

## INAUGURATION OF RIVER FRONT GARDEN UNDER THE NAMBUL RIVER CONSERVATION PROGRAMME

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The River Front Garden, developed by the **Department of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Manipur**, along the stretch from Keishamthong Thangjam Leirak to Ngakraba Bridge, was inaugurated on **26 September 2026 at 9:30 AM** by **Shri Yumnam Khemchand Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur**.

The garden has been developed as part of the **Nambul River Conservation Programme** under the **National River Conservation Plan (NRCP)**, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.



The inaugural programme was attended by Shri Sapam Nishikanta Singh, Hon'ble MLA, Keishamthong Assembly Constituency; Dr. T. Brajakumar Singh, Director, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Manipur; members

of the River Rejuvenation Committee; representatives of women's groups and Self-Help Groups (SHGs); local elders; youths; and other community members.

### **Objectives and Significance**

The River Front Garden has been developed with the primary objective of protecting the Nambul River from indiscriminate dumping of solid waste while enhancing the environmental and aesthetic value of the riverfront.



The garden will serve as a protective green buffer along the riverbank, helping to discourage the disposal of solid waste into the river. By transforming the riverfront into a clean, green and accessible public space, the initiative aims to promote environmental awareness and encourage active community participation in river conservation.

An open-air gym has also been established within the garden to promote physical fitness and encourage a healthy lifestyle. The facility provides residents and visitors with an opportunity to engage in outdoor exercise while enjoying the natural beauty and scenic surroundings of the flowing Nambul River.

The development of the River Front Garden represents an important initiative towards integrating **river conservation, environmental protection, public recreation and community well-being**. It is expected to contribute to the long-term conservation and rejuvenation of the Nambul River while fostering a greater sense of environmental responsibility and community ownership among local residents.

### **Community Participation and Follow-up Responsibilities**

The long-term sustainability of the River Front Garden and the conservation of the Nambul River will depend on the active participation and collective responsibility of the local community.

To ensure the continued protection and proper maintenance of the garden and its surroundings, the following responsibilities are proposed for local residents, women's groups, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), local clubs and other community organisations:

1. **Maintenance and Cleanliness:** Maintain cleanliness within the garden and adjoining riverbanks and prevent littering and indiscriminate dumping of solid waste into the Nambul River.
2. **Protection of Infrastructure:** Safeguard the garden's infrastructure, plantations, open-air gym equipment and other public amenities against damage, vandalism and misuse.
3. **Community Monitoring:** Encourage local residents, particularly youth clubs, women's groups and SHGs, to monitor the riverfront and report illegal waste dumping and damage to public property to the concerned authorities.
4. **Awareness and Public Participation:** Organise periodic cleanliness drives and awareness activities to encourage responsible waste management, environmental protection and community ownership of the riverfront.
5. **Coordination with Authorities:** Maintain close coordination with the Department of Environment and Climate Change and other concerned authorities regarding the maintenance, protection and sustainable management of the garden.



The local community is expected to take collective ownership of the River Front Garden and actively contribute towards maintaining it as a clean, green and environmentally sustainable public space. Such community participation will play an important role in ensuring the long-term success of the Nambul River Conservation Programme.