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PRESS NOTE

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**A RIOT OF COLOURS AND CONCEPT AT THE FIRST EVER STREET ART
COMPETITION IN MANIPUR**

Imphal: A Street Art Competition on the theme "Democracy Rocks" was held on Saturday, 22nd September 2018 on the northern outer wall of Khuman Lampak Sports Complex. Organised by the Chief Electoral Officer Manipur, the competition is part of its SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) campaign carried out to bring awareness about electoral rights including enrolment of eligible citizens in the electoral rolls.

35 groups comprising more than one hundred artists from various parts of Manipur competed for this first ever street art competition, literally in a sea of colours that adorned the walls.

The first, second and third prize winners of the competition are Khumanthem Jco, Milan Laishram and Khomdram Bonny (Canvas No 17); Vicky Singh and Team (Canvas No 10) and Sh. Krishnachandra Sharma and Johnson Kshetrimayum (Canvas No 2) respectively who pocketed an amount of INR 30,000, INR 20,000 and INR 15000 respectively. There were 5 consolation prize winners who were each given an amount of INR 2000. The art pieces were judged by a panel of four judges based on aesthetics, concept and social relevance. The panel of judges included Nishikant Singh Sapam, publisher - Sangai Express, Chandam Lalit Singh, State Kala Academy Winner, Oinam Doren, multiple award winning filmmaker and Oinam Dilip, accomplished artist based in New Delhi. Each group of artists was given a wall of 14 feet x 6 feet dimension as their canvas. They were also provided with paints and brush.

Speaking about the competition, PK Singh, the CEO of Manipur said, "Street art is a very good medium to spread awareness. We are extremely happy with the way things have turned out today –colourful and meaningful art pieces that will be seen by thousands of people every day."

The competition began at 9:30 am in the morning and went on till 3:00 pm in the afternoon. Performing artists also presented contemporary group dance performance and BMX stunts.



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