

Report of activities, JNMDA for the month of April 2018

1. 64th Foundation Day

The 64th Foundation Day of the Academy was held on 1st April, 2018 at its Open Air Auditorium followed by the presentation of Rare Performing Arts of Manipur on April 2-3, 2018.

Dr. Najma Heptulla, Hon'ble Governor of Manipur and Chairperson of JNMDA and Prof. H. Tombi Singh, Vice-Chairman, JNMDA graced the occasion as Chief Guest and President respectively. The Chief Guest also released a Souvenir on this occasion.

The highlights of the celebration was the presentation of Gold Medals to the following Gold Medalists and their solo dances followed by the Cultural programmes by the students of the Academy.

1. Y. Bebetombi Devi
- Rajyapal Gold Medal
2. Th. Chanchal Devi
- Lourembam Tombi Gold Medal
3. Dayananda Kayenpaibam
- Guru Gulapi Gold Medal
4. N. Illina
- Savita N. Mehta Gold Medal
5. Rabindra Yengkhom
- Khukhu Sarkar Gold Medal

The students of the Academy presented the following Cultural items:

1. Lai-haraoba
2. Kabui Jagoi
3. Dhol Dhulok Cholom
4. Thang Ta
5. Mao Jagoi
6. Nata Sankirtana
7. Vasanta Raas

On 2nd April, 2018 Shri M. Lakshmikumar Singh, IAS Commissioner, Art & Culture, Govt. of Manipur and Smt. Aluna Kabuini, SNA Awardee graced the occasion as Chief Guest and President respectively. The following programmes were presented by the students of the Academy under the supervision of Gurus of Kom, Chothe, Monsang, Tarao and Tangkhul

Kom Folk Dance (Khurpui Lam)
Monshang Folk Dance (Rengam Idung Elaam)
Chothe Folk Dance (Achui Lam)
Tarao Folk Dance (Inthona Lam)
Tangkhul Folk Dance (Kharing Kharak Pheizak)

On 3rd April, 2018 Shri S. Thanil Singh, Padmashree Awardee and Shri M. Kaminikumar Singh, SNA Awardee graced the celebration as Chief Guest and President respectively.

Two rare art forms of Nupa Pala by the Students of Academy and Nitya Raas by the Gurus and students of Academy were also presented at Kaina Temple.

The 3 day Celebration was well attended and highly appreciated by the general public and media.

2. Inaugural show of New Dance-Drama

The Inaugural show of new dance-drama "Phumdigi Tantha" choreographed by Shri W. Lokendrajit Singh and written by Dr. Kh. Shamungou Singh was held on 20th April, 2018 at 4.30 p.m. at Chorus Repertory Theatre, Shamusang, Imphal.

Shri Ratan Thiyam, Eminent Theatre personality and Prof. H. Tombi Singh, Vice-Chairman of JNMDA graced the Inaugural show as Chief Guest and president respectively. It is the 40th dance-drama of the Academy. The performance was widely acclaimed and well attended.

3. Kumchanba

The Academy observed Ibudhou Chakhaba Kumchanba on 28th April, 2018 at the complex of the Academy. It is a part of the Lai-haraoba tradition of Manipuri people.

4. International Dance Day

The Academy celebrated International Dance Day on Sunday the 29th April, 2018 at the Priyogolsana Auditorium, JNMDA. It may be mentioned that the Academy has been observing the Celebration for the last 7/8 years.

Prof. H. Tombi Singh, Vice-Chairman, JNMDA and Smt. Ksh. Thouranishabi Devi, Padmashree Awardee graced the occasion as Chief Guest and President respectively, with special screening of the following documentary films on the Dance Gurus of Manipur :-

- i) Guru Maisnam Amubi Singh
- ii) Guru Laimayum Thambalngoubi Devi
- iii) Jagoida Kathoklabi Suryamukhi Devi and
- iv) Sangai, dancing deer of Manipur.

The function was well attended and widely covered by print & electronic media.