

A Report on Linux Manipur's "IT Talent Search 2007"

20th May 2007 started like any normal day with beautiful sunny morning, but little did we know that the day would hold so much for us. It was the Judgment Day, which was to mark of our first ever big event in Manipur "IT Talent Search 2007". We reached Don Bosco, Imphal, at around 7:00 AM.

By 7:30 AM, we saw a group of confident kids coming with two lady teachers accompanying them even though the time scheduled was 9:00 AM. Some students came the day before, camped at their relatives' places in Imphal. It was sheer joy to see the enthusiastic early birds who were mostly from outside Imphal. They were given seats to sit and wait showing the perfect hospitality.



"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success". The volunteers dropped in one after the other by around 8:15 AM as promised; they are old friends and friend's friend, who came voluntarily - there was no fee extended to them to be volunteers, to be invigilators, to be examiners.

They started counseling the participants and guiding them with their roll numbers and the classroom charts. By 9:00 AM, there as an exodus of students near the registration counter.

Volunteers had a tough time managing the pulsating crowd which was getting so huge in a time span of half an hour. The turnover ratio of the participants was pretty high; it was more than what we expected. Around 500 participants turned up for the competition from almost all the districts of Manipur.

It was conducted in a very organized and disciplined manner. The seats were arranged for about 30 students in each class room. Two students of different categories were made to sit in a desk. There were two invigilators in every class.



10:00 AM, as the bell rang and kicked off the competition, it was complete silence that prevailed in the Don Bosco campus. The students wrote their papers sincerely. There were signs of seriousness on their faces during the examination. The questions were mostly according to their respective standards, 10% of the questions were based on Unix/Linux/Free and Open Source Software. The students did really apply their thoughts. They put in their best efforts.

Multitasking and parallel programming was how the event was organized. While the examination was going on in the class rooms, some volunteers were busy making arrangements for the seminar in the auditorium.

At 11:30 AM, the test got over. Coming out of the exam hall, students were seen discussing the questions with their friends. The relaxed and energetic participants were asked to move to the auditorium of DBS.



As they entered the seminar hall each and every participants were presented T-Shirt and Linux/Free and Open Source CDs. The number of participants exceeded the capacity of the auditorium. Volunteers had to arrange extra seats to accommodate everyone and it was a vivacious moment to see the overflowing auditorium. The Linux Manipur played a perfect host for all the parents of the participants. They were treated well and extra seats were arranged in front of the auditorium for them, refreshments were also provided.

At 12:40 AM, the program commenced.



The starting of the program was marked by lighting the candles by the students from almost all the nine districts with a vision "The candles we lit to spread the light of unity and share knowledge". The environment was less of "me" and more of "we". There was pride in the hearts of everyone present there. It was a group of kids, from different districts of Manipur doing the honor of lighting the nice candles representing the nine districts, bringing hopes and a new dawn. Linux Manipur decided not stay away invite any minister or high profile person as VIP to do the lighting. The students were the VIPs of the event.

It was followed by welcome address by Linux Manipur. Invitees from MU and MIT gave inspiring speeches. Most notable points was made by Mr Tejmani, HOD, CSE, MU - he informed about FOSS/Linux being promoted in MU; he encouraged the audience to try out FOSS/Linux; he also said MU is ready to lend help in many ways to Linux Manipur. Mr Kishorejit, Lecturer, MIT, appreciated the never-say-die spirit of Linux Manipur. He also raised few queries on Linux Manipur, which was answered and made clear by Ringo Pebam later.



An overflowing auditorium, enthusiastic and pulsating crowd, Miss Meenakshi T and Mr Kennedy the quizmasters,



well this was the setting of on-the-spot quiz, which was open for all. The questions were on IT and Unix/Linux. The response of the audience was amazing, they were energetic and sportive, and everybody was trying to give the correct answers. If you were here you would have felt so good - you have seen the high and fast life out there in big cities, and seeing the kids here you will know that they are of great potential and caliber. Chocolates and Linux Manipur ball pens were given, to those who answered correctly. The session was full of excitements, laughter and clapping. In between the quiz sessions, the



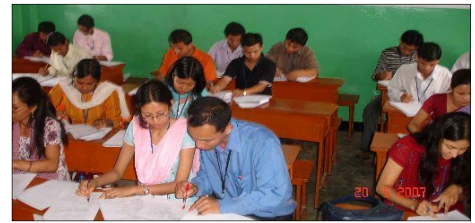
representatives of the sponsors of the event were called up on the stage, thanked and were handed mementos.

The knight of the Linux Manipur, Mr Ringo Pebam gave a presentation on Free and Open Source Software and Linux. He also gave a brief introduction on Linux Manipur. He pointed out the better sides of FOSS/Linux. The primary goal of Linux Manipur was made known to the audience. He also requested the students to establish a strong network of Linux Users Group based in Manipur. Video clippings on FOSS/Linux were presented as well.

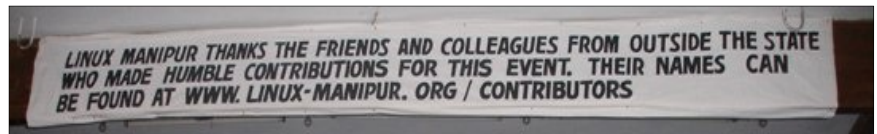


While all these programs were going on in the auditorium, about 30 examiners, comprised of mostly teachers in profession, were checking

the answer sheets in another building. They completed the job in two and half hours, each teacher correcting about 16 answer sheets taking approximately 9 minutes per sheet. Linux Manipur planned to announce the results on the very day of the contest.



By around 3:30 PM the much awaited result arrived. Just before the result was announced, Mr Beda Leirenjam on behalf of Linux Manipur read out all the names of the contributors from outside the state, and thanked them. The Imphal based volunteers of Linux Manipur were then called up on the stage as a way to thank and acknowledge them for the selfless contribution they made in making the event possible.



The result was finally announced to the anxious participants - it was nail biting moments for them who were eagerly waiting for it. There was excitement among the participants and the winners wore big smiles. Prizes - cash prizes, mementos, books, ball pens and T-shirts, were presented to them by Linux Manipur members and some senior invitees. Those students, who could make it to the TOP 10, were given Linux Manipur T-Shirts. For those who couldn't make it to the Top 10, lottery draw was done for each category; the lottery winners were given books. At the end all the winners were called up on the stage for on final photo session and with that, the mega event came to the end.



Parents/guardians/teachers appreciated the 'IT Talent Search' and also requested Linux Manipur to conduct such motivating events in the near future. Inspired students left the premises in a joyful mood with full of hopes. Colorful!! Lively!! Happening!! These were few words that came out from the mouth of the young and brilliant minds of Manipur.



We rested for sometime after everybody left; and as we started cleaning up the auditorium we could hear thunders and rain started pouring over Imphal. We thought "Oh, the students left in time to reach home before the rain". Even the Almighty was in favour of Linux Manipur ☺ Finally we can say.... Dreams Unlimited!!!

- Team Linux Manipur

This report was prepared by Biswajit Tayenjam, Devanand Ayam, Meenakshi Takhelambam and Ringo Pebam, on behalf of Linux Manipur.

You may say I am a dreamer, but I am not the only one.
I hope someday you will join us.
- John Lennon

A small Bangalore section of the Rest of the World Team



THANK YOU

Linux Manipur thanks the individual contributors *from outside the state* and the Imphal based sponsors for the event. At the same time we also want to say - 'Thank you very much', to the many volunteers - old high school teachers, parents, relatives, friends and friend's friends. You came forward to help us - to prepare and organize the event, to invigilate the test, check the answer sheets etc. You were the guys behind the show.

List of Volunteers:

Sl	Name	Sl	Name	Sl	Name
1	Abungcha Narengbam	31	Kamanda	61	Raza Rahaman
2	Abem L	32	Kennedy	62	Rebati Naorem
3	Alphonsa (Sr Teacher DBS)	33	Kumar (Sr Teacher DBS)	63	Ringo Pebam
4	Babudhon	34	Lalit N	64	Rita (Sr Teacher DBS)
5	Beda Leirengjam	35	Laxmi	65	Robedi
6	Bhabina	36	Leirik	66	Robindro Kh
7	Binapani Ningombam	37	Lembi	67	Rocket Ch
8	Bindeshwar Thoudam	38	Lokendro	68	Rocky Pebam
9	Biona Tayengjam	39	Meenakshi T	69	Sangai Leima
10	Biren Leishangthem	40	Milan	70	Sangeeta
11	Bisorjit Ng	41	Miller	71	Santosh
12	Bobby Kh	42	Mohen Senjam	72	Sawan
13	Bobby M	43	Napolean	73	Shekhar (Sr Teacher DBS)
14	Dakeshor	44	Naresh Kumar	74	Silvia Lisa
15	Dev K	45	Noni	75	Sofia
16	Devanand Ayam	46	Norendro RK	76	Somen Ch
17	Devraj	47	Ojit N	78	Sonamani
18	Dinesh	48	Orzone Ch	79	Sophiya Ch
19	Gogin L	49	Piyanu	80	Sovana
20	HariPriya	50	Prameshwar Gotimayum	81	Sumanto
21	Hectar	51	Pratima	82	Sushibala L
22	Ibochou L	52	Praveen Oinam	83	Tiken
23	Indira Loitongjam	53	Premjit K	84	Umakanta Lokshanbam
24	Ingotomba Th	54	Premkumar		
25	Irik M	55	Pritam Yumnam		
26	Jennifer Leirengjam	56	Pulika		
27	Joy L	57	Rahaman Md		
28	Joy Shankar H	58	Rajeshwar		
29	Juleeta	59	Rajeshwor Yengkhom		
30	Julita L	60	Ranjibala		

List of Sponsors:

Sl No	Name
1	ITCTC
2	Don Bosco, Imphal
3	Xtreme Wave
4	E-Pao
5	Computer Gallery
6	Koubru
7	Aircel
8	MACS

THE DETAILED RESULT OF THE " IT TALENT SEARCH 2007 "

TOP 10 STUDENTS OF EACH CATEGORY

NOTE: Maximum Marks for Junior is 100, Senior is 104 and Open is 130.

OPEN:

Sl. No	Name	Roll No.	Marks	Address	College/Institution
1	Th Soniya Devi	085	65	Khuria Kongpal Thongam Leikai	DOEACC Akampat
2.	Ngangom Rocky Singh	049	61	Konjeng Leikai, Mongshangei	IGNOU
3.	Roger Ahongsangbam	063	59	Thongju Pechu Lampak	MU
4	Naosekpm Bidyabanta Singh	048	58	Uripok Achom Leikai	Oinam Ibohal Polytechnic
5	Jitendra Khuraijam	022	57	Kiyamgei Heibong Makhong Maning Leikai	DOEACC Akampat
6	Yumnam Sunita Devi	090	55	Thoubal Athokpam Makha Leikai	MU
7	Rajkumari Nirmala	061	52	Thoubal Ningombam	MU
8	Athokpam Loyalemba Singh	008	52	Wangkhei Ningthem Pukhri Mapal	DOEACC Akampat
9	Kh Panthoibi Meitei	029	52	Sagolband Tera Lourakpam leikai	DOEACC Centre Imphal
10	Siddartha Waikhom	070	51	Singjamei Chingamakha Ningthoujam Leikai	Manipur College

SENIOR:

Sl. No	Name	Roll No.	Marks	Address	College/Institution
1	Maheshwar Sharma Gurumayum	027	57	Sagolband Salam Leikai	National Institute of Open School
2	Albert Sagolsem	002	54	Palace Compound	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Langjing
3	Priyobrata Hamom	040	52	Kangla Sangom Sang	Sangai Hr Sec School
4	Loitongbam Gyanchand	024	50	Kwakeithel Moirang Purel Leikai	Manipur Public School
5	Albert RK	001	49	RIMS Colony	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Langjing
6	Thokchom Dayananda Singh	048	45	Mantripukhri Bazaar	Liberal College
7	Leinjamawi Lupho	023	46	New Lambulane, Street 1	Kanan Devi Memorial Senior Sec School
8	S Gojendro	045	44	Chingarel Tejpur	HRD
9	Leema Laitonjam	022	43	Khagempalli Pankha	Herbert School
10	Kenyor Irom	012	42	Chingamakha Irom Leikai	Manipur Public School

JUNIOR:

Sl. No	Name	Roll No.	Marks	Address	College/Institution
1	Senjam Ranjan Singh	204	83	Langol Housing Complex	Regular English High School
2.	Chingkhomba Chingtham	017	81	Haobam Marak Irom Leikai	The Laidlaw Memorial School
3.	Th Wangam	247	78	Uripok, Shamushang Uku	St Joshep's School
4	Roger Y	188	72	Khurai Lamlong	Eagle High School
5	S Chinglemba Singh	225	71	Sega Road Khwairakpam	St Joseph's School
6	Dayanand RK	026	70	Heirangoithing Maibam Leikai	Catholic School Canchipur
7	Kenneth Maisnam	054	67	Chingmakha Phura Makhong, Singjamei	St Joseph's School
8	Kh Raj Kumar Singh	063	61	Kakching Khunou, Thingnam Leikai	Brighter Academy Imphal
9	Taibanganbi Sh	230	60	Nagamapal Kangjabi Leirak	Nirmalabas High School
10	Demosin Keisham	230	59	Nongmeibung Chakpram Leirak	Sainik School Imphal

DISTRICT WISE RESULT OF THE COMPETITION

We made the application forms available in all the nine districts of Manipur, and we are very glad to see students from all the districts participating in the competition. To acknowledge and encourage the students, we have sorted out available top three students from each district who participated in the three categories.

JUNIOR:

Imphal East

Sl. No	Name	Roll No.	Marks	Address	College/Institution
1	Roger Y	188	72	Khurai Lamlong	Eagle High School
2	Demosin Keisham	028	59	Nongmeibung Chakpram Leirak	Sainik School Imphal
3	Shashank Rana	210	58	Mantripukhri	Don Bosco, Imphal

Imphal West

Sl. No	Name	Roll No.	Marks	Address	College/Institution
1	Senjam Ranjan Singh	204	83	Langol Housing Complex	Regular English High School
2	Chingkhomba Chingtham	017	81	Haobam Marak Irom Leikai	The Laidlaw Memorial School
3	Th Wangam	247	78	Uripok, Shamushang Uku	St Joshep's School

Thoubal

Sl. No	Name	Roll No.	Marks	Address	College/Institution
1	Kh Raj Kumar Singh	063	61	Kacking Khunou, Thingnam Leikai	Brighter Academy Imphal
2	Amarjit Moirangthem	003	50	Thoubal Nongangkhong Bamol Leikai	Ananda Purna School
3	Khundongbam Anil Kumar Singh	065	48	Heirok Part (1), Leikon Maning Leikai, Thoubal	Progressive English School, Landing,

Chandel

Sl. No	Name	Roll No.	Marks	Address	College/Institution
1	Shinglai Shanriengam Tangkhul	213	40	M Ringpam Village	Institute of Rural Education, Wangjing
2	Shinglai Unice	214	30	M Ringpam Village	Institute of Rural Education, Wangjing

Note: Only two participants from Chandel

Bishenpur

Sl. No	Name	Roll No.	Marks	Address	College/Institution
1	Wayengbam Indra Kumar	267	57	Bishnupur Ward # 11	Bishenpur Public School
2	Kakchingtabam Joychandra	266	51	Thoubal Awang Leikai	Bishenpur Public School
3	Okram Kumar Singh	080	48	Hemam Leikai	Loktak Christian Model High School, Moirang Lamkhai

SENIOR:

Ukhrul

Sl. No	Name	Roll No.	Marks	Address	School
1	Wunganing A. Shimray	054	27	Khamasom Village	Johnstone Hr Sec School
2	Thuirei Phazang	051	26	Pharung Shimtang	Biramangol College, Sawombung

Note: Only two participants from Ukhrul

Churachandpur

Sl. No	Name	Roll No.	Marks	Address	School
1	S. Thang Johnmung Guite	059	30	Bung Mual, Lamka, Churachandpur	Standard Roberth Hr Sec School, Canchipur

Note: Only one participant from Churachandpur.

Bishenpur

Sl. No	Name	Roll No.	Marks	Address	School
1	Konjengbam James Singh	016	36	Moirang Phairembam Leikai	Moirang College, Moirang
2	RK Bindya Devi	041	30	Ningthoukhong Gopinath Leikai	Royal Academy of Science, Wangkhei

Note: Only two participants from Bishenpur.

Thoubal

Sl. No	Name	Roll No.	Marks	Address	School
1	Loushingkhomba Puyam	025	42	Charangpat Mayai Leikai	Brajatal Institute of Sciences, Moirangkhom
2	Wangkheimayum Damodar Singh	053	40	Langthabal Khunou Mayai Leikai, Khongjom	Chaoyaima Higher Sec School
3	Repenson Nangsha	044	37	Pallel Thong Wangma	CC Her Sec School, Sanjenthong

Imphal East

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1	Priyobrata Hamom	040	52	Kangla Sangom Sang	Sangai Hr Sec School
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1	Yumnam Sunita Devi	090	55	Thoubal Athokpam Makha Leikai	MU
2	Rajkumari Nirmala	061	52	Thoubal Ningombam	MU
3	Maibam Rabi Singh	041	51	Sapam Sabal Leikai, Khongjom	MU

Tamenglong

Sl. No	Name	Roll No.	Marks	Address	College/Institution
1	Shem Dangmei	069	38	Longmai II	DM College of Arts
2	Gaidai Kamei	014	34	Soupram Village	DM College of Arts

Note: Only two participants from Tamenglong