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**REPORT ON THE AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT-CUM-CLEANLINESS DRIVE**

Date: 29 September 2026

Venue: Awangkhumou Mayai Leikai, under Awangkhumou Gram Panchayat, Imphal West District, Manipur

Organised by: Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme (EIACP) Hub Manipur, Department of Environment & Climate Change, Government of Manipur

In Collaboration with: Awangkhumou Youth Development Association (AYDA), Awangkhumou
Participants: Approximately 100 local residents

Introduction

An Awareness Programme on Solid Waste Management-cum-Cleanliness Drive was organised on 29 September 2026 by the Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme (EIACP) Hub Manipur, Department of Environment & Climate Change, Government of Manipur, at Awangkhumou Mayai Leikai, under Awangkhumou Gram Panchayat, Imphal West District, Manipur.

The programme was organised in collaboration with the Awangkhumou Youth Development Association (AYDA) with the objective of raising awareness among local residents about proper solid waste management, waste segregation, scientific waste disposal, environmental protection and the responsibilities of citizens and concerned authorities in maintaining a clean and healthy environment.

Approximately 100 local residents participated in the programme, demonstrating community interest in environmental protection and cleanliness initiatives.

Inauguration and Presidium

The programme was conducted under the leadership of Mayanglambam Muni Singh, Junior Research Officer, Department of Environment & Climate Change, Government of Manipur.

The presidium comprised:

- **Ngangbam Jemson**, Project Scientist, Department of Environment & Climate Change, Government of Manipur
- **Moirangthem Ramson Singh**, IT Officer, EIACP Hub Manipur

- **Lucy Chanambam**, Data Entry Officer, EIACP Hub Manipur
- **Soraisham Binoy**, President, Awangkhumou Youth Development Association (AYDA)
- **Laishram Bino**, respected local elder

The programme commenced with a welcome address delivered by Huiningsumbam Ratan, General Secretary, AYDA. He welcomed the departmental officials, AYDA members, local elders and community participants and expressed his appreciation for organising the awareness programme in the locality.

Awareness Session on Solid Waste Management

An informative and interactive awareness session on Solid Waste Management (SWM) was conducted by Ngangbam Jemson, Project Scientist, Department of Environment & Climate Change, Government of Manipur.

During the session, he highlighted the importance of proper waste segregation, collection, transportation, processing and scientific disposal in maintaining a clean, healthy and environmentally sustainable community.

He emphasised that effective solid waste management requires the active participation of households, local communities, local bodies and concerned authorities.

He also briefed the participants on the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, highlighting the responsibilities of citizens and concerned authorities under the relevant provisions.

The participants were sensitised to the adverse impacts of improper waste disposal on public health, sanitation and the environment. The session also covered the applicable provisions relating to penalties and other consequences of non-compliance.

Participants were encouraged to adopt responsible waste management practices, particularly waste segregation at source and proper disposal at the household and community levels.

Community Participation and Interaction

The awareness session was followed by an interactive discussion with local participants. Community members actively participated in the discussion and shared their views on cleanliness, waste disposal and the challenges associated with solid waste management in their locality.

Soraisham Binoy, President, AYDA, expressed his appreciation to the Department of Environment & Climate Change and the participating officials for organising the programme at Awangkhumou. He highlighted the importance of such awareness

initiatives in educating the community and promoting collective responsibility for maintaining clean, healthy and environmentally sustainable surroundings.

The participation of local youth, residents, elders and representatives of the Gram Panchayat highlighted the importance of community involvement in achieving sustainable waste management and cleanliness at the grassroots level.

Cleanliness Drive

As an integral part of the programme, a cleanliness drive was conducted with the active participation of local residents, youth and other participants.

During the drive, participants collected single-use plastics and other discarded waste from the surrounding areas, including the playground and areas near the local water body. The collected waste was subsequently segregated to demonstrate the importance of proper waste segregation and disposal.

The activity provided participants with an opportunity to translate the knowledge gained during the awareness session into practical action.

It also encouraged the local community to maintain cleanliness in public places and residential areas, prevent littering and plastic pollution, protect nearby water bodies and adopt responsible waste management practices.

The cleanliness drive demonstrated the importance of collective community participation in maintaining a clean and healthy environment.

Conclusion

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Mate of Ward No. 2, Awangkhumou Gram Panchayat. He expressed his gratitude to the Department of Environment & Climate Change, EIACP Hub Manipur, AYDA, local representatives and all participants for their active participation and cooperation in successfully organising the programme.

The programme concluded with light refreshments and a group photograph, marking the successful completion of the event.

Outcome

The Awareness Programme on Solid Waste Management-cum-Cleanliness Drive contributed to strengthening environmental awareness and encouraging community participation in solid waste management at the grassroots level.

The major outcomes of the programme included:

1. Increased awareness among approximately 100 participants regarding proper solid waste management, waste segregation and scientific disposal.
2. Improved understanding of the responsibilities of citizens and concerned authorities under the applicable Solid Waste Management Rules.
3. Active community participation in the cleanliness drive, including the collection and segregation of discarded waste from public areas and the surroundings of a nearby water body.
4. Greater awareness of the importance of preventing littering, reducing plastic pollution and protecting the local environment.
5. Strengthened cooperation between the Department, EIACP Hub Manipur, AYDA and the local community in promoting environmental awareness and cleanliness.

The programme emphasised that effective solid waste management requires sustained participation and collective responsibility at the community level.

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