

Director's Report on the

55th Foundation Day Celebrations, 2026, RIMS, Imphal

It is a great honour and privilege to present before this august gathering a brief Report on the activities and achievements of the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal, for the year 2025–26. On this auspicious occasion, our Institute celebrates its 55th Foundation Day, marking 54 years of dedicated service to the nation since its establishment on 14th September, 1972. Guided by its founding objectives, RIMS, Imphal has continued to impart, promote and disseminate knowledge in medical sciences, including super-speciality education, dental sciences, nursing and allied health sciences, while providing quality tertiary healthcare services to the people of the North Eastern Region. The Institute remains steadfast in its commitment to excellence in medical education, patient care, research, innovation and community service.

Academic Performance and Related Activities

The Institute presently offers undergraduate, postgraduate and super-speciality programmes across a wide spectrum of medical and allied health disciplines. The annual intake of the MBBS course remains 125 students, while postgraduate programmes comprise 166 seats across 25 specialties. Super-speciality courses continue to be offered in 2 seats for Urology, 1 seat for Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery and 2 seats for Nephrology. The Institute also offers 6 seats annually for M.Phil. in Clinical Psychology, 10 seats annually for M.Sc. (Nursing), 50 seats annually for B.Sc. (Nursing), 50 seats annually for BDS, 15 seats annually for BASLP, 15 seats annually for B.Sc. (MLT) and 5 seats annually for B.Sc. (MRIT).

As on 31st March, 2026, the Institute had on its rolls 625 MBBS students, 456 postgraduate students, 10 super-speciality students, 12 M.Phil. students in Clinical Psychology, 249 B.Sc. (Nursing) students, 18 M.Sc. (Nursing) students, 237 BDS students, 25 BASLP students, 42 B.Sc. (MLT) students and 14 B.Sc. (MRIT) students. Since its inception, RIMS, Imphal has produced 4,101 MBBS graduates, 2,660 postgraduate specialists, 42 super-specialists, 91 M.Phil. graduates in Clinical Psychology, 478 B.Sc. (Nursing) graduates, 287 BDS graduates, 50 BASLP graduates, 28 B.Sc. (MLT) graduates and 9 B.Sc. (MRIT) graduates, making significant contributions to the healthcare workforce of the nation, particularly in the North Eastern Region.

The Institute continued to maintain academic excellence through implementation of the Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME) curriculum in accordance with NMC guidelines. The Foundation Course, White Coat Ceremony and Charak Shapath for the MBBS Batch of 2025–26 were successfully conducted. The Dean's Office also coordinated elective postings, District Residency Programme planning, university examinations and institutional assessments.

Faculty development remained a key focus, with faculty members undertaking Basic and Advanced Medical Education Courses through the Regional Centre, Medical Education Technologies, NEIGRIHMS, Shillong. Training programmes for postgraduate students on research methodology, ethics, Good Clinical Practice, Good Laboratory Practice and Cardiac Life Support Skills were also conducted to strengthen academic and research capabilities.

The Institute successfully coordinated NMC inspections for various broad specialty and super-specialty departments. A significant achievement was the approval for conversion of Diploma in Clinical Pathology (DCP) seats into MD Pathology seats, while proposals for enhancement of M.Ch. seats in Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery and Urology continued to be pursued.

The Institute also maintained a zero-tolerance policy towards ragging through awareness programmes, Anti-Ragging Week activities, student interactions and continuous hostel monitoring through CCTV surveillance, ensuring a safe and conducive academic environment.

Infrastructure, Equipment and Healthcare Advancements

During the year, RIMS, Imphal, witnessed significant augmentation of its modern facilities and advanced medical equipment, thereby strengthening healthcare delivery, patient care, operational efficiency and medical education. These include:

- ❖ North East India's first Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) Room was established at the Dental College, enhancing advanced dental imaging and diagnostic services.
- ❖ A new Casualty Triage Area was established at the Casualty Block to improve emergency patient assessment, prioritization and management.
- ❖ A 15–20 capacity Guest House for faculty was established to provide improved accommodation facilities for faculty members and visiting academic professionals.
- ❖ A 10-bedded Sports Medicine Ward was established to provide dedicated facilities for sports-related injuries and rehabilitation.
- ❖ A newly constructed 150-bedded Undergraduate Girls' Hostel (Ladies Hostel–III) was commissioned, significantly augmenting residential facilities for students.
- ❖ The Psychiatry Ward was shifted to the new COVID Ward Block, providing improved and dedicated infrastructure for psychiatric patient care.
- ❖ A well-equipped Gym facility was established on the RIMS campus to promote physical activity, fitness and a healthy lifestyle.
- ❖ A Computer Laboratory was established to strengthen practical training and provide students with access to modern computing facilities.
- ❖ A new Mechanized Laundry was established to strengthen hospital support services and improve operational efficiency.
- ❖ 2 Token Kiosk Machine was installed at the General OPD Block to improve patient convenience and streamline OPD services.
- ❖ A Diode Laser with Phototherapy Machine was introduced to strengthen modern dermatological and skin-care services.
- ❖ A state-of-the-art Modular Operation Theatre Complex was established for the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PMR), strengthening surgical and procedural care.
- ❖ A state-of-the-art Modular Operation Theatre Complex and YAG Laser Machine were introduced, significantly advancing specialised eye care services.
- ❖ A state-of-the-art Virtopsy Centre and Cold Room were established at the Mortuary Complex, strengthening forensic and mortuary services.
- ❖ A separate Pediatric Surgery Unit was established to provide dedicated and specialised surgical care for children.
- ❖ The Neurosurgery Unit and Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgery (CTVS) Unit were upgraded into full-fledged Departments with independent budgetary allocations, strengthening specialised tertiary care services.
- ❖ A Child Wellness & Autism Clinic was established under the RBSK programme of NHM, Manipur, aimed at strengthening early identification, timely intervention and comprehensive care for children with developmental, behavioural and autism spectrum disorders.
- ❖ A dedicated 1.52-acre plot of land has been allotted by the Government of Manipur and earmarked for the functioning of the Rural Health Training Centre (RHTC), in lieu of the existing RHTC Complex located at Loukoipat, Bishnupur.

Hospital Services and Patient Care

RIMS Hospital continued to function as the premier tertiary healthcare institution in the North Eastern Region, providing comprehensive and quality healthcare services across various specialties and super-specialties. Despite the challenges prevailing in the State, the Institute remained committed to providing uninterrupted and affordable healthcare services to the people of Manipur and neighbouring beneficiary States.

During the period, RIMS recorded 4,26,637 OPD attendances, 1,31,365 Casualty visits, 29,786 Surgical cases, 7,292 Deliveries, and 38,942 Admissions. 20 (Twenty) Health Camps were conducted across the State to reach underserved and internally displaced communities.

Under national health schemes, RIMS Hospital provided free treatment to 9614 patients under PM-JAY and 5,941 patients under CMHT, besides extending cashless treatment facilities under ECHS to ex-servicemen and their dependents.

I place my sincere appreciation to the doctors, nurses, and support staff who, despite shortages in nursing and support manpower, continued to provide life-saving care with dedication and compassion.

Research Achievements

In addition to patient care, RIMS, Imphal continued to promote research and innovation during 2025–26, by different departments with the following achievements:

- ❖ 82 conferences, seminars, workshops, and CME programmes were organized.
- ❖ 76 research projects were undertaken in collaboration with national and international institutions, including ICMR, DBT, AIIMS, WHO, MeitY, DHR, SERB, NACO, and MACS.
- ❖ 216 research papers were published in reputed journals.

Institutional Developments

The Institute continued to pursue several important institutional development initiatives during the year. The proposal for declaration of RIMS as an Institution of National Importance (INI) remained under active consideration by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Concurrently, the Institute continued its efforts towards strengthening faculty positions, expanding super-specialty services and enhancing academic programmes.

During the Financial year 2025-26, RIMS, Imphal submitted proposals for the creation of new faculty posts and the establishment of 11 full-fledged super-specialty departments, of these, the proposal for creation of 28 faculty posts received approval from the Department of Expenditure. As part of the ongoing expansion of specialised healthcare services, a separate Paediatric Surgery Unit was established under the Department of General Surgery. Further, approval was accorded for the establishment of a separate Department of Endocrinology, which was subsequently established at the Institute. These initiatives mark significant progress towards strengthening the Institute's academic capacity, specialised healthcare services and overall institutional infrastructure.

The comprehensive Master Plan for the redevelopment of the 300-acre RIMS campus, approved by the Executive Council, continued to serve as the guiding framework for the Institute's long-term infrastructure development and expansion. Upon phased implementation, the Master Plan is envisaged to transform the campus through the development of new hospital facilities, academic and research buildings, residential complexes, super-specialty infrastructure and modern support services. These planned developments will significantly enhance the Institute's capacity for healthcare delivery, medical education, research and patient support services, while strengthening its position as a premier medical institution in the country.

The construction of an Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) with a capacity of 1,500 KLD/cum per day at RIMS, Imphal, is currently in progress and is targeted for completion by the end of 2026. The plant will play a vital role in ensuring the scientific treatment and safe disposal of liquid effluents generated from various hospital and institutional activities, thereby reducing the risk of environmental pollution and protecting public health. It will also support the Institute in complying with applicable environmental standards and regulatory requirements, while promoting sustainable and responsible management of hospital waste.

During the year, the Institute also continued to strengthen administrative efficiency and institutional capacity through modernization of hospital infrastructure, expansion of digital systems, enhancement of patient care facilities, and sustained implementation of quality assurance, infection prevention and hospital safety measures. Collectively, these initiatives reflect RIMS, Imphal's continued commitment to excellence in healthcare delivery, effective governance, environmental sustainability and holistic institutional development.

Awards, Prizes and Other Achievements

The year witnessed several notable achievements by the faculty and departments of the Institute in the fields of academics, research and healthcare delivery. In 2025, the Dental College, RIMS, received the 2nd Prize in the "Nanhi Muskan (Little Smile)" Project, in recognition of its contribution to Oral Healthcare and Community Service. The Dental College also received the Consistent Performance Award at a National event held in New Delhi in 2025, presented by the Director General of Health Services, Government of India. Further, the Dental College secured the 2nd Prize in the ISPPD World Oral Health Day Celebration 2025, reflecting its continued commitment to promoting oral health awareness and excellence in dental care. Subsequently, in March 2026, RIMS, Imphal, achieved a significant milestone in Cardiovascular Surgery with the successful performance of the first Aorto-Biliac Bypass Surgery in Manipur. RIMS, Imphal also made a major advancement in Paediatric Cardiac Care under the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) of the National Health Mission (NHM), Manipur, by successfully performing device closure procedures for congenital heart diseases for the first time at RIMS.

These accomplishments reflect the dedication, commitment and collective efforts of the faculties, residents, students and supporting staff in advancing medical education, research and patient care and in upholding the highest standards of healthcare delivery.

Conclusion

Before I conclude, I express my sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, and my appreciation to the Members of the Board of Governors and the Executive Council for their continued guidance and support towards the growth and development of the Institute.

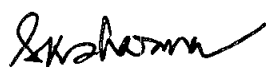
I extend my sincere appreciation to the faculty, doctors, nursing personnel, students, officers, staff, technical personnel and support staff for their dedication and tireless efforts in enabling the Institute to achieve these milestones despite the challenges.

As we celebrate the 55th Foundation Day of RIMS, Imphal, let us reaffirm our commitment to excellence in medical education, patient care, research and community service. With the continued support of the Government of India, the Government of Manipur, our beneficiary States and all stakeholders, I am confident that RIMS, Imphal will continue to grow as a premier centre of medical education and healthcare, serving the people of the North Eastern Region and the nation at large.

Long Live RIMS, Imphal!

Jai Hind!

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