

# GOVERNMENT GIRLS COLLEGE, BETUL

## EBSB monthly Report

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Name of event- Patriots' Day of Manipur (13 august)

No. of student - 50

**Paona Brajabasi** was a Manipuri military officer. He was born in 1833 and later entered the military of the **Manipur Kingdom**, reaching the rank of major by 1891. The same year he fought in the **Anglo-Manipur War** against the **British Empire**. Following the defeat of his troops in a skirmish with the British, his adversaries offered to spare Brajabasi's life if he entered their service. Brajabasi refused and was subsequently executed. This act entered Manipur's popular imagination and Brajabasi has since been commemorated by a statue.

From 1110 till 1819, the Kingdom of Manipur reigned over the area of modern-day Manipur uninterrupted. The British declared war on Burma in 1824 and won the war to restore Manipur's sovereignty. A series of coups, exiles and appeals for help eventually led to the British getting directly involved again. The Anglo-Manipur war of 1891 was triggered by British incursion into Manipur in 1891. The Manipuri forces, led by Major Paona Brajabashi, fought what many historians describe as one of the fiercest battles in Indian history. On April 27, 1891, the British invaded Imphal and raised the Union Jack above the Kangla Palace. Hundreds of Manipuri soldiers laid down their lives in a bloody clash with the British. The British conducted an extensive disarmament campaign against the Manipuri people.

