



**DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON DEVELOPMENT (C) DEPARTMENTS**

**2025-26**

**FIFTEENTH ASSEMBLY**

**SIXTY EIGHT REPORT**

**ON**

**GRANT NO. 27**

**DEPARTMENT :  
CALTURAL AFFAIRS**

**Presented to the House on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025**

**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT,  
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-781006.**

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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING  
COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (C) DEPARTMENTS, 2025-26**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

1. I as Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (C) Departments having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on its behalf present this 68<sup>th</sup> Report on Grant No. 27 relating to Art and Culture on the Budget estimates for the Financial Year 2025-26, Govt. of Assam.
2. The present Committee, in pursuance of Rule 260 H (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly has been constituted on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 by the Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly for a term of one year and accordingly Notification was published on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2025.
3. The Committee has considered the Demand for Grant No. 27 on the Budget Estimates for the Year 2025-26 in its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.
4. The Committee has been befitted with the assistance rendered by the Government representatives during the course examination of the Budget estimates under the aforementioned Grant for the year 2025-26. The Committee has formulated its observations taking into consideration the valuable submission tendered by the Official witnesses, during the course of consideration of the Budget Estimates.
5. The Committee wishes to keep in record the genuine services rendered by the Government Officials to the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (C) Departments, Secretary as well as the concerned Officers and Staff of Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat for their unstinted service devoted to the Committee during the preparation of this Report.
6. The Committee has considered the Draft Reports on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 and approved it on the same day.

Dispur  
Dated 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

Shri Naba Kumar Doley  
Chairman  
Departmentally Related Standing  
Committee on Development (C)  
Departments  
Assam Legislative Assembly.

**GRANT NO.27****ART & CULTURE**

The Budget provision under Grant No.27 of Art & Culture Department for the year 2025-2026 is given under the following table :-

**BUDGET ESTIMATES**

	Revenue	Capital	Total (In lakh)
Voted	18232.25	3378.09	21610.34
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Major Head of Account	Budget Estimates 2025-2026 (Rs. in lakh)
2075	Miscellaneous General Services	200.00
2205	Art & Culture	18032.25
4202	Capital outlay on Education Sports & Art and Culture	3378.09
	Grand Total	21610.34

The DRSC on Development (C) Departments in its sitting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 and examined the papers and documents received from the Department and took evidences from the Departmental representatives.



## GRANT NO- 27 ART & CULTURE

### DIRECTORATE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS UNDER CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT: ASSAM

#### Point No. 1. Preliminary status paper relating to Grant No. 27

The main aim and objective of the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Assam, is to promote, preserve, and expand the living culture of Assam. The provision for budget allocation is made under Grant No. 27.

The Cultural Affairs Department, Government of Assam, has four independent directorates. The Directorate of Cultural Affairs has the following five institutions under its administrative control:

1. Government College of Art & Crafts, Basistha, Guwahati
2. Luit Konwar Rudra Barua State College of Music, Panjabari, Guwahati
3. Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Regional Government Film & Television Institute, Sila, Changsari
4. Asom Satriya Sangit Mahavidyalaya, Jorhat
5. Kokrajhar Music and Fine Arts College, Kokrajhar

Apart from these, there are 37 cultural centers located in various districts and sub-divisions of the state, along with two other centers outside Assam:

1. Cultural Centre Madhupur, Cooch Behar, West Bengal
2. Cultural Centre Puri, Odisha (attached to the headquarters)

Additionally, the Directorate oversees four autonomous organizations:

1. SrimantaSankardevKalakhetra Society, Guwahati
2. Jyoti Chitraban Film Studio Society, Kahilipara, Guwahati
3. Assam Film Finance Development Corporation Limited, Panjabari, Guwahati
4. SwargadeoChaolung Shi-Ka-PhaSammanwayKshetra, Jorhat

The Directorate of Cultural Affairs, under the Cultural Affairs Department, Government of Assam, functions to promote and preserve the diverse cultural heritage of the state. To achieve its goals and

objectives, the Directorate has undertaken various schemes and programs.

During the financial year 2024-25, the sectoral allocation under EE. Estt., SOPD-G, and the Capital Budget, including SD, was as follows:

Head	EE. ESTT. ETC. 2024-25	SOPD-G 2024-25
	Rs. in lakh	
104-Pension & Award in consideration of distinguished services	1029.90	-
Salary & Wages	2090.77	-
Normal Work	1192.21	13986.64
Capital "4202-04"	585.70	3374.03
C.M' Special Scheme	-	3107.36
T.S.P Salary & Wages	196.50	-
T.S.P (Non-Salary)	91.13	29.20
<b>Total-</b>	<b>5186.21</b>	<b>20497.23</b>
<b>Grand Total SOPD and EE. Estt. Etc.</b>	<b>25683.44</b>	

**Point No.2. Performance Budget/Annual Report: Key Activities of the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Assam, for the Year 2024-25**

The Directorate of Cultural Affairs is also closely associated with the Sangeet Natak Akademi, Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, North East Cultural Centre, National School of Drama, etc., and regularly organizes programs on music, dance, and drama, not only in different parts of Assam but also outside the state. These efforts aim to popularize the state's culture and keep it vibrant. Dance and music training workshops are also conducted in various parts of the state through cultural centers at the state and district levels.

The state government has introduced several awards in the hallowed memory of eminent personalities of Assam. The following award functions were organized during 2024-25:

1. **Bishnu Rabha Divas, 2024** was organized by the Cultural Affairs Department on **June 20, 2024**, at **Darrang College Auditorium**,

**Tezpur.** During this significant event, a **National Level Award** and **nine State Level Awards** were presented.

- i. The **Ajan Peer Award for 2023** was presented to **Shri Anwar Hussain**.
- ii. The **Bishnu Rabha Award for 2024** was presented to **Shri Dharmeswar Nath** and **Shri Durlabh Bhattacharjee**.
- iii. Other State Level Awards presented at the event include:
  - **Amalprabha Das Award, 2024 - Smti Bandana Dutta**
  - **ChandraprabhaSaikiani Award, 2024 - Dr. Sunita Changkakati**
  - **Ganesh Gogoi Award, 2024 - Shri Anish Uz Zaman**
  - **MamoniRaisom Goswami Award, 2024 - Dr. Karabi Deka Hazarika**
  - **Sayed Abdul Malik Award, 2024 - Shri Jayanta Madhab Bora**
  - **Ahmed Ali Bashkandi Award, 2024 - Shri Taren Ch. Bodo**
  - **Geetikabi Parvati Prasad Baruva Award, 2024 - SmtiSaswati Bhattacharjee**
  - **Bir Raghab Moran Award, 2024 - Shri Jibeswar Mohan**
2. **Silpi Divas, 2025** was organized by the Cultural Affairs Department on **January 17, 2025**, at **Golaghat**. During this event, the following awards were presented:
  - i. **Silpi Award, 2025 - Dr. Anima Chowdhury and Shri Mukul Rabha**
  - ii. **NatasurjyaPhani Sarma Award, 2024 - Smti Reba Phukan**
  - iii. **Atul Chandra Hazarika Award, 2024 - Smti Hira Neog**
  - iv. **BhimbarDeuri Award, 2024 - Shri Jaleswar Brahma**

### **Key Highlights and Events of 2024-25**

1. **Junaki Mel**, a tribute to **Geetikavi Parvati Prasad Baruah**, is celebrated every year on **7 June** by the Cultural Affairs Department to commemorate his death anniversary.
2. Organizing workshops on **Rakhal Dance** and **Lathibari Khel** by **Fulchand Hoque**, a scriptwriter, director, and singer, at the following locations:
  - **Bogoribari, Dhubri: July 28, 2024 - August 7, 2024**
  - **Bilasipara Bazar, Barpeta: July 2, 2024 - July 12, 2024**
  - **Sutabarjana, Bongaigaon: July 14, 2024 - July 24, 2024**
  - **Nalanga, Goalpara: August 8, 2024 - August 18, 2024**



3. The Government of Assam signed a significant MoU with Prasara Bharati for the production of a 52-episode series on Bir Lachit Barphukan in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam on August 12, 2024.
4. Financial assistance of ₹1,50,000 each provided to 2,306 Bihu Udjapan Committees across the state during the financial year 2024-25.
5. Financial Assistance of ₹10,000 was provided to 7,961 Durga Puja Udjapan Committees during the year 2024-25.
6. Financial Assistance of ₹25,000 was provided to 2,063 Raas Committees during the year 2024-25.
7. Bir Raghab Moran Divas, 2024, was organized on November 19, 2024, at Kakajan Public Library, Dibrugarh.
8. A non-feature film, Chanchisoa, produced by Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Regional Government Film and Television Institute, Sila, was screened during the 55th International Film Festival of India, held in Goa from November 20 to 28, 2024.
9. Celebration of the recent recognition of Assamese as a "Classical Language" of India on the auspicious occasion of the 52nd Establishment Day of the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Assam, on November 16, 2024.
10. Assam Day Celebration at the India International Trade Fair (IITF) on November 22, 2024, at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
11. Lachit Divas, 2024, was celebrated on November 24, 2024, at Pathalibam Panitola Grant Majoliya School Playground, Dibrugarh District.
12. Foundation Day of Assam was celebrated at the Governor's Secretariat, Uttar Pradesh, on December 10, 2024, to commemorate the foundation day of Assam.
13. A 20-day workshop on Dance and Drama for Divyang Children was organized at Jonali Tiniali, Senduriali Path, from December 16, 2024, to January 4, 2025, with a Closing Ceremony on January 8, 2025, under the Divyang Budget.
14. A workshop on Jeng Bihu will be organized from January 17 to 29, 2025, in Sivasagar District under the Gender Budget for the financial year 2024-25.
15. The Assam Tableau will be displayed at Bharat Parv from January 23 to 31, 2025, at Red Fort, New Delhi, in connection with the Republic Day 2025 celebrations.
16. A Bhaona workshop and staging event will be held at Garamur, Majuli, from January 23 to 31, 2025, under the Child Budget for the financial year 2024-25.
17. Me-Dum-Me-Phi will be celebrated on January 31, 2025, at Charaideo.

18. Biswa Mahavir Chilarai Divas, 2025, will be celebrated on February 12, 2025, at Mangaldoi, Darrang District.
19. Ali-Aye-Ligang, 2025, will be celebrated on February 19, 2025, at Shilpogram, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.
20. The Mega Jhumoir event was organized on February 24, 2025, to commemorate 200 years of the tea industry in Assam. This grand celebration witnessed the participation of over 8,000 dancers from 800 tea gardens across the state, showcasing the rich cultural heritage and traditions of Assam's tea community. The event was graced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, making it a historic and momentous occasion for the state.
21. The Cultural Affairs Department has been providing Silpi Pension, BarxikSilpiSanman, and Family Pension to the families of deceased artists. Additionally, one-time special financial assistance is given annually to the families of noted, elderly, and ailing artists of Assam.
22. The Cultural Affairs Department successfully organized LAC-wise "Summer Vacation Workshops" (two workshops per LAC) to encourage students to engage in extracurricular activities.

**Notable achievement of the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Assam**

1. Artist pension of ₹8,000 per month granted to 73 artists, and family pension of ₹4,000 per month provided to 29 beneficiaries.
2. One-time financial assistance (*Barxik Silpi Sanman*) of ₹ 50,000 each awarded to 179 artists, including 5 *Dibyanga* (differently-abled) artists.
3. One-time special financial assistance of ₹ 50,000 each provided to the family members of 10 deceased artists.
4. **Physical Targets Achieved over Past 3 years under SOPD Revenue and Capital Budget**

Sl. No.	Name of the scheme	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
		Physical target Achieved		
1	Renovation of Art Gallery	100%	-	-
2	Additional Construction of Sri SriMadhabdev Kalakshetra at Narayanpur, Lakhimpur (SPA)	46%	78%	100%
3	Preservation of Chitraban Studio at Bholaguri tea Estate, Gohpur, Biswanath District.	100%	-	-
4	Construction of Purba Bharati,	20%	53%	80%

	Nalbari			
5	Construction of Cultural complex alongwith Cultural stage at Basanti Khola, Borazara, Nalbari		60%	100%
6	Development of Dhekiajuli Martyr's Park	12%	38%	100%
7	Establish Kumar Bhaskar Barman Kshetra at Nalbari	5%	15%	35%
8	Cultural Auditorium at Matmora, Dhakuakhana	30%	48%	84%
9	Construction of Cultural Centre Dhakuakhana	-	46%	100%
10	Construction of Auditorium of Tarajan Sanmilan	35%	92%	100%
11	Infrastructure Development of LKRB State College of Music	45%	65%	100%
12	-Construction of Guest House and Boundary Wall of MayamaraAjoli Ai (Ba-Bhaga) Than Sanskritik Kendra, Majuli	50%	90%	100%
13	Construction of Auditorium at Bihpuria, Lakhimpur	20%	35%	50%
14	Auditorium in Memory of Achyut Lahkar, Pathsala.	24%	35%	55%
15	Up-gradation of Chilarai Park, AmingaonKamrup (R)	36%	100%	-
16	Construction of Chilarai Kalakshetra, Golakganj	-	86%	95%
17	Chandi Barua Smriti Bhawan, Howly	45%	100%	-
18	Preserve The House of Swahid Kushal KowarSarupathar, Golaghat	30%	65%	75%
19	Infrastructure Development of Government Arts & Crafts College, Guwahati	30%	56%	100%
20	Installation of Statue of Bircha Munda at Sonitpur	80%	100%	-
21	Const. of Tourist Complex at Botanical Graden, Padumi Than	45%	80%	100%
23	Const. of Tourist Complex at Basudeb Than Lakhimpur	60%	90%	100%

24	Statue in Memory of Late Ratan Lahkar, Pathsala	-	100%	-
25	Repair & Renovation of Morigaon Sanskritik Sangha, Gandhi Bhawan, Morigaon		53%	100%
26	Renovation and Modernization of Jyoti Bharati, Tezpur (Phase-I)	20%	55%	100%
27	Jyoti Bihsnu Sanskritik Prkalpa at Naharkatia	21%	100%	-
28	Jyoti Bihsnu Sanskritik Prkalpa at Pathshala	50%	100%	-
29	Jyoti Bihsnu Sanskritik Prkalpa at Bhergaon, Udalguri	50%	70%	96%
30	Jyoti Bihsnu Sanskritik Prkalpa at Moran, Dibrugarh	98%	100%	-
31	Jyoti Bihsnu Sanskritik Prkalpa at Balipara, Sonitpur	50%	100%	-
32	Jyoti Bihsnu Sanskritik Prkalpa at Titabor, Jorhat	30%	100%	-
33	Jyoti Bihsnu Sanskritik Prkalpa at Majuli		20%	45%
34	Jyoti Bishnu Sanskritik Prkalpa at Lengeri, Tingkhong		20%	44%
35	Jyoti Bishnu Sanskritik Prkalpa at Boko		10%	40%
36	Jyoti Bishnu Sanskritik Prkalpa at Sipajhar	10%	30%	100%

### **5. Brief Note in respect of Grant No. 27**

The Directorate of Cultural Affairs falls under Grant No. 27 (Art and Culture). Accordingly, the Directorate's tentative budget estimate for the financial year 2025-26 is being prepared and is currently under process.

Major Head	Name of Schemes	Amount (Rs. in lakh) (Tentative Budget Estimate FY 2025-26)		
		SOPD-G	EE Salary (including	EE Non-Salary

			-31-GIA)	
2075	Miscellaneous General Service-NULL-Pensions and Awards In Consideration Of Distinguished Services-Artist Pension	-	-	Rs. 537.00 lakh
2205	Art & Culture	Rs. 13006.30 lakh	Rs. 2531.15 lakh	Rs. 776.84 lakh
4202	Capital Outlay on Education, Sports, Art & Culture-Art and Culture	Rs. 6981.32 lakh	-	Rs. 54.00 lakh
		Rs. 19987.62 lakh	Rs. 2531.15 lakh	Rs. 1367.84 lakh
Grand total Rs.				23886.61 lakh

**Directorate of Library Services, Assam**

**1. Preliminary status paper relating to Grant No. 27 .**

The main object of the Directorate of Library Services is to provide free reading books service along with reading facilities to the readers in the State. Now there are 20 nos. of District Libraries & 13 Nos. of Sub-Divisional Libraries & 169 Nos. of Rural Library including 2 Nos. of Branch Libraries and one Children Library that are currently functioning in the State.

The Director of Library Services, Assam falls under Grant No. 27 and Budget Head is "2205- art & Culture & Capital account-4202 - capital outlay Art & Culture.

Total budget provisions for the year 2024-25 are as follows:

1. Budget under revenue Account EE. Estt. Etc. - Rs. 2520.86 lakh
  2. Budget under Capital Head - Rs. 1457.01 lakh
- 1. Performance Budget/ Annual Report of the Department.**

**During the financial 2024-25 :**

Head	Fund	Expenditure (up to Jan, 2025)	Percentage of Utilization
Capital Head	Rs. 1457.01 lakh	Rs. 823.11	56.49%
Revenue (EE.Estt. etc.)	Rs. 2520.86 lakh	Rs. 1339.82	53.15%

**The Notable Activities executed as below :**

- Construction of the Sub-Divisional Library at Kaliabor has been successfully completed. This marks a major milestone in the ongoing efforts to improve access to knowledge and resources for our communities.
- The up-gradation of the District Library in Guwahati, specifically the Reading Section, has been completed with an investment of Rs. 304.58 lakh. This upgraded facility will enhance the reading experience for everyone in the region.
- One of the most remarkable initiatives that is currently underway in Assam is the scheme "Establishment of Children and Adolescent Libraries and Digital Infrastructure." With this initiative, new libraries and upgrading existing ones are being done across our state. This ambitious project involves a capital investment in the construction of libraries, procurement of books, furniture, computers, and the provision of digital library infrastructure. In total, 2,597 libraries will be set up in 2,197 village panchayats and 400 municipal wards.
- On August 12, 2024, "Librarian's Day," a day dedicated to honouring the vital contributions of librarians to the intellectual and cultural growth of our society was celebrated in all the 33 District and Sub-divisional libraries of the State.
- Additionally, on November 19, 2024, "Mamoni Roisom Goswami Janma Jayanti Divas," was celebrated remembering and celebrating the life and works of the legendary writer and poet Mamoni Roisom Goswami, who has made a lasting impact on Assamese literature.

In conclusion, these initiatives and celebrations are a testament to the progress the State is making in enhancing the literary and educational landscape of Assam. The continued efforts of our

government, in collaboration with various missions and organizations, will ensure that libraries remain a central pillar in empowering individuals and communities through knowledge and information.

**3. Physical targets achievement during the last three years  
2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25**

**During the year 2022-23 :**

(Rs. In lakh )					
Sl No.	Schemes	Amount allotted	Unit	Physical target	Achievement / Remarks ( as per budget allocation)
1	Construction of library building cum auditorium at Silchar	190.00	1	1	100%
2	Upgradation of District Library Guwahati	142.50	1	1	100%
3	Construction of Sub-Divisional Library Kaliabor	41.60	1	1	100 %

**Total Rs. (SOPD-G) Rs. 718.87 lakh.**

**Total Expenditure = Rs. 442.83 Lakh,**

**Expenditure Percentage = 62.00 %**

**During the year 2023-24 :**

(Rs. In lakh )					
Sl No.	Schemes	Amount allotted	Unit	Physical target	Achievement / Remarks ( as per budget allocation)
1	Construction of library building cum auditorium at Silchar	171.00	1	1	100%
2	Infrastructure Development of Libraries	362.38	17	13	100%
3	Establishment of Children and Adolescent Libraries and Digital Infrastructure	51940.00	2597	2497	100%



**Total Rs. (SOPD-G) Rs. 52557.28 lakh,**  
**Total Expenditure = Rs. 52535.68 Lakh,**  
**Expenditure Percentage = 99.95%**

**During the year 2024-25 :**

<b>(Rs. In lakh )</b>					
<b>Sl No.</b>	<b>Schemes</b>	<b>Amount allotted</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Physical target</b>	<b>Achievement/ Remarks (as per budget allocation)</b>
<b>1</b>	Construction of library building cum auditorium at Silchar	700.00	1	1	100%
<b>2</b>	Infrastructure Development of Libraries	500.00	7	7	24.62% (Expenditure Rs. 123.11)

**Total Rs. (SOPD-G) Rs. Lakh,**  
**Total Expenditure = Rs.1207.28 Lakh**  
**Expenditure Percentage = Rs. 823.11 lakh 68.19% (up to Jan)**

**No. 4 Action Taken Report**

**Action Taken Report on the Recommendation made by the Committee under Grant No. 27 in respect of Directorate of Library Services, Assam.**

<b>Sl No.</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Action taken Report</b>
<b>1</b>	The committee recommends to renovate all the Libraries in Assam	Directorate of Library Services, Assam has received 24 nos. Administrative approvals for repairing and renovation works of 12 nos. of Libraries and is preparing to implement repairing/ renovation in a phase manner.  Besides, 7 nos. of Repairing/ renovation work in libraries have already been completed during the current financial year.
	The Committee recommends to	The Digitization work will be conducted in a

2	take initiative for digitalization of all the existing libraries in the state	phase manner and the work of digitization at Guwahati District Library will be started in the upcoming financial year.
3	The committee recommends to establish one digital libraries in each school in the state	<p>The scheme "Establishment of Children and Adolescent Libraries and Digital Infrastructure" is being implemented in Assam with a capital investment for construction of new libraries in 2197 numbers of village and panchayats and 400 numbers of municipal wards i.e. total 2597 libraries.</p> <p>The physical infrastructure works were executed by the "Axom Sarba Siksha Abhiyan Mission" has been completed and e-procurement process of Digital Library Infrastructure is underway</p>

#### 5. Brief Note in respect of Grant No. 27

The Directorate of Library Services falls under Grant No. 27 Art and Culture Budget proposed during the year 2025-26:

1. Budget under Revenue Account EE. Estt. Etc. - Rs. 2706.43 lakh
2. Budget under Capital Account (SOPD-G) - Rs. 866.78 lakh

**Action taken report on Departmentally Related Standing Committee of Education, Assam Legislative Assembly for the year 2024-25 Grant  
No. 27, EDN-47**

Sl. No.	Observation Recommendations	Action Taken
1	The committee recommends to establish Jyoti - Bishnu Prakaipa at Kajalgaon and Mariani.	Land availability report not received from concerned District Commissioner. An amount of Rs. 125.00 lakh each has been earmarked for the proposed prakalpas. on receipt of the report necessary steps will be taken for its construction. (reference letter to DC vide no. 408064/14 dtd 08/08/2024)
2	The committee recommends to construct Bhupen Hazarika Ranga - Mancha at Sidli and Sipajhar Constituency.	On receipt of budget allocation in the FY 2025-26 necessary steps would be taken for its construction from Global Head of Account of Directorate of Cultural Affairs. Assam reference letter no.450135/02 dtd 19/10/2024)
3	The committee recommends to start construction work of the proposed 'Jyoti - Bishnu Prakaipa' at Chenga. Barpeta within 6 months.	Work is in progress.
4	The committee recommends to construct Tourist Rest Houses at Buraburi Than at Jaleswar under Dhubri District and Kuruwa under Darrang District.	Letter sent to concerned District Commissioners to identify Govt. land plots and intimate to this end at the earliest vide letter No. 408064/15 dated 08/08/2024. On receipt of land availability report necessary steps will be taken.
5	The committee recommends to take initiative for the development of Poa Macca at Hajjo.	Letter furnished to Directorate of Archaeology to take initiative for development of Poa Mecca, Hajjo. Vide letter No. 408064/16 dated 08/08/2024. The matter may be taken up by ITFC Deptt.
6	The committee recommends to abolish 'Zamindari Act, 1951', 'Ceiling Act, 1956', Tenancy Act, 1971, and 'Religious or Charitable Institutions of public Nature Act, 1959' as these Acts are no more beneficial for the indigenous people of Assam.	Matter to be taken up with Revenue Department
7	The committee recommends to increase the Budget allocation for the department of Cultural Affairs.	Proposal placed to Finance Deptt. for increment of Budget allocation to Cultural Affairs in this F.Y.

Sl. No.	Observation Recommendations	Action Taken
8	The committee recommends to construct a tourist Rest House at Bathou Than Shali at Nondipum in Gossaigaon. The committee also recommends for the beautification of this place.	Letter furnished to the District Commissioner, Kokrajhar District to examine the feasibility of the same and submit a report to this Directorate at an early date (Ref. letter No. 408064/17 dtd 08/08/2024). On receipt of report, necessary steps would be taken for its construction.
9	The committee recommends to announce various schemes under Cultural Affairs Department for Rangsapara and Nishangram villages in Goalpara district so that the said areas can be developed as tourist destination.	Tourism Department is the concerning Department for development of the areas for promoting as tourist destination.
10	The committee recommends to allot additional land for Mahamaya Temple and Keoliya Hati Satra, Khatar Satra in Darrang District.	Letter sent to concerned District Commissioners to identify Govt. land plots and intimate to this end at the earliest (Ref. letter No. 408064/15 dated 08/08/2024). On receipt of land availability report, necessary steps would be taken.
11	The committee recommends that the Satras which are on the verge of extinction should be re-established by the Government by providing sufficient land. The committee specially recommends to evict the encroached land areas of Satrasal Satra, Dakshinpat Satra, Paibauhi Satra & Barpeta Kirtanghar.	Letter furnished to Assam Land Satra Commission to take necessary initiative (vide letter No. 408064/18 dtd 08/08/2024). On receipt of report, necessary co-ordination would be done.
12	The committee recommends to take initiatives to popularize Bihu dance in the Char areas of Assam. The committee also recommends to organize workshop on Bihu dance in every school campus in the minority areas.	Step has been taken to conduct workshop on Bihu Dance at the Char Areas of Barpeta, Goalpara and Bongaigaon. Accordingly as 1st Phase Workshop at Barbarijhar, Barpeta from 15th February to 25th February, 2025.

Sl. No.	Observation Recommendations	Action Taken
13	The committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 19 of 62nd Report to enhance Silpi Pension from Rs.8,000/- to Rs. 10,000/-. The committee also recommends to increase the number of Silpi Pensioner in the etate having eminent personalities in Cultural Affairs.	Cultural Affairs Department has taken up the matter with Finance Department
14	The committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 10 of 62 Report to develop Sonkosh Kherai Parab at Chouduri Ghat in Gossaigaon in order to make it a place of tourist attraction.	Tourism Department is the concerning Department for development of the areas for promoting as tourist destination.
15	The committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 11 of 62nd Report to establish a cultural complex at Kajolgaon in the name of Ustad Kamini Kumar Narzary who popularized the Bagrumba dance and Durgeswar Nath Ojah, imminent Byas Ojapali in Sipajhar, Darrang.	On receipt of land availability report from the concerned District Commissioner, necessary steps would be taken. Reference letter sent to District Commissioner, Darrang and Chirang district to examine the feasibility and Govt. land availability and submit a report to this Directorate (vide letter No. 408064/19 and 408064/20 dtd 08/08/2024).
16	The committee recommends to preserve the traditional 'Lathi Khel' in the State.	As per the DRSC recommendation during the FY 2024-25 workshop on Rakhal Nriya & Lathi bari Khel has been organized by Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Assam at Bilasipara Bazar, Barpeta District from 3rd to 12th July, 2024; at Suta Barjana, Bongaigaon Dist from 14th to 24th July, 2024 at Bogoribari, Dhubri dist from 28th July, to 7th August, 2024 & at Nalaga Dist:- Goalpara from 8th to 18th August, 2024. An average of 70-80 nos. of participants (male ) has been involved in the workshop. The respective officials of districts Administration has attended the workshops.
17	The committee recommends to protect and preserve Poita Puta Satra at Baghbar.	Letter submitted to Assam Land Satra Commission to take necessary initiative (Ref.letter No. 408064/18 dtd 08/08/2024).On receipt of report, necessary co-ordination would be done.

Sl. No.	Observation Recommendations	Action Taken
18	The committee recommends to create a fund of 25 lakhs per annum to provide financial aid to the folk artists who are practicing folk culture for more than 25 years in the State.	Necessary steps has been initiated with Govt.( ref. letter no. ECF No. 303095 dtd. 25/07/2023
19	The Committee recommends to construct cultural complex to popularize Badungduppa dance	On receipt of budget allocation in the FY 2025-26 necessary steps would be taken for its construction from Global Head of Account of Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Assam (Ref. Letter No.408064/21 Dated 08/08/2024)

**OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, 2025-2026**  
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1. The Committee recommends for Fund allocation for promotion of Assamese traditional arts like manuscript painting, bamboo crafts, and wood carving through Training and workshops with digital archiving of manuscripts, historical documents and folk artifacts.
2. The Committee recommends for Creating digital platforms to showcase and sell Assamese artworks globally.
3. The Committee after observation and careful Consideration recommends for allocation of fund for completion of Gabharu Doley Cultural Complex at Matmara. The Committee further recommends to allow sufficient fund to complete the unfinished work of the audience gallery and other essential utilities for timely completion of the project.
4. The Committee recommends for Strengthening Sattriya, Bihu, Bagurumba, and other indigenous dance forms through festivals, training centres, and school curriculums.
5. The Committee recommends for Documentation of oral traditions, folk tales, and indigenous knowledge from different ethnic communities like Bodos, Misings, Karbis, and Ahoms.
6. The Committee recommends for Government support for local theatre groups, including mobile theatre (Bhramyaman) and folk performances like Ojapali, Bhaona, and Kushan Gaan.
7. The Committee recommends for Museum Development & Heritage Conservation and Modernization of existing museums like Assam State Museum, Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra, and district museums with interactive digital exhibits.
8. The Committee recommends for Establishment of community-based museums in rural and tribal areas to preserve local cultural heritage with special reference to Dhakuakhana.
9. The Committee recommends for Digital archiving of manuscripts, historical documents, and folk artifacts.



10. The Committee also recommends for Restoration of ancient temples, satras, and heritage sites like Rang Ghar, Kareng Ghar, and Madan Kamdev, Harhi Devalay.
11. The Committee recommends to take initiatives for Promotion of Bihu, Ambubachi Mela, Majuli Festival, Dishang Patkai Festivals, Hornbill Festivals, Charikoria Festivals etc. and other indigenous celebrations to attract global tourists.
12. The Committee recommends for creating heritage tourism circuits connecting historic and cultural sites across Assam.
13. The Committee recommends for Fund allocation for Yuva Sangha to promote traditional arts, music, and crafts.
14. The Committee also recommends to allocated fund for organizing national and international exchange programs for Assamese artists and cultural scholars:
15. The Committee recommends for Allocate fund for creating a virtual museum showcasing Assam's diverse cultural heritage.
16. The Committee recommends to take initiatives for Policy Implementation and funding formation of a State Cultural Council with representatives from different art and cultural fields.
17. The Committee reiterates its earlier recommendation No. 13 of Report No. 67 to increase the number of silpi pensioner in the state having eminent personalities in Cultural Affairs.
18. The Committee recommends to start construction work of 'Ajaan Peer Kalakhetra' in Nazira Revenue Circle, Sivasagar District.
19. The Committee recommends to preserve the traditional 'Lathi Khel' in the State.
20. The Committee recommends to appoint one Cultural Officer and other supporting staff in every co-district.
21. The Committee recommends to Construct a open cultural stage at Center and to Construct cultural cottages separately for Zonal participants at Phuloni for Karbi Youth Festival.

22. The Committee recommends to pay financial assistance to the folk instrumentalist of rural areas in the State.
23. The Committee recommends to Construct a building for office and museum at Hojai as the Hojai represents ancient cultural heritage.
24. The Committee recommends to promote tourism, purchase one traveling bus for domestic Tourism to promote the Rajabari, No-Nath Temple etc.

**OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**DIRECTORATE OF LIBRARY SERVICES, 2025-2026**  
**GRANT NO. 27**

1. The Committee observed that the most of the Sub-Divisional library buildings of state are in a deteriorated condition. Therefore the committee strongly recommends to renovate Sub-Divisional library buildings and its interior management for restoration with special reference to Dhakuakhana Sub-Division Library.
2. The Committee recommends to construct a district library with an auditorium facility in the Hojai constituency.
3. The Committee after consideration recommends for sufficient budget allocation for digitization of books and manuscripts in the Guwahati District Library and providing access to such digitized content to all the 33 District and Sub-Divisional Libraries in the State.

**THE COMMITTEE, HOWEVER, RECOMMENDS THAT THE  
 BUDGETARY ALLOCATION PROVIDED UNDER GRANT NO. 27  
 FOR THE YEAR 2025- 26 BE VOTED FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
 DEPARTMENT BY THE AUGUST HOUSE.**