PREFACE

“Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well being and not merely an absence of disease or infirmity”. Harmonious development of body and mind is highly required for us and herein lies the value of games and sports. Games and sports not only improve and help in keeping physical fitness but it also teaches us the value of discipline, team work and co-operation. Besides, it also contributes much to the promotion of universal fraternity and international understanding. Realizing the advantages and achievements of the modern games and sports, most of the people in the world are now taking much interest in it. The dependency on information in every sphere of intellectual activity has been increasing day by day. Without proper and complete information, no worthwhile decision can be taken. In fact, no progress is possible without the support of right information at the right time. Communication is an essential component of information, without proper communication, information cannot reach its defined destination. Communication has become an essential part of the modern society. Today, everything depends directly on how speedily things are communicated, whether it is the new technologies, social economic, political, cultural, educational issues etc., which can affect our day-to-day life. As such, the right of information should reach to the right person at the right time. Therefore, a sound information-communication-system is necessary to satisfy the information requirements of the people. Considering
the importance of information in the advancement of ‘games and sports’ which, since long, has become a popular items and part of the life of the people of Manipur, the present work has been designed under the title ‘Sports Information System of Manipur: A Critical Analysis’.

The study consists of five different chapters as follows:

The first chapter is devoted to the definition of sports, information, system, system components, information system, Structure of information system, sports information system, components of SIS, purpose, objective, hypothesis, scope, methodology, significance and review of literature.

Sports have become a part and parcel of life. Many people participated in games and sports for fun, happiness, pleasure, health and fitness. Indeed, sports hold a prominent place in the modern life. The second chapter narrates the usefulness of sports and its ancient and modern development and history.

This tiny state has many indigenous games too. The third chapter discusses types of sports in the past, sports movement in the state, the present sports scenario and achievements in sports.

The analysis of the existing information system has been made in the fourth chapter by analysing the three categories of respondents i.e. sportspersons, librarians and sports organizations. The problems and findings of the existing system from the selected respondents are also tinted in this chapter.

The fifth chapter gives the conclusion of the study with findings and suggestions for improvement of information system in the state of Manipur.