

# GOVERNMENT GIRLS COLLEGE, BETUL

## EBSB PROGRAM NOVEMBER 2021

### Name of Activity: Ningol Chakkaoba & Kut Festival

#### No. of students: 20

Ningol Chakkouba a popular festival of the state of Manipur; for the **Meitei community**, it is certainly one of the premier festivals. It is celebrated on the second day of the lunar month of Hiyanggei (which falls in October-November of the Georgian calendar), and is comparable to Bhagini Hasta Bhojanam of South India. "**Ningol**" means the daughter of a family, whether married or unmarried in Meiteilol (i.e. in Manipuri language). "**Chakkouba**" stands for feast. On this day, the married women of Manipur go to their paternal homes for a feast, and receive gifts from their parents and brothers. In short, this festival honors the love between the siblings of a house.



Kut festival or Chavang Kut is one of the most celebrated festivals of Manipur. Celebrated by the tribes of Kuki-Chin-Mizo groups of Manipur, Chavang Kut is a festival which is observed with so much zeal and joyousness. However, during the festival, the people of all communities of Manipur come together to commemorate this amazing fiesta. The festival is observed to mark the end of the harvesting season and also to thank deities for a good harvest season. Therefore, the festival is named Chavang Kut; Chavang stands for 'autumn' and Kut mean 'harvest'. In the earlier days, the Kut festival used to last a number of days and many rituals were also used to perform. After the main rites, the village priest used to distribute ju(rice beer) to the locals. The celebration also included the dancing and singing along with the sports competitions and feasts.

