

Brief Review of the North East Festival at SRC Bengaluru

Richa Negi

Exhibition :

Pasi: An everyday art of Basketry, a collection of basketry work from different places in North East from the Archival collection of Janapada Sampada New Delhi was sent to SRC Bengaluru to be showcased in 'Eeshanya': North East Cultural Festival .

The basketry exhibition 'Pasi' was originally conceptualized, planned and curated by Dr. A.K Das Sr. Tagore Fellow at IGNC in . Some of the basketry works from the collection was brought and jointly curated by Dr. Richa Negi, Coordinator North East IGNC and Sh. Rajendra Taragi , Sr. Artist, assisted by Sh. Suresh at SRC .

The exhibition 'Pasi' was inaugurated by Sh. H.N Ananth Kumar, Union Minister for and Fertilizer and Chemicals Sh. Govinda Karjola, Ex Minister for Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs, Govt. of Karnataka. They were received and welcomed by Mrs. Veena Joshi, Joint Secretary, IGNC and Mr. Vikram Sampat, Executive Director, IGNC SRC, Bengaluru. The exhibition received rave reviews and compliments from the distinguished guests and the general public both individually and collectively. The exhibition will remain on display at SRC till 17th April, 2015.

Other Activities:

Eeshanya celebrated the North East culture by presenting spectacular performances by cultural troupes from Tripura, Mizoram, Assam, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh Nagaland and Manipur.

Dr. Richa Negi moderated the Panel Discussion on the theme, 'Connecting North East with rest of India. The panelists were Dr. Rini Ralte, President of North East Solidarity, Bengaluru , Ms. Urmila Chanam, Public health professional and gender activist and Mr. Pranab Jyoti Borah, Literature Secretary, Assam Society of Bengaluru and General Secretary North East Solidarity, discussed some very crucial issues experienced by the people of North East within the region and also outside who have settled in other cities in connection with livelihood or to pursue studies.

Public lectures were delivered by Dr.Rini Ralte on 'National Integration for North East Perspective; Ms. Jonali Saikia Khasnabish spoke about 'Generating love, pride and hope through handloom; and Dr. Richa Negi ,gave a detailed illustrated talk on , ' North East as I experienced: reflection and prospects', explained at length her research experiences in the region, reflection of the field activities and future prospects of the research in North East.

The festival concluded with a Valedictory function presided by Sh.H.T Sangliana, former Commissioner of Police participates.