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**MANIPUR TECHNOLOGY
INNOVATION HUB (MTI-HUB)**



3-DAYS TRAINING PROGRAM ON RESIN ART

MASTER THE ART AND BUILD YOUR OWN BUSINESS

17TH - 19TH DECEMBER 2025

The **3-Days Training Program on Resin Art: Master the Craft and Build your Own Business** organized by **Manipur Technology Innovation Hub** in collaboration with **Khut Saa**, was conducted from **17th to 19th December 2025** with the objective of strengthening creative skill development and promoting entrepreneurship in Manipur. The program was designed to bridge the gap between traditional craftsmanship and contemporary creative industries by introducing participants to epoxy resin art as a viable and sustainable livelihood option.

Resin art, with its versatility and wide application in home décor, accessories, gifting items and customized products, presents significant opportunities for value addition, self-employment and micro-enterprise development in the state. Recognizing this potential, MTI-HUB conceptualized the training program to provide structured, hands-on learning that combines technical knowledge with business orientation.



The program commenced with a formal felicitation of **Ms. Rajkumari Radha, Founder, Khut Saa**, in recognition of her significant contribution to the promotion of contemporary craft practices and creative entrepreneurship.

The felicitation symbolizes appreciation for her role in guiding aspiring artisans and entrepreneurs, particularly in empowering youth and women through creative skill-based livelihoods. The gesture set a positive and inspiring tone for the three-day program, encouraging participants to actively engage and learn from the expert sessions that followed.

Following the felicitation, **Ms. Velloree Khuraijam, Technical Associate, MTI-HUB** delivered the welcome address and introduced the objectives of the training program. In her address, she emphasized the role of MTI-HUB in nurturing innovation, skill development and entrepreneurship in Manipur. She highlighted how creative skill based programs such as Resin Art Training can empower individuals to generate income and explore self-employment opportunities.

SPECIAL ADDRESS

The program also featured a special address by **Dr. Leihaothabam Jibon Kumar Sharma, Professor, Manipur Institute of Management Studies (MIMS), Manipur University**, who shared valuable insights on entrepreneurship, personal growth and the principles of leading a successful business. In his address, he emphasized the importance of developing the right mindset, discipline, and resilience to succeed as an entrepreneur.



TECHNICAL SESSION 1

FUNDAMENTALS OF EPOXY RESIN ART

The first day of the training program focused on establishing a strong theoretical foundation complemented by hands-on practical. The sessions were designed to familiarize participants with the essential concepts, materials and techniques required for working with epoxy resin, ensuring clarity and confidence before progressing to advanced level.

Following the theory session, participants engaged in a comprehensive hands-on practical session, which included:

- **Mixing resin and hardener following correct ratios**
- **Use of pigments to create various color combinations and visual effects**
- **First-layer pouring techniques using moulds**

The practical session enabled participants to immediately apply theoretical knowledge, reinforcing learning through direct experience.



TECHNICAL SESSION 2

ADVANCED PRACTICAL TECHNIQUES

The second day of the training program was on advanced hands-on practical sessions, with a strong focus on product development, layering techniques and surface enhancement. Building upon the fundamentals learned on first day, participants progressed to creating functional and decorative resin products.

Key activities undertaken during the day included:

- Creation of the second resin layer to achieve smooth, glossy and professional-grade finishes, which are critical for market-ready products.
- Preparation of multiple resin-based items
- Emphasis was placed on quality control, addressing common issues such as air bubbles, uneven surfaces and curing inconsistencies.



TECHNICAL SESSION 3

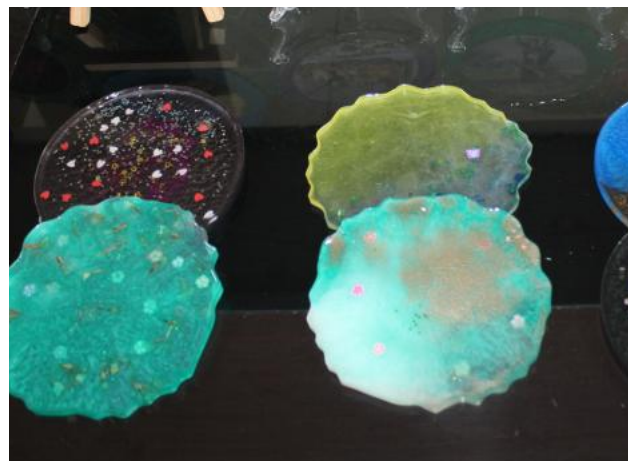
DEMOULDING, FINISHING AND PRODUCT READINESS

The third day focused on final product completion functional assembly, and market readiness, enabling participants to transform their resin creations into fully usable and sale-ready items.

The sessions covered the following components:

- **De-moulding, with careful handling to prevent damage to both the resin products and moulds.**
- **Finishing processes such as trimming edges and polishing to enhance product appearance and durability.**
- **Attachment of accessories including key rings and tassels for key chains and bookmarks, adding functional and aesthetic value.**
- **Assembly of wall clocks, which included fitting clock machines, clock hands and batteries, ensuring proper alignment and functionality.**

By the end of the day, participants had completed a range of finished and functional products ready for personal use, gifting or commercial sale.



CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION

The program concluded with a formal Certificate Distribution Ceremony, recognizing the active participation by the participants and marking the successful completion of the 3-day training program. The 3-Day Training Program on Resin Art, organized by the Manipur Technology Innovation Hub in collaboration with Khut Saa, was successfully conducted with meaningful participation and impactful outcomes. The program effectively combined theoretical understanding with extensive hands-on practical exposure, enabling participants to acquire contemporary creative skills aligned with market demand.



UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES: IIMA VENTURES & MTI-HUB INTERACTIVE SESSION AND FELICITATION OF GRANTEES

12TH DECEMBER 2025

The Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB) organized an interactive session titled “Unlocking Opportunities: IIMA Ventures & MTI-HUB Interactive Session and Felicitation of Grantees” on 12 December 2025 at MTI-HUB, Imphal.

The objective of the program was to create a collaborative platform for startups, innovators, and ecosystem enablers from Manipur to engage directly with IIMA Ventures, explore available funding, incubation, mentoring, and partnership opportunities, and gain insights into structured pathways for scaling their ventures through national-level support frameworks and enabling policies.

The session began with a welcome address and introduction of the IIMA Ventures delegation by **Mr. Robinson Longjam, Business Development Manager, MTI-HUB**, who highlighted the role of MTI-HUB in nurturing startups in Manipur through incubation, mentoring, and ecosystem-building initiatives.

During the program, **Shri Abhimanyu Saxena, Sr. Manager – Startup Incubation and Ecosystem, IIMA Ventures**, delivered a detailed presentation on various programs and initiatives of IIMA Ventures, including funding schemes, accelerator programs, mentorship opportunities, and ecosystem support mechanisms available for startups across India.



The presentation was followed by an engaging interactive session and open discussion with startups and ecosystem stakeholders, focusing on collaboration opportunities, accessing facilities and programs of IIMA Ventures, and exploring future avenues for partnership between startups from Manipur and national-level innovation platforms.



A special highlight of the program was the felicitation ceremony honoring startups from Manipur that have been supported through recent calls of IIMA Ventures.

The recognized startups included:

- **Dr. Atom Anupama, Founder of ChanKorb Pvt. Ltd.**
- **Mr. Heikrujam Kerish Singh, Founder of Dona Fermentary.**

The founders shared their experiences of engaging with IIMA Ventures' programs, highlighting how national-level mentorship, exposure, and support mechanisms have helped them refine their business models and expand their growth prospects



The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. McDon Ningthoujam, Program Associate, MTI-HUB, expressing gratitude to the IIMA Ventures team, participating startups, and ecosystem partners for their active engagement. The program ended with a networking tea session, providing an opportunity for one-on-one interaction between the IIMA Ventures delegation and local startups to further discuss collaboration, mentorship, and future opportunities for the startup ecosystem of Manipur.



2 DAYS WORKSHOP ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP KNOWLEDGE PROGRAMME UNDER COMPONENT 5.2 – SUPPORT TO ASPIRING ENTREPRENEURS: ENTREPRENEURSHIP KNOWLEDGE PROGRAMME OF RAISING AND ACCELERATING MSME PERFORMANCE (RAMP) PROGRAMME, DISTRICT – THOUBAL 8 – 9 DECEMBER, 2025

The 2-Day Workshop on Entrepreneurship Knowledge Programme under Component 5.2 – Support to Aspiring Entrepreneurs of the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Programme, Government of India, was successfully conducted on 8th and 9th December, 2025 at Potha Inn, IRDSO Training Centre, Wangjing Khabakhong, Indo-Myanmar Road, Thoubal District, Manipur organized by the Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB) under the aegis of the Manipur State IT Society (MSITS).

A total of **36 Participants** attended the workshop. They represented diverse groups:

- **Aspiring young entrepreneurs from Thoubal District**
- **Early-stage startup and MSME founders**
- **Women entrepreneurs across different sectors**
- **Self Help Group (SHG) members seeking entrepreneurship opportunities**

Special emphasis was placed on women, first-generation entrepreneurs, and grassroots innovators, ensuring inclusivity and diversity.

INAUGURAL SESSION

Mr. Robinson Longjam, Business Development Manager, Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB) delivered the Welcome Address, warmly welcoming the dignitaries, resource persons, and participants. He emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship as a tool for youth empowerment, livelihood creation, and community development, particularly in Thoubal District.



The session was graced by Guest of Honour, **Dr. Sharatchandra Ningombam, President of Thoubal District Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TDCCI), Thoubal**, who shared insights on local entrepreneurship opportunities, the role of business networks, and the importance of building resilient MSMEs to boost the district economy.

The **Chief Guest, Arvind Hanglem, IAS, Sub-Divisional Officer of Thoubal Subdivision** delivered the Inaugural Address, encouraging participants to leverage government schemes, adopt innovative ideas, and contribute towards employment generation and economic development in the region. He also appreciated the initiative of MTI-HUB in conducting capacity-building programmes for entrepreneurs under the RAMP Programme.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by **Shri Robinson Longjam, Business Development Manager, MTI-HUB**, expressing gratitude to the dignitaries, participants, and organizing team for their active participation and support in making the workshop successful.



Day 2: Enterprise Readiness, Finance, Digital Tools & Government Schemes

The second day focused on enterprise formalization, financial preparedness, and growth-oriented tools, including :

- **Financial Literacy & Enterprise Finance:**

Participants were introduced to basic financial concepts such as cost structures, pricing strategies, profit margins, break-even analysis, bookkeeping practices, and cash flow management. The sessions emphasized financial discipline as a foundation for business sustainability.

- **Digital Tools for MSMEs:**

Practical sessions demonstrated the use of digital platforms for branding, customer engagement, online sales, digital payments, inventory management, and record-keeping. Participants were encouraged to adopt affordable digital solutions to improve productivity and market reach.

- **Government Schemes & MSME Support Ecosystem:**

Detailed orientation was provided on central and state government schemes such as PMEGP, MUDRA, Startup India, Stand-Up India, RAMP components, MSME registration (Udyam), and incubation support systems. Participants were guided on eligibility criteria, application processes, and institutional support mechanisms.

- **Enterprise Roadmap & Action Planning:**

Participants were supported in preparing preliminary enterprise action plans outlining business ideas, customer segments, revenue strategies, compliance requirements, and next steps for business registration, funding access, and mentorship linkage.



TECHNICAL SESSIONS AND LEARNING COMPONENTS

The two-day workshop adopted a highly interactive, experiential learning approach, integrating expert lectures, real-world case studies, group exercises, and mentoring interactions.

Day 1 : Entrepreneurship Foundations and Business Ideation : The first day focused on building core entrepreneurial mindset and enterprise fundamentals, including:

- **Entrepreneurship Orientation & Opportunity Identification:**

Participants were introduced to the concept of entrepreneurship as a career pathway, with emphasis on identifying local market gaps, community-based business opportunities, and demand-driven enterprise models suitable for Manipur's socio-economic context.

- **Business Ideation & Design Thinking:**

Through guided ideation exercises and group discussions, participants learned structured methods for problem identification, customer discovery, and solution development. They were encouraged to align business ideas with local resources, traditional knowledge systems, and emerging market trends.

- **Business Model Development:**

Sessions on business model canvas and value proposition design enabled participants to understand key components such as customer segments, revenue streams, cost structures, and distribution channels. Real-life startup case studies from Manipur were used to contextualize business modeling concepts.

- **Case Studies & Founder Interactions:**

Startup founders and MSME entrepreneurs from Manipur shared experiences related to enterprise formation, market entry challenges, customer acquisition strategies, and scaling pathways, allowing participants to learn from real entrepreneurial journeys.



The 2-Day Entrepreneurship Knowledge Programme under the RAMP Programme successfully strengthened entrepreneurial capabilities, confidence, and ecosystem connectivity among aspiring entrepreneurs and MSME founders in Thoubal district. By combining structured learning, real-world case studies, government scheme orientation, and mentorship-driven engagement, the programme significantly contributed to building a sustainable, inclusive, and growth-oriented entrepreneurship ecosystem in Manipur.



ONE-DAY ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (EDP) FOR SHORTLISTED BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE CHIEF MINISTER'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT SCHEME (CMESS).

18TH DECEMBER 2025

The Closing Function of Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) under the Chief Minister's Entrepreneur Support Scheme (CMESS) were successfully conducted on 18th December, 2025 at the City Convention Centre, Imphal. The program marked an important milestone in the state government's ongoing efforts to promote entrepreneurship and strengthen the MSME ecosystem in Manipur.

The sessions brought together all **224** shortlisted beneficiaries from across the state, providing them with in-depth exposure to entrepreneurial opportunities, government support mechanisms, financial literacy, market access, and practical business strategies.

The program was designed to equip aspiring entrepreneurs with the necessary knowledge and confidence to translate their ideas into viable business ventures. The learning modules were delivered through expert lectures, interactive discussions, experience sharing, and case-based learning, with a strong emphasis on building self-reliant and sustainable enterprises suited to local conditions and resources.

The sessions also reinforced the Government of Manipur's vision of empowering MSMEs by effectively linking policy initiatives with grassroots-level entrepreneurial aspirations.



Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB) played an active role in the program. Mr. Longjam Robinson Singh, Business Development Manager, MTI-HUB, addressed the participants and highlighted the critical importance of incubation support, structured mentoring, technology adoption, and access to institutional networks for early-stage entrepreneurs. He emphasized how incubation centres like MTI-HUB serve as a bridge between innovative ideas and successful enterprises by providing end-to-end support, including capacity building, business validation, regulatory guidance, and linkage with funding and market opportunities.

The program concluded on a highly positive note, with participants expressing renewed motivation and clarity to apply the knowledge gained during the EDP. The exposure to real-world insights, institutional support systems, and success-oriented frameworks has encouraged beneficiaries to take concrete steps towards establishing impact-driven and economically viable enterprises, contributing to employment generation and inclusive economic development in Manipur.



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The 2-Day Workshop on Entrepreneurship Knowledge Programme under Component 5.2 – Support to Aspiring Entrepreneurs of the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Programme, Government of India, was successfully conducted on **22nd and 23rd December, 2025 at Kakching Municipal Council, Kakching District, Manipur** organized by the Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB) under the aegis of the Manipur State IT Society (MSITS).

A total of **54 Participants** attended the workshop. They represented diverse groups:

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Guest of Honour, **Shri Soibam Nabakunja Singh, General Manager of District Industries Centre Thoubal & Kakching**, highlighted the various government schemes and institutional support available for MSME development and entrepreneurship promotion in the region. In his remarks, he emphasized the role of the District Industries Centre in facilitating entrepreneurship development, registration of MSMEs under the Udyam portal, access to credit-linked schemes, and support for small businesses through training and capacity-building programmes.

The **Chief Guest, P. Shantakumar Singh, Additional District Magistrate (ADM), Kakching District**, delivered the Inaugural Address, emphasizing the importance of entrepreneurship as a driver of employment generation and local economic development. He also encouraged participants to take advantage of government initiatives and capacity-building programmes such as RAMP to strengthen MSMEs and develop sustainable enterprises in Manipur.

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PRODUCT LAUNCH OF EASTERN BREW'S LIMITED-EDITION COFFEE GIFT PACK AT MTI-HUB

22ND DECEMBER, 2025

Eastern Brew, one of the startups incubated at Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-HUB), successfully organized the official product launch of its Limited-Edition Coffee Gift Pack on 22nd December 2025 at the MTI-HUB Conference Hall, Mantripukhri, Imphal. The event celebrated the craftsmanship and rich heritage of Manipur's coffee while showcasing the entrepreneurial journey of Eastern Brew as an emerging local brand. The program began with a welcome address, followed by The Coffee Origin Story, where the founders shared insights into the unique origin of Manipur coffee and the inspiration behind Eastern Brew.

The event also featured a Cupping Ceremony, providing participants an opportunity to experience the aroma and taste profile of the coffee. A brief review of the product was delivered by **Dr. Sorokhaibam Kesorjit Singh of Manipur Institute of Management Studies, manipur University and Strela Thounaojam Luwang**, who appreciated the quality and presentation of the product. The highlight of the program was the official Product Reveal of the festive Coffee Gift Pack, followed by interaction with attendees. The program concluded with light refreshments and a vote of thanks, marking another milestone for an MTI-HUB incubated startup in promoting locally produced specialty products from Manipur.



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