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Young Talented Artistes Award presented

The Young Talented Artistes Award ceremony for the year 2015-16 and 2016-17 was held at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 25th August 2017. Twenty artistes from North East Region were honoured under the Young Talent Artist's Award scheme of Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The ceremony was organised by North East Zone Cultural Centre, Dimapur in collaboration with Department of Art & Culture, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

Mr. Bijit Kumar Das (Mime) and Mr. Binit Bara (Folk Music) from Assam, Ms. Naoshekpam Diana Chanu (Thang Ta-Traditional martial arts), Mr. Rajkumar Satyaditya (Classical Music - Hindustani Vocal) and Ms. Samjetshabam Rushibala Devi (Creative Arts - Pottery making) from Manipur, Ms. Zonunchami (Painting) and Ms. Lalhruaitluangi (Painting) from Mizoram, Ms. Minakshi Das (Lokgeet -Folk song) from Tripura received the awards for the year 2015-16.

Miss Kompri Riba (Printmaking - Graphic) and Mr. Mudang Kano (Handicraft & Painting from Arunachal Pradesh, Miss. Kismat Bano (Theatre), Mrs. Bismita Dutta (Sattriya- Classical Dance), Mr. Kuldeep Patgiri (Mime), Mr Bedanta Bikash (Hindustani Classical Dance -Sattriya & Kathak) from Assam, Mr. Rangskembor Sculpture (Installation) and Mr. Banshailang Mukhim (Folk & Tribal Music) from Meghalaya, Miss Alyssa Lalrinsangi (Painting), Mr. Andrew Lalrinzuala (Floral Hand Made Craft), Mr.Lalhriatchhunga Fanai (Drawing & Painting) from Mizoram, and Mr. Ariensa (Theatre) Mr. Mannyei Konyak (Wood & Stone Sculpture, Carpentry works, Painting & Sketching) and Mr. Limanungdang Ao (Theatre) from Nagaland received the awards from the year 2016-17.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri P.B. Acharya, State Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein, State Legislative Assembly Speaker Er. T.N. Thongdok, State Minister from Art and Culture Dr. Mohesh Chai, gave away the awards.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor congratulated the award winners and said that they are the asset of the society.

Our youth are inborn with lots of talents and potentialities and they must be provided with ample opportunities and platforms to showcase their works. The NEZCC aims to provide them the required direction. The Governor also urged upon the youth and cultural troupes to register themselves with Zonal Cultural Centre for letent opportunities and outside exposure.

The Governor underscored that the Young Talented Artistes Award scheme is to recognize and encourage young talented artists in various performing and folk Art forms of the region. To create greater appeal and awareness, the function has been organised in Itanagar for the first time instead of Dimapur or Guwahati, he added.

Emphasizing on preservation of culture and traditions of region, the Governor said that the North East Region is blessed with large numbers of tribes with each having distinct traditions and culture. He called upon the youth to shoulder responsibility to preserve and promote the treasure trove of cultural heritage.

Unity in diversity is the essence of our country. We must strengthen the emotional and national integration by promoting the spirit of nationalism and patriotism, the Governor exhorted the youth.

The Governor appealed to the artists and their guides to avail benefits from Guru Shishya Parampara Scheme. Each Guru is expected to train five to eight shishyas. To motivate and incentivise, a nominal scholarship is being provided to the pupil and an honorarium to the Master (Guru) as per the norms fixed by Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The Guru (master) will receive an honorium of Rs. 5000.00 per month, the Accompanist will receive Rs.2500.00 per month and Shishya will be receiving Rs. 1000.00 per month under the scheme.

The Deputy Chief Minister Shri Mein in his address appealed to the youth and cultural troupes to avail opportunities provided by NEZCC.

While highlighting the rich cultural heritage of the tribal communities of the Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Mein stressed on sustaining it, which is a gradual process.

Earlier, the Governor along with other dignitaries saw the displays i.e. paintings, pottery etc. by the awardees and interacted with them.

Later, some of the awardees presented cultural items, including Mime show, Thang-Ta (traditional martial arts), folk music and Sattriya dances.

As advised by the Governor, a lunch was hosted by the Raj Bhavan for the awardees and invitees. A tour of Itanagar, which included Itafort, Museum, Gompa, Donyi Polo Gangi and Church were organised for the award winners.

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