COMPLETION REPORT

ARUNACHAL RANG MAHOTSAV

22 NOV - 5 DEC, 2024 ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Highlights 2024: Theatre with Theme 'Route to Roots'



Dignitaries at the Inaugural Ceremony



The Arunachal Rang Mahotsav 2024 - biggest Internation Theatre Festival of North-East India opened with grandeur, celebrating the magic of the stage like never before!

The ceremonial launch at Dorjee Khandu State Convention Centre Auditorium brought together Arunachal's finest, including Hon'ble Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, and Hon'ble Tourism Minister Pasang Dorjee Sona.



Among cultural icons present were popular Bollywood actor and Festival Ambassador Pankaj Tripathi, renowned poet and author Dr. Jamuna Bini, Theorist, Cultural Analyst, and Vice Chairperson of National School of Drama, Prof. Bharat Gupt, Polish Artists Dorota Kuźniarska and Witold Modrzejewski, Movement Artist and Choreographer Jayachandran Palazhy, and many esteemed dignitaries, and local celebrities.



The highlight of the evening? The breathtaking showcase of 'Gyalpo Kalawangpoo' at Indira Gandhi Park—produced by Hon'ble Chief Minister Pema Khandu, penned by MLA Namgey Tsering, and masterfully directed by Festival Director Riken Ngomle.



The unveiling of the **festival anthem** 'Yeh Rang', penned-composed-music directed by Rindao Sainary, with video direction by Deepak Rajak, cintematography by Newa Namchoom, added rhythm and spirit to the celebration, featuring incredible local talent and voices of Arunachal, such as Chorun Mugli, Dobom Doji, Nang Sukanya Moungkang & Rindao Sainary.







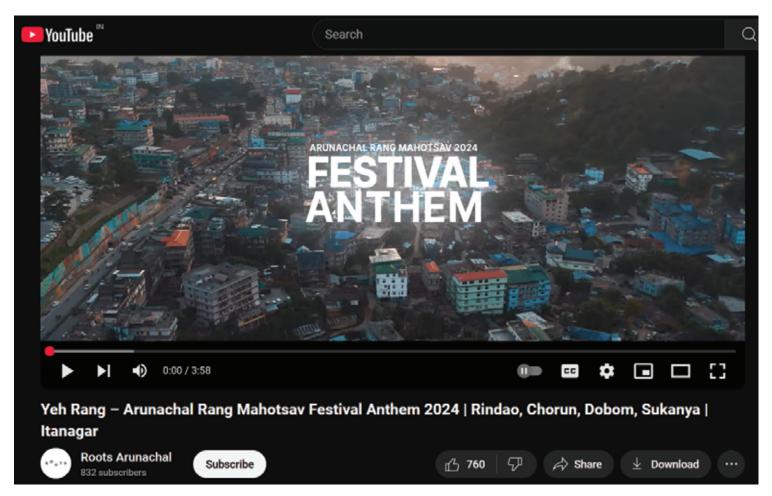












Our Selection Committee



JYOTI NARAYAN NATH

Jyoti Narayan Nath is an Assamese actor and casting director from Guwahati. He has been a dedicated practitioner and teacher in the field of acting and theatre for many years. He is well-known for his work in films like Rainbow Fields (2018), Nilamotir Biya (2008), and Burbokor Khel - Game of Fools (2022)



SIVA PRASAD TUMU

Dr. Siva Prasad Tumu is an NSD alumnus and an Assistant Professor at the Dept of Dramatics at the University of Rajasthan. He is a practitioner and researcher in the field of theatre. He is one of the founders of Prayogam Theatre Group in Hyderabad.



RABIJITA GOGOI

Rabijita Gogoi has been a theatre artiste in India since the last 25 years. She has received the Aka Abong Koyekjon Youth Achiever award in 2005, the Ustad Bismillah Khan Award from Sangeet Natak Academy, India in 2006, and the Sher Choudhary Excellence Award in 2021 for her contribution to Theatre in India. She has also worked extensively in Film and Television, writing, directing and producing TV Serials, Documentaries and Films in both Assamese and Hindi.



IPSHITA CHAKRABORTY SINGH

Ipshita Chakraborty Singh is an NSD alumna and an acclaimed theatre and film actress. She is the founder of Ujaagar Dramatic Association, well-known for their META-award winning production 'Hunkaro'. Ipshita has earned critical acclaim for her work in films like Bhonsle, Chhapaak, Sector 36, Shakuntala Devi & Escort.



ABDUL KADIR SHAH

Abdul Kadir Shah is an NSD Alumnus and is currently Assistant Professor (Movement) and Dean (Academics) at NSD Delhi. He has trained extensively in Thang Ta, Tai Chi, Sitorio Karate, Modern Movement and Dance. He has worked with the NSD Repertory Company, performing major roles in plays like 'Ghasiram Kotwal', '1857 Ek Safar Nama', 'Ram Nam Satya Hain' and 'Acharya Tartuf'. He has been a part of many International theatre festivals like the Ibsen Commemoration in Bangladesh, ATEC International Theatre Festival in China, Colombo International Theatre Festival, etc.

National Participation

ADISHAKTI LABORATORY FOR THEATRE ART REASEARCH

PRODUCTION PONDICHERRY



BA (A CULTURAL ORGANISATION)

PRODUCTION **GUWAHATI**



KALA-MANDALAM

PRODUCTION **KERALA**



KATKATHA PUPPET TRUST

PRODUCTION **DELHI**



ATTAKKALARI CENTRE FOR MOVEMENT ARTS

PRODUCTION KARNATAKA



RATAN THIYAM'S CHORUS REPERTORY THEATRE

PRODUCTION **MANIPUR**



NSD REPERTORY COMPANY

PRODUCTION **DELHI**



MUKESH CHHABRA

INTERACTION BOMBAY



BHARAT GUPT

SEMINAR **DELHI**



DR. ANURADHA KAPUR

KEYNOTE LECTURE **DELHI**



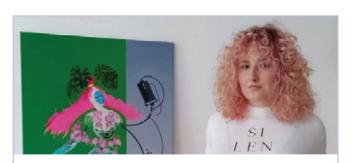
International Participation



GABRIEL E. JIMENEZ MONTES LOS ANGELES, USA



MATEJ MATEJKA
POLAND



DOROTA KUZNIARSKA



BIMAL SUBEDI NEPAL



EX-THEATRE ASIA TAIWAN



THEATRE MOVEMENT INTERNATIONAL USA



KRIT TEAM (THAI ARTISTS TEAM)
THAILAND

This year, we developed 8 productions with young actors from Arunachal Pradesh, each inspired by the vibrant tapestry of Arunachali literature.

NASUNG

Story - Dr. Jamuna Bini Concept, Design & Direction - Pabitra Rabha Duration - 1 hr 30 min District-Longding

Youth Engaged Cast: 11 Women, 8 Men

Crew: 3 Women, 10 Men

TSA - The Salt of Life

Concept, Design & Direction- Riken Ngomle Dramaturge- Duyu Tabyo Duration - 1 hr 10 min District - Shi-Yomi

Youth Engaged Cast: 7 Women, 13 Men Crew: 6 Women, 12 Men

BARRDINKOH - The Destiny

Script & Direction- Sukh Bahadur bashel Dramaturge- Duyu Tabyo Duration - 1 hr 30 min District- Lower Subansiri

Youth Engaged Cast: 8 women, 11 Men Crew: 5 Women, 23 Men

GYALPO KALAWANGPOO

The legendary King of Monyul

Direction-Riken Ngomle Playwright- Namgey Tsering Duration - 2 hrs District- Tawang

Youth Engaged Cast: 32 Women, 24 Men Child Artists: 3 Girls, 3 Boys Crew: 20 Women, 38 Men









RANGTHIIP RANGPHANG

Story - Rangfra Faith Promotion Society (RFPS) Design & Direction - Rilli Ngomle Duration - 1 hr 30 min District - Changlang

Youth Engaged Cast: 8 Women, 15 Men Crew: 8 Women, 13 Men

LAPYA - Tale of Forced Marriage

Concept, Design, Story & Direction-Tai Tagung Duration - 1 hr 30 min District- Kurungkumey

Youth Engaged Cast: 5 Women, 6 Men Crew: 6 Women, 6 Men

SOINAM - The Tale of Hapless

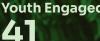
Concept, Choreography & Direction - Vivek Emmaneni Script - Sukh Bahadur Bashel Duration - 1 hr 20 min District- Tawang

Youth Engaged Cast: 12 Women, 9 Men Crew: 6 Women, 16 Men



A Tai Khamti Heritage and Literature Society Production Direction - Chow Saratham Namchoom Script - Chow Nantising Longkan Duration - 1 hr 30 min District - Namsai

Youth Engaged Cast: 12 Women, 22 Men Crew: 1 Women, 6 Men











Productions in Focus





















2024 FESTIVAL AMBASSADOR

Mr. Pankaj Tripathi



22 NOV # ARM.ROOTS.ORG.IN O ROOTS_ARUNACHAL

© ROOTS_ARUNACHAL







Monday, March 10, 2025 Home Opinion Features World National Sports North East Contact Us

The Arunachal Times

STATE NEWS

READERS FORUM

EDITORIAL

RING SIDE VIEW

MONDAY MUSING

SPARK

State News

Dholar Sewat Lamsiwa: Thongchi's new Assamese novel released

November 25, 2024











ITANAGAR, 24 Nov: Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and Assembly Speaker Tesam Pongte jointly released the new Assamese novel Dholar Sewat Lamsiwa, written by Sahitya Akademi Award winner Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi, during the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav (Drama Festival) here on Saturday.

After the release of the book, Thongchi shared with the audience how he decided to write a novel addressing the issues confronting indigenous people, such as proselytization, loss of faith, and culture-issues that are causing conflict in tribal society.

Speaking on the occasion, Mein commended the author for tackling such a delicate subject in his novel. He said that the book would not only shed light on the core issue of proselytization but also offer a path toward overcoming the problem.

Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS) president Mukul Pathak read out a message from Bhaskar Dutta Baruah of Lawyer's Book Stall, who published the novel.

Among those present at the book release were Arunachal Rang Mahotsav Festival director Riken Ngomle, renowned playwright and vice chairman of the National School of Drama (NSD) Dr. Bharat Gupt, and cover artist Jene Hai.

Grand Closing Ceremony A Star-Studded Affair





The Grand Closing Ceremony marked the culmination of the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav saga, bringing together luminaries, artists, and an enthusiastic audience to honour the transformative power of the arts.

The dignitaries gracing the occasion included His Excellency Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.), Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, as the Chief Guest, accompanied by Hon'ble Speaker of the 10th Legislative Assembly of Arunachal **Pradesh Tesam Pongte** as the Guest of Honour, and celebrated writer Padmashree Awardee Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi as the Chair. Their presence was complemented by distinguished

special guests: renowned theatre director Dr. Anuradha Kapur, acclaimed movement therapist Matej Matejka, and Bollywood celebrity casting director Mukesh Chhabra.

The ceremony commenced with the National Anthem, followed by a warm and thoughtful address by Festival Director Riken Ngomle. The evening unfolded with heartfelt felicitations, resonant speeches, and moments of mutual admiration, as the dignitaries took turns sharing their insights and reflections on the festival's impact.













Later that evening, the stage transformed to showcase 'Tani La Tanyo', a powerful theatrical performance that left the audience mesmerised. The play's rich visuals and evocative storytelling underscored the festival's theme, Route to Roots, and were followed by an unforgettable display of fireworks that lit up the sky over IG Park.

As the applause echoed, the director of Tani La Tanyo, Mr. Riken Ngomle, along with his talented troupe from National School of Drama's Theatre-in-Education Company, was honoured on stage, followed by a group photograph that immortalized the joy and camaraderie of the moment. The event concluded with a vibrant Musical Night presented by Ngurang Julie and the Band, where melodies filled the cool night air, and fireworks lit up the sky, bringing a fitting end to this remarkable celebration.

The curtains fell on Arunachal Rang Mahotsav 2024 with a testament to the festival's mission of uniting communities through art and storytelling.







Made possible under the guidance of:



Mr. Chowna Mein

Chief Patron Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh

Mr. Pema Khandu

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh

Mr. Pasang Dorjee Sona

Chief Advisor Hon'ble Education & Tourism Minister Minister, Arunachal Pradesh

With support from:







