

**RULES & GUIDELINES GOVERNING
MANIPUR STATE KALA AKADEMI FELLOW**

Short Title: *Rules & Guidelines Governing Manipur State Kala Akademi Fellow*

1. Subject to the following rules, any person, irrespective of race, sex, or religion, or nationality distinguished in any field of Manipuri culture (performing arts, literature, fine arts, etc.) in its widest sense may be considered for Manipur State Kala Akademi Fellow.
2. Any person who is below 60 years of age shall not be considered for the Akademi Fellow.
3. Canvassing in any form would lead to disqualification a person from being considered.
4. The number of the Akademi Fellow is 2 (two) . However, in the year of consideration the number of living Fellows should not exceed 25 (twenty-five) taking into consideration of all the recipients on roll.
5. No member of the Executive Board, the General Council, the Standing Committees and the Advisory Committees of Manipur State Kala Akademi shall be proposed for consideration of Fellows.
6. A person shall not be considered for the Akademi Fellow posthumously. However, a deceased person may be considered for the Akademi Fellow if the death of the person occurs in the year of the Award.
7. In the consideration for the Akademi Fellow the distinctive contribution of the person to the overall domain of culture and his/her standing in the estimation of society should be the prime consideration.
8. It shall not be binding on Manipur State Kala Akademi to select a Fellow in a particular year if the Akademi finds no suitable/deserving person in that year.
9. Each Fellow shall carry an amount of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh) only, a memento and a certificate of honour. The amount may be changed from time to time as decided by Executive Board and General Council of the Akademi.

Procedure For Nomination and Selection

Each year, nominations are invited confidentially by a specified date from the following:

- i. Recipients of Manipur State Kala Akademi Fellow;
- ii. Cultural organisations recognised by Manipur State Kala Akademi.

Such organisations shall make nominations based on a resolution which is to be enclosed in the nomination letter.

If a nominated artiste happens to be a blood relative of the person making the nomination, such nomination shall stand rejected.

These nominations are placed before the Executive Board for recommendation of 3 (three) names for each Fellow for consideration and final approval will be accorded by the General Council.

Since the Akademi Fellow encompasses Manipuri culture in its broadest term, members of the Executive Board and the General Council shall, as far as possible, ensure the representation of all fields of culture in the process of selection of the Akademi Fellows.
