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Wangala Festival Gala 2026 to Mark Golden Jubilee with the Rhythm of 1,000 Drums

Ampati, October 15: Celebrating five decades of preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the Garo community, the Wangala Festival Gala 2026 will mark the 50th anniversary of the iconic Wangala Festival with a grand Golden Jubilee celebration under the theme “Rhythm of 1,000 Drums.”



The Golden Jubilee celebration will commemorate the festival’s enduring legacy as a symbol of Garo identity, tradition and community spirit. Rooted in the traditional harvest festivities of the Garo people, Wangala pays tribute to Saljong, the Sun God of fertility and prosperity, in thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest.

Over the years, Wangala has evolved into one of the most prominent cultural festivals of the Garo Hills, showcasing the community’s distinctive music, traditional dances, colourful attire and indigenous customs. The rhythmic beating of the traditional dama drums, accompanied by the graceful movements of dancers, remains the festival’s defining spectacle.

The 2026 edition holds special significance as it celebrates 50 years of the festival’s journey, honouring the generations who have worked to preserve and pass on this cultural legacy. The Golden Jubilee is also an opportunity to encourage younger generations to embrace their heritage and strengthen efforts to promote Garo culture on a wider platform.

With the evocative theme “Rhythm of 1,000 Drums,” the Wangala Festival Gala 2026 seeks to celebrate the collective spirit, cultural pride and living traditions of the Garo people, making the Golden Jubilee a milestone in the continuing story of Wangala.