

# Annual Administrative Report 2023 - 2024

GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ART & CULTURE



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# Introduction

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The Department of Art & Culture, formerly known as the Naga Institute of Culture, came into being on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1964. The objective initially was to carry on research on Naga life and culture and built up the nucleus for the State Museum and a Research Library, headed by a Research Officer. Later in 1971, the Department was re-named as the Directorate of Cultural Research & State Museum. On the 4<sup>th</sup> December 1973, the department was finally renamed as the Directorate of Art & Culture vide government notification No. NL/RES/49/67.

The Department of Art & Culture includes the Directorate of Art & Culture and the Nagaland District Gazetteers Unit which functions as the nodal agency for formulation of the State Art & Culture policies and programmes. During the past decades the department is evolving to deal with the tangible and intangible heritage of our people. It aims to build a bridge of values between the past and the present through conservation and maintenance of monuments, historic and legendary sites and objects that provide bases for reception of the good that has been thought and done in the past and to derive what is best for the present. In a larger perspective, it also addresses the issues relating to history, value and beliefs in conjunction with other departments. The objectives and policies for promotion of art & culture are implemented through different schemes operated departmentally. Activities in the Art & Culture Department can be broadly classified under the following subject matters: -

- (i) Promotion of Culture
- (ii) Promotion of Library Services
- (iii) Archaeology
- (iv) Development of Archives
- (v) Cultural Research and Studies
- (vi) Promotion and development of Visual Arts
- (vii) Development of Museums
- (viii) Protection of Heritage Site

# Organizational Structure

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The Department is under the charge of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Nagaland assisted by the Advisor of Art and Culture. At the Administrative level, in the Secretariat, it is headed by the Secretary, assisted by Joint Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Under Secretary, Section Officer and Secretariat Assistants.

At the Directorate level it is headed by a Director and assisted by the following officials:

Sl.No.	Designation of Official	No. of Officials
i.	Director	1
ii.	Additional Director	1
iii.	Joint Director	2
iv.	Deputy Director	3
v.	Deputy Director (Art)	1
vi.	Assistant Director	3
vii.	Art Executive	1
viii.	Registrar	1
ix.	Office Superintendents	2
x.	Research Officer	1
xi.	Investigator	1
xii.	Guide Lecturer	1
xiii.	Cultural Officer	1
xiv.	Curator	1
xv.	Librarian	1
xvi.	Deputy Librarian	2
xvii.	Art Curator	1
xviii.	Archivist	1
xix.	Senior Artist	1
xx.	Assistant Research Officer	15
xxi.	Assistant Superintendent	2

The District Gazetteers Unit is headed by a State Editor assisted by one Senior Compiler, one Compiler and Office Superintendent. The District office in Chümoukedima is headed by the Registering Officer. There are also Cultural Offices located in each District headquarter – Kohima, Mokokchung, Mon, Tuensang, Zunheboto, Phek, Wokha, Kiphire, Longleng and Peren headed by a District Cultural Officer assisted by Assistant Research Officer (tribe-wise).

# Budget

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The actual total budget allocation for Art & Culture during 2022-23 is ₹2,819.42 Lakhs (Plan and Non-Plan) including District Gazetteers Unit.

State's Plan	₹350.00 Lakhs
Non-Plan	₹2,416.05 Lakhs
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>₹2,766.05 Lakhs</b>

# Revenue

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Revenues earned by different sectors during 2023-24 till January, 2024 are:

State Museum entrance ticket & photography fee.....	₹2,72,420.00
State Academy Hall rent.....	₹1,10,000.00
Sale of Departmental Publication.....	₹2,01,758.00
W.W.II Museum entrance ticket & photography fee .....	₹1,70,750.00
Forest Royalty/CGST/SGST.....	₹1,34,67,801.00
Heritage Rent.....	₹2,70,000.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>₹1,44,92,729.00</b>

# *Salient achievements during 2023-2024*

Prominent achievements made in different sectors and schemes implemented during the year under report are given below:

## **5.1 Performing Activities**

During the reporting year 2023-24, the department organized Cultural Events involving participation of various tribes during National Days Celebrations at the State Capital as well as District Headquarters, Statehood day, Cultural Programmes for State VIP visits, Governor's Guest, Annual Hornbill Festival etc.

### **a) G20 event in Nagaland (G20 Business Meet in Nagaland 4 - 6 April 2023**

The Department of Art & culture organized Cultural Troupes - namely; Pochury Traditional Trumpeters from Meluri Village, Khiamniungan Cultural Club Dimapur, Lotha Shantha Okho (Traditional Escorts/Ceremonial Ushers) represented by Dimapur Tsungiki Youth Organisation (DTYO), Ao Traditional Drummers represented by Mind Blowers Club, Dimapur, Yimkhiung Surale Cultural Society, Chumoukedima and accorded a traditional welcome to the G20 delegates at the airport, Dimapur on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. Naga Scarfs/stoles were also presented to the G20 delegates. 18 (Eighteen) Tribal Representatives consisting of 36 persons also performed in the traditional welcome. Besides traditional welcome, traditional gate was also set up at the arrival lobby and Departure Gate in Dimapur Airport.



### **b) Department Introductory Meeting | 14 April 2023**

The Department of Art & Culture organized a Department Introductory Meeting with Shri K. Konngam Konyak, Hon'ble Advisor, Art & Culture & Treasuries & Accounts, Government of Nagaland on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Art & Culture, Kohima, in the presence of Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Nagaland, Department of Art & Culture, Smti. Athel O. Lotha IAS. Seyiekru Cultural Troupe, Rüsoma Village presented a cultural item and an overview of the Department activities was presented by Shri Lampha Konyak, Deputy Director.



### **c) Department Officials Exposure Trip to Delhi and Agra | 15 - 20 May 2023**

Department Officials from the Directorate and District Offices of Art & Culture Nagaland led by the Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Department of Art & Culture, made an Exposure Trip to Delhi and Agra from 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The team consisting of 26 officials visited the National Museum and the National Archives, New Delhi and the Taj Mahal, Agra. The main objective of the tour was to familiarize the working system of National Museum and National Archives, New Delhi and also to learn about cultural heritage.



### **d) Online Folk Song Competition | 15 - 20 May 2023**

The Department organized Online Folk Song Competition and the final selection was held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at the State Museum parlour with 5 (five) judges including Smti. Khyochano TCK Ngully, a recipient of Governor Award 2008 (Music).



Three winners were selected judging upon the criteria mentioned in the rules & regulations. The winning groups were judged based solely on the merit of their performance and the criteria mentioned in the rules and regulations. The name of the three winners are: (1) First Prize: Aheo Sutsa, Thahekhu Village, Block-7, (2) Second Prize: Elixir Band, Wokha village, (3) Third Prize: Trongtsa Cultural Society, Yokor.

In addition to the winners, three schools: (i) Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Mon, (ii) GMS Aradura Lerie Chozou, Kohima, (iii) Fernwood School, Wokha who participated in the Online Folk Song Competition were also given cash awards for their participation, as an act of appreciation of the school children participation and to encourage them.



**e) Meeting of the Advisory Committees of Sangeet Natak Akademi | 3 May 2023**

A meeting of the advisory committees of Sangeet Natak Akademi, NE Centre, Guwahati and SNA NE Documentation Centre, Agartala was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2023 at Guwahati and was attended by the Commissioner & Secretary and the Additional Director, Directorate of Art & Culture Kohima.



## f) The Intangible Cultural Heritage capacity Building Workshop | 2 - 4 November 2023

During the LISTENER NAGALAND, A Festival of Orality held from 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023, at Tetso College, Sovima, Chumoukedima, Nagaland, Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Art & Culture along with Assistant Director and Cultural Officer, Directorate of Art and Culture, Nagaland, Kohima attended the program.



## g) Felicitation of successful NSSB Candidates and Distribution of appointment orders 30 August 2023

Seven (7) candidates recruited under the Department of Art & Culture attended the first ever programme organized by the Government for felicitation of NSSB successful candidates and distribution of Appointment orders which was held at the Capital Cultural Hall on dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023.



## h) Department officials visit to DCO Office Peren and New Building at Peren 4 August 2023

Department officials along with Commissioner & Secretary, Director, senior Officers from the directorate & Engineering wing of Art & Culture visited DCO office Peren and New Building Construction site at Peren on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023.



**i) Celebrating World Heritage day 2023  
18 April 2023**

During the celebration of World Heritage Day 2023, held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023, at Tetso College, Sovima, Joint Director, Deputy Director and Asst. Director attended the program as resource persons, which was held virtually.



**j) Independence Day Celebration, Kohima  
15 August 2023**

During the Independence Day celebration, Kohima on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at the Secretariat Plaza, the department mobilized the following cultural troupes and participated in the cultural programme - Angami Cultural Troupe, Chedema, Ao Cultural Troupes (Woromong Cultural Club Kohima), Chakhesang cultural Troupe (Dzulhami Cultural Troupe Kohima), Garo Cultural Troupes, Dimapur, Khamniungan Cultural Troupe, Kohima, Konyak Cultural Troupe Kohima, Pochury Cultural Troupe Kohima, Sumi Cultural Troupes (Shena Old Union Kohima).



**k) Statehood Day Celebration  
1 December 2023**

The department organized a) Pfüshon Thizu (Rengma Tribe) b) Burgeon Society Chedema (Angami) c) Tobu Area Sheko Khong Union Kohima (Konyak) d) Benreu Students Union Dance Club Kohima (Zeliang) cultural troupes and participated during the celebration.



## 1) Brief Report on Annual Hornbill Festival 2023

The Department organized the Daily Cultural Program with the theme “Cultural Connect” a Cultural Extravaganza at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Hornbill Festival 2023 from 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The 18 (Eighteen) Cultural Troupes organized by the Department of Art & Culture represented their tribes for participation during the Hornbill Festival. Their outstanding performances gave the VVIPs, VIPs and the visitors a glimpse of the rich cultural heritage of the tribes of Nagaland. The Cultural Troupes performed folk-dances, folk-songs, folk-dramas, indigenous games, demonstration of rituals etc. and the Unity Dance.

Shri Monte Chupa from Pochury Tribe was the Tribal Guest for the inaugural program i.e on 1<sup>st</sup> December during the Hornbill Festival, 2023. In addition, an elderly male member from each Tribe viz. Rengma, Angami, Ao, Konyak, Lotha, Phom, Tikhir, Sangtam and Zeliang pronounced Traditional Blessings each day before the commencement of the morning Cultural Extravaganza from 2<sup>nd</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> December during the Hornbill Festival 2023.

During the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Hornbill Festival Celebration, Assam Cultural Troupe also participated and presented exciting cultural items, on the invitation of the Government of Nagaland. Besides a ‘Unity Dance’ consisting of all 18 Cultural Troupes performed on the closing day of the Cultural Performances which was led by the Phom tribe.





**m) Send-off programme of Amrit Kalash Yatra under Meri Maati Desh Campaign  
25 October 2023**

Send-off programme of Amrit Kalash Yatra under Meri Maati Desh campaign which was held on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, at the Indira Gandhi Stadium Hall B, Kohima, the Department of Art & Culture organized a cultural troupe and a Cultural item Presentation was given by Kohima Lotha Yachummaro Cultural Club.

## n) Republic Day Celebration | 26 January 2024

The Department participated organized a) Angami: Burgeon Society Chedema (Indigenous games) b) Pochury: Pochury Cultural Troupe Kohima (Indigenous games) c) Lotha: Yachummaro Cultural Club (Folk song) d) Phom: Bhumnyu Cultural Troupe Kohima (Folk Dance) e) Sangtam: Sangtam Women Cultural Troupe Kohima (Folk Dance) cultural troupes and participated during the Republic Day celebration, 2024.



## o) Celebration of Vividhhta ka Amrit Mahotsav | 8 - 11 February 2024

During the celebration of Vividhhta ka Amrit Mahotsav held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, the department organized one cultural troupe – Mind Blowers Club, Dimapur consisting of 15 artistes for cultural performances and participated in the event.



## p) Activities in the District Offices

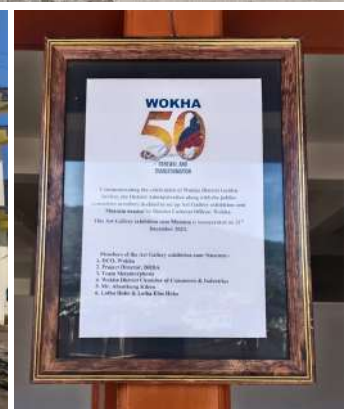
All the District Officers in their respective District are coordinating with the District Administrations program in activities that requires their participation. Some noteworthy activities participated by the District Offices are as under:

i) District Offices organized cultural troupes of respective Districts and participated on the occasion of Independence Day, 2023 and Republic Day, 2024 at the District Headquarters.

ii) District Cultural Office undertook renovations of the Multi-purposes hall at the office Complex so as to make judicious use of Indoor space for Cultural Programmes and related activities.

iii) District Cultural Office, Phek took active part as a core committee member and selected cultural troupes to perform in the Jubilee Cultural Exhibition program during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Phek District on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2023.

iv) District Cultural Office, Wokha set up Art Gallery exhibition cum Museum commemorating the celebration of Wokha District Golden Jubilee on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2023. Re-painting of the District Cultural Office was also done during the year under report.



## 5.2 Fine Arts

a) Creative ethnic arts were designed, fabricated and befittingly decorated for V.V.I.P. rostrum at the State Capital during important Government Programs and celebrations.

b) Art Wing Officers participated as resource persons/jury members on invitation during events organized by both Governmental and non-governmental organizations.



c) The Art Branch during the year 2023 had been entrusted Art promotion activity of which the highlight was the Artist Corner of Hornbill festival 2023 at Kisama. The task of giving platform for local artist was implemented successfully by installing an art exhibition cum art market through service of incumbent staff member and art managers. All together about 50 artists participated with about 300 artworks in different art materials. As well as patronizing artist it also served art lovers who came to the show and facilitate art buyers who visited for their collection.



d) Distinguished artistes in the field of Art, Music and Literature are identified and selected through a selection committee and awarded the prestigious Governor's Award every year. The 20<sup>th</sup> Governor Award for the year 2023 ceremony was held on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 at Raj Bhavan. The Governor of Nagaland handed the Governor's Award for 2023, to four recipients - Smti. Kevisedenuo Margaret Zinyü (Arts), Smti. K. Lolo (Arts-Pottery) Shri Among Jamir, (Music) and K3M Band (Music). The prestigious Governor's Award includes a Cheque of Rupees Five Lakhs each, Silver Plaque, Citation and a Shawl.



### 5.3 The State Museum

Nagaland State Museum is a permanent institution in the service of society and its development. Open to the public, it communicates and provide knowledge to the visitors about people and their environment through the exhibits. Students' community visit the museum as a part of education tours, Research Scholars to enhance their research works, National and International tourist to gain insight knowledge about the culture and heritage of the Nagas etc.

During the year under report, a new Archaeological and Heritage gallery was established which was inaugurated by Shri K. Konngam Konyak Hon'ble Advisor Art & Culture and Treasuries & Accounts on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023. Treasured excavated items like pottery sherds, tools etc. were collected and displayed at the dioramas from these locations viz. Chungliyimti, Luradvü, New Phor, Khusomi, Bura Namsang, Nokpu, Phor, Molovomi, Khezhakeno, Ranyak Khen, Photangkhun Longkhap, Sholap Khen and Tsie Khen. The new added relics also features the two surviving coffins, which were donated by the Khongka-Hakkomute joint council and Betang villager respectively. Minerals donated by Nagaland State Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. are also displayed in the new gallery. Indigo dye, traditional head, caskets, pottery from various regions, basketry, smoking pipes and wooden sculptures are displayed among many other.



A unique granary basket 'Bao' was put on exhibit for general public. International Museum Day was celebrated from 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 till 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023, where school students were invited and visitors both domestic and international tourist were granted free entry during those days.

The State Museum received 152 VVIPs, 675 school students, 346 tourists, 20 international tourists were allowed free entry during the year under report. A total of ₹1,53,220/- was generated through sale of entry tickets and ₹1,19,200/- from photography.



### International Museum Expo 2023:



The International Museum Expo 2023, under the theme “Museum, Sustainability and well being” was organized by the Ministry of Culture GOI from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at Pragati Maidan New Delhi by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi. The Museum Expo focused on the holistic development of Museums and ended with a vibrant Cultural programme. Different Corporate Houses, private museums, selected international museums, top museums from different parts of the country, North Eastern region participated in the event. Deputy Director, Guide Lecturer and Museum Assistant from the Department participated during the Museum Expo, representing Nagaland State Museum.

## 5.4 World War-II Museum at Kisama

The World War II Museum at Kisama holds invaluable memorabilia of one of the greatest battles in history - the Battle of Kohima, models and an extensive collection of visual panels that explore and explain the context, events and outcome of the battle. The collection is augmented with audio visual presentation that keeps an inside into the battle and also bring alive the memories of some of those who lived through the conflict. The Museum has approximately 400 war relics on display, the total number of visitors both local and tourist on ticket is 11,791 and free entry of visitors allowed was 650 numbers of cultural artist during Hornbill festival 2023 and 505 numbers of All India NCC on January 2024. During 2023-2024, His Excellency the Governor of Nagaland, Ambassador of Japan, Ambassador of Cuba, Chief Election Commissioner of India, President Indian Association of Japan, Tokyo etc. are some prominent personalities who visited World War II Museum.

The total revenue earned during April 2023 to January 2024 is ₹1,70,750/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Only)



## 5.5 Public Library Service

There is 1 (one) State Library, 1 (one) Museum Library, 11 (eleven) District Libraries and 641 enlisted Rural Libraries under the Department of Art & Culture.

**a) State Library:** The State Library gives the fullest and most consequential service possible to the reader in the belief that the worth of a book is in its use. An average of 90 (ninety) readers visits the library daily. The Library received a total of 141 books from the Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation, (RRRLF) Kolkata and acknowledgement of books received was duly dispatched to the Foundation during the year under report. The library received 50 books as a gift from Individual and organizations. The numbers of books in the State Library is 60,473 approximate. The total enrolled members in the State Library upto date is 4,299. The Library provides basic reference service on general and specific information, assistance in searching and locating of documents, use of Library catalogue and use of reference books etc.

**b) Museum Library:** The Department maintains one Museum Library attached to State Museum. The Museum Library is stocked with a good collection of books which aims to provide service to the visitors of State Museum in particular and to the public in general.

**c) District Libraries:** All District Offices maintain a well-stocked District Library which provide service to the public in their respective Districts.

**d) Rural Libraries:** All District have a good number of Rural Libraries run by NGOs, Students bodies etc. which are registered under the Department. These registered rural libraries are given assistance in the form of books under the Matching-Scheme grant of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata.

**e) To inculcate the importance of reading to the young generation, A Story Telling Day and Reading month** was organized in the month of July, 2023 at the State Library, Kohima and all the District Libraries in honour of the memory of Shri. P.N. Panicker, the Father of Library and Literacy Movement in Kerala. This program was initiated by Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata. The programme witnessed the participation of a good number of students. Free books were distributed to the participants.

### **f) Festival of Libraries 2023:**

The Festival of Libraries organized by the Ministry of Culture, GOI at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, was inaugurated by the President of India, Smti. Droupadi Murmu on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. As part of the “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”, the

Festival is in line with the Prime Minister's vision to foster the development and digitization of Libraries and to cultivate a culture of reading in India. It aims to facilitate the formulation of action-oriented policies for the development of model Libraries in India, right down to the village and community levels. During the festival, various events related to promotion of library activities in line with advancing modern technologies were organized, which was beneficial to all the participants. The events of the Festival of Libraries also aimed to bring together stakeholders across the board, from Librarians and Academics to District Collectors, Directors of Model Libraries, to develop a roadmap for encouraging Libraries to become the drawing rooms of the community, and for the readers to emerge as future leaders, in consonance with the spirit, a Country that Reads, is a Country the leads. Two officials from the Department; Joint Director and Librarian participated in the event, representing the State of Nagaland.





## 5.6 State Archives

The Archives Branch has collected more than 20,000 records consisting of Official Documents, Rare Books, Microfilms, Maps, Photographs, Private Papers, Newspaper Clippings etc. The records are collected from within and outside the State from different creating agencies. The State Archives under the Department is the sole agency in the state for collecting and preserving all important documents of the state. As the custodian of the historical heritage of the state, we assist and renders our services to Research Scholars, Historians, Administrators, Students, Individuals and creating agencies who intent to see historical documents of the Naga people.

Some of the important activities for development of Archive are as under:

- i. Classification of Records,
- ii. Collection of Private Papers/Records,
- iii. Preservation of records/documents,
- iv. Digitization of Records,
- v. Research facilities etc.

During the year under report 21 Nos. of files have been classified, collected 12 Nos. Articles consisting of Naga notable historic records, 2,129 Nos. of files which consists of more than 25,000 records has been up-graded, 5,807 Nos. of Documents are been digitized in order to preserve the documents in its original form and rendered help to 42 Research Scholars.

State Archival Exhibition: The Nagaland State Archives have been observing Annual State Archival Exhibition every year. The 24<sup>th</sup> “State Archival Exhibition cum Sale of Departmental Publications” was held coinciding with the Hornbill Festival 2023 at IInd World War Museum Premises, Kisama. The main objective of the exhibition was to create awareness on the importance of Archives as the State’s Documentary Heritage. Along with the exhibition, there was also sale of Departmental publications. Selected Public & Private Papers/Records, Newspaper Clippings of Nagaland are being put up on display with reading facilities. Scholars, Administrators, V.I.P’s, Tourists, Students and the General Public from within and outside the State has availed the opportunity and had given positive feedbacks and encouragement.

## 5.7 State Academy of Music & Dance

The State Academy of Music & Dance was established in the year 1988. It was established primarily to institutionalize indigenous music and dance as well as to patronize western music by way of organizing training programmes and performing arts in association with voluntary cultural organizations. The Hall presently has a seating capacity of 507 and is given out to the public on hire basis at the prescribed rate of the Department. During the year under report major repair and renovation works of the hall has been carried out. The number of programs held was 28 (twenty eight) and the revenue collected from renting of the hall was ₹1,10,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Ten Thousand) only.

## 5.8 Research and Publication

The Research and Publication Branch of the Department is actively engaged in recording and documenting the tangible and intangible history of the culture and traditions of all the tribes of Nagaland. Through the District Offices the Department has documented Legendary and Historical sites of 7 (Seven) Districts. Documentation of traditional tattoo is also being carried out in the districts and documentation of water resources/water bodies/ponds associated with legendary stories, folklores and history of all the tribes are ongoing and expected to be completed soon. The Anglo-Yimkhiung Dictionary with International Phonetic Alphabet was released by Shri S. Keoshu Yimkhiung, Hon'ble Advisor Youth Resource and Sports, Government of Nagaland on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2023 at the Directorate of Art and Culture, Kohima.

The Anglo-Poula (Chakhesang) Dictionary is documented and compiled.

Research documentation on "Phonemes of the Naga Language" is completed.



Documentation of contemporary Naga Paintings (A study of cultural narratives) and research on Naga Folk Music in 3 (three) districts; Phek, Peren and Wokha is ongoing.

Documentation on The Traditional Art Form of the tribes of Nagaland is compiled and it is on the final stage for publication.

In collaboration with Exotic Weaves and Take One Production House, a documentary film 'Where Cotton Flowers Grow' based on four cotton growers of Sanglao Village in Noklak District was completed. The inaugural screening of the documentary film was held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023, was graced by Smti. Kaisa Rio as a special guest. A mini exhibition cum sales was also held side by side with the screening of the documentary film. The exhibition cum sale was a 3 (three) day event from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2023. The Exotic Echo Society (Diezephe village), Chizami Weaves, Khamniungan Menyiu Hoikam (Kohima) and Kürütsechu Cotton Group (Meluri Village participated in the Mini Exhibition cum sale.



## 5.9 Archeology

The Department of Art and Culture collaborated with an Archeology team comprising of archeologist from the Department of History and Archeology, Nagaland University and the University of Sydney, Australia for excavation works at Lanka, Tuensang district.

## 5.10 Protection of Heritage site

The Heritage (Old DC Bungalow, Kohima built by the British in the 1940s) is under the supervision of the Department.

## 5.11 District Gazetteers Unit

Sale proceed of various District Gazetteers from beginning till date is ₹91,985.61/- (Rupees Ninety One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Five and Sixty One Paisa).

## 5.12 Financial Assistance to Voluntary Cultural Organization

The Department provides financial assistance to deserving cultural organizations. Deserving organization have been identified for 2023-24 to award financial assistance.

## 5.13 Developmental Works

- a) Construction of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Hall Indoor Stadium at Kigwema is in progress.
- b) Construction of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial & INA memorial Park at Ruzazho is in progress.
- c) Construction of Naga Indigenous Inn cum Learning Centre at Phesama is in progress.
- d) Construction of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Auditorium at Tizu Island, Akhahu is in progress.
- e) Traditional and Cultural conservation and maintenance works such as Cultural Centre and renovation works are undertaken through State Plan (Capital Outlay) in various areas of Nagaland.





