

THE (FOURTH) ANNUAL REPORT OF
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Introduction

1. The Socio Cultural Society of Bishnupriya Manipuri (SCSBM) came in to being at Agartala, Tripura on 29th April 2012. It is duly registered under Section 3 of the Societies Registration Act –1860, on 14 Aug 2012, bearing Registration No–6476.

The Aim

2. The Aim of the Society is to **PROTECT, PRESERVE, NURTURE** and **FLOURISH** the rich Socio-Cultural heritage of Bishnupriya Manipuri in an organized manner.

The Office of the SCSBM

3. The office address of the SCSBM is as under:-
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The Executive Committee

4. The third Executive Committee of SCSBM, consisting of thirteen (13) member including seven (07) Office Bearers were actively involved in the activities of the Society during the year 2015-16.

Bank Account

5. The account of SCSBM is jointly operated by the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Society.

(a)	Name of the Bank	-	State Bank of India
(b)	Branch	-	Kunjavan
(c)	Account No	-	32656733886
(d)	C I F No	-	86513810811
(e)	I F S C No	-	SBIN0004545

PAN of SCSBM

6. PAN Card No – **AAKAS2872B** of SCSBM obtained.

NGO Partnership System

7. SCSBM has been allotted the **Unique ID: - TR/2013/0070763** under the NGO Partnership System.

e-Filing Registration

8. SCSBM is duly registered with Income-Tax Department for e-Filing.

Allotment of a Piece of Land for a Community Centre at Agartala

9. The population of the microscopic minority community of Bishnupriya Manipuri is settled in the far-flung areas of the state. In absence of a “Community Centre” of the community at Agartala, neither the population of the community residing at the state capital could profess and practice the rich cultural heritage and customs of the community, nor could the cultural artistes of the community residing at far-flung areas participate in numerous cultural activities held in the state capital. Therefore despite having a rich cultural heritage, the community is denied from equal participation in cultural activities. The vanishing culture of the community is at the verge of its extinct.

10. As per the decision in a meeting, a delegation of respected senior citizens of Bishnupriya Manipuri submitted an application to the Honorable Chief Minister of Tripura for allotment of a piece of land to Bishnupriya Manipuri community for construction of a Community Centre at Agartala, duly signed by 181 on 18th April 2012.

11. To pursue the issue SCSBM is constantly in touch with the District Administration of West Tripura and the State Government. It is believed that the issue is under active consideration of the State Government.

Participation in Cultural Function

12. As a part of our endeavor to revive the rich culture of Bishnupriya Manipuri, SCSBM participated in cultural functions during the Annual State Book Fair 2013 at Sukanta Academy and in the state level Ex Servicemen function at Pragna Bhavan Agartala on 26 Jan 2014 and 2016.

Central Library of Bishnupriya Manipuri

13. To preserve the rich language and the literature of the community SCSBM has establish a Central Library of Bishnupriya Manipuri. This would enable the community

to undertake research work on various fields of the community. For the time being the library has been established in the office premises of SCSBM. As on date, there are more than 550 books in the library. The library is open to all, with the reading room facility. To support our endeavor, we solicit helping hand from all corners.

Making of Traditional Dolls

14. SCSBM has initiated action to produce an interior decoration piece / gift items "Gopi", a fiber made female doll in traditional ceremonial dress of Bishnupriya Manipuri. It is believed that it would be one of the unique interior decoration / gift items of the world, exhibiting the rich culture of India. But, due to financial constraints bulk production of the item is held up.

Rothojatra at Agartala

15. As a part of our drive to rejuvenate the vanishing culture of Bishnupriya Manipuri, Rothojatra, the nine days festival of the community, generally held in the month of July (Aasad) was celebrated with full joy and enthusiasms as per the traditions of the community at Agartala, during the year 2015, under the aegis of SCSBM.

Celebration of Holi at Agartala

16. It was for the first time, "Holi" a five (05) day festival was celebrated at Agartala in a traditional manner of Bishnupriya Manipuri from 6th March 2015 to 8th March 2015 under the aegis of SCSBM. In that a team of thirty-five to forty people belonging to the community of Bishnupriya Manipuri (majority of ladies) duly dressed in their traditional attire, went door to door, singing the songs of love and brotherhood in their traditional manner along with their traditional musical instruments. An overwhelming response of love and affection received from the people of Agartala, in total disregard to their cast and creed or faith and belief.

Website of SCSBM

17. Website of SCSBM i.e. www.scsbm.org was launched by Sri Manik Sarkar the Honorable Chief Minister of Tripura on 15 Feb 2014.

Conduct of Workshops

18. During the Financial Year 2015-16 workshops on Traditional Song, Dance and Mridanga were conducted at the following places on dates shown against each:-

- (a) Cultural Institute of Bishnupriya Manipuri, Agartala - 14 June 2015.
- (b) Sri-Mandap, Radha Madhabpur, Bishalgarh - 24 July 2015
- (c) Sri-Mandap, Purba Hurua, Dharmanagar - 25 Aug 2015

Cultural Institute of Bishnupriya Manipuri

19. As the maiden initiative of SCSBM to this direction “The Cultural Institute of Bishnupriya Manipuri” has been inaugurated at Agartala by Dr. Prafullajit Sinha, Honorable Mayor, Agartala Municipal Corporation, in a brief but memorable function on 14th February 2015. Guru Banamali Sinha, Principal Retd) Bhatkhande Nritya Kola Academy Lucknow has very kindly consented to supervise the activities of the institute as Director. Actions are in hand to make it fully functional shortly.

Conduct of Seminar of Cultural Artistes of Bishnupriya Manipuri

20. A seminar cum discussion of the Cultural Artistes and Heads of Cultural Institutes of Bishnupriya Manipuri was organized by SCSBM at Cultural Institute of Bishnupriya Manipuri, Agartala on 20th September 2015 at 11AM. The Seminar cum Discussion was conducted with the intent to resolve a unanimous course of action to rejuvenate the backward, diminishing rich culture of this microscopic minority community of Bishnupriya Manipuri. Out of the total of 42 participants, eight were ladies. Smt Bijoy Laxmi Sinha MLA and Mr R Ganguly, the Director, Sangeet Natak Academy, North East Centre, Agartala, were present in the Seminar Cum Discussion as Special Invitees. The Seminar was presided over by Smt Jyotsna Sinha, the President of SCSBM.

Publication of Annual Souvenir of SCSBM

21. The Second Edition of “**The Heritage of Bishnupriya Manipuri**” the Annual Souvenir of SCSBM was released by Dr. Prafullajit Sinha, the Hon’ble Mayor, Agartala Municipal Corporation on 13th March 2016.

Expansion of Socio Cultural Society of Bishnupriya Manipuri

22. As a part of our endeavor to reach to the Bishnupriya Manipuri populated areas, Sub-Committees of SCSBM have been formed at the following places during the current year:-

- (a) East Hurua, Dharmanagar, North Tripura.
- (b) Chirakuti, Kailashahar, Unokuti.
- (c) Dolugaon, Aaur, Kailashahar Unokuti
- (d) Moshauli, Kanchanbari, Kumarghat, Unokuti.
- (e) Fatikroy, Kumarghat, Unokuti.

The Third Annual Function of SCSBM

23. The Third Annual Function of SCSBM was held in the hall of Cultural Institute of Bishnupriya Manipuri C/O Majors Den, Jagatpur, Abhoynagar Agartal, on 13th March 2016. Smt Bijoy Laxmi Sinha MLA was the inaugurator and among others Dr Prafullajit

Sinha the Hon'ble Mayor, Agartala Municipal Corporation and Dr Milind Ramteke, IAS, DM & Collector West Tripura were present. A brief cultural programme thrilled the audience.

Audit of Accounts of SCSBM

24. Accounts of SCSBM for the Financial Year 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 have been audited by reputed Firms of Charter Accountants at Agartala. The Summery of Account as on 31st March 2016 is as under:-

<u>The Details</u>		<u>In Cash</u>	<u>In Bank</u>
Expenditure	-	87, 073	47, 000
Balance	-	0, 373	1, 339
Grand Total	-	87, 446	48, 339

Conclusion

25. It is fact that competing with the present day environment, fighting against the liabilities and adversities for our own survival, we are left with no time to serve our Society / Nation. Despite all the adversities, a number of times, attempts were been made by several organizations of this community of Bishnupriya Manipuri, But every organization so came up, retarded in their activities in due course, with no or little gain in their respective fields. May be that the voice of those organizations of this economically backward microscopic minority community could not reach to the appropriate forum. The community is pacing very rapidly towards its extinction.

26. SCSBM has stepped in to fifth year of its journey, we appeal for the sympathy and helping hand from all corners i.e. from the majority communities, the concerned Departments of the Government and Non Governmental Organizations (National / International) at different levels, co-operation from other sister minority communities, and above all co-operation from each member of this adversely affected community of Bishnupriya Manipuri, without which it would be very difficult for us to achieve our AIM.

“NGALAIK HAABI” (Enlighten All).

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A GLIMPSE TO THE ACTIVITIES OF
SOCIO CULTURAL SOCIETY OF BISHNUPRIYA MANIPURI (SCSBM)2015-16



P 1 - Workshop in progress on folk song and dance of Bishnupriya Manipuri at CIBM Agartala on 14 June 2015



P 2 - Workshop in progress on folk song and dance of Bishnupriya Manipuri at CIBM Agartala on 14 June 15



P 3 - Workshop in progress on folk song & dance of Bishnupriya Manipuri at Bishalgarh on 24 July 2015



P 4 - Workshop in progress on folk song & dance of Bishnupriya Manipuri at Bishalgarh on 24 July 2015



P 5 - Workshop in progress on folk song & dance of Bishnupriya Manipuri at Purba Hurua, Dharmanagar



P 6 - Workshop in progress on folk song & dance of Bishnupriya Manipuri at Purba Hurua, Dharmanagar



P 7 - Workshop on Rejuvenation of the cultural heritage of Bishnupriya Manipuri is in progress at Chirakuti, Unokuti on 26 August 2015



P 8 - Workshop on Rejuvenation of the cultural heritage of Bishnupriya Manipuri is in progress at Chirakuti, Unokuti on 26 August 2015



P 9 - Workshop on Rejuvenation of the cultural heritage of Bishnupriya Manipuri is in progress at Dalugaon, Unokuti on 27 August 2015



P 10 - Workshop on Rejuvenation of the cultural heritage of Bishnupriya Manipuri is in progress at Dalugaon, Unokuti on 27 August 2015



P 11 - Workshop on Rejuvenation of the cultural heritage of Bishnupriya Manipuri is in progress at Moshauli, Kanchanbari, Unokuti on 28 August 2015



P 12 - Workshop on Rejuvenation of the cultural heritage of Bishnupriya Manipuri is in progress at Moshauli, Kanchanbari, Unokuti on 28 August 2015



P 13 - Rothojatra Festival of Bishnupriya Manipuri at Agartala

P 14 - Youths in action in "Joydev" during the nine-day long Rothojatra Festival of Bishnupriya Manipuri at Agartala



P 15 - The Third Annual Function of SCSBM, held at Cultural Institute of Bishnupriya Manipuri Agartala, on 13 March 2016.

P 16 - The Honorable Guests present in the Annual Function of SCSBM are being received with the traditional "Lei-Chondan".



P 17 - The Dr. Prafullajit Sinha, Honorable Mayor, Agartala Municipal Corporation inaugurated the function, in presence of Smt Bijaylaxmi Sinha, MLA and Dr Milind Ramteke IAS, DM & Collector West Tripura district among others.

P 18 - The Second Edition of "The Heritage of Bishnupriya Manipuri" the Annual Souvenir of SCSBM is being released in the Annual Function on 13 March 2016.



P 19 - People belonging to the community of Bishnupriya Manipuri from all over the state of Tripura attended the Annual Function of SCSBM



P 20 – Smt Jyotsna Sinha, the President of SCSBM presenting a traditional doll, a product of SCSBM to Dr Milind Ramteke IAS, DM & Collector West Tripura district



P 21 – A song by Priya & Sourobh in the Annual Function of SCSBM ON 13 March 2016 at Agartala



P 22 – A Manipuri Dance by Miss Snigdha in the Annual Function of SCSBM ON 13 March 2016 at Agartala



P 23 – The traditional Krishna Dance by Miss Purba in the Annual Function of SCSBM at Agartala on 13 March 2016



P 24 – Youths of the community in action to exhibit their skill in traditional Mridanga Badan of Manipuri in the Annual Function of SCSBM at Agartala on 13 March 2016