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### **RING 2026 Concludes with Renewed Resolve to Strengthen Indigenous Games and Youth Empowerment**

*Final day marked by ceremonial lowering of the Games Flag and a comprehensive feedback session, with participants calling for regular editions of RING and district-level qualifying events to expand grassroots participation.*

Imphal, 25 May 2026: RING 2026 – The fifth and final day of RING 2026 marked the ceremonial conclusion of the event following the successful completion of all competitions on the fourth day. The day began with the lowering of the RING Games Flag, symbolising the culmination of the festival and the collective commitment towards preserving, promoting, and celebrating the rich heritage of indigenous native games.

A feedback and discussion session was also organised with participating associations, partners, organisers, and officials of RING to deliberate on the future course of the movement for indigenous games and youth engagement.

In his opening remarks, President of Manipur Upliftment Centre, Shri M. Leikoiba Meitei, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all participating associations, partners, volunteers, officials, and supporters for contributing to the grand success of RING 2026. He urged everyone to continue their collective efforts not only towards preserving and promoting indigenous native games, but also towards utilising the platform of RING to empower the youth and foster the values of brotherhood, hard work, discipline, and unity among the younger generation.

The feedback session witnessed enthusiastic participation from representatives of various indigenous sports associations and partners. Many participants strongly emphasised the need for organising RING on a regular basis and expanding the scope of the games in the coming years. The proposal for conducting district-level qualifying events also emerged prominently during the discussions, with participants highlighting that such initiatives would help identify grassroots talent, encourage wider participation, and further strengthen the movement for revival and promotion of indigenous games across Manipur.



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The session concluded with a shared resolve among all stakeholders to continue working collectively towards safeguarding indigenous sporting traditions while creating meaningful opportunities for the youth through sports, culture, and community participation.

