

Hiroshima and Peace 2019

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Those youths who were in their teen age on the day of Atomic bombing i.e. the Hibakushas are now above 75 years of age and day by day they are growing older. After twenty years from now, I am afraid, there may be no more Hibakushas to tell you the story of the pain and the agony of the atomic bombing in Hiroshima and Nagasaki to the youths of today for a Nuclear free world.

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- It is we the youths of today to grasp the actual pain and agony of the greatest tragedy of the mankind ever happen in this glob from them (the hibakushas) for handing down to the generations to come.

- My special reason to visit Hiroshima and to attend this course is also to learn and feel the actual pulse of the Hibakushas who are the living legend of the tragedy to propagate to the younger generations in my city and the country.

- My native Imparu is the only city in India where the Japanese soldiers met the people of Imphal during the World War II. We have very similar cultural habits in our food habits, culture and every walks of life. Because of the similarity of the two people the Japanese soldiers could fight the battle of Imphal (Imparu Sakusen) for the independence of India.

Like Hiroshima, the people in Imphal city who experienced the world war II are now becoming older day by day. The youths of Imphal city are doing our utmost effort to propagate the message of peace to the people of India. We have been observing the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day every year on August 6th and 9th since 1990.

- The major programme of the observance is to read out the Peace Declarations of the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and discussion of the horror of a Nuclear holocaust and the war. This year also the City of Imphal has been observing the two great days.

- The story of war is the story of pain , agony and suffering to both the people and the warring groups. War brings hatred among the people. But the story of the Battle of Imphal popularly known as the JAPAN LAN (meaning Japan War) in Manipur is a different story. Manipur was under the British empire with the King as the ruler of the people.

- When the Japanese soldiers arrived Manipur, the British declared the Japanese as the enemy country invading the kingdom of Manipur and the British made public declaration that the people should not help the invading Japanese soldiers. The then British Government also declared that any person helping the Japanese soldiers and using the Japanese fake currency of the war known as the Gumpyo would be punished. So, in the beginning, the Manipuri people tried to keep away from the new comers, the Japanese soldiers afraid of the British punishment.

- It is when the British soldiers got confused the facial appearance between the Japanese soldiers and the people of Manipur and could not identify who are the real Japanese and they wrongly arrested many Manipuri people thinking that they are the camouflaged Japanese soldiers. The people of Manipur started to help the Japanese soldiers in supplying their foods and shelter and provided their war time necessities. There are many Manipuri people who still remember the names of their Japanese old friends met during the World War II. The people of Manipur have many war time stories in which they talked of the Japanese soldiers as a highly disciplined force and well behaved soldiers.

- There is no story of Japanese soldiers behaving wrong to the people of Manipur. It was because of this fact, the story of Battle of Imphal is a story of Love, affection and friendship to the people of Manipur quite different from the perception of the Japanese version of battle of Imphal.

- There are many people in Imphal city who wanted to meet their Japanese friends whom they encountered during the Battle of Imphal. Many Japanese ex soldiers and the members of the bereaved families of those soldiers who rest in peace in the battle of Imphal visited the city of Imphal to pay their memorial services. There is a India Peace Memorial (Indo Heiwa Kinenhi) and a India Peace Museum at the Imphal valley which are the symbol of peace.

Manipur recently opened a Peace Museum in Imphal, after Britain and Japan joined hands to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Imphal. The Peace Museum Imphal is located 20 km southwest of Imphal, and has been built around a 10 acre land at the foothill of Red Hill.

The Battle of Imphal was fought during World War II, and it was here at Maibam Lokpa Ching, which is also known as Red Hill that some of the more intense battles were fought. During the battle, the Japanese army tried to crush British forces, and invade India. Now both Japan and Britain came together to inaugurate the Peace Museum that has been built with the support of the Nippon Foundation, alongside Manipur Tourism, and Manipur government.

DURING II WORLD WAR, IMPHAL



Japanese soldiers



THE IMPHAL PEACE MUSEUM



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JAPANESE DIGNITORIES WITH OUR REVENUE MINISTER



MYANMUR VISITORS AT PEACE MEMORIAL



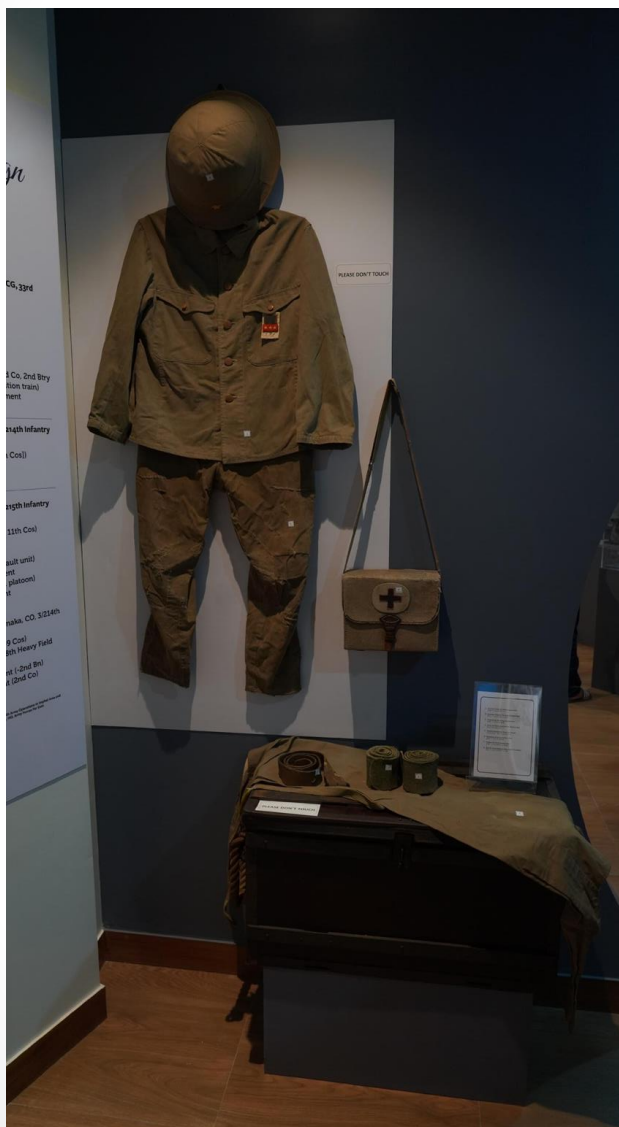




MANIPURIS ALONGWITH JAPANESE DIGNITORIES



Inside Imphal peace Museum



INSIDE IMPHAL PEACE MUSEUM



OUR CHIEF MINISTER WITH DIGNATORIES
RELEASING SOUVENIR OF 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF BATTLE OF IMPHAL



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