



LESSON- 10

MANIPURIS IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES

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Summary

People came to know the existence of a small state like Manipur through its colourful dances and sports. Manipur has proudly represented in Olympic Games. The Olympic Game originated from ancient Greece. The Olympic Games has become one of the happiest and youthful instruments in bringing the world together. It was held in honour of Zeus every four years. Earlier, there was only one sports item and no woman took place in it. Over the years, things have changed a lot, many other items were added and women took part in it. The winner was given a silver medal and a crown of Olive branches and the runner-up was given bronze medal and a Laurel crown. Gold medals were given only from 1908 when the games were held in London. The Olympic Games are now managed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The games have been held in different cities of the world. India has been taking part in Olympic Games but have not done well in these games. Major Rathore is the proud winner of the first silver medal by an Indian in the Olympics. The state of Manipur has begun to take part in many national and international level sports event. Our hockey players played in the Olympics. Nilkamal is the first Olympian from Manipur. Many female players have taken part in Olympics and brought laurels for the state. In the Athens Olympic 2004, two Manipuri women represented India in weightlifting category. Kunjarani was in 46kg group and Sanamacha Chanu was in the 52kg group. Kunjarani came out 4th in the Olympic Games. The Olympic Games are the meeting ground of the world's best sportspersons.

Word Meaning

- *Probably* : *almost certainly*
 - *Event* : *item*
 - *Take part* : *join*
 - *Takes place* : *occurs*
 - *Reigned* : *dominated*
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