

## 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of State Level Barak Festival 2025 held at Zeilipou, Senapati District on 13.12.2025



Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Hon'ble Governor of Manipur graced the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of State Level Barak Festival 2025 held at Zeilipou, Senapati District on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2025. During the function, the Hon'ble Governor, accompanied by the First Lady of the State, visited the various *Morungs* set up at the venue, which showcased the traditions and cultural expressions of different ethnic groups, reflecting the region's rich diversity and vibrancy. He also unveiled the 4<sup>th</sup> State Level Barak Festival 2025 Monolith and witnessed traditional stone pulling, displays of traditional cuisines, and the customary blowing of horn. He further witnessed vibrant cultural dance performances showcasing the traditions of diverse communities. Addressing at the function, the Hon'ble Governor stated that the festival symbolised shared identity, unity, and the enduring bond between communities and the Barak River. Referring to the theme 'Heritage in Harmony,' he highlighted Senapati's rich natural landscapes, cultural diversity, and immense tourism potential, noting that festivals such as the Barak Festival play a vital role in showcasing local traditions while promoting sustainable tourism and economic growth. The Hon'ble Governor appreciated the recent Barak River Cleanliness Drive, urged continued efforts to protect the river and forests, commended the organisers and volunteers, and encouraged the youth to uphold cultural heritage and lead conservation initiatives for a harmonious and sustainable future. Shri Losii Dikho, MLA; President (NPO); senior officers of the civil administration, police and the Assam Rifles; and members of the vibrant local communities attended the function.