of Political Science)

The 2nd Extension Guest Lecture was held on 3 February 2026 at PG Lecture Hall No. 1, Department of Political Science. Dr Monish Tourangbam, Senior Research Consultant, Centre for Geopolitics and Strategic Studies, Chintan Research Foundation, New Delhi, delivered "India's Foreign Policy and Trump 2.0: Navigating the Turbulence," followed by an interactive discussion with students and faculty.



Special Lecture Series: India's Democracy — Prospects for Resilience (Department of Political Science)

A Special Lecture Series was jointly organized by the Department of Political Science and the Center of Alternative Discourse, Manipur, on 28 March 2026 at the Conference Hall, DM College of Arts. Prof. Rahul Mukherjee, Head, Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany, spoke on "India's Democracy: Prospects for Resilience." The session was chaired by Dr Ringmichon Shangjam, Head, Department of Political Science, DMU, with Dr Arambam Noni Meitei (DMCA) and Dr K. Indrakumar Singh (G.P. Women's College) as discussants. Attendees included R.K. Meghen, Mr Babloo Loitongbam (Founder, Human Rights Alert) and Dr Shreema Ningombam (Nambol L. Sanoi College).



One-Day Extension Lecture (Department of Education)

A One-Day Extension Lecture was held in the Department of Education on 16 June 2026. Prof. L. Jibon Kumar Sharma, Manipur Institute of Management, Manipur University, Canchipur, spoke on "The Art of Effective Communication" and "Recognizing and Preventing Procrastination."

Inter-Departmental Symposium: NEP 2020 (First Foundation Day of the Political Science Society)

An inter-departmental symposium, "NEP 2020: Locating the Impacts on Students of Higher Education in Manipur," was held on 30 March 2026 at the Auditorium Hall, D.M. College of Arts, in connection with the First Foundation Day of the Political Science Society. Prof. S. Lanchenba Meitei (Principal, DMCA), Th. Ibotombi Singh (Associate Professor, Economics, and Secretary, Teachers' Forum, DMCA) and Dr Ringmichon Shangjam (Head, Political Science) attended as Chief Guest, Guest of Honor and President respectively. In the competition, Ms M.K. Jasmine (2nd Sem, BA Hons, History) won First Prize, Ms Monika Khundongbam (2nd Sem, BA Hons, Political Science) Second, and Ms W. Arika Devi (4th Sem, BA Hons, Political Science) Third; prizes were distributed on the eve of the First Foundation Day.



Two-Day Film Screening on Aribam Syam Sharma (Department of Philosophy)

The Department of Philosophy, D.M. College of Arts, organized a two-day film screening on 25–26 May 2026 to engage with the cinematic work of renowned Manipuri filmmaker Aribam Syam Sharma. Day one screened the documentaries Aribam Syam Sharma and Yelhou Jagoi; day two featured the acclaimed feature Imagi Ningthem, widely regarded as a landmark in Indian cinema. The programme generated rich discussion on film's role in preserving cultural heritage and shaping collective memory, advancing the Department's efforts to promote interdisciplinary learning through the visual arts.

Invited Lecture: Upland Marginality (History Club, D.M. College of Arts)

The History Club, Department of History, D.M. College of Arts, organized an invited lecture on 13 June 2026. Dr G. Amarjit Sharma, Faculty, Special Centre for the Study of North East India, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, spoke on "Upland Marginality: Non-State History, Indecisive Self, and Subjectivity."



EVENTS GALLERY — BOOK RELEASES

The book *AI-Enabled Real-Time Environmental Monitoring* — edited by Dr Binota Thokchom (DMU), Dr Rishemjit Kaur (CSIR-CSIO, Chandigarh), Dr Pardeep Singh (University of Delhi) and Dr Pengpeng Qiu (Donghua University, Shanghai) — was released on 2 February 2026. Published by Springer, the 281-page volume examines the integration of AI and the Internet of Things (IoT) in environmental management, covering air and water quality monitoring, waste management, disaster response, sustainable agriculture, urban planning, smart cities and climate forecasting. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. W. Chandrabu Singh, highlighted its significance for Manipur's environmental challenges and DMU's commitment to innovative research. The book is available in hardcover and e-book formats.



Another book *An Analytical Study of Culture and Society of Manipur* — edited by Dr Samson S., Associate Professor, Department of History, D.M. College of Arts, and Dr Shreema Ningombam, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Nambol L. Sanoi College was released at D.M. College of Arts on 23 February 2026.

The Department of Political Science also organized a book release for *Women and Social Change in Tangkhul Society* by Dr Ringmichon Shangjam, Head, Department of Political Science, on 11 May 2026 at the PG Lecture Hall. Prof. K. Indramani Singh (Dean, School of Social Sciences), Prof. S. Lanchenba Meitei (Principal, D.M. College of Arts, and Dean, School of Humanities), and Prof. L. Suraj Singh (former Head, Political Science) attended as Chief Guest, Guest of Honor, and President, respectively. Published by Sunmarg Publication, New Delhi, the book was reviewed by Daryal Rocko Anal, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, DMU.



The book *Changing Cultural and Intellectual Perspectives — A Multidisciplinary Approach* (Authorspress, New Delhi), edited by Dr Sundari Irengbam and Dr Wangjam Phajabi Devi, Department of English, was released on 2 April 2026 at D.M. College of Arts.

An Extension Lecture-cum-Book Discussion on Dr Ksh. Imokanta's *Shumang Lila in Manipur: Theatre in Practice and Theory* was organized by the Department of English with the IQAC on 19 June 2026. Chaired by Prof. Mutum Rameshwor Singh, Head, Department of English, the discussants were theatre director and author Nongthombam Premchand; Dr G. Amarjit Sharma (JNU, New Delhi); Prof. Ph. Sanamacha Sharma; and Dr Loiya Leima Oinam (Department of English).



First Foundation Day of the Political Science Society

The First Foundation Day of the Political Science Society, D.M. College of Arts, was observed on 31 March 2026. The Society was formally established on 28 March 2025 under the leadership of A. Niranjay Sharma (Associate Professor and former Head/UG, Political Science, DMCA) with the motto "Virtue, Knowledge & Liberty." The programme was presided over by Prof. S. Lanchenba Meitei (Principal, DMCA); Dr Abdul Gaffar, Teacher-in-Charge, presented a report on the Society's inaugural year.

International Academic Contributions

Dr. Arambam Noni, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, DMU delivered an invited talk at Sociology Department, California University, Santa Cruz, USA 29th April 2026, on 'Mapping Conflicts and Civil Society Resilience in South Asia'. He has also participated and presented a paper on 'Indigenous peace building methods in India-Myanmar Region' at the Global Summit of Indigenous Peacebuilders, 24-25 April 2026, New York, USA. Delegates from nearly 80 countries took part in the summit.

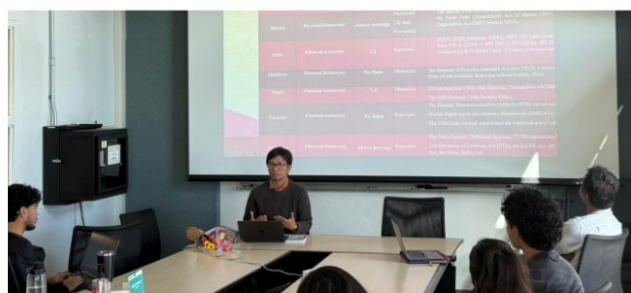


PHOTO GALLERY



Film Screening of Brojendrogi Luhongba (1973) by the Department of History, D.M. College of Arts on 11 June, 2026.



One-Day Special NSS Camp organised by LMS Law college (NSS Unit-III) on 25th February, 2026.



State-Level Debate Competition conducted on 9 February, 2026.



Observance of Samvidhan Hatya Divas in the Department of Political Science



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Table of Additional Events

Sl.	Event	Date	Organized by
1.	Joint Campus Cleaning Programme with NSS Volunteers and NCC Cadets	9 & 16 Jan 2026	Dhanamanjuri University
2.	Participation in March Past, Republic Day	26 Jan 2026	Government of Manipur
3.	Dhanamanjuri University Week	23 - 28 March 2026	Dhanamanjuri University Students Union
4.	Invited Lecture by Nandini Bhattacharya Panda: "Sovereign, Subjects and 'Law' in Northeast India"	8 Apr 2026	History Club, D.M. College of Arts
5.	Visit to Imphal Art College by B.Sc. 4th Sem students	4 Apr 2026	Dept. of Home Science, G.P. Women's College
6.	Awareness Programme on SBI Life Insurance	24 Apr 2026	D.M. College of Science, DMU
7.	Distribution of Stationery Items for IDP Students	5 May 2026	Community Outreach / Welfare
8.	Inauguration of Student Home & Office of DSW	29 May 2026	DSW
9.	One-Day Workshop: Role of Fats in Cookery as Shortening Agents in Bakery Products	12 May 2026	Dept. of Home Science, G.P. Women's College, with POPA Bakes & Cakes
10.	Setting Up of Corner Arrangements for the Nursery School	2 Jun 2026	M.Sc. 2nd Sem (Human Development), Dept. of Home Science
11.	3-Day Practical Exposure to Little Explorers Preschool, Imphal	3 - 5 Jun 2026	Dept. of Home Science, G.P. Women's College
12.	Visit to Creche Centre, RIMS Imphal & Kamakhya Pemton College, Hiyanthang	10 Jun 2026	Dept. of Home Science, G.P. Women's College
13.	Visit to Bishnupur District Hospital	11 Jun 2026	Dept. of Home Science, G.P. Women's College
14.	3-Day Practical Exposure to Dietary Dept., Shija Hospitals	16 - 18 Jun 2026	Dept. of Home Science, G.P. Women's College
15.	One-Day Training Programme on First Aid	19 Jun 2026	Red Cross Society, Manipur, with Dept. of Home Science
16.	Nutritional Assessment Programme conducted by MSc 1 st sem and BSc 7 th sem students at Kairang Khunjin Village, Imphal East	19 Jan 2026	Dept. of Home Science, DMU
17.	An interactive program on Laws related to Women and Children by Shri Thiyam Rajkishore Singh, Advocate, Legal Counsel: Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Legal Advisor, Manipur State Commission for Women	22 Jan 2026	Dept. of Home Science, DMU
18.	Community Nutrition Education Programme by MSc 1 st Sem students (FSN) and Nutrition Education Programme by BSc 7 th Semester students	27 Jan 2026	Dept. of Home Science, DMU
19.	Visit to an Old Age Home. Nongmeibung by BSc 7 th Sem students	7 th February 2026	Dept. of Home Science, G.P. Women's College

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INFORMATION

The next issue of the DMU Newsletter (Volume 2, Issue 2, July - December 2026) is scheduled for release in the first week of January, 2027. 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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