

# MANIPUR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

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## ANNUAL REPORT:

**2024 – 2025**

### FOREWORD

It gives me immense pleasure to present the **Annual Report 2024–2025** of the *Manipur Educational Development and Research Association (MEDRA)*. Since its establishment in 2007, MEDRA has been steadfast in its commitment to the holistic development of Manipur through education, skill enhancement, and community empowerment. Over the years, our organization has steadily evolved, expanding its scope to address the diverse and dynamic needs of the communities we serve.

The past year has been particularly momentous for MEDRA, marked by the successful implementation of a wide range of programs focused on fostering scientific temper, enhancing artisanal skills, promoting sustainable agricultural practices, and preserving our rich cultural heritage. Each initiative has been carefully crafted to respond to the specific challenges faced by our beneficiaries, while remaining aligned with our overarching mission of inclusive socio-economic development.

A key highlight of the year was the **School Health Programme**, a six-month initiative that reached over 5,000 school students. Designed to popularize science among youth, the program sparked curiosity and offered practical exposure to scientific concepts. Likewise, our **Honey Mission** beekeeping initiatives empowered local beekeepers by equipping them with technical knowledge and practical skills to boost honey production and improve their livelihoods. Our commitment to sustainable development is also reflected in our efforts to promote **organic farming**, support **traditional crafts through skill development**, and integrate **modern techniques into artisanal work**. In addition to our educational and livelihood programs, MEDRA has remained focused on **health and environmental well-being**. Our mobile health camps and environmental awareness drives have made a tangible difference in improving the quality of life in rural and marginalized communities.

As we celebrate our achievements, we also recognize the challenges that remain. MEDRA reaffirms its dedication to empowering communities, nurturing sustainable growth, and cultivating a culture of lifelong learning and innovation.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our partners, stakeholders, and the community members whose unwavering support continues to inspire and propel our mission. Together, let us continue to work toward a brighter, more equitable, and prosperous future for Manipur.

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*General Secretary*

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## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Transparency and accountability are the cornerstones of the Manipur Educational Development and Research Association (MEDRA). Our commitment to these principles is reflected in our rigorous financial management practices and annual audits. The Auditor's Report for the financial year ending March 31, 2025, provides an overview of our financial activities and affirms our adherence to generally accepted accounting principles.

The accounts of MEDRA for the financial year 2024-2025 were audited by the Registrar Co-Operatives Govt. of Manipur and other competent chartered accountants. The audit encompassed the verification of our financial statements, including the Income and Expenditure Account and the Receipts and Payments Account, ensuring their accuracy and compliance with statutory requirements.

The Auditor's Report for the financial year 2024-2025 reaffirms MEDRA's commitment to transparency, accountability, and sound financial management. The positive audit opinion underscores the organization's dedication to maintaining high standards of financial integrity and governance.

As we move forward, MEDRA will continue to implement the recommendations provided by the auditors to further strengthen our financial management practices. We remain committed to using our resources efficiently and effectively to achieve our mission of educational and community development.

This chapter, detailing our audit process and findings, serves as a testament to MEDRA's integrity and the trust placed in us by our stakeholders. We are grateful for the continued support and confidence of our partners, donors, and the community, which enables us to pursue our goals with diligence and dedication.

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Mission Statement**

MEDRA is committed to promoting education, skill development, and sustainable practices that foster the holistic development of communities in Manipur. Through inclusive and transformative initiatives, we aim to uplift individuals and create pathways for long-term socio-economic progress.

### **Vision Statement**

Our vision is to build an empowered and self-reliant society in which every individual has access to quality education, vital skills, and meaningful opportunities for personal and professional advancement. We believe that education and skill development are powerful tools for driving lasting, positive change in the socio-economic fabric of our communities.

### **Core Objectives**

#### **1. Educational Development**

To ensure access to quality education and promote literacy across all segments of society, with a special focus on underprivileged and marginalized communities.

#### **2. Skill Development**

To provide comprehensive skill training programs that equip individuals with market-relevant competencies, enhancing their employability and overall quality of life.

#### **3. Research and Innovation**

To conduct applied research and encourage innovation in key areas, thereby enriching the knowledge base and generating effective, locally-relevant solutions to pressing challenges.

#### **4. Community Empowerment**

To strengthen communities through targeted initiatives such as awareness campaigns, health camps, the School Health Program, and other interventions that improve well-being and uplift socio-economic conditions.

## Chapter 1

### Awareness Program on the New 2020 Curriculum and Education Development under KVIC PEP (People Education Programme)

In alignment with the goals of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, MEDRA organized a series of **awareness programs** focused on the **New 2020 Curriculum Framework** and its implications for educational development in Manipur. These programs were aimed at building awareness among key stakeholders, including **teachers, school administrators, parents, and community leaders**, to ensure smooth and effective implementation of the new curriculum.

#### *Objectives of the Program:*

- To familiarize educators and communities with the **key principles of NEP 2020**, including holistic, multidisciplinary education, and experiential learning.
- To promote awareness of **foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN)** as essential learning goals for early education.
- To encourage the adoption of **competency-based learning approaches** in classrooms.
- To facilitate discussions on **localizing curriculum** to reflect indigenous knowledge, culture, and community context.



#### *Program Highlights:*

- Conducted **interactive workshops** and **training sessions** in both urban and rural schools.
- Distributed **resource materials** in local languages to enhance accessibility and understanding.
- Engaged **education experts** and **policy advocates** to deliver talks and presentations on curriculum transformation.
- Over **450 participants** including school heads, teachers, parents, and youth volunteers attended these sessions.
- Participants were introduced to **digital tools and teaching aids** recommended under NEP 2020 to support blended and inclusive learning environments.

This awareness initiative by MEDRA is a step toward ensuring that the **vision of NEP 2020** is realized in the grassroots, thereby contributing to a more **inclusive, flexible, and future-ready education system** in Manipur.

## Chapter 2

### Empowering Artisans (Under the Supervision and Sponsored by KVIC, Imphal)

Artisans are the torchbearers of our rich cultural heritage, and their work significantly contributes to the local economy. Recognizing the importance of supporting and empowering artisans, MEDRA implemented two comprehensive awareness programs under the Village Industries Coordination (VIC) initiative in Manipur. These programs aimed to enhance the skills of artisans by introducing modern techniques and tools, thereby improving the quality and efficiency of their work.

The primary objective of these programs was to equip artisans with the necessary skills and knowledge to adopt modern techniques and tools. This, in turn, would help improve the quality of their products, increase productivity, and enhance their marketability. The programs also aimed to foster innovation while preserving traditional crafts, ensuring a balance between heritage and modernity.

The awareness programs under the Village Industries Coordination initiative successfully empowered artisans in Manipur. By providing them with the skills, tools, and knowledge to improve their craft, MEDRA helped elevate their socio-economic status and contributed to the preservation and promotion of traditional arts.

## Chapter 3

### Beekeepers Meet (Under the Supervision and Sponsored by KVIC, Imphal)

Beekeeping has long been recognized as a sustainable and environmentally beneficial practice that provides substantial economic benefits to those involved. In Manipur, beekeeping holds significant potential to enhance rural livelihoods, promote biodiversity, and contribute to agricultural productivity. In line with this, MEDRA undertook several initiatives under the Honey Mission to support and promote beekeeping among the local communities.

The primary objective of the beekeeping initiatives was to bring together beekeepers from across Manipur to share knowledge, discuss challenges, and explore opportunities



for improving honey production and marketing. The initiatives aimed to enhance the skills of beekeepers, introduce modern techniques, and foster a sense of community and support among them.

The Beekeeper Meet under the Honey Mission was a resounding success, achieving its objectives of enhancing beekeeping practices and promoting sustainable honey production in Manipur. The event not only improved the skills and knowledge of beekeepers but also fostered a supportive community dedicated to continuous learning and development.

## Chapter 4

### **Honey Mission Awareness (Under the Supervision and Sponsored by KVIC, Imphal)**

The Honey Mission is an initiative aimed at promoting beekeeping as a sustainable livelihood and enhancing honey production in India. Recognizing the potential of beekeeping to improve livelihoods and contribute to environmental conservation, MEDRA organized a one-day awareness programme under the Honey Mission in Manipur. This programme aimed to educate the local community about the benefits of beekeeping, honey production, and the Honey Mission's objectives.

The primary objective of the one-day awareness programme was to educate and create awareness among the local community about the benefits of beekeeping and honey production. The programme aimed to provide participants with basic knowledge and skills required to start and manage a beekeeping unit, emphasizing the economic and environmental benefits of beekeeping.



The one-day awareness programme under the Honey Mission was a resounding success, achieving its objectives of educating the local community about the benefits of beekeeping and honey production. By providing basic knowledge, practical skills, and insights into market opportunities, the programme empowered participants to pursue beekeeping as a sustainable livelihood option.

## Chapter 5

### Comprehensive Beekeeping Training Programme at Higher Secondary School and College Students

Building on the success of the Honey Mission Awareness Programme, MEDRA implemented an intensive ten-day beekeeping training programme to provide aspiring beekeepers in Manipur with in-depth knowledge and practical skills. This comprehensive training aimed to equip participants with the expertise needed to establish and maintain successful beekeeping enterprises, thereby promoting sustainable livelihoods and enhancing honey production in the region..

The ten-day beekeeping training programme was a resounding success, providing participants with the comprehensive knowledge and practical skills needed to establish and maintain successful beekeeping enterprises. By promoting sustainable practices and enhancing honey production, the programme contributed to the socio-economic development of rural communities in Manipur.

## Chapter 6

### Mobile Health Care Camp

Access to basic health care is a fundamental need, especially in rural and underserved areas. To address the health care needs of the rural SC community in Manipur, MEDRA organized a series of mobile health care camps in collaboration with the State Health Department (PHC). These camps aimed to provide essential health services, raise health awareness, and improve the overall well-being of the community.

The primary objective of the mobile health care camps was to provide basic health care services to rural SC communities, ensuring access to medical care for those who might otherwise be unable to receive it. The camps aimed to offer health check-ups, medical consultations, and health education, thereby improving the health outcomes of the community.

## Chapter 7

### Skill Development Programme

Empowering youth with essential skills is vital for their personal and professional growth and for fostering economic development within their communities. Recognizing this, MEDRA organized a five-day skill development training camp for the youth in

Thanga, Bishnupur District. This programme aimed to equip participants with a variety of skills that would prepare them for future challenges and opportunities.

The primary objective of the skill development programme was to provide youth with comprehensive training in various skill sets, including computer education, science motivation, vocational skills, leadership, and moral education. The programme aimed to enhance their employability, foster entrepreneurial spirit, and prepare them for competitive job markets.

The five-day skill development programme organized by MEDRA was a resounding success, achieving its objectives of enhancing employability, fostering entrepreneurship, and promoting personal development among the youth. By providing comprehensive training and practical skills, the programme empowered participants to pursue their goals and contribute to their communities' economic and social development.

## Chapter 8

### **Dry Fish Food Processing Training Programme**

Food processing, particularly in traditional and locally significant products like dry fish, can provide substantial economic benefits and employment opportunities for rural communities. Recognizing this potential, MEDRA organized a two-day Food Processing Training Programme focused on dry fish for women in Thanga, Bishnupur District. This initiative aimed to enhance the skills of local women in food processing, thereby promoting economic self-reliance and entrepreneurship.

The primary objective of the dry fish food processing training programme was to equip women with the knowledge and skills needed to process dry fish efficiently and hygienically. The programme aimed to provide practical training, enhance the quality of processed products, and explore new market opportunities to increase income for the participants.

The dry fish food processing training programme organized by MEDRA was a resounding success, achieving its objectives of enhancing skills, promoting quality and hygiene, and empowering women to explore new market opportunities. By providing comprehensive training and practical knowledge, the programme contributed to the economic development and self-reliance of women in Thanga, Bishnupur District..

## Chapter 9

### Training Program on Pottery Wheel (MBI) Activities under GVY Programme

As part of our ongoing commitment to promote traditional livelihoods and enhance artisan skills, MEDRA successfully conducted a **10-day training program on Pottery Wheel (MBI) activities** under the **Gram Vikas Yojana (GVY)**. This initiative was designed to **revive and modernize traditional pottery techniques**, while also providing participants with the practical skills required to improve their craftsmanship and generate sustainable income.

#### *Objectives:*

- To train rural artisans, youth, and women in the **use of modern pottery wheels** and improved techniques under the **Micro Business Incubation (MBI)** model.
- To promote **self-employment** and **micro-entrepreneurship** through skill-based training.
- To **preserve cultural heritage** by encouraging the continuation of traditional pottery crafts with modern tools and approaches.

#### *Outcomes & Impact:*

- Participants demonstrated **enhanced skill levels**, with many producing finished goods by the end of the training.
- At least **30 trainees expressed interest** in establishing their own pottery units.
- Increased awareness about the **economic potential of traditional crafts** when blended with modern techniques.
- The training helped foster a **community of practice** among local potters, encouraging peer learning and collaboration.

This initiative under the GVY program highlights MEDRA's commitment to **skill development and livelihood promotion** through culturally rooted, practical, and market-oriented training models.

## Chapter 10

### One-Day Awareness Programme on Tamarind – Cultivation, Value Addition, and Livelihood Opportunities

As part of MEDRA's ongoing efforts to promote sustainable agriculture and livelihood diversification, a **One-Day Awareness Programme on Tamarind (*Tamarindus indica*)** was conducted to educate rural communities about its **economic, nutritional, and environmental value**. Tamarind, a native and widely available resource

in many parts of Manipur, offers significant potential for **income generation through cultivation and value-added products**.

### ***Objectives:***

- To raise awareness about the **agricultural and commercial potential** of tamarind.
- To educate participants on **cultivation techniques**, harvesting methods, and **value addition**.
- To highlight tamarind's role in **traditional medicine, food preservation, and agroforestry**.
- To encourage **micro-enterprise opportunities** through tamarind-based products such as pulp, candies, and natural preservatives.

### ***Programme Highlights:***

- **Participants:** Over **50 farmers, women SHG members**, and local youth.
- **Resource Persons:** Agricultural experts, food processing trainers, and entrepreneurs shared their knowledge and experiences.
- **Key Sessions Included:**
  - Scientific methods of **tamarind tree planting and management**
  - Post-harvest processing and storage techniques
  - Demonstration of **value-added products** (e.g., tamarind candy, chutney, concentrate)
  - Insights into **market trends, packaging, and branding**

This awareness program reaffirmed MEDRA's commitment to supporting **climate-resilient agriculture, local resource utilization, and rural entrepreneurship** through targeted knowledge-sharing initiatives.

## **Chapter 11**

### **Computer and Electronic Training Programme**

In today's digital age, computer literacy and knowledge of electronics are essential skills that can significantly enhance employability and open up new career opportunities. Recognizing the importance of these skills, MEDRA conducted a three-month computer and electronic training programme aimed at increasing digital literacy and technical knowledge among the rural youth of Manipur. This programme sought to bridge the digital divide and empower participants with the skills needed for the modern workforce.

The computer and electronic training programme organized by MEDRA was a resounding success, achieving its objectives of enhancing digital literacy, promoting technological knowledge, and empowering participants with valuable skills. By providing comprehensive training and practical experience, the programme contributed to the personal and professional growth of the rural youth in Manipur.

## **Chapter 12**

### **Fishermen Welfare Development Training Programme**

Fisheries play a critical role in the livelihoods of many communities in Manipur. Recognizing the potential of fisheries to enhance rural development and self-employment, MEDRA organized a comprehensive Fishermen Welfare Development Training Programme. This programme aimed to provide fishermen with the knowledge and skills necessary to improve their fishing practices, increase productivity, and explore new market opportunities.

The primary objective of the Fishermen Welfare Development Training Programme was to equip local fishermen with modern fishing techniques, effective fishery management practices, and knowledge of market dynamics. The programme aimed to promote sustainable fishing practices, improve the socio-economic status of fishermen, and encourage self-reliance.

The Fishermen Welfare Development Training Programme organized by MEDRA was a resounding success, achieving its objectives of enhancing fishing practices, promoting sustainable fisheries, and empowering fishermen with the skills and knowledge needed for economic self-reliance. By providing comprehensive training and practical knowledge, the programme contributed to the socio-economic development of fishing communities in Manipur.

## **Chapter 13**

### **Environment Suitability Awareness Programme**

Environmental sustainability is a critical issue that affects all aspects of life, particularly in regions with rich natural resources like Manipur. To promote awareness about environmental conservation and sustainable practices, MEDRA organized a one-day Environment & Ecology Development Programme. This initiative aimed to educate the community about the importance of preserving the environment, encourage sustainable practices, and foster a sense of responsibility towards nature.

The primary objective of the Environment Suitability Awareness Programme was to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote sustainable practices among the community. The programme aimed to educate participants about the significance of environmental conservation, the impact of human activities on the environment, and the steps they can take to contribute to a healthier ecosystem.

## Chapter 14

### Tourism Development Programme

Tourism holds significant potential for economic growth and community development, especially in regions with rich cultural heritage and natural beauty like Manipur. Recognizing this potential, MEDRA organized a two-day Tourism Development Programme aimed at equipping the youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and develop tourism in their local areas. This initiative sought to harness the economic benefits of tourism while preserving cultural heritage and fostering sustainable practices.

The Tourism Development Programme organized by MEDRA was a resounding success, achieving its objectives of enhancing knowledge, promoting sustainable tourism practices, and empowering the youth to contribute to local tourism development. By providing comprehensive training and practical experiences, the programme helped participants harness the economic benefits of tourism while preserving their cultural and natural heritage.

## Chapter 15

### SC Living Standards Awareness Programme

Improving the standard of living for Scheduled Caste (SC) communities is a critical focus area for promoting social equity and economic development. MEDRA organized various awareness programmes aimed at enhancing the living standards of SC communities by educating them about the benefits and advantages provided by the Government of India. These programmes sought to empower individuals with knowledge about government schemes, support services, and best practices for improving their socio-economic status.

The SC Living Standards Awareness Programme organized by MEDRA was a resounding success, achieving its objectives of raising awareness, promoting access to government schemes, and empowering SC communities to improve their living standards. By providing comprehensive information and practical guidance, the programme contributed to the socio-economic development of SC communities in Manipur.



## **Chapter 16**

### **Vocational Training in Embroidery, Tailoring, and Weaving**

Empowering women through vocational training is a crucial strategy for promoting economic self-reliance and improving the socio-economic status of rural communities. Recognizing this, MEDRA organized a 10-day vocational training programme in embroidery and tailoring for rural women. This programme aimed to provide participants with the skills needed to start their own businesses or secure employment in the garment and textile industry. By providing comprehensive training and practical knowledge, the programme contributed to the economic development and self-reliance of rural women in Manipur.

## **Chapter 17**

### **Entrepreneurship Development Programme**

Entrepreneurship is a powerful tool for economic empowerment and community development. Recognizing the potential of entrepreneurship to transform lives and drive local economies, MEDRA organized a comprehensive Entrepreneurship Development Programme. This initiative aimed to equip aspiring entrepreneurs with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to start and grow successful businesses.

The Entrepreneurship Development Programme was conducted over four weeks, targeting young adults and aspiring entrepreneurs from various districts in Manipur. The programme included theoretical sessions, practical workshops, interactive activities, and mentorship opportunities to provide a holistic learning experience.

## **Chapter 18**

### **Science Popularization in Schools Through Science Lecture cum Demonstration and Exhibition (TPN/8146), Sponsored by NCSTC, DST**

Promoting scientific literacy and fostering a culture of curiosity and innovation among young students is a cornerstone of MEDRA's educational initiatives. In the year 2023-2024, MEDRA undertook a significant project aimed at enhancing the understanding and appreciation of science among school students in Manipur through a comprehensive Science Popularization Programme.

The primary objective of the Science Popularization Programme was to ignite a passion for science and technology among students, enabling them to explore and understand scientific concepts through hands-on experiences and interactive learning methods. This initiative was designed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, thus encouraging students to pursue careers in science and technology.

The Science Popularization Programme was implemented over a period of six months, targeting students from Churachandpur, Imphal West, and Bishnupur Districts. A total of 1000 students were selected to participate in the programme, which included a series of activities such as science lectures, demonstrations, exhibitions, and quizzes. Renowned scientists and educators from Manipur University, DM College, and Imphal College were invited to deliver motivational lectures. These sessions focused on the importance of science in everyday life, the latest advancements in various scientific fields, and the potential career opportunities in science and technology.

Interactive demonstrations were conducted to provide students with practical exposure to scientific concepts. These sessions included experiments and activities that allowed students to observe scientific principles in action, fostering a deeper understanding and retention of knowledge.



Science exhibitions were organized at various schools, showcasing innovative projects and experiments conducted by the students. These exhibitions provided a platform for students to present their work, share ideas, and receive feedback from peers and educators.

The Science Popularization Programme was a resounding success, achieving its objective of enhancing scientific literacy and fostering a culture of curiosity and innovation among students in Manipur. The programme not only improved students' understanding and appreciation of science but also empowered them with the skills and motivation to pursue further studies and careers in scientific fields.

## Chapter 19

### Handmade Paper and Fibre Crafts Awareness Programme

The traditional crafts of handmade paper and fibre-related activities have immense potential for promoting sustainability and economic development in rural areas. Recognizing this, MEDRA organized a one-day awareness programme to educate and raise awareness among the local community about the benefits, techniques, and opportunities associated with handmade paper and fibre crafts. This programme aimed to promote eco-friendly practices and empower participants to explore new business opportunities.

The primary objective of the one-day awareness programme was to educate the local community about the significance and benefits of handmade paper and fibre crafts. The programme aimed to introduce participants to the tools and techniques involved, promote sustainable practices, and encourage the exploration of new market opportunities.

The one-day awareness programme on handmade paper and fibre crafts was a resounding success, achieving its objectives of raising awareness, promoting sustainable practices, and empowering participants to explore new business opportunities. By providing comprehensive education and hands-on training, the programme contributed to the preservation of traditional crafts and the economic empowerment of the local community.



## Summary of Key Achievements Looking Ahead

As we look ahead, MEDRA remains committed to our mission of empowering communities and promoting sustainable development. Our future initiatives will continue to focus on education, skill development, health care, environmental conservation, and economic empowerment. We will seek to expand our reach, deepen our impact, and foster innovation to address emerging challenges and opportunities.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to all our partners, stakeholders, and community members who have supported and contributed to our efforts. Together, we have made significant strides towards creating a more equitable, sustainable, and prosperous future for the communities we serve.

We look forward to continuing this journey of empowerment and development, working hand in hand with communities to build a brighter and more sustainable future for all.

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