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### **Applications invited from Young Artistes and Artisans of the North Eastern States for the Young Talent Artistes Award**

**Shillong, August 12, 2025:** The North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Dimapur invites application for Young Talent Artistes Award for the year 2023-24, 2024-25 & 2025-26 from outstanding candidates in the categories of Folk and Tribal Music/Song and Dance, Theatre, Dance, Drama, Mime, Painting, Wood, Cane & Bamboo Crafts, Traditional Handloom & Handicrafts, Pottery, etc., Young artistes/artisans in the age group of 18 to 30 years (as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023) are eligible to apply for the award.

The award consists of ₹ 20,000/- Citation and Memento. Candidates should be an Indian citizen and indigenous to the eight North Eastern States i.e. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. Candidates who have received any such Awards (State/National) earlier in the same field are not eligible for the Scheme.

Deserving artistes/artisans may collect the Application Form from the Office of the Directorate of Art & Culture/Cultural Affairs, Government of the concerned State or Shilpgram, Panjabari, Guwahati and Headquarter Office, Dimapur. The form is available in NEZCC website <https://nezccdimapur.org.in/Home/Advertisement>.

The application may be submitted to the District Planning Officer, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong in the email [dpo.ekh@gmail.com](mailto:dpo.ekh@gmail.com) by 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 positively.

Screening of the applications will be done by the respective State Department. Applications of the shortlisted candidates should reach the Office of the NEZCC latest by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and no application will be entertained thereafter.