

Workshop On Manipuri Online Language Learning
(Department of Linguistics, Manipur University, Canchipur, Imphal),
26th to 29th of November, 2012

A workshop on **Manipuri Online Language Learning** was organized by LDC-IL in collaboration with the Department of Linguistics, Manipur University, Imphal. The workshop was well deliberate from the 26th to 29th of November, 2012, at the conference hall of the Department of Linguistics. There were five hour sessions daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a lunch break of 1 hour in between. There were totally 15 participants out of which 5 were experts meant for writing anthology and comprehension in the areas of land and people setting cultural background, history of Manipuri language as well as literature, arts and practices, demography, climates, products and places of interest, excluding the Department staff and helpers. The participants as well as the experts were from various Departments of different colleges, including Manipur University, D.M. College of Arts, Imphal, Oriental College, Takyel, Imphal and Department of Linguistics, Manipur University, Canchipur.

The first day started off with an inaugural speech delivered by Dr. N. Pramodini Devi, Assoc. Professor, the Department of Linguistics, Manipur University. Subsequent to the welcome speech, Mr. Amom Nandaraj Meetei, Lecturer-cum-Resource Person, LDC-IL, distributed the program charts amongst the experts, containing the various aspects of areas to be loaded to different experts in consistency with the already specified instructions from the Online Teaching Course of the institute, CIIL.

Dr. N. Pramodini Devi was devoted to a comprehensive writing on *Land and People setting Social and Cultural Background of Manipur*. Dr. S. Imoba Singh, Assoc. Professor, Department of Linguistics, Manipur University took the responsibility of writing on *History and Origin of Manipuri Language* from both the linguistic and social views. Dr. H. Shurmangol Sharma, Reader, Department of Linguistics, Manipur University also took the responsibility of writing on *Climates, Products and Places of Interest of Manipur*. Dr. Rajkumari Musuksana, Assoc. Professor, Department of Manipuri, D.M. College of Arts, Imphal was charged with the writing of *History of Manipuri Literature* in great detail. Finally, D. Kh. Aruna Devi, Assoc. Professor, Department of English, Oriental College, Takyel, Imphal was entrusted with the assignment on *Traditional ceremonies of birth, marriage and death of the Meetei's*. In fact, Dr. L. Ramamoorthy, Head, LDC-IL, primarily asked Mr. Amom Nandaraj Meetei, the co-ordinator of the workshop to have a thorough idea of the reading and comprehension part of the languages already in online and consequently the structural design got appeared.

On the third day, in response to Mr. Amom's request, Dr. Nadaraja Pillai from CIIL, visited the workshop and met with Dr. N. Pramodini Devi, the local co-ordinator of the said workshop. All the five experts continued devoting to the writing of the respective areas assigned to and came up with the final manuscripts as a result.

The fourth day as well as the last day of the workshop was a mixture of several things- experts carried on writings as before, Dr. N. Pramodini Devi, the local Coordinator of the workshop, strived to manage to reach the expected amount of assignment by assisting the experts and Mr. Amom Nandaraj Meetei, Coordinator, LDC-IL, worked out to distribute the TA/DA and other local food charges, etc. Finally, Dr. N. Pramodini Devi of Manipur University distributed certificates to all the experts participated in the workshop and made valuable contributions and Mr. Amom Nandaraj Meetei of LDC-IL, CIIL, gave the vote of thanks on behalf of LDC-IL and the Department of Linguistics, Manipur University.