

**B I O - D A T A**  
*of*  
**HOPINGSON A. SHIMRAY**  
***(BJP Intending Candidate for the 43- Phungyar AC-2022)***



**MOTTO:**

***"Together, for everyone's growth  
with everyone's trust"***

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name : Hopingson A. Shimray  
Place of birth : Marou village,  
Ukhrul-795142,  
Manipur-India  
Date of birth : 1st March 1959  
Marital status : Married-wife with  
one son and two  
daughters  
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**OBJECTIVE:**

- i) ***Working towards overall upliftment and empowerment for an inclusive development of Manipur***
- ii) ***To earnestly strive for peace and harmony among the various communities of Manipur and Northeast India***

**EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:**

Master Degree : History (Modern) from Center of Historical Studies (**JNU New Delhi**) in 1981  
Graduation : Union Christian College (UCC) in 1978, NEHU Shillong-Meghalaya  
Pre University : DM College of Arts and Commerce, 1976  
Class X : Churachand High School Imphal, 1974

**PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS:**

- ***UPSC Exam:*** Passed Combined Civil Service (CSE) exam in 1988 and joined as Indian Railways Accounts Services (IRAS). Services in ascending chronological order are:
- Financial Advisor and Chief Accounts Officer (F&B): HQ Guwahati June 2015 till Apr. 2016. (Voluntarily retired).
- Financial Advisor and Chief Accounts Officer (WST): HQ Guwahati Apr.2009 till Jun. 2015
- Dy. Chief Accounts Officer (General): HQ Guwahati from Apr. 2004 till Mar. 2009.

- Dy. Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer: Diesel Components Works at Patialia Punjab from Sept 2000 till Apr. 2004.
- Dy. Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer (Construction): Jan 1996 to Sept 2000.
- Divisional Finance Manager (DFM): Tinsukia 1992-1995.
- Junior Accounts Officer (JAO): HQ Guwahati 1989-1991.
- **MPSC Exam:** Passed Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC) exam in 1984 and served as Sub-Deputy Collector (SDC) from 1984 till 1989, posted in Lungchong Maiphai (stationed at Ukhrul).

**Teacher:** Alice Christian High School in 1982.

**Honorary Lecturer:** Chandel Morning College in 1981-82.

### SOCIAL SERVICES:

- President : Tangkhul Naga Long (Tangkhul Naga Apex Body) from 8th Nov. 2018 till 12th Oct. 2021
- Chairman : Tangkhul Welfare Society Guwahati from July 2011 till Apr. 2016
- Founding Pioneer : Tangkhul Katamnao Long (Tangkhul Student Union) Guwahati 1996
- General Secretary : Tangkhul Katamnao Saklong (Tangkhul Student Union) 1983-1984
- General Secretary : Manipur Tribal Students' Union, Delhi 1980-1981

### BRIEF PERSONAL HISTORY OF HOPINGSON A. SHIMRAY

#### Educational Background:

Born on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1959 at Marou Village then in Ukhrul District in a humble family whose parents were jhum cultivators. Shri. Hopingson A. Shimray has one elder brother and two younger sisters. Marou being a small village having about 15 households at that time attended his initial education from the village primary school up to class II. Thereafter, in order to pursue higher classes he had to leave his family and parents and got himself admitted in Ukhrul Model High in 1967 in class III and studied up to class V in the same school. In search of better school for Class VI and VII he studied in Sacred Heart High School, Hundung, while class VIII was completed at Sirarakhong Ruichumhao Memorial High School, for class IX and X he studied at Churachand High School Imphal.

What is worth mentioning is that all along from class III up to pre university (PU), he was studying outside the village, fetching rations from time to time from home carrying them on rucksack, fetching firewood from the jungles, collecting water from drinking water ponds all by himself including cooking and cleaning the houses wherever he was staying as a student tenant in the rented houses.

He graduated from Union Christian College, Barapani, Meghalaya in 1978 with honors in history as the first person to have passed Bachelor of Arts (BA) from among his villagers. The village hosted feast inviting the neighboring villages as a celebration of his grand achievement of graduation.

Right after his graduation, he intended to pursue Post Graduation from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi but could not do so as the graduation result of NEHU was announced much later after the closure of admission time in JNU. During his study break he was invited by the neighboring Lungphu village to help as teacher in the private school being run by the village with a provision of one tin of rice and Rs. 150/- as a salary per month (1978 Aug-1979 May).

In the year 1979, he got admission and completed Master of Arts (MA) in Modern Indian History in 1981 from Jawaharlal Nehru University .

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES:

He began his professional service as private school teacher at Lungphu Primary school run by the Lunphu village authority during 1978 Aug-1979 May. He also taught as substitute teacher in Adim Jati High School, Imphal for a period of three months (July-Sept 1981). Thereafter, he was invited to teach in Chandel Morning College as honorary lecturer for five months (Oct-1981-Feb 1982). In the year 1982, he was appointed as a high school teacher in Alice Christian High School, Ukhrul when the school was first upgraded from junior high school (class VIII) to high school (class IX and X).

State Service Exam: He passed Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC) exam in 1984 and served as Sub-Deputy Collector (SDC) from 1984 till 1989, posted in Lungchong Maiphai (stationed at Ukhrul).

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## SOCIAL SERVICES:

### **Manipur Tribal Students Union Delhi:**

While pursuing Master Degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University, he was elected General Secretary of Manipur Tribal Students Union Delhi and the main activity of the union was attending to the various student related issues such as college admission of tribal students coming from Manipur, finding suitable rented houses (non-hostellers) in Delhi, and the scholarship issues.

### **Tangkhul Katamnao Saklong (TKS) (Tangkhul Student Union) 1983-1984:**

Shri Hopingson A. Shimray was unanimously elected as the General Secretary of TKS in May 1983 and served till 1984. The main activity was concentrated on arresting rapid deforestation, namely rampant felling of trees for commercial purpose by timber merchants. Besides, being the apex student union of the Tangkhul community, TKS also took up activities like monitoring the educational aspects; focusing on better quality education for the upcoming students. The union conducted seminars for students, felicitated meritorious students including award programmes from time to time.

### **Tangkhul Katamnao Long (Tangkhul Student Union) Guwahati 1996:**

After joining the Indian Railway Account Service (IRAS) and during his posting at Maligoan Guwahati, NF railway headquarter as Deputy Financial Advisor & chief Accounts Officer (Dy. FA & CAO), the Tangkhul Students Union Guwahati was organized and established under his initiative with the main objective to enable the students to pursue their studies sincerely under the guardianship of the elders who are residing in Guwahati city. Besides giving advises and career guidance by the elders to the young Tangkhul students coming from Manipur from time to time all the students themselves were also made to acquaint each other through fresher's meet functions and parting social gathering of the students.

### **Tangkhul Welfare Society Guwahati from July 2011 till Apr. 2016:**

He was the first Chairman of this society which was established to carry out various welfare activities relating to tangkhul community residing in Guwahati city. This society extended assistance to serious patients in different hospitals and providing coffins to the death cases. It also organized cultural festivals such as Lura Phanit (seed sowing festival), Mangkhap phanit and other traditional festivals in tune with people back at home in ukhrul dist. Manipur.

### **Tangkhul Naga Long (Tangkhul Naga Apex Body) from November 2018 to September 2021:**

On 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2018, Shri. Hopingson A. Shimray was elected as the President of the Tangkhul Apex body unanimously uncontested and unopposed. It may be mentioned that Tangkhul community consists of 232 registered villages under Tangkhul Naga Long and the organization is traditional, customary and non-political highest body of the Tangkhul Naga Tribe.

It may be recalled that in 1926, Tangkhul Education Union Fund was established and later became as Tangkhul Long in 1947 where it was finally renamed as Tangkhul Naga Long in the year 1986. Each tangkhul villages was a republic village, isolated from each other at that time. TNL was form with the objective of uniting all the villages under one umbrella organisation by breaking the barriers of isolation and building them under common custom and tradition.

### **Achievements made as a TNL President:**

Prevented the Kukis from celebrating its centenary which may create ethnic violence and harm the harmonious relationship between Kukis and Nagas in Manipur.

Sinakeithel a Tangkhul village is surrounded by 13 Kuki villages which is therefore very sensitive and communal clash could have taken place any moment where two Sinakeithel village youths death bodies were found at the village gate. TNL intervened and took up the issue along with the other Tangkhul CSOs so that the rule of law prevails and to book the culprit by meeting the hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur and subsequently prevented communal violence.

The issue of inter village clash between Chassad and Kamjong was intervened and settled (March, 2020). There was a Possibility of communal clash where people alleged that the houses of Chassad

village was set into fire by Tangkhuls. Rather it was a clash of two villages. The issue was intervened and settled by TNL under his leadership

Numbers of public rallies and prayer programs were organized for early honorable and acceptable peaceful conclusion of the ongoing peace talk between NSCN (IM) and GOI.

Talks were held and agreeable peaceful solutions were brought about through negotiations on various volatile incidents involving NSCN Cadres and Assam Rifles at Sihai village, Kangoi village and Kangkum village. In all these incidents possible arm clashes between the two parties were peacefully resolved.

On 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021, a convention declaring war on poppy plantation and drugs was held in which all the hill leaders (men and women) of 33 tribes of Manipur state attended. Honorable Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh was the Chief Guest. Shri Hopingson A. Shimray was one of the main speaker on the occasion. All the Tangkhul CSOs led by TNL took a decision to stop the cultivation of poppy plantation. The campaign is still ongoing.

Various non-political programs and cultural activities were conducted during his tenure like Luira Phanit (seed sowing festival) and Mangkhap Phanit that strengthens the society at large.

During his tenure as the President of the apex body (TNL), he also attended as the Chief Guest of the cultural festival at Mapum village, Longpi village, Hoom village and Longpi village. As mentioned, these strengthen the culture and tradition ties of the Tangkhul at large.

Numerous disputes on inter village, tribal rights, marriage issues were settled through customary laws which the four Longphang (Zonal court) could not settle.

The birth anniversary of Major Bob Khathing Raleng, an Indian soldier, civil servant and diplomat and the first person of tribal origin to serve as an Ambassador of India was celebrated in collaboration with the Assam Rifles (the oldest paramilitary force of India 1835) for peaceful coexistence and good relationship with Army. Shri. Hopingson A. Shimray, President TNL attended as the Chief Guest of the function.

## PERSONALITY:

- Sincere** : His involvement as a leader or follower in any organization has proven that he handled and performed all his duties with seriousness and sincerity.
- Peace Loving** : As mentioned, Shri Hopingson A. Shimray is a peace loving person. He does not hesitate to intervene as mediator when any problems arise like inter village, inter community, inter tribe and to the level of state and others. His intervention always resulted a peaceful negotiations and settlement as he work for peaceful co-existence irrespective of any community.
- Mature** : His maturity is ascertained as he always focused on opinion of the people first when there is any problem or issue, also settled the issues considering that solutions are acceptable for everyone.
- Humble** : He is a man who always deal people in humble manner. His presence gives a friendly environment.
- Experienced** : As an experienced leader, Shri. Hopingson A. Shimray's participation always concluded and prevented violence and hatred.
- Generosity** : Moral and financial supports given to the needy students whose parents could not support in and around.

## PHOTO GALLERY

Shri. Hopingson A. Shimray being the President of Tangkhul Naga Long (Tangkhul Apex body) his image is at the prime of popularity. It may be mentioned that by virtue of being the President despite submitting his resignation letter on dated: 01-09-2021 (to be released on dated 12-10-21) may not have begun official campaign for the upcoming Manipur Legislative Assembly election-2022 yet his contesting the upcoming election from the 43-Phungyar AC through BJP ticket has become the speculative talk of the entire Tangkhul Naga community. Some internal vote consolidative works and achievements are:

1. **Blessing ceremony and supporting decision by native villagers through Headman and Village authority (Elders)**
2. **Native village neighboring area consolidation meetings (Mapithel range)**
3. **News coverage by various local newspapers**
4. **Some photographs as the President of Tangkhul Naga Long (Tangkhul Apex body)**

### **Blessing ceremony and supporting decision by native villagers through Headman and Village authority (Elders)**

Upon hearing that Shri. Hopingson A. Shimray will contest the upcoming Manipur Assembly election-2022, his native village (Marou) headman and village elders called upon the villagers



and organized a blessing ceremony for Mr. Hopingson A. Shimray and during the blessing ceremony all the villagers committed themselves by affirming that the entire village vote will be given to Hopingson A. Shimray and not a single vote should go to any other political party or candidate.



### **Native village neighboring area consolidation meetings (Mapithel range)**

After the blessing ceremony by his native village, Shri. Hopingson A. Shimray began consultative meetings with the neighboring villages for consolidation of area villages vote. It may be mentioned that his native village Marou has 10 neighboring villages comprising around 4020 voters namely Lungphu, Shingta, Marou, T-Hundung Khullen, T-Hungdung Khunou, Itham,



Bohoram, Chingshou, Nondam and Chongdan village. He has visited all these neighboring villages and in response to his consolidative meeting all the neighboring villages committed that if BJP ticket for the 43-Phungyar AC is allotted to Hopingson A. Shimray all the neighbouring villages will vote for him. Photographs of work done till date 07/10/2021.



**News coverage by various local newspapers**

By virtue of being the President Tangkhul Naga community, Shri. Hopingson A. Shimray tried to avoid media coverage on election matters as the resignation is yet to be finalized on dated 12-10-21, but local media agency has tried every effort to extract news from different sources and number of news has been published on his election.

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**Ukhrul Times**

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Blessing Ceremony Organized for Hopingson A. Shimray by Marou Village

*During the blessing ceremony Hopingson A. Shimray strongly emphasized the inclusion and progressive change and that development should be "target for everyone's growth, with everyone's trust".*

*It may be recalled that Hopingson Shimray submitted his resignation letter on September 1 this year from the presentership of Tangkhul Naga Long (Tangkhul Naga Agens body).*

**also read: TNL President Resigns, Will contest election from 43-Phungyar AC**

*Apart from the recent resignation from TNL, it may be mentioned that the sole purpose of taking voluntary retirement from being the Chief Financial Advisor at North East Frontier Railway to the year 2020 to join electoral politics as he said he will serve the people without borders.*

*During the blessing ceremony Hopingson A. Shimray strongly emphasized for inclusive and progressive change and that development should be "target for everyone's growth, with everyone's trust".*

*According to his close aide, it was not a campaign idea off, however it was an Internal Village level programme organized to bless Hopingson A. Shimray and receive their total support to the upcoming election.*

**The Sangai Express**

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**TNL president likely to resign; may contest election from 43-Phungyar AC**

**Mungchan Zimik**

**UKHRUL, Aug 31:** The incumbent Tangkhul Naga Long president, Hopingson A' Shimray may resign from his presidency soon.

According to sources, Hopingson A' Shimray may submit his resignation letter to the vice president of TNL in order to prepare for contesting in the upcoming Manipur State General Election 2022.

As per the constitution of TNL, once the resignation letter reaches TNL office, the vice president would convene a TNL Executive body meeting within 10 days, and the decision of the executive would be forwarded to TNL Assembly Speaker in order to conduct an emergency assembly.

Once the president seat is vacated, re-election has to be conducted within three months in order to fill the vacant post.

Hopingson is likely to contest from 43-Phungyar Assembly Constituency in the ensuing election in order to bring the people by participation in popular politics and serve tangible development in the region.

It might be mentioned that Hopingson after his retirement from his service, has been actively involved in the electoral politics and was one of the intending candidates from Phungyar Assembly constituency in 2017.

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**Blessing ceremony for ex-TNL Prez Hopingson held**

Source: Chronicle News Service / R Lether Making

Ukhrul, September 28 2021: In a heart-warming gesture of support, Marou village on Monday organised a blessing ceremony for Hopingson A Shimray who is running for the forthcoming Manipur Legislative Assembly election 2022 from Phungyar Assembly constituency.

Speaking on the occasion, Shimray informed that his vision is to work and serve the public for inclusive and progressive change. He said development should be comprehensive, it should be for everyone's growth and prosperity and should be founded on mutual trust of all.

Held under the aegis of the Marou village authority, the ceremony reiterated the call for unity among the local villagers in support of Shimray.

Village elders who spoke on the occasion mentioned that the villagers were ready to support Shimray as their candidate in the coming election.

According to Shimray's close aide, the blessing ceremony was not a campaign idea off but only a symbolic event organised by the villagers of the native place to measure their support for him.

Shimray tendered his resignation as president of Tangkhul Naga Long (TNL) on September 1 last, to run for the coming elections.

Though executive body of TNL has reportedly approved his resignation, final approval will be given by the TNL Assembly on September 28. Shimray was earlier appointed as TNL president succeeding president Marou from 1998 to 2012.

Earlier in 2016, Shimray took voluntary retirement from his position as the Chief Financial Advisor (CFA) at North East Frontier Railway (NEFR) with an aim to join electoral politics and serve the people.

**Some photographs as the President of Tangkhul Naga Long (Tangkhul Apex body)**  
Tangkhul Naga long is the highest customary body for the entire Tangkhul Naga community and being the President is considered as the first citizen of the Tangkhul Naga community. Hopingson A. Shimray was elected uncontest and unopposed through unanimous choice. Under his able leadership number of activities were undertaken and some of the photographs are:

