



Huntré! Equine

Manipur

Egypt

USA

India

Great Britain

Women

Polo

Canada

Argentina

Australia

Kenya

Preservation



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Huntré! Equine LLP

A social enterprise in the nexus of polo and equine culture using sports policy, events, arts and media, education, and infrastructure development.

Brand Manipur

Huntré! Equine LLP develops and supports polo in Manipur and across India. It reframes, repurposes and represents Manipur's culture of the horse for new generations of Manipuris and for polo lovers everywhere using media, tourism, and social events.



...then Lord Marjing cut off the wings of the fearsome Samadon Ayangba. It plummeted to earth and the Manipuri Pony was born

-the myth that inspired our logo created by Ramu Dhara of the Parsons School of Design in New York



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HUNTRÉ! The Manipuri umpire cries as he throws the polo ball into play...



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MANIPUR

The Birthplace of Modern Polo

The Tibeto-Burman kingdom from where the East India Company took the game of *sagol kangjei* in the mid-19th century to create the modern game of polo

All-India: 300 Polo Players



Manipur
100 Polo Players

All-India: 40 Women Players



Manipur
30 Women Players

All-India: 1.4 billion people

Manipur Valley
1/1000 of the Indian
Population



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WOMEN'S POLO IN MANIPUR

Inspired by the Women Polo Players of Manipur

Manipur leads the nation in producing sporting talent. Polo in Manipur is an egalitarian sport founded in its villages. About 3/4 of the India's women polo players come from Manipur, all from modest backgrounds. The state fields 4 women's teams.

Empowerment of women in Manipur is without parallel in India.



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POLO YATRA

Huntré! Equine's international initiative supports, develops and promotes women's polo in India. It is centered on the Manipur Statehood Day Women's Polo Tournament, the first and only women's polo tournament in India, started with the sponsorship of Manipur Tourism of the Government of Manipur, and with additional support of the Ministry of Tourism in New Delhi. Team Argentina won the BSE Cup in 2019



Woman Power Woman Polo

Created in collaboration with the USPA, the annual tournament brings women's teams from the US, Argentina, Great Britain, Australia, Egypt, and Kenya... and reaches out across India to Jaipur, Mumbai, and Hyderabad.

Polo150

The 5th Manipur Statehood Day Women's Polo Tournament is the official closing event of the global celebration of 150 years of polo in England by the United Kingdom Armed Forces Polo Association.



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FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Manipur Cup in Argentina

The Asociación Argentina de Polo (AAP) held Torneo Manipur, a ladies' polo tournament in Argentina in 2018 and 2019.



El Cuero Manipur

Named after the birthplace of modern polo. Born on Nov 9, the first day of Torneo Manipur in Buenos Aires to papa Gete Atrevido (Galgo-Atrevido) and mama Catalina (Cinco Grande- Secretariat)

Daughters of the Polo God

Winner of Best Documentary awards at festivals in New York, London, and Vancouver, Huntré! Equine partner Roopa Barua's film is on the women polo players of Manipur and their equine culture.



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NO PONY NO POLO



Huntré Equine has been spearheading the efforts to save the endangered Manipuri Pony, the original polo pony:

- a social media campaign to create awareness and concern
- corralled the influence of the USPA and the global polo community
- campaigned to declare it as an Endangered Breed
- worked to get 200 acres allotted by the state for a pony preserve
- initiated and enabled the passage of a state pony preservation policy
- held an international pony preservation conference at Manipur University
- starting Kumbi Polo Village, a community-based rural pony preservation project in 2020

One of 5 equine breeds in India, the population has dwindled to just 500.



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KUMBI POLO VILLAGE

Huntre! Equiné embarks on a rural polo revival and community pony preservation at Kumbi, a village on the shores on Loktak Lake.

With the support of the US and Argentina polo teams, the Kumbi Polo Village project begins with a US Polo Coaching Camp in January 2020 for rural youth from the equestrian communities of Kumbi Village, Bishenpur, and Moirang.



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PINK BERET POLO

Polo Yatra joins hands with Frédérique Constant Genève to help build its new national platform for women's polo in India by bringing it to Manipur, the home of women's polo in India.

After its debut in Jodhpur, Pink Beret Polo will launch in Imphal at the 5th Manipur Statehood Day Women's Polo Tournament in January 2020.



Pink Beret
— POLO —

IN 2020

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- United States Polo Association
- Hurlingham Polo Association
- Asociacion Argentina de Polo
- Australia Polo Federation
- Kenya Polo Association
- Egyptian Polo Federation

NATIONAL PARTNERS

- Indian Polo Association
- All Manipur Polo Association
- Manipur Horse Riding and Polo Club
- Rajasthan Polo Club
- Amateur Riders Club Mumbai
- Nasr Polo Hyderabad
- Hyderabad Polo and Riding Club

OUR SUPPORTERS

- United States Polo Association
- US Polo Assn. Global Licensing
- American International Polo Foundation
- Incredible India, Ministry of Tourism
- Manipur Tourism, Government of Manipur
- BSE Bombay Stock Exchange
- Frédérique Constant Genève
- Edelweiss Financial Services
- TranzPatkai



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MEET THE TEAM



L. Somi Roy

Promoter, Huntre! Equine

Roy has curated film exhibitions for Asia Society, Museum of Modern Art, Lincoln Center, and the Whitney Museum, and has taught at New York University. A cultural conservationist, writer, and translator, he

has given talks at the National Geographic Society, Harvard University, Cambridge University and the Royal Asiatic Society in London. He is the founder of Imasi: The Maharaj Kumari Binodini Devi Foundation in Manipur.



Cherian Mathai

(Partner). is currently in his third start-up, dotSport LLC, a digital media and e-commerce enterprise providing sports content across multiple devices to a global audience. Prior to this, he co-founded .travel TLD, the Top Level Domain exclusively for travel industry and before that he co-founded fare1, the first ever

Internet based aggregator and booking engine of consolidator airfares for travel agents. He is based in New York City.



Nabarun Paul

(Operations) is an engineer and business major and runs an accountancy firm. He is based in Upper Assam.



Roopa Barua

(Partner) is a writer and an award winning documentary filmmaker schooled at the New York Film Academy and UC Berkeley. Prior to her filmmaking career, she was a banker with Morgan Stanley in Boston and San Francisco with finance degrees from Boston University.

Roopa is based in Mumbai.



Ed Armstrong

(Adviser Partner) is a polo player and the Secretary and Treasurer of the American International Polo Foundation. He is on the International Committee of the United States Polo Association of which he was the Director of Clubs and Tournaments, and was the Coach Manager of Yale University Polo. He is based in Virginia and Massachusetts.



Tomba Khundrakpam

(Project Assistant) works with Huntre! Equine and conservation projects of Imasi Foundation. He tours nationally and internationally with Nachom Arts dance and line produced Roopa Barua's Daughters of the Polo God and for AR Rahman's productions.



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