

Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Production Unit of the Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy (JNMDA) on 04.07.2026



Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Hon'ble Governor of Manipur graced the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Production Unit of the Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy (JNMDA), at the JNMDA Auditorium in Imphal on 4th July, 2026 and released the souvenir of the Golden Jubilee Celebration and also felicitated retired senior artists and officials of the Production Unit. The celebration marks fifty years of the Production Unit's dedicated service in preserving, promoting and showcasing the rich heritage of Manipuri dance, music and performing arts. The Hon'ble Governor along with the invitees witnessed the spectacular dance-drama "Keibul Lamjao" which portrays the challenges in the survival of the State Animal- Sangai, an endangered species. Speaking at the inaugural function of the yearlong celebration, He said, the Production Unit, inaugurated in 1976, has played a pivotal role in nurturing experimental dance-dramas and has grown into a distinguished cultural ambassador, showcasing the elegance of Manipuri dance and music across India and abroad. He appreciated the tireless efforts of the choreographers, musicians, technicians and artistes who brought the production to life. Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Chairman, Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA), New Delhi, Shri Raju Das, Secretary, Sangeet Natak Akademi, Major General Gaurav Sharma, IGAR (South) and Dr. N. Munish Singh, Regional Director, ICCR, Shillong attended the Programme. Distinguished artists, cultural enthusiasts, academicians, officials and the people also attended the programme.