

## Opening Ceremony of the 7<sup>th</sup> Manipur Women's International Polo Tournament 2026 at Mapal Kangjeibung, Imphal Polo Ground on 28.01.2026



Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Hon'ble Governor of Manipur graced the Opening Ceremony of the 7<sup>th</sup> Manipur Women's International Polo Tournament 2026 held at Mapal Kangjeibung, Imphal Polo Ground on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. The Hon'ble Governor unfurled the flag of the All Manipur Polo Association (AMPA) and formally inaugurated the tournament. In his address, the Hon'ble Governor stated that Manipur is the birthplace of Sagol Kangjei, the original and living form of modern polo, and that the game is an inseparable part of the State's cultural heritage and identity. He emphasised that the promotion of polo must go hand in hand with the welfare of the Manipuri Pony, protection of grazing grounds, and conservation of historic polo grounds. The opening ceremony was attended by Vivek Kumar Dewangan, Additional Chief Secretary; Maj. Gen. Ravroop Singh, Inspector General, Assam Rifles (South); and Dr. Konsam Saratchandra Singh, President, All Manipur Polo Association. Teams from South Africa, Zambia, India Team A (Indian Polo Association) and India Team B (Manipur), are participating in the tournament.