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Women Market of Manipur: An Anthro-Historical Perspective

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ABSTRACT The present paper focuses certain aspect of women market of Manipur, situated at the center of Imphal town. The women's market has a distinctive position, because of its function as controlling institution of women that affects and contributes to the whole economy of the state. The institution of *Lallup-Kaba* might be one of the factors that have pushed the women to take part in family economy. Of course the role of women in Manipuri society was quite prominent from early stage. When there is a hue and cry for improving the status of women, these market women were facing threat from various forces. But the control of domestic market by women continues despite numerous attempts to destabilize it.

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