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7 Visual Artistes from Tripura felicitated in concluding programme of NE Festival

In the concluding programme of North-East Festival in Guwahati yesterday, 17 Visual Artistes nominated by Lalit Kala Akademi have been felicitated. Dignitaries present in the concluding programme were President of India Ramnath Kovind, Union Minister of Culture G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Law & Justice Kiren Rijiju, Chief Minister of Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb, Chief Ministers of other Northeastern states and MoS for Social Justice & Empowerment Pratima Bhowmik.

7 among 17 Visual Artistes are from Tripura. They are namely- Shanta Deb, Debjit Rudrapal, Abhijit Majumdar, Trisha Ghosh, Raju Debnath, Rakhi Das and Deepika Das. Union Minister of Culture G. Kishan Reddy felicitated them in the programme. It is to be noted that Lalit Kala Akademi provides scholarship to young and budding artistes for sculpting, painting, ceramic, graphics, art curation and management.

15 among 17 Visual Artistes were nominated to work for Lalit Kala Akademi, Agartala Centre. Remaining two will be working for Kolkata based regional centre. Each of them will be given monthly scholarship of 20 thousand rupees. Earlier, the amount of scholarship was 10 thousand rupees. Under this scheme, those of age 21 to 35 may apply for it. It is to be noted that the number of scholarship candidates has been increased from 40 to 55.

It is to be noted that former Union Minister of Education Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad on August 5, 1954 inaugurated Lalit Kala Akademi in New Delhi for the development of Visual Art. Apart from the head quarters in Delhi, the Akademi has its regional centres in Lucknow, Bhubaneshwar, Chennai, Kolkata and Agartala. The regional centre in Agartla started in December, 2020 which is now providing facilities of scholarship, research, studio etc. and encourages artistes of the Northeast in their respective field.
