Mizoram-based innovator Lalbiakzuala Ralte has received the Jamnalal Bajaj Award 2026 for the Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development. His innovations focus on developing affordable, practical machinery to reduce manual labour and improve livelihoods in the state’s challenging mountainous regions.

His inventions include portable machines for manufacturing bamboo incense sticks and noodles, a fodder grinder, and equipment for cleaning and removing the husks of arecanuts. His work demonstrates how locally adapted technology can support rural productivity and sustainable livelihoods.

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