



## **RAJ BHAVAN KOHIMA**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC) held the Young Talent Artiste Award Ceremony at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan Kohima on 24th March 2021.

Hon'ble Governor RN Ravi while congratulating the Award recipients said the award presentation programme was postponed earlier due to Covid-19 pandemic and with arrival of vaccine as well as the required protocols, he expressed hope that we would overcome the pandemic soon.

He said over the years NEZCC has performed exceptionally well, but added that there is a need for course correction "States are political entity and the core character is politics and power- there is aggressiveness in it, and culture is an attribute of society- there is harmony and it brings people together." He said the character of states is getting imbued in the functioning of the zonal cultural centres, he further stated that culture of the state is basically the culture of the people living in a region and the continuum of it brings people together and we need to highlight it.

Governor presented the YTA Award 2018-19 to the following recipients: John Paleng (Folk & Tribal Dances & Songs), Debajit Deka (Mime), Rajashree Sarma(theatre), Shivam Saikia (theatre), Khumanthem Nganthoileima (Folk song), Haobam Hemlata Devi (Theatre), Milan Laishram (Painting), Dalariti Gratel Kharnaier (Folk song), Shovezo Keyho (Painting & Sculpture), Mhasiselhu Viyie (Sculpture)and Meribeni Nguillie (Beads Making).

Director NEZCC, Gouri Basu pronounced the welcome address and cultural troupes from Manipur presented traditional dances.

**PRO to Governor**