

# Shumang Leela

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## About Shumang Leela:

- The meaning of this theatre form is “courtyard performance”, which is performed **in Manipur**.
- In this, the roles of women are all played by men, called **Nupi Shabis**.
- In the case of women’s theatre groups, the roles of men **Lai Haraoba**, a ritual of the **Meitei** community of Manipur.
- The plays provide a vehicle for educating the public about social, political, and economic issues.
- **Types** – Shumang Leela is of two types
- **Nupa Shumang Leela** – Performed only by men

- **Nupi Shumang Leela** – Performed only by women are played by women.
  - The female roles are taken up by transgender actors.
  - The tradition is believed to be descended from **News**
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### **Q1) What is Lai Haraoba ?**

Lai Haraoba is a festival associated with the Meitei people celebrated to please the Umang Lai, the traditional deities of Sanamahism.

**Source:** In Frames | The art of gender-bending

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