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**CULTURAL AFFAIRS & HERITAGE DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
GANGTOK.**

The basic responsibility of the Cultural Affairs & Heritage Department is promotion of Art & Culture of the State of Sikkim. Its activities are spread over three sections viz., the Songs & Drama Unit, the Archives & Archaeology and the State Libraries. The Songs and Drama Unit is responsible for the promotion of performing art, particularly the folk songs and dances, dramatics etc. The Archive & Archaeology Section as the name suggests, deals with preservation of institutional and other monuments having archaic importance and conservation of the historical records and documents. The Library section is responsible for managing the public libraries at the State, District and Sub divisional level and catering to the reading requirements of the public. The Department, besides its routine activities, is also responsible for establishment of new Community Centre and running the old ones as well as establishment of cultural centres. As the term “art and culture” connotes a very wide area, the departmental activities often extend beyond the broad meaning of the term.

ADMINISTRATIVE SET-UP: The Department has a total of 104 Officers and staff on regular establishment 49 employees on temporary basis. The total expenditure incurred on salary during the year 2015-16 was Rs. 534.59 lakhs.

The principle activities of the Department undertaken in the year 2015-2016 are highlighted below:

PROGRAMMES / SCHEMES UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT:

- i. **SAMAJIK SEWA BHATTA** : The traditional healers of Sikkim (Dhami, Jhankri, Bijuwa, Bungthing, Mangpa, Phedengma, Baidang, Paw, Sudeni, etc.) have been providing, basic health care services for ages to the people of Sikkim particularly in rural areas. The Government realizing the importance of traditional healing system, and in order to protect and preserve the practice and practitioners of traditional system started a scheme called “Samajik Sewa Bhatta” w.e.f. September 2008, in which monthly assistance @ Rs. 500/- p.m. was awarded to the beneficiaries. The rate of monthly allowance has been increased to Rs. 600/- per month and number of beneficiaries increased by 20 nos. per constituency w.e.f. April 2011. The Department has released the honorarium to 1348 beneficiaries till February 2016 amounting to Rs. 96,58,200/- (Rupees ninety six lakhs fifty eight thousand two hundred) only.
- ii. **SIKKIM STATE CIVILIAN AWARD** : The State Government has been constantly striving to bring about the all round growth and development of the State. The Government had taken a decision to organize a function known as the Sikkim State Civilian Award to recognize and honour those individuals whose contributions in their respective fields have been substantial. A high level Committee was constituted vide Notification No.17/CA&HD dated 19.08.2011 for timely identification of the names of the awardees.

The State Civilian Award 2015 was organized on the occasion of State Day on 16th May, 2015. A total of 50 Personalities with eminence in their respective field were felicitated and conferred with the award. The awardees were presented with a memento, medallion, citation, shawl and cash prize.

DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND SCHEMES

GRANTS-IN-AID

The Department has been extending financial assistance to different NGOs and associations for organizing culturally significant fairs and festivals. Similarly, Grants-in-aid is also given to the different institutions such as Gonpas, Chorten, Mandirs, etc. for renovation and repairs. Besides, the Department also gives annual Grants-in-aid to different autonomous institutions like the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology and Sikkim Akademi. Broad details of such grants provided in 2015-16 are as under:

Sl.No.	Name	Plan	Non-Plan
1	Namgyal Institute of Tibetology	Rs. 20.00 lakhs	Rs. 20.00 lakhs
2	Sikkim Akademi	Rs. 20.00 lakhs	----
3	Sahitya Parishad	Rs. 10.00 lakhs	--
4	Various Organization	--	Rs. 27.5 lakhs.

SIKKIM STATE ARCHIVES

1. Conservation work of Taktse Ruined Fort was done and Conservation Management Plan of the site is also prepared.
2. Grants to the 50 nos. of Religious Institutions, 65 Traditional Houses, 56 Devithans and 45 Chortens / Mendangs were provided funds for conservation works under XIII-Finance Commission Grant.
3. Lepcha Museum at Nampridang, Dzongu has been upgraded.
4. Draft Cultural Policy for Heritage Conservation is prepared and the same is under consideration of the authorities.
5. Two officials from State Archives were sent to National Archives of India for a month long training in Archival Science.
6. Survey work of manuscripts in Sikkim under National Mission for Manuscripts is under process.
7. Tableaux based on theme "Saga Dawa" was displayed in the Republic Day Celebration Parade 2016 at Raj Path, New Delhi.
8. Cultural Policy of Sikkim was approved by the Cabinet.
9. Documentation of wooden artifacts done by the Archives Section.
10. Cultural Resource Mapping of all the four District of Sikkim is completed and ready to print.
11. Documentation of artifacts in wooden category have been done for publication.

LIBRARY SECTION

1. Procured books worth Rs. 45.00 lakhs under Matching Scheme under RRRLF.
2. Procured books under local purchase worth Rs. 2.28 lakhs.

3. Deputed Ms. Sangita Bomjan, OSD, State Central Library for Global Library Leadership Training programme at Dr. M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai and to participate in the 2nd India Public Library Conference 2016 at India International Centre, New Delhi.
4. Rs. 4.00 lakhs was spent on binding of damaged books of State Central Library.
5. Proposal for construction of District Library building for Specially Abled Group at Namchi, South Sikkim has been forwarded to the Mission Director, National Mission on Libraries, Kolkata for consideration.
6. Proposal for creation of rooms for housing library for Specially Abled Group and Senior Citizen within the State Central Library, Gangtok has also been forwarded to the Mission Director, National Mission on Libraries, Kolkata for consideration.
7. A request has been made to the Ministry of Culture, Government of India for opening of Nepali Section in the National Library, Kolkata by H.M.Culture, Government of Sikkim at par with other recognized languages of the country.

SONGS & DRAMA UNIT

The Song & Drama Unit organizes various programme within and outside the State in active collaboration with the national organizations like the EZCC, the NEZCC, Sangeet Natak Akademi, National School of Drama, NCERT etc. Cultural programmes done by the Unit in 2015-16 are as listed below:

PROGRAMMES INSIDE STATE DURING 2015-16

SI.No.	Date	Venue
1	26 th Jan.2015	Republic Day Celebration at Paljor Stadium
2	27 th Jan.-2015	Cultural programme at Sikkim Motors
3	31 st Jan.2015	Army Cantonment at Swastik .
4	2 nd Feb.2015	Cultural programme at Hotel Denzong Regency.
5	7 th Feb.2015	Cultural programme at Rhenock Gumpa.
6	14 th April 2015	Cultural programme for 124 th Anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar at Chintan Bhawan.
7	16 th May 2015	State Day Celebration at M.G.Marg.
8	16 th May 2015	Cultural programme at Hotel Denzong Regency organized by Forest Department.
9	22 nd May 2015	Agricultural Conclave at Chintan Bhawan.
10	21 st June 2015	Cultural programme at Manan Kendra on the occasion of World Music Day.
11	18 th June 2015	Flag Off programme of Kailash Mansarovar Yatra.
12	11 th July 2015	Cultural programme on the occasion of Mega Camp for Handicapped.
13	15 th Aug.2015	Independence Day Celebration at Pakyong.
14	15 th Aug.2015	Independence Day Celebration at Paljor Stadium.
15	1 st Nov. 2015	Multicultural Family Peace Blessing Festival, Government College, Tadong
16	14 th & 15 th October	International Tourism Mart at Saramsa Garden, Ranipool.

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17	18 th Jan. 2016	Cultural programme during the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.
18	26 th Jan. 2016	Cultural Programme on Republic Day at Paljor Stadium.

PROGRAMMES OUTSIDE STATE DURING 2014-15:

Sl.No.	Date	Venue
1	8 th Jan – 18 th Jan, 2015	Mati ka Rang, Dimapur.
2	13 th – 18 th Jan, 2015	Goa- Panaji organized by NEZCC.
3	22 nd – 24 th Jan, 2015	Buddha Mahatsov 2015, Bodhgaya.
4	9 th – 11 th March, 2015	Discover North East, Mizoram – Tripura.
5	18 th - 22 nd March, 2015	Octave- 2015 at Panaji Goa
6	23 rd March – 31 st March, 2015	Octave Banaras.
7	7 th April – 16 th April, 2015	North East Festival
8	9 th – 13 th Feb. 2016	Destination North East- North East Festival at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
9	10 th – 13 th Feb. 2016	(Singhi Chaam and Kung Kung Go) Octave at Vadodara
10	14 th – 22 nd Feb. 2016	Make in India, Mumbai
11	18 th – 27 th Feb. 2016	Bhutia Dance at Bodh Gaya organized by Rumtek Monastery
12	19 th – 24 th Feb. 2016	Tamang Selo at Border Area Programme Manipur and Discover North East.

Sikkim is a member State of the North East Zone Cultural Council (NEZCC) and Eastern Zonal Cultural Council (EZCC) for which the State Government provides shares to the councils as the member state. The Song & Drama Unit of the Department organizes various programmes within and outside the State in active collaboration with the national organizations like the EZCC, the NEZCC, Sangeet Natak Akademi, National School of Drama, NCERT etc. representing the State on functions of state and national level.

REVENUE RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR 2015-16: A total of Rs. 13.70 lakhs was realized as revenue under head 0202-Education, Sports, Art & Culture during the year through hiring charges of Manan Kendra and costumes & ornaments.

ACTIVITIES UNDER CAPITAL OUTLAY

Details of the projects / construction work being undertaken by the Department:

PROJECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	Name of the project	Sanctioned cost	Released till Feb. 2016
1	Statue of Srijunga at Hee-Bermiok	1328	876
2	Statue of Chenrezig at West Sikkim	4828	1610.33
3 (a)	State Museum	1443	1443
(b)	Habitat Centre	1060	0
(c)	Art Gallery	159	39.94
4	Stairway to Heaven	1665	470
5	MPCC-I	2168	1810
6	MPCC-II	1601	1514.19
7	Land compensation of Hanuman Statue at Namcheybong	105	10
8	Indrakhil Prayag at Rangpo	613	81
9	Bal Bir Bau Ground at Panihouse	201.81	50
10	Village Community Centre at 5 th Mile, Tadong	276.51	40
11	Nishani Kali Devi at Gadi Pendam	--	315
12	Ramayan Village at Tumin	--	470
13	Iman Singh Chemjong Memorial Hall at Tikjek	--	17.34
14	L.D.Kazi Memorial Park at Chakung	--	49.86
15	Thekung Munsoloong, Dzongu	--	75.62
16	Prayer Tower at Martam	--	65.50