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SMT. LEISHANGTHEM THOURANISHABI DEVI

I present to you, Madam, Smt. Leishangthem Thouranishabi Devi.
Smt. Thouranishabi Devi born in 1936 in Imphal comes of a family of renowned singers. From her childhood she received training in Manipuri Ras and Nata Sankirtana under such eminent teachers as Guru Amubi Singh, Guru Amudon Sharma, Smt. Kshetri Tombi Devi, Guru Munal Singh, Guru Gulapi Singh and Guru Ibohah Singh.
From the age of fourteen Smt. Thouranishabi Devi played the role of Radha in Ras presentations at the Shri Govindji temple in Imphal. Even today she is the main performer in the Ras, as one of principal gopis.
Smt. Thouranishabi Devi has six gramophone discs to her credit. She has received titles and honours from, among others, the Manipuri State Kala Academy, the Manipuri Sahitya Parishad and the Shri Govindji Nartanalaya. At present she teaches Ras at the Jawaharlal Nehru Manipuri Dance Academy, Imphal.
For her eminence in the field of dance and her contribution to its enrichment, Smt. Thouranishabi Devi receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Manipuri Ras for 1980.

