



WRITERS GUILD MANIPUR

LOUSING POETRY COMPETITION

Objective:

Writers Guild Manipur (WGM) registered with MSME, Govt. of India, brings for the very first time from the vibrant state of Manipur, a pan India online poetry competition by the name Lousing Poetry Competition to be conducted once every year under the theme series “Manipur, the Land of Many Stories”.

Named after the Manipuri word “*Lousing*” meaning “Knowledge”, this competition is built under WGM’s umbrella initiative of publishing, mentoring, and community building. WGM, a brainchild movement to bring change through individualised stimulation, aims to foster transformation through this literary medium. By exploring Manipur through a microscopic lens under the theme series “Manipur, the Land of Many Stories”, Lousing poetry aims to promote the state by encouraging participants to read and write about this unique land. Situated at the corner of Northeast India, Manipur was bestowed as the “Jewel of India” by India’s first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. Rich in biodiversity,

known for its scenic beauty, Manipur state of India is also a cradle of civilisation having its share of contribution in historical geopolitical shifts. A home of hundreds of indigenous group, Manipur stands out in its vibrant culture and traditions, diverse societal aspects, hidden knowledge and inspiring stories. Misunderstood and misinformed often due to knowledge gap, it stands strong till today as an example of resilience and sustenance. WGM's aim through this competition is to boost creativity and promote literary excellence by providing a platform to explore the diverse narratives of Manipur. The objective is to provide a platform where youths can amplify their voice, learn about this state and narrow knowledge gap, foster visibility, and gain recognition in their take to bring change.

Sub-Themes for 2026:

This year's sub-themes for the series "Manipur, the Land of Many Stories-I" are listed below. Participants are to adhere strictly to the following themes.

1. Biodiversity, Flora and Faunas
2. Indigenous Communities
3. History of Manipur
4. Society of Manipur
5. Unsung heroes
6. Myths and Legends
7. Culture and Traditions

Participatory Terms:

- Registration for each poem is Rs. 300/- per poem. A person can submit more than two poems, submission should be done individually for each poem. Mode of submission is strictly online.
- Any payment done for registration is not refundable.
- Poems should be strictly written in English medium with a word limit 50-200 words following the sub-themes. Each poem, after submission will be assessed through detection tools to check artificial synthesisation.
- A poem submitted and registered will be deemed the sole creative property of the participant. WGM allows no endorsement of third party. Any disputes arising out of such involvement, the participant to indemnify WGM, its personnels and contract members.
- WGM uplifts the right to expression, but shall not encourage any submissions which subvert our interests in integrity, public order, peace relations, and unity. Any submissions rooted in divisiveness, hatred, incitement of offences, disruption of law and order will be deemed not qualified for participation.
- Selection of winners are under the sole authority of the Judges, who will present scores in anonymity without being given specified details of the participants.

- Incomplete or incorrect details in registration will be automatically deemed as invalid. Participants are to fill the registration sheet correctly.
- **Registration begins from 10th May, 2026 and closes on 15th June, 2026.**
The final result will be announced tentatively on 14th August, 2026.
- **Participants should be citizens of India, with no age limit.**
- Winners' prizes will be released online.
- Fifty of the best poems will be published by the end of the year, following due interaction with the participants.
- Every participant are to receive their certificates online.

Judges:

1. Dr. Heisnam Buddhichandra

Asst. Professor, Thambal Marik College

Sahitya Academi Awardee

2. Devdas Mairembam

Teacher, Poet and Critic

Secretary, Quad Writers

Columnist of Poknapham Print Meida

Participated in symposiums organised by State Kala Academi, Manipur and

Sahitya Academi, Kolkata

Prizes:

Winner: Rs. 50,000/-

2nd Prize: Rs. 20,000/-


3rd Prize: Rs. 10,000/-

*Winners might be invited for Felicitation and explore Manipur.

(For more queries, please mail at contact@writersguildmanipur.in or tap for chat at our website www.writersguildmanipur.in)

WGM wishes the best to all participants!

Authorized signatory:


**Chief Executive Officer
Writers Guild Manipur**

