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LEICHOMBAM KOIRENG SINGH

I present to you, Sir, Shri Leichombam Koireng Singh.

Born in 1894, in Imphal, Manipur, Shri Leichombam Koireng Singh belongs to the sacred Sankirtana tradition of singing and dancing. Among the stalwarts from whom Shri Koireng Singh received training are Oja Konsam Nongyai, Oja Leichenbam Ningthou and Oja Wangkhem Chaomacha.

Shri Koireng Singh started playing the Pung drum at the age of 9, and today, at over 80, he still continues to dance and sing. He has been nominated Hanjaba in the Sankirtana department of the Palace at Imphal, which is the highest honour that can be given to a Pung Guru by the Maharaja of Manipur. For his research work on Manipuri Pung, Shri Koireng Singh has been given recognition by the Manipuri Sahitya Parishad.

For his eminence in the field of Dance and his contribution to its enrichment, Shri Leichombam Koireng Singh receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Manipuri Dance.

