

## **SHARMA ARTS & CRAFTS HOUSE**

KHONGMAN ZONE 3-EAST IMPHAL EAST, IMPHAL - 1, MANIPUR, INDIA



ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2015

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## **ORGANIZATION PROFILE**

**The Sharma Arts & Crafts House (SACH)** is a premier house of fine arts and crafts based in Imphal, Manipur, with network outreach in Manipur, Delhi, Tripura, Assam and other States of India.

SACH located at a distance of 4 (four) Km from Imphal, the capital of Manipur at Khongman Zone-3 East, spreads over an area of 2.50 acre. SACH came into being in 1972, in a humble way, under the care of Guru B. Amusana Sharma who established himself as a well known traditional Sculptor & Painter of the state. He was a proficient shishya (disciple) of Guru Kalachand Singh, himself a proficient shishya (disciple) of the noted artist Guru Bhadra Singh. In 2004, it became a registered Trust under the Indian Trust Act 1882 to take care of the art properties contributed by its founder, Guru B. Amusana Sharma. He transferred the entire set up in favour of SACH. This is the first organisation that set up a modern foundry in the state to enhance the art of sculpture in a better way. SACH is a leading institution of arts and crafts in Manipur and has a spacious complex with facilities such as office, workshed, foundry, open air gallery, museum, library, showroom, exhibition ground.

**SACH specializes** in Statue and Creative Sculpture, Traditional and Creative Painting, Designing and Fabrication Work in medias of Bronze, Stone, Ceramic, Papier-mache, Fibreglass, Terracotta and Aluminium.

#### **SACH facilitates** aspiring artists in the following ways:

- \* SACH is engaged in nourishing young and talented artists.
- \* SACH provides free studio facilities and working space to artists for non-commercial purposes.
- \* SACH provides free space to performing artist for experimental art forms.
- \* SACH provides studio with foundry facilities and working space for commercial works on payment.
- \* SACH gives training to youth on various skills in traditional painting and allied crafts.
- \* SACH provides space for exhibition for artists free of cost at the SACH complex.
- \* SACH promotes local craftsmen in inventory works, and also sell their products.

#### **SACH organizes** various collaborative programs, such as:

- \* Metal casting workshop.
- \* Local doll and toy making workshop.
- \* Traditional painting workshop.
- \* Traditional wood carving workshop.
- \* Training programs for young artists and artisans in Rug dolls, toys and traditional painting.
- \* Theatre workshop.

**SACH organizes** annually **SACH Festival of Arts & Crafts**, and other festivals like **Sand Art Festival**. SACH also participates in State and Regional level exhibitions on arts & crafts.

#### **Head Office:**

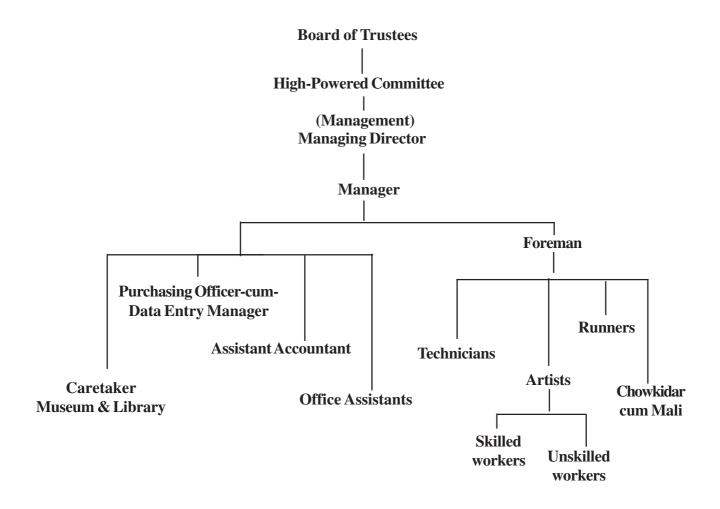
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## **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



# **Children** painting

## COMPETITION 2013I

February 15, 2013



Participants gather in the SACH Cultural Complex



Children & art lovers gather in the competition venue

A State Level children painting competition was organised by SACH February 15, 2013 at SACH Complex on its 41<sup>st</sup> Foundation Day celebration.

The painting competition was participated by 235 numbers of boys and girls and vying for the top honours in the three categories

















Paintings of the children of the event displayed in the SACH's cultural complex







41° FOUNDATION ON CELEBATION OF SACH
ON 1° 02 71 AT 2 00 PM
AT SAC D. SACHONNON, MARKEL

Arts & Culture Director Dr. K.Sobita Devi giving her speech

contestants prticipate in the interaction programme







The members of Jury, appointed for the selection of position holders of three categories examined all the paintings



Young painters encouraged with simple gifts

First-Laiphakpam Boshni, Regular English High School Std-V Second- Malemnganba Waikhom, Shishu Nistha Niketan Std-V Third- L.Rishita, Mega Manipur School Std.-V

Consolations: W.Ayeengbee, Mega Manipur School Std-V
Milli Rajkumari, Mega Manipur School Std-VI
W.Tangjakhombi, Mega Manipur School Std-III
Ningthoujam Regan Singh, Sacred Heart School Std-V

Yambem Rusha Devi, Maria Montessori School Std-V

First-Jackson Akoijam, New Era English School Std-VIII
Second- Yumnam Rahul Singh, Wangkhei H/S Std-VIII
Third- Dijendra Laishram, St. Joseph's School, Sangaiprou Std-VIII
Consolations: Rosita Thongam, L.M. Educational Institute Std-VI

Pricatsina Chungkham, UNACCO Std-VI

Thoibi Pangambam, Nirmalabas H/S Std-VII

Chingkheinganba Singh, Athokpam Jr. H/S, Yairipok Angtha Std-VIII

Hijam Lusan Meitei, Nongpok Maheikol School, Bamon Leikai Std-VII



Mementos of the competition



Prize distribution time

**CATEGORY III: (Class 9-10)** 

First-Sanatomba Moirangthem, Sacred Heart School, Porompat Std-IX Second-Rajkumar Ajayraj, Don Bosco H/Sec. School, Chingmeirong

Third- Dorish Oinam, J.N.V. Bishnupur Std.IX

Consolations: L. Roshan, Regular English High School Std.X

Asem Indrajit Singh, The Brilliant Public School
Thoi Moirangthem, J.N.V. Bishnupur Std-X
Karam Bishworjit Singh, J.N.V. Bishnupur Std-X
A.Yaipharemba, J.N.V. Bishnupur Std-IX





# Maya-III

THE THIRD PLAY OF THE MAYA SERIES PRODUCED BY SHARMAARTS & CRAFT HOUSE, KHONGMAN ZONE-3E



he experiment ("Maya – III"), which is the last series of MAYA triology of B.Banamali Sharma, is about the past, present and future. And this is to be produced in some modern art forms based on the feelings and emotions experienced during some particular stages. In this experiment, creative painting, sculpture, light and sound together in a site specific area three performers act around sculpture and painting.



Performers during workshop

Maya...is about the past, present and future.



Set maker at work



Symbol of SACH events



Artists at work

Earlier, Sharma Arts & Crafts House (SACH), Khongman Zone-3E organized two site specific multi-media experimentations such as MAYA, MAYA-II. Later was sselected for 16th Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2014, organised by NSD, New Delhi on 7th January 2014.

# the Workshop

t was organized a practical/hands down workshop engaging 11 (eleven) working artists of different discipline like, Painter, Sculptor, Performer, Musician and Light

designer.envisages in highlighting an important aspect of the artists of the state in the contemporary art/post modern art. While providing a platform for interaction and working together between the differ-

ent discipline.







A female artist



The documentation on the workshop artists was done to provide valuable information to research students and policy framers



Artists took meditation s before workshop



Young Artists took lessons from seniors







Performer Chaoba Thiyam acts during the rehearsal



A performer during the evening session of the workshop



Sets & props of the production in the venue

erformers were trained with the actual lighting, sound system, sets & props at SACH complex during the workshop with the assistance from art experts, theatre personality, musicians for a successful production



Artists learning acting with Arts products during the workshop



Painter, Sculptor, Performer, Musician and Light designer.participated in the 7 (seven) days activity which was monitored by an organizing committee and supervised by SACH management



Artisans making the stage crafts of production



Arrangement of set done by group of participants



Representatives of SACH, experts & artists discussing about probable music pieces in the production

## THE WORKSHOP PRODUCTION



MLA Th. Bishwajit Singh Thongju Assemby Constituency as Chief Guest of the function



Banamali Sharma giving speech before the play prodction in presence of Chief Guest and President



Dr. K.Sobita Devi Director of Arts & Culture as president of the function





Acts from MAYA-III





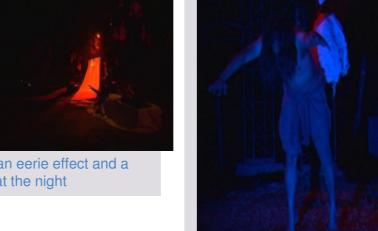




The final act of the performance gave an eerie effect and a psychological mpact on the audience at the night



Audience participating in post-play interaction session



Breath taking stunts from performer Chaoba in an act of the play



Prof. Th.Tombi speaks on Post-show Talk

Director B.Banamali Sharma with cast members of the production team along with singer, musicians & supporting crew at the curtain call



# Manipur Sangai festival 2013



Manipur Tourism Department entrusted SACH with the big responsibility of Ambience & creation of a theme park at the venue of the Manipur Sangai Festival from 20th to 30th November 2013 at Hapta Kangjeibung, Palace compound, Imphal. The SACH team led by well-known artist B.Banamali Sharma executed the task with praiseworthy materials which enchanted the visitors at the festival.

## JOURNEY TO FESTIVAL SITE





Wide view of the festival gate



Red carpet leading to the ground where the festival held

The Manipur Sangai Festival is annually organised by Manipur Tourism Department to attract the tourists from other states as well as tourist from aboard by displaying cultural items and programmes

# WHEN SUN GOES DOWN.... CARNIVAL LIGHTS ON



A view of festival pavilion in the dusk



People start to gather around the festival site



Illumination works started after glow



A marching band from the main gate arrive at inaugural function



A large number of crowd visit the theme park every night during the festival time



Sculpture of Deers in theme park



Side view of the theme park

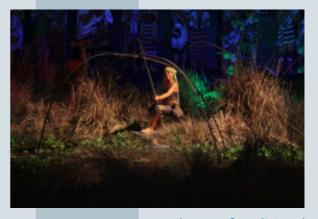
## CREATION OF SACH AT THE FEST



A huge hanging displayed as an item of the theme park



A view of the base of the hanging



A sculpture of traditional fishing woman with net is included as a part of items shown in the theme park



A view from the alternate angle of the fishing lady of the park





wide view of the theme park at the festival designed & constructed by SACH team





A large number of crowd visit the theme park every night during the festival time



Side view of theme park constructed by SACH



Close view of the theme park in the festival site



Huge hanging displayed in the theme park



Deers are the part of items of the park



The sculpture traditional fishing woman with net displayed at the theme park of the Sangai festival

Tribal totem art works displayed at the theme park



## SACH'S MAYA-II AT

# 116TH BHARAT RANG MAHOTSAV 2014



The site specific performance MAYA-II, which is a mere aphorism of life and the depiction of human temperament through the multi-media medium, was selected to take part in 16<sup>th</sup> Bharat Rang Mahotsav from January 3-19,2014, an international festival of plays organised by National School of Drama(NSD), New Delhi on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

## The Birth

Originally, "MAYA-II" is a site specific experimental art performed by artists Surjit Nongmeikapam (Bonbon), a performing artiste of Manipur and Karolin Kent, a visual artiste from Gothenberg (Sweden) on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 at the open air Gallery of SACH cultural complex.It was conceptualised and designed by B.Banamali Sharma, Sculptor of Manipur and the performance was organised with the objective of giving impetus to young artists on multimedia art experimentation.



Kerolin Kent

Wide view of the premeire

It was performed during a three-day exhibition of Installation Art,which was held at the Open Air Gallery of SACH Cultural Complex from 6<sup>th</sup> April to 8<sup>th</sup> April,2012. Eight contemporary artists of Manipur namely R.K.Thambalsana, B.Ruma Sharma, L.M. Sotis, Y.Motilal, Maibam Maningou, B Mahendra, S.Imobi Sharma and B.Banamali Sharma.Being a pet project of himself, MAYA-II is conceptualized, developed and presented

by B.Banamali Sharma



Original cast of MAYA-II: Surjit & Kerolin Kent perform at SACH complex on April 5,2012



B.Banamali Sharma acts during the premeire of MAYA-II



THE

## REINCARNATION

After getting confirmation for the particiaption in 16 BRM from NSD, SACH contacted Kerolin Kent & sinformed her about the whole thing delivered messege to confirm her availability for performance in Indian captial.



Chaoaba Thiyam doing physical exercise ...This time B.Banamali Sharma prefers to concentrate his mind in Direction rather than participating in the performance. So that he replaced his role to Chaoba Thiyam for performance in Bharat Rang Mahostav 2014



Due to inconvenience on travelling and travel expense load, Kerolin Kent gave information that she could not reach India for the participation of MAYA-II in 16th BRM. Hunt for a suitable female who could replace the role of Kerolin began. At last Surjit informed that he ahs known a Delhi based female artist for the lead role, her name is Agu Tara. After engaging Agu Tara through telephonic talks and e-mail, rehearsal programme of Maya-II was scheduled from December 27 to December 31, 2013 at SACH Complex, Khongman Zone-3, and Imphal. She arrived at Imphal in time and physical training was begun with Surjit Nongmeikapam, the male lead role in performance. B.Banamali Sharma, the director of the play assisted by technical crew, revealed the inner truth of the performance which is visualized in his thoughts.



Agu Tara doing rehearsal inisde installation

## THE JOURNEY

Eighteen members of MAYA-II Team for BRM, New Delhi including technical supports and crew:

- 1 N SURJIT (BONBON)-Performer
- 2 AGU TARA Performer
- 3 CHAOBA THIYAM-Performer
- 4. Y MOTILAL-CHORUS
- 5. R K THABALSANA-CHORUS
- 6. A PREMNATH SHARMA-CHORUS
- 7. A AMARNATH SHARMA-CHORUS
- 8. LIGHT- L IBOCHOUBA
- 9. LIGHT ASSISTANT- S. DIPU
- 10 MUSICIAN- L RATAN
- 10. MUSICIAN- PHIJAM TOMBA SINGH
- 11 SOUND ENGINEER-SUNIL LOITONGBAM
- 12 MAKE-UP-T SANJOY SHARMA
- 13 COSTUME- LAISHRAM DAVID SINGH
- 14 SET & PROPS- Dr. B RUMA SHARMA
- 15 SET & PROPS G BINAO THAKUR SHARMA
- 16 DOCUMENTATION- K KISHOREKUMAR
- 17 TRANSLATOR- ARUN YUMKHAM
- 18 DIRECTOR- B B SHARMA

left Imphal for Delhi on January 3,2014



Panoramic view of the performance site at NSD,New Delhi

Team MAYA-II reached Guwahati on January 4, 2014 and left for Delhi by train and reached Delhi on January 6, 2014





MAYA-II poster in NSD complex



Image Banamaili Sharma (Extreme right)is displayed with other directors at Festival site

Team MAYA-II worked hard to prepare art Installation, lighting design and sound equipment and costume for the performance at premises of NSD. Print & electronic media flock in before the show. They were eager to kow what was all about MAYA.



Installation work at NSD outdoor complex



PERFORMANCE DAY



Light designer at the performance site

It was the evening of January 7, 2014. Daring the coldness of severe winter, a large number of crowd gathered watch the unusual performance. Amongst them, there were so many enthuasists of Manipur origin, freinds and supporters of the team, Eminent theatre personalities, critics, theatre lovers and correspondants. It was really a memorable and excitable moment of performers as well as the rest of the team.



Director Banamali, Art Designer of installation art works Dr. Ruma & Light designer L. Ibochouba discussing about the technical arrangement for the show in the early hours of the performance day



Early Audience gathered at the performancce site



Pre-show Green room environment





PLAY BROCHURE PUBLISHED BY NSD



Artistes after their make up



Make-up man David, performer Surjit(in black), Designer Ruma Sharma & Performer Chaoba (behind) in the green room



Magic of MAYA begun after the dark





B.Banamali Sharma









Final act of the show

## 3-Day SACH Festival of Arts & Crafts

4th to 6th February, 2014 at the SACH's complex

he 3-Day SACH Festival of Arts & Crafts organized by The Sharma Arts & Crafts House (SACH), Imphal commenced from 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 at the SACH's complex located at Khongman Zone-3E, Imphal East District, Manipur on the occassion of SACH's 42nd Foundation Day celebration.





Artisans making their craft products in their stall during the festival

Ohri B. Banamali Sharma, Managing Director, SACH laid stress on the objective of the Festival is for the revitalization of the materials and cultural values of the traditional crafts and visual art forms, some of which in the present context are on the verge of gradually fading out due to lack of interest in the traditional system etc. to encourage the local craftsman, artisan and artists towards the development of the art and crafts by engaging in commercial production based both on the traditional system and innovative entrepreneurship. The Festival was organised with financial support from Ministry of culture, Govt. India under the Cultural Functions grant scheme.



Prof. H. Nandakumar Sharma, vice Chancellor, Manipur University arrives at the festival site

. The Festival in SACH complex with an open gallery the demonstration cum exhibition by participants was an ideal complement to the Festival and the ambience was purely reflective of the serene culture of Manipur and it was thoroughly interactive session with visitors.

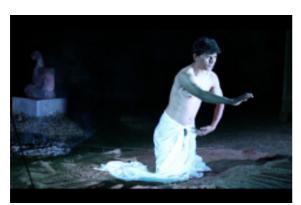
Attended by the Master craftsmen, painter, and Sculptor, Potter and art lovers of the nook and corners of the state of Manipur, the Festival had a different taste from the very outset wherein artworks of different genres in eleven numbers of stands.



A traditional painter draws painting at her stall during the festival

Addressing at the inaugural function as Chief Guest, Prof. H. Nandakumar Sharma, , vice Chancellor, Manipur University, reflected and appreciated the efforts of SACH to revive the traditional art and crafts of the state.

Delivering the presidential speech, Dr. R K Nimai Singh, IAS, Commissioner, Arts and Culture, told that trio- Prof. H. Nandakumar Sharma, he and B. Banamali Sharma are post graduates from BHU, Varanasi and although from different streams have made creditable efforts in the field of art and culture.



Performance Surjit Nongmeikapam on Day One of the festival



Presentation of Khongjom Parva(traditional narrative art of Manipur)at the evening hours of the festival



A potter giving a finishing touch of her product before firing

Manipur University Vice Chancellor Prof. Nandakumar giving speech at the function



Kouna artisans making mats in their stall

The interaction session with exhibition and demonstration of Andro Potters. Phairibi (appliqué work), Kouna Work, Rug Doll making, indigenous clay-toy making and Laiphadibi (indigenous dolls & toy making) and Chong-Pee making besides creative Painting and Sculpture on the second day of the festival.

The evening of the second day was studded by a performance of traditional narrative art form of Manipur called Khongjomprava performed by Smti. Khumanthem Sundari Devi and party.Kumari Lourembam Bedabati a folk performer and singer, was felicitated by presenting a memento for her contributions in the field of



Dr. R K Nimai Singh, IAS, Commissioner, Arts and Culture delivering the presidential speech at inaugural session of the festival





Painters busy in their canvas works during fest



Dignitaries on the stage in valedictory function

Addressing the valedictory function as Chief Guest Shri Jotin Waikhom, Secretary, MPCC, Imphal reflected and appreciated the efforts of SACH and expressed hope that SACH will become a pioneer centre in Manipur for the practicing artists of our Country as well as outside



Wood sculptures products of the festival



An artisan mkaing toys & dolls during the fest



Delivering the Guest of honour speech of in valedictory function S. Vedeshwor Sharma, the secretary Manipur State Kala Akademi, highlighted the programmes organised by SACH during the past seven-eight years. Vedeshwor Sharma said ,in a bid to promote and propagate various arts and culture forms Manipur State Kala Akademi has been endeavouring many programme but there left some vacuum which is filled up by SACH with its intense activities.

While delivering the presidential speech Smt. Moirangthem Nungshirei acknowledged the organizer, dignified guests, invitees and participants as well as the media and expressed her pride in having a leading centre of art as SACH in her constituency.

Small attentive audience waiting for traditional dance &music items in the evening session of the fest





Preparing for the valedictory function at SACH Complex





## List of participants

Sarungbam Dharmomala Devi Sarungbam Tonu Sakhi L.Bino Devi Hajarimayum Hemashori Devi Anoubam Harinutan Devi Khongbantabam Thoibi Devi Oinam Manorama Devi Konsam Chandima Devi Usham Phaiabi Devi Konsam Ibomcha Singh Ningthoujam Ingoba Singh Laishram Beby Devi bank) Laishram Abinash Singh Khundrakpam Pramo Devi Khundrakpam Chourjit Singh R.K.Thamabalsana Singh Y.Motilal Singh Ph. Premananda Sharma Dayananda Khangembam Ningthoujam Sasibala Devi Leishangthem Memcha Devi

Dazzle Nahakpam

**Gender Trade** 

Female Potter
Female Potter
Female Aplique
Female Aplique
Female Traditional paintings
Female Doll & Toys
Female Doll & Toys
Female Kouna
Female Kouna
Male Rug Doll
Male Rug Doll
Female Semphu (local clay piggy)

Male Semphu Female Kouna Male Kouna Male Painting Male Painting Male Chong Pey (cult items) Male Chong Pey Female Potloi (traditional attires) Female Potloi Wood carving

While delivering the presidential speech Smt. Moirangthem Nungshirei acknowledged the organizer, dignified guests, invitees and participants as well as the media and expressed her pride in having a leading centre of art as SACH in her constituency. With Khulang Eshei (a folk performance of Manipur) by students of Kum. Lourembam Bedabati which enchanted audience by their high pitched singing, virtuoso and comical gestures, Valedictory function came to an end the SACH art festival proved to be a grand success.

Artisans making basketry items at the stall



Onlookers watching the process of pottery



Folk artistes perform in the evening session



## SCULPTURE WORKSHOP - 2015

29th July to 3rd August, 2015 at the SACH's complex

Sculpture Workshop was organized by The Sharma Arts & Crafts House (SACH), Imphal commenced from 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 to 3rd August, 2015 at the SACH's complex at Khongman Zone-3E, Imphal East District, Manipur under the Grand in aid scheme of Department of Art & Culture, Govt. of Manipur.



Shri Koolchandra M Them, Chairman, Arts Society Manipur



An artist preparing the materials

Shri B. Banamali Sharma, Managing Director, SACH laid stress on the objective of the Workshop envisages in highlighting the creative values of the visual art forms practiced by the contemporary artist and at the same time, in encouraging of entrepreneuship among young artists practiced in different forms. It was an oppurtunity to share the artists' creative views with art lovers and the general public. The workshop continues from early morning till late night and it was a challanged for the artists' to fabricate such sculptures during rain as the medium of the sulpture was in cement concrete.



artists work in SACH complex

Attended by the 11 artist and 5 assistant, the workshop had a different taste from the very outset wherein creative artworks of different modern creativity can be seen in four numbers of sculpture in RCC.



artist work in progress

Addressing at the opening function as Chief Guest, Shri Koolchandra M Them, Chirman, Arts Society Manipur reflected and appreciated the efforts of SACH for the encouragement to the contemporary artists' of the state.



Artists' work in heavy showers of rain



Shri B. Banamali Sharma, MD SACH giving his welcome address at the opening function of the workshop



Artists' work to complete the larger than life structure they created

The significant part of the workshop is praiseworthy enough that the participating artists worked day and night to complete their creation during the workshop despite of incessant monsson downpour. Beacuse of the seasonal rain, they faced many inconvinience to work in the complex.. Their tireless efforts and hardwork, a fire within enable to complete the structure. The artists demonstrate their killer instincted commitment to achieve the goal .



one of the workshop product sculpture



Govt. of Manipur



Dignitaries on the stage in closing function

Addressing the closing function as dais member Shri Brajagopal Sharma, Former Minister, Khadi & Village Industries, Govt. of Manipur reflected and appreciated the efforts of SACH and artists who are participated in the workshop and expressed hope that SACH will become a pioneer centre in Manipur for the practicing artists of our Country as well as outside



a workshop product with artists

elivering the speech of in closing function Shri L. Nibaranchandra Sharma, Trustee Member SACH highlighted the programmes organised by SACH during the past seven-eight years. He said, in a bid to promote and propagate various arts and culture forms state agencies has been endeavouring many programme but there left some vacuum which is filled up by SACH with its intense activities.

While delivering the speech Dr. Y Dhakeshore, Scholar, acknowledged the organizer, dignified guests, invitees and participants as well as the media and expressed her pride in having a leading centre of art as SACH. He stressed the importance of nourishing young talented artists as the arts and culture of Manipur is known far and wide,

Visitors looking at one of the Workshop product



# List of participants

MANGSATABAM SAMSON MEITEI



THANGJAM HERAMANI

**RKBANKIMCHANDRA** 



AITHANGBAM DILIP SINGH

LUKRAM RAMAN SINGH







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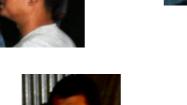
**RAJKUMAR THAMBALSANA** 



K KISHORE KUMAR



PREMNATH ADHIKARI



ARUN YUMKHAM

SALAM JOYKUMAR SINGH





Certificate presentation



Some of the participating Artists'

## THE 8-DAY REGIONAL ARTIST WORKSHOP ON BRONZE CASTING - 2015

## 21st to 28th October 2015 at the SACH's complex

The 8-Day Regional Artist Workshop on Bronze Casting organized by Sharma Arts & Crafts House commenced from 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at SACH Complex located at Khongman Zone 3 East, Imphal – 795001, Manipur.

### Day 1 (21/10/2015)

The workshop began with warm welcome of the Chief Guest, the Guest of Honour and the President of the Opening Function. The function started at 09:00 am at the SACH main Studio, The opening function of the workshop began with pouring auspicious water in a copper pot by Shri Y. Nabachandra Singh, Principal Imphal Art College as Chief Guest followed by Dr. K. Sobita Devi, Chairperson SACH, Shri L Nibaranchandra Sharma, Treasurer SACH and Shri B. Banamali Sharma, Managing Director SACH in presence of Trustees, Sympathisers, invitees, participants and people from different walks of life as audience.

Shri B. Banamali Sharma, MD SACH delivered welcome and key note address. He greeted all those present and gave his respects to the Chief Guest, the Guest of Honour and the President and everyone present at the opening function. He laid stress on the aims and objective of the workshop.. The emphasis of the workshop is on the young artist with their creative art forms from different parts of North Eastern states. He added that without the adequate knowledge of materials & method and techniques of metal casting, a good creative bronze sculpture cannot be executed. He informed that the workshop is organised with financial support from the Ministry of Culture, under the CFGS. He, however, expressed that it was not possible to organise the workshop with the meagre financial support from the Ministry. But he and his organisation were able to make it possible only after the organization received donation from the SACH Trustees and made the workshop a success.

Addressing the function, Shri Y. Nabachandra Singh, the Chief Guest, greeted the organizers, guests, invitees, participants and the audience. He applauded the efforts taken up by SACH and the challenges it took to not only make the workshop possible but a huge success. He also said he could gauze the financial struggle faced by SACH and expressed the need to seek support from higher authorities to preserve and nurture the artists especially the young and talented. He wished all the participants a grand success in their lives.

The vote of thanks for the function was delivered by Th. Heramani Singh, Member High Powered Consultative Committee SACH. He thanked the Chief Guest, the Guest of Honour and the President for attending the function despite their busy schedules. He also thanked the Trustees, Sympathiser, invitees, especially participants of the workshop and the audience for joining the function and making it happen on a grand scale.

The opening function came to the end though the participants of the workshop continued preparation of their raw materials and other aspects of the workshop were taken up till 08:00 pm under the supervision of Senior Artist Dr B. Ruma Sharma, who is Professor in Department of Visual Arts, Assam University, Silchal.

### Day 2 (22/10/2015)

The second day started with participants making wax sculptures out of wax sheets and molten wax. Some participants worked by taking moulds and waste moulding method by using plaster of paris, casting in wax. This this continues till late evening.

## Participants are given below:

- 1) Prof. B.Ruma Sharma Silchar, Assam
- 2) Binod Daw Jorhat, Assam
- 3) R.K Thambalsana Imphal West, Manipur
- 4) Lukram Raman Imphal West, Manipur
- 5) R.K Bangkimchandra Imphal West, Manipur
- 6) Tapan Kumar Baishnab Silchar, Assam
- 7) Goutam Naorem Imphal, Manipur
- 8) KangujamJotinkumar Singh Imphal, Manipur
- 9) Thokchom Ibotombi Meitei Imphal East, Manipur
- 10) Sorokhaibam Sanjib Meitei Imphal, Manipur

### Day 3 (23/10/2015)

The participants continued with their works in wax. Each participant made 2 (two) sculptures in wax, one for SACH and one for their own collection. The work continued till late evening i.e. 09:00 pm after lunch.

### Day 4 (24/10/2015)

The fourth day saw the participants adding channels (runner & riser) to their wax works. The work continued till late evening because the workshop duration was short and the participants had less time to complete their sculptures. Some of the participants started investment moulding their art works with assistance of casters and unskilled workers.

During interaction with Padmashree Kanhailal on 4<sup>th</sup> October at 09:00 am, he says that the essence of art is same. But nowadays, art is coming forward and to show what is going on in our day today life. Whatever we say, let's say anything but a real art will not start from the brain instead it will be created from the heart. And when it starts from the brain, then definitely it's not an art, as it will be assume as analysis. So our heart and brain is always the opposite and we thought that our heart is always open but it is not. Artist should always know when to open their heart at the right time so that they can visualize their dreams and they can dream. Logically it may be irrelevant and artist should not justify logically. In art logic should not be applied as it is in different states of mind. While dreaming different dreams and when coming to consciousness, artist creates those dreams related to one another. Especially artist has two things one is Instinct and another is Intuition and there they had to open their heart in time so that they can capture the

flash back, moments, images while creating their art forms. He says that what he is saying is not written in books, it's his own experiences. A person half of his body submerges inside the water at the river bank of Ganga Varanasi, praying pronouncing the word "OM", it is also a kind of education apart from the religious recitation. Let's take it in a different way, the relation with the water and the body, the body submerged inside the water and the river current hits the body, as a human does feel with the senses. That is what the artist are doing today at this workshop. A leader who is superior to them leading and guiding them and that they follow him because they trust him and practice what he does enthusiastically. Only then they could be popular, famous and can contribute in the field of sculpture. The art of path is not an easy thing, artists have to suffer and have patience.

### Day 5-6 (25 to 26/10/2015)

Participants were aided in the making of temporary baking chamber by assistants and unskilled workers. The baking chamber was then fired up till the next day to make the mould fully baked. An interaction programme of the participants was also held after dinner till 11:00 pm. During interaction, participants express their experience and difficulties face by them. All the participants were thankful to Professor B. Ruma Sharma for her guidance and supervising them technically and theoretically. The firing process was taken up by participants with casters and skilled workers in shifts of three teams.

#### Day7 (27/10/2015)

The hot moulds were taken out from the temporary baking chamber and embedded in clay with the moulds opening upwards so as to pour the melted bronze inside the moulds. Bronze was melted easily using an LPG fire furnace. All the moulds are poured in the molten bronze by using large iron spoons. For technical purposes, several works were joined together by hand in a single mould. This assisted in technically stronger finished product.

#### Day 8 (28/10/2015)

On eight and concluding day, the closing function began at 04:30 pm and continued till 08:00 pm. It was graced by Padmashree Awardee Haisnam Kanhailal as Chief Guest and presided by Shri L Nibaranchandra Sharma, Treasurer SACH.

Shri B. Banamali Sharma, Managing Director SACH, delivered the welcome address. An eminent senior sculptor artist from Manipur, Banamali brought the light, the need to learn and practice the art and the techniques of metal casting in the contemporary art scenario. He also highlighted SACH as one of the important modern centres with infrastructure and facilities of metal casting and sculpture among others. Another important issue he highlighted was the lack of funds from the government for such programmes. The Ministry though earmarked a fund of Rs.5,00,000/- for workshops/camps, for this particular metal casting camp, the fund were insufficient as only Rs.75,000/- was released by the ministry. Hence, SACH

had seek donations of Rs. 2,35,000/- from different sources to make the workshop successful. The programme which normally has a duration of minimum 15 days was cut short to 8 days on account of inappropriate funds.

Addressing the function, Shri Kanhailal ji, greeted the organizers, dignified guests, invitees, participants and the audience. He lauded the efforts taken up by SACH and the challenges to make the workshop possible and a success. He also said he felt the financial struggle faced by SACH and expressed the need to seek help from higher authorities to preserve and nurture the artist especially the young and talented ones. He wished all the participants a grand success in their lives.

Shri Kanhailal ji said, we needs to be conveyed to the Ministry in the strongest terms. Our supporters as well as the state government too need to write to the ministry in this regard. Perhaps, a committee comprising sculpture experts will understand the problems. The expert committee which issued the fund for this particular workshop may not have included painters and sculptors but could be mostly of dance, song and drama. Therefore these experts from other fields either do not understand or neglected the importance and released a very small amount. There are many costly things needed to be procured for bronze statue casting. Hence, as the expert committee is not aware of this art form i.e., sculpture, it has released a namesake amount. We certainly need to point this out to the ministry. The government's money is money. They only managed it. When they make mistakes in the money management we need to indicate it and make them aware."

Shri L Nibaranchandra Sharma, the president of the function, said, "The problems faced by the people today are being portrayed by artists displaying in their artwork the different twist and turns of the human body and contributed them to our art gallery. The different views and instincts of artists by observation of society, individuals and culture can only be made meaningful by art. Therefore, we need to deeply analyse how artists are able to convey the human emotions and views by transforming them into visuals."

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks by MD SACH and later showcased a documentary film titled 'The Soujourn', a third production of the SACH Audio Visual Unit. The documentary is based on the life history of lyricist Shri B Jayantakumar Sharma. Eminent filmmaker Shri A. Shyam Sharma's 'Manipuri Pony' was also screened at closing function of the workshop.



A participant artist expressing his ideas during the opening function



Participants concentrating on their sculptures



Participants working at night time



Participants preparing invastment moulds



Dr. K. Sobita Devi giving speech during the opening function



Wax sculptures before invastment moulding



Participants preparing Wax runner



Participants re-organising the moulds before firing



Chief Guest visitng the SACH Complex



Padmashree Kanhailal ineracts with participants (SACH Studio)



A team of participants firing up the temporary furnance - non stop for 3 days



Two experts within the team pouring the molten bronze inside the moulds



Padmashree Kanhailal ineracts with participants



Participants with Padmashree Kanhailal



The team preparing for pouring



The team after successfull pouring



Participants working hard to comeplete their works (Main Studio)



Participants with their sculptures at SACH Exhibition ground



Persentation ofcertificates by chief guest on the closing function



A thoughtful and encouraging speech by the Chief Guest



Participants finishing their works (Main Studio)



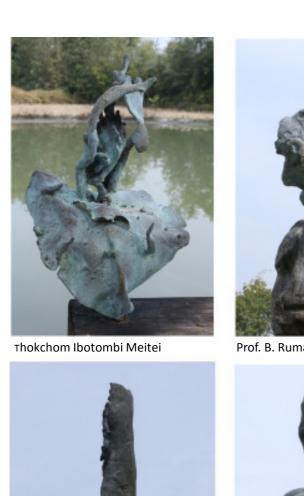
The Sculptures - products of the workshop



Persentation ofcertificates by chief guest on the closing function



The closing function of the Regional Artist Workshop on Bronze Casting - 2015 at SACH Complex





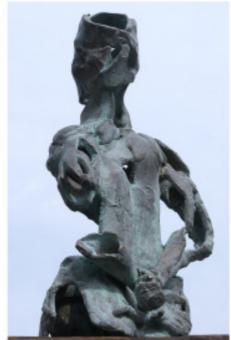
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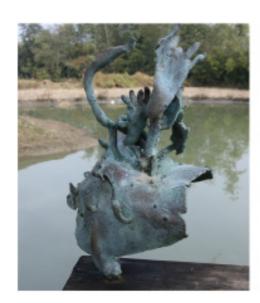
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## SHARMA ARTS AND CRAFTS HOUSE(SACH) IMPHAL- MANIPUR

## RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015

RECEIPTS	- 1	AMOUNTS(Rs)				AMOUNTS(Rs
o Opening Balance :				Administrative & Programm		
Cash in hand		39,406.00		Agency Charges	685,000.00	
Cash at bank		39,721.55		Audio visual unit	77,200.00	
			-	Ground Development	16,550.00	
				Purchase of Materials	222,059.00	
Receipts form Departmen	its:			Maya "Baharat Rang		
- Directorate of Arts			Mahotsav, NSD"	34,325.00		
& Culture	3,000,000.00			Technical Asst. payment	5,000.00	
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- Director Tourism Dept.	139,776.00		-	Republic Day Tableau	580,045.00	
- Simplex Infrastructure	4 000 000 00		-	Wood Log Table & Chair	48,000.00	
PVT.Ltd	1,000,000.00		-	Diorama Construction	53,000.00	
<ul> <li>Imphal Art College</li> </ul>	98,800.00		-	Luxmi Finance	20,000.00	
- IFCD Department	680,380.00		-	Haipou Jadonang Satue	1,067,000.00	
<ul> <li>Forest Department</li> </ul>	269,500.00	5,188,456.00	-	SACH Management system	4,000.00	
			-	TA for Delhi Republic Day	35,000.00	
			-	Showroom Artifects	2,000.00	
			-	Computer Accessory	6,100.00	
Grants-in-Aid:			-	Electricals Items	54,922.00	
- Mininstry of Culture Govt.			-	Stationary	6,075.00	
of India	79,864.00			Telephone Bill	25,833.00	
- Art and Culture Departmen				Newspaper Bill	1,500.00	
Govt.of Manipur	30.000.00	109,864.00		Contingencies	14,409.00	
Goveon Manipur	30,000.00	100,004.00		Fuel	68,805.00	
" Received from Individual		323,400.00		Supervisors Charge	66,680.00	
			-			
3000		9,215.00		Audit Fee	5,000.00	
Bank interest				Transportation	3,950.00	
' Loan		300,000.00		Repairing & Maintenance	12,499.00	
		146,000.00	-	Renovation of working space	100,000.00	
" Fixed Deposit Maturity 1		100,000.00		Sanitary Items	875.00	
" Loan recovery from Project a/c		25,000.00		Refreshment & Fooding	16,564.00	
			-	Artistes payment	181,500.00	
				Salary	301,592.00	
				Wages	139,280.00	
				Arrear to Staffs	10,800.00	
	^			Honorarium	115,584.00	3,981,147.00
	\$ 500 CA		"	Repayment of Loans		725,000.00
/3	MAPHAL			Capital Expenses:		
19	LUMNO			Canon Camera	98,000.00	
-	Lego No	1	-	Shanti Doot Construction	319,000.00	
10	318187		-	Tools & Equipments	7,200.00	
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	THE ACUS		-	Construction of		
	7			Workshed No.2	967,117.00	1,391,817.00
				Closing Balance		
				Cash in Hand		32,787.0
				Cash at Bank		40,535.5
				Fixed Deposit		146,000.00
		6,317,286.55	_			6,317,286.5

#### **SACH (Sharma Arts & Crafts House)**

A premier house of fine arts and crafts in the region

The Sharma Arts & Crafts House (SACH) is a premier house of fine arts and crafts based in Imphal, Manipur, with network outreach in Manipur, Delhi, Tripura, Assam and other States of India.

SACH, located at a distance of 4 (four) Km from Imphal, the capital of Manipur at Khongman Zone-3 East, spreads over an area of 2.50 acre. SACH came into being in 1972, in a humble way, under the care of Guru B. Amusana Sharma who established himself as a well known traditional Sculptor & Painter of the state. He was a proficient shishya (disciple) of Guru Kalachand Singh, himself a proficient shishya (disciple) of the noted artist Guru Bhadra Singh. In 2004, it became a registered Trust under the Indian Trust Act 1882 to take care of the art properties contributed by its founder, Guru B. Amusana Sharma. He transferred the entire set up in favour of SACH. This is the first organisation that set up a modern foundry in the state to enhance the art of sculpture in a better way. SACH is a leading institution of arts and crafts in Manipur and has a spacious complex with facilities such as office, workshed, foundry, open air gallery, museum, library, showroom, exhibition ground.

Specializes in Statue and Creative Sculpture, Traditional and Creative Painting, Designing and Fabrication Work in medias of Bronze, Stone, Ceramic, Papier-mache, Fibreglass, Terracotta and Aluminium.

**Facilitates** aspiring artists in the following ways:

- \* SACH is engaged in nourishing young and talented artists.
- \* SACH provides free studio facilities and working space to artists for non-commercial purposes.
- \* SACH provides studio with foundry facilities and working space for commercial works on payment.
- \* SACH gives training to youth on various skills in traditional painting and allied crafts.
- \* SACH provides space for exhibition for artists free of cost at the SACH complex.
- \* SACH promotes local craftsmen in inventory works, and also sell their products.
- \* SACH sells traditional paintings, dolls and toys.

#### **Organizes** various collaborative programs:

- \* Metal casting workshop.
- \* Local doll and toy making workshop.
- \* Traditional painting workshop.
- \* Traditional wood carving workshop.

