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ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

(SIXTEENTH ASSEMBLY)

**REPORT ON THE DEMAND FOR THE GRANT NO. 80
FOR THE YEAR 2026-27**

**DEPARTMENT : INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL FAITH
AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT**

THIRD REPORT

Presented to the House on 22nd July, 2026

**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING
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INTRODUCTION

1. I, the Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this **Third Report** on the Demands for **Grant No. 80** of the **Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department** for the financial year **2026-27**.
2. Demands for Grant have been examined by the Committee under Rule 260 J (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly.
3. The Committee took evidence of the representatives of the **Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department** on **16th July, 2026**.
4. The Draft Report was considered and approved by the Committee in its meeting held on **18th July, 2026**.
5. The Committee expressed its thanks to the Officials of the **Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department** for placing before them the requisite materials and their considered views in connection with the subjects under consideration and also thanks to Finance & Transformation & Development Department for their kind co-operation.
6. The Committee would also like to place on record their deep sense of appreciation for the invaluable assistance rendered to them by the Officials of Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat attached to the Committee.

Place : Dispur
Dated: 18th July, 2026

Rihon Daimary
Chairperson,
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Assam Legislative Assembly.

CHAPTER- I
REPORT
GRANT NO. 80

INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL FAITH AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT

The Budget presented to the House for the Financial Year, 2026-27, on 10th July, 2026, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (E) Departments in its meeting held on **16th July, 2026** discussed the Grant No. 80 relating to the Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department.

The total allocation of fund under Grant No. 80 for both Revenue and Capital sector for administration of Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department during the financial year 2026-2027 is **Rs. 5167.11** lakhs which is presented before the House for approval. The total amount so allocated is proposed to be spent in the Revenue Expenditure.

The detailed Budget allocation for Grant No. 80 as shown below.

Estimate of the amount required for the year ending 31st March, 2027 to defray the expenses in connection with the Administration of **“Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department”**.

The Grant No. 80 relates to the Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department. The Budget provisions under Grant No. 80 of Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department for the **Financial Year 2026-27**.

	Revenue	Capital	Total (In Lakhs)
Voted	3746.72	1420.39	5167.11
Charged	0.00	0.00	0.00

Major Revenue Head

	Major Head of Account	Budget Estimates 2026-27
2205	103 Archaeology	1203.06
	107 Museums	682
	800 Other expenditure	1861.34
	Total	3746.72

Major Capital Head

	Major Head of Account	Budget Estimates 2026-27
4202	106 Museums	578.35
	108 Anthropological Survey	718.06
	800 Other expenditure	123.98
	Total	1420
	Grand Total (Revenue-Capital)	5167.11

The amount so allocated is presented in the House and is proposed to be spent in the Revenue Expenditure and Capital Expenditure respectively.

The Committee in its sitting held on **16th July, 2026**, examined the papers & documents received from the Department and took oral evidence from the departmental representatives. At the same time, the Committee considered the **Action Taken Report** against the Recommendations made in its earlier **2nd Report**.

CHAPTER- II

About the Department : Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture

The Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department was constituted vide Govt. Notification No.AR 38/2021/34, Dt. Dispur, the 30th July, 2021. Later, the Department comprises of four directorates, e.g. Directorate of Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture, Directorate of Archaeology, Directorate of Museums and Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies. The Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department which will act as nodal department for promotion, formation and implementation of policies and programmes for welfare and all round development of the indigenous people of the State of Assam.

Preliminary status paper related to Grant No 80:

A. Directorate of Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture:

The Directorate of Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture comes under Grant no.80 and there are two major heads i.e. 2205 for revenue and 4202 for capital. The total budget and expenditure for the **Financial Year, 2025-26** is as follows:

Heads	Budget allotted (Rs. in Lakh)	Expenditure (Rs. in Lakh)
Revenue (EE)	164.84000	57.17023
Revenue (SOPD)	2354.50000	319.73261
Capital (EE)	23.76000	11.71179
Total	2543.10000	388.61463

B. Directorate of Archaeology:

The Directorate of Archaeology, Assam, has laid emphasis on Protection and Preservation of Archaeological Sites and Monuments of Assam as per "The Assam Ancient Monuments and Records Act 1959", "The Assam Ancient Monuments and Records Rules, 1964" and "The Assam Heritage (Tangible) Protection, Preservation, Conservation & Maintenance Act So far the Directorate has protected 156 (One hundred Fifty six)Archaeological Sites and Monuments in the state of Assam.

Objectives/function of directorate of archaeology:

The main objecttives and functions of the directorate are as follow:

- Protection and preservation of ancient monuments/sites/remains of historical and Archaeological importance which are not less than one hundred years old.
- Archaeological exploration and documentation of the hitherto unknown sites and their study.
- Archaeological Excavation of listed sites.
- Publication and Archaeological Reports, Books, Brochures, Monographs, Maps, etc.
- Involvement of the student community by making them to participate in different awareness program organized by the Directorate.
- To develop better known archaeological sites into major tourist attractions.

C. Directorate of Museums:

Museums are the repository of the rich heritage and culture. In order to showcase our heritage, besides the Assam State Museum at Guwahati, there are 10 District Museums, one each at Dhubri, Barpeta, Mangaldai, Nagaon, Tezpur, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Kokrajhar, Haflong, and Diphu and 5 smaller museums viz. Patharughat Memorial Museum, Nilima Folk Art Museum at Gauripur, Bharat Ratna Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi Memorial Museum at Raha, Bordowa Mini Museum, Bordowa and the Sub-divisional Museum at Hamren. The Museums at Kokrajhar, Haflong, and Diphu and Hamren are under the respective autonomous councils. The Assam State Museum at Guwahati is the largest Museum in North- East India. There are 14 galleries in the Assam State Museum at Guwahati.

D. Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies :

The object of the Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies has been to promote historical research in Assam so that a more detailed and intimate knowledge of the past history of this State in all spheres of life may be known to us and to the world at large. Collection, Preservation, Compilation, Transcription, Translation and Publication of historical treatises and records constitute its main functions. The Department engages scholars to compile historical treatises by making use of the materials in its collection and those from elsewhere. The Department helps individual scholars if their compilations deserve publication out of its publication fund. The Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies, Assam comes under Grant No 80 and the Budget Head is (1) for Revenue Account 2205- Art & Culture and (2) Capital Account: 4202- Capital outlay on Education, Sports, Art & Culture.

The total Budget provision for the Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies for the year 2025-26 are as follows:

Budget under Revenue Account (EE)	Rs. 254.57 lakhs
Budget under Revenue Account (SOPD)	Rs. 14.25 lakhs
Budget under Capital Account (EE)	Rs. 28.50 lakhs
Budget under Capital Account (SOPD-ODS)	Rs. 130.04 lakhs
Grand Total	Rs. 427.47 lakhs

CHAPTER- III

Performance Budget/Annual Report of the Department

A. Directorate of Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture :

The major schemes undertaken during the Financial Year 2025-26 under SOPD are-

- a) Grants-in-Aid of Rs.300.00 Lakhs has been released for **Karbi Youth Festival**.
- b) A state level research paper competition amongst research scholars and educationist has been organised on the topic **“Influence of Nature on Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture of Assam”**. The First, Second and Third position holders were awarded **Rs.75,000/-**, **Rs.50,000/-** and **Rs.30,000/-** respectively.

B. Directorate of Archaeology :

The Directorate of Archaeology, Assam had implemented the following Schemes under **Revenue (SOPD-G)** and **Capital (SOPD-G)** during the year **2025-26** with the allocated amount **Rs.234.74/- Lakh**, and **Rs. 566.04/- Lakh**, respectively, as follows –

2.1 Conservation and Development of Archaeological Sites & Monuments of Assam:

Sl	Scheme/Work Name	Amount (Rs. in Lakh)	Achievement
1	Alaboi War Memorial Day (5 th August, 2025)	1.10	100%
2	World Heritage Week (Seminar & Exhibition 2025-26)	17.65	100%
3	Renovation & Improvement of R.M Nath Archaeological Park, Hojai District	5.00	-
4	Maintenance and Conservation of 7(Seven) nos. of Archaeological Sites	15.51	100%
5	Rudreswar Devalaya Archaeological Site, North Guwahati, Kamrup District (Ongoing)	81.86279	100%
6	Kamakhya Temple, Silghat, Nagaon District (Ongoing)	38.19000	100%
7	Nrisingha Devalaya, Jakhalabandha, Nagaon District (Ongoing)	61.84000	100%
8	Development of H.O., Directorate of Archaeology, Assam, Ambari, Guwahati-01	10.00	100%
9	Development of Gupteswar Devalaya Archaeological Site, Dhekiajuli, Sonitpur District	20.00	100%
10	Excavation	15.00	100%
11	Maintenance of Charaideo Maidams Archaeological Site (World Heritage Site) (Phase-II)	27.00	100%

C. Directorate of Museums :

The Directorate of Museums, Assam comes under Grant No 80 and the Budget Head is (1) for Revenue Account : 2205- Art & Culture and (2) Capital Account : 4202- Capital outlay on Education, Sports , Art & Culture. The total Budget provision for the Directorate of Museum for the year 2025-26 are as follows:

Budget under Revenue Account (EE)	Rs 641.82 lakhs
Budget under Revenue Account (SOPD-G)	Rs 168.82 lakhs
Budget under Capital Account (EE)	Rs 15.96 lakhs
Budget under Capital Account (SOPD-G)	Rs 617.37 lakhs
Grand Total	Rs 1443.97 lakhs

1. Some Major Infrastructure development in the FY 2025-26:

Sl. No	Name of the work	Expenditure in Fy 2025-26 (Rs in lakhs)	Physical progress
1	Renovation and Transformation of the Kanak lal Barua Auditorium at the Assam State Museum.	94.89428	100%
2	Construction of proposed Museum including repair, renovation of existing Bor Bharal at Dakhinpat Satra, Majuli, Assam	69.23412	100%
3	Development and Setting up of the 2nd Campus of the Assam State Museum at the Swargadeo Chaolung Siu Ka Pha Samanway Kshetra at Jorhat (Phase I).	24.45661	90%
4	Construction of boundary wall at District Museum, Dhubri	16.92607	100%
5	Renovation and Up-gradation of Conference Room at Assam State Museum, Guwahati-1	20.26576	65%
6	Up-gradation and Redevelopment of Painting Gallery at Assam State Museum, Ambari, Guwahati-01	17.46566	80%
7	Replacement of tin roof at Old block at Assam State Museum, Ambari, Guwahati-1(Repairing of gutter & expansion joint including replacement of tin roof)	27.18967	74%
8	Earthwork and Site Development work for District Museum at Barpeta.	9.17509	100%

2. Academic Developments:

The following events were organized/celebrated:

Sl.	Activity Name
1	Celebration of 85th Foundation Day of Assam State Museum
2	Celebration of International Museum Day at Dibrugarh University
3	Behind the lens: Four Visions" – Exhibition on the occasion of Photography Day 2025 at Assam State Museum
4	Discover & Create : A Paper Craft Workshop - A Summer Camp for Young Explorers
5	Creative Summer Workshop on Craft Making at Assam State Museum, Guwahati-1
6	Terracotta Workshop at District Museum, Dhubri
7	Workshop on Conservation of paintings on canvas at Assam State Museum
8	Special Exhibition: "Muga -the Golden Thread of Assam: Dhakuakhana's Pride
9	National Conference on Conservation of Cultural Heritage at Assam State Museum, 2025-26
10	"Framing Assam: A Journey Through Assamese Cinema Heritage" at Assam State Museum
11	Quiz Competition on "Indian Culture and Heritage with reference to Museums" at Assam State Museum
12	Rup Barna Bak - Documenting evolution of Assamese as a Classical Language through literary evidences at Assam State Museum
13	Workshop: Re-creating sculptures of the Sculpture Gallery of Assam State Museum in clay and casting in fiber glass at Assam State Museum
14	Ceramic and Pottery Workshop at Assam State Museum on the occasion of Museum Festival, 2025
15	Workshop on Handicraft-Cane and Bamboo at District Museum, Barpeta
16	Creative Winter Workshop on Traditional Indian Metal Casting at Assam State Museum, Guwahati-1
17	Workshop on Preventive Conservation, Storage Management and Collection Documentation at District Museum, Mangaldai
18	Workshop on Conservation of Stone and Wooden Artefacts at Assam State Museum
19	Workshop : Museum as landscape at Assam State Museum
20	ঐতিহ্য – The Museum Festival, 2025-26
21	Temporary exhibition on Rupkonwar Jyotiprasad Agarwala on occasion of his death anniversary at Assam State Museum (2025-26)
22	Capacity building and training program for museum development and curation.
23	Heritage Walk 2025-26
24	Orientation Training Program at Directorate of Museums, Assam 2025-26
25	Discover & Create : A Paper Craft Workshop - A Summer Camp for Young Explorers
26	Creative Summer Workshop on Craft Making at Assam State Museum, Guwahati-1
27	Terracotta Workshop at District Museum, Dhubri

a) MOU was signed by the Directorate of Museums, Assam with :

1. Majuli University of Culture, Majuli
2. Dhakuakhana College, Dhakuakhana
3. Pragjyotish College, Guwahati
4. Cotton University
5. Swargadeo Choulung Siu ka Pha Samanway Kshetra, Jorhat.

b) The following publications were released :

1. Aalekh (Vol VI)
2. Aalekh (Vol VI)
3. Museum Connect
4. Souvenir –Otijya

D. Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies :

The annual allocation for the Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies for the year 2025-26 is **427.47 lakhs**. Under Revenue Account (SOPD) is Rs **14.25 lakhs** under Capital account (SOPD) is **Rs 130.04 lakhs**. Allocation under capital EE is Rs **28.50 lakhs** & Revenue EE is Rs **254.57 lakh**.

The major Schemes undertaken during the year 2025-26 under (SOPD-ODS) are:

1. Major Infrastructure development:

- (i) Construction of Head Assistant Chamber and 2 nos. toilet attached with Auditorium.
- (ii) Construction of Mini Museum
- (iii) Renovation of Auditorium Hall

2. Academic Development:

- (i) Conduct workshop and seminar on manuscript preparation and painting.
- (ii) Participation in the book fairs organized by Assam Publication Board.
- (iii) Digitization of Antique Materials.
- (iv) Installation of LAN and Wifi Router.
- (v) Purchase of Library books.
- (vi) This Directorate Published 7 nos of new books namely:
 - (a) Printing of **Hachitra Motsya Charit Sachipatia Puthi**.
 - (b) Printing of **Charjyapada**.
 - (c) Printing of **Asomor Hochitra Puthi**.
 - (d) Printing of **Sen Puthi Aru Senor Dorob**.
 - (e) **Kaitheli Ankar Itibritta**.
 - (f) **Folk Games of Assam**.
 - (g) **Kaityheli Anka**.
- (vii) Celebration of Independence and Republic day.
- (viii) Signing MoU with various educational institutions.
- (ix) Awareness programme conducted at different Colleges and Universities regarding preparation, preservation and conservation of manuscripts and historical documents.

CHAPTER- IV

Physical Targets Achieved during 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26

A. Directorate of Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture

a) During the year 2024-25: Grants-in-Aid awarded under SOPD for the following Schemes:

Sl	Scheme	Grants-in-Aid amount (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Grants-in-Aid to 200 Bathou Thansalis and 208 Brahma Mandirs @ Rs.5.00 Lakh each	2040.00
2	Construction of the third main Lokhimon temple of Lokhimon Ashram, Dolamora, Karbi Anglong	500.00
3	Grants-in-Aid to Dularai Bathou Gouthum (All Bathou Mahasabha) (Rs.500.00 Lakh for construction of cultural and heritage centre and Rs.50.00 Lakh for Triennial Bathou Mahasabha Meeting	550.00
4	Grants-in-Aid as 2 nd instalment to 6 Apex ITFC organisations @ Rs.10.00 Lakh each and 36 Places of Worship @ Rs.5.00 Lakh each.	240.00
Total		3330.00

b) During the year 2023-24: Grants-in-Aid awarded under SOPD for the following Schemes:

Sl	Scheme	Grants-in-Aid amount (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Grants-in-Aid of Rs.10.00 Lakh each to 18 nos. of Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Organizations and Rs.5.00 Lakh each to 73 nos. of Places of worship across the State of Assam.	545.00
2	Grants-in-Aid to Dularai Bathou Gouthum(All Bathou Mahasabha)	200.00
3	Grants-in-Aid to Kalicharan Brahma Sewashram, Bhairabkunda.	15.00
Total		Rs.760.00 Lakh

B. Directorate of Archaeology :**2022-23: During the year following targets were achieved:**

Sl. No	Name of Scheme	Physical Target	Achievement
I	II	III	IV
1	Students participation in preservation of Cultural Properties	1	100%
2	Awareness Programme (Alaboi War Memorial Day) 05 th August, 2022	1	100%
3	Awareness Programme at Tinsukia District	1	100%
4	World Heritage Week Celebration/Seminar and Exhibition 2022-23	1	100%
5	Basitha Temple Archaeological Site, Guwahati, Kamrup (M) District	1	100%
6	Chatrakar Temple Archaeological Site, Uzan Bazar, Kamrup (M) District	1	100%
7	SamdharaGarh, Kaliabor, Nagaon District	1	100%
8	Hatimura Archaeological Site, Jakhalabandha, Nagaon District	1	100%
9	Vishnu Doul, Kaloogaon, Sivasagar District	1	100%
10	R.M Nath Archaeological Site, Hojai District.	1	100%
11	Rausch Monument, Goalpara District	1	100%
12	Development of Garhgaon Capital Rampart Archaeological Site, Garhgaon, Sivasagar District	1	88%
13	Infrastructure/Protection, Preservation of CharaideoMaidam Archaeological Site, Charaideo District	1	80%
14	Preservation of Dhekiajuli, Gahpur and Sootia Police Station	1	100%
15	Protection, Preservation and Development of Kamakhya Temple Archaeological Site, Silghat, Kaliabor, Nagaon District	1	30%
16	Protection, Preservation and Development of Nrisingha Devalaya Archaeological Site, Jakhalabandha, Kaliabor, Nagaon District	1	30%
17	Infrastructure Development and Conservation of RudreswarDevalaya Archaeological Site, North-Guwahati ,Kamrup District	1	30%

2023-24: During the year following targets were achieved:

Sl	Scheme/Work Name	Physical Target	Achievement
1	Conservation at Tamreswar Devalaya Archaeological Site, Darrang District	1	87%
2	Restoration and Improvement at Ganesh Mandir Archaeological Site, Abhayapuri, Bongaingaon District.	1	100%
3	Renovation and Maintenance at Kajalichowki Archaeological Site, Kamrup(M) District.	1	100%
4	Protection and Preservation of Persian Rock Inscription, Kamrup (M) District.	1	-
5	Conservation of Hara-GauriDevalaya Archaeological Site, Sivasagar District.	1	100%
6	Restoration and Improvement at Rajbari Archaeological Site, Hojai, Nagaon District.	1	100%
7	Protection, Restoration and Development of MaghnowaDoul Archaeological Site, Lakhimpur District.	1	100%
8	Protection and Preservation of Jorpukhuri Ruins Archaeological Site, Darrang District.	1	-
9	Protection, Restoration and Development of Badarpur Fort Archaeological Site, Karimganj District.	1	42%
10	Protection, Restoration and Development of Moterjhar Temple Archaeological Site, Dhubri District.	1	-
11	Excavation at Gupteswar Devalaya, Sonitpur District.	1	71%
12	Infrastructure/Protection, Preservation of Charaideo Maidam Archaeological Site, Charaideo District	1	91%
13	Protection, Preservation and Development of Kamakhya Temple Archaeological Site, Silghat, Kaliabor, Nagaon District	1	95%
14	Protection, Preservation and Development of Nrisingha Devalaya Archaeological Site, Jakhalabandha, Kaliabor, Nagaon District	1	37%
15	Infrastructure Development and Conservation of Rudreswar Devalaya Archaeological Site, North-Guwahati, Kamrup District	1	10%

2024-25: During the year following targets were achieved:

Sl.No.	Name of Scheme	Physical Target	Achievement
I	II	III	IV
1	Revenue (SOPD-G) 26-Other Charges-99-Others: Seminars, Exhibitions and Excavation	5	100%
2	Capital (SOPD-G) 14- Minor Works-01-Normal- i) Maintenance of Archaeological Sites and Monuments. ii) Renovation and Improvement of Archaeological Sites. iii) Conservation and Maintenance of Archaeological Sites	6	100%
6	Capital (SOPD-G) 860-35-99. Development of Archaeological Sits and Monyuemnts of Assam	7	100%
7	13-99. Major Works: i. 497- Protection, Preservation and Development of Charaideo Maidams Archaeological Site.	1	100%

C. Directorate of Museums:

(i) During FY 2023-24:

Sl No	Name of the work	Expenditure (Rs in Lakhs)
1	Construction of proposed Museum including repair, renovation of existing Bor Bharal at Dakhinpat Satra, Majuli, Assam.	49.03781
2	Consultancy service for the work " Setting up of Museum at Dakhinpat Sattrra at Majuli"	4.24008
3	Earthwork and Site Development work for District Museum at Barpeta	8.15644
4	Earthwork and Site Development work for District Museum at Barpeta.	11.26656
5	Construction of Patharughat Memorial Museum(phase-I)	32.00
6	Roof treatment and revised internal layout of District Museum, Mangaldai	3.99676
7	Development of the Photographic Laboratory and Studio, Art Studio and dismantling of the Ethnographic gallery at Assam State Museum	5.24616
8	Interior painting of the first block of the Assam State Museum, Guwahati-1.	7.38399

9	1.Celebration of Foundation Day of Assam State Museum, 2023	0.999
10	2nd Late R. D. Chaudhury Memorial Lecture 2023 at Assam State Museum, Guwahati - 1	1.744
11	Celebration of International Museum Day 2023 at District Museum, Tezpur on 18th and 19th May 2023	4.51
12	Illumination of buildings and premises of Assam State Museum, Ambari during the Independence Day,2023	0.65
13	Celebration and Illumination of buildings and premises of Assam State Museum, Guwahati from 23rd -26th January during Republic Day 2024	0.7
14	Creative Museum Summer Workshop on Sholapith Art and Craft Tradition of Assam	2.23
15	Participation of Assam State Museum in the International Museum Expo 2023 at Paragati Maidan, New Delhi from 18th to 21st May 2023	5.8
16	Workshop on Preventive Conservation of Textiles at Assam State Museum, Guwahati - 1	2.62
17	Workshop on Assamese Manuscript Paintings at Assam State Museum, Guwahati - 1	1.282
18	Lecture on Appreciation of Art at Assam State Museum, Guwahati-1	1.235
19	Supply and installation of signages and wayfinders at Assam State Museum, Guwahati-1	7.5
20	Creation of master database and development of infographic Portraying of Chronicles of Mahatma Gandhi and Unsung Freedom Fighters of Assam at Assam State Museum, Guwahati-1. (Phase - I).	11.2061

(ii) During the FY 2024-25:

Sl No	Name of the work	Expenditure (Rs in Lakhs)
1.	Construction of Patharughat Memorial Museum phaseI	32.87786
2.	Construction of proposed Museum including repair renovation of existing Bor Bharal at Dakhinpat Satra Majuli Assam	98.96857
3.	Earthwork and Site Development work for District Museum at Barpeta	34.24455
4.	Construction of proposed Museum including repair renovation of existing Bor Bharal at Dakhinpat Satra Majuli Assam	7.53
5.	Renovation and Transformation of KanaklalBaruah Auditorium at Assam State Museum Guwahati-01	56.49
6.	Development and Setting up of the 2nd Campus of the Assam State Museum at the Swargadeo Chaolung Siu Ka Pha Samanway Kshetra at Jorhat Phase-I	23.23

7.	Renovation and Transformation of Kanaklal Baruah Auditorium at Assam State Museum Guwahati	4.38524
8.	Procurement of Architectural Tools	1.78
9.	Procurement of Art Materials and equipments for Assam State Museum	1.1502
10.	Procurement of photography tools and equipments	5.00827
11.	Procurement of 2 two numbers of Dehumidifier for Assam State Museum Guwahat	0.598
12.	Roof treatment and revised internal layout of District Museum Mangaldai	4.99771
13.	Gallery Development at District Museum Mangaldai	7.60229
14.	Construction of driveway with paver tiles Block at the Assam State Museum Guwahati01	6.0096
15.	Topographical Survey of Bharat Ratna Gopinath Bordoloi Memorial Museum Site at Raha	0.1475
16.	Repainting of Administrative building of Directorate of Museums at Ambari Guwahati1	9.26963
17.	Procurement of IT Hardware items for Directorate of Museums Assam and Assam State Museum for the year 202425	1.7192
18.	Procurement of IT Hardware items for Directorate of Museums Assam and Assam State Museum for the year 202425	0.09756
19.	Procurement of IT Hardware items for Directorate of Museums Assam and Assam State Museum for the year 2024-25	1.764
20.	Procurement and installation of freestanding kiosk interactive kiosk at Assam State Museum Ambari Guwahati	1.39998
21.	Printing of 1 Assam State Museum Guide Book 2 AALEKH Vol. V 3 Museum Connect	2.3616
22.	Printing of official journal AALEKH Vol. IV	0.3635
23.	Printing of 1 Museum Connect 2 Brochure Assam State Museum and 3 Conservation Manual	0.8976
24.	Repair and Renovation of staircase roof at District Museum Dibrugarh in storm damage	1.52176
25.	Comprehensive and Preventive maintenance of the Iron removal filter and Plumbing works at Assam State Museum Ambari Guwahati for the year 2023-24	2.90747
26.	Comprehensive annual maintenance of 125 KVA Kirloskar green DG set installed at Assam State Museum Guwahati for the period 01-07-2023 to 30-06-2024	2.1927
27.	Comprehensive Preventive Maintenance of 3 Three Numbers Passenger Lift at the Assam State Museum Guwahati-1	2.06424

28.	Celebration and Illumination of Buildings and premises of the Assam State Museum during Independence Day for the year 2024-25	0.63
29.	Workshop on Conservation of Paintings on Canvas Science and Ethics	1.365
30.	Lecture and demonstration on Sukonani Ojapali and Deodhaani Naach at Assam State Museum	0.235
31.	3 rd Late Dr. R D Chaudhury Memorial Lecture 2024 at Assam State Museum	1.22
32.	Celebration and Illumination of Buildings and premises of the Assam State Museum during Republic Day 2025 from 23 rd January 2025 to 26 th January 2025	0.66949
33.	Creative winter workshop at Assam State Museum	0.23836
34.	Workshop on Conservation of Stone Artifacts at District Museum Tezpur	1.97999
35.	Topographic Survey and Preparation of as built construction documents of Assam State Museum Ambari Guwahati 1	2.124
36.	Creative Museum Summer Workshop in Assam State Museum	2.055
37.	Workshop on Reorganization of Reserve Storage of Assam State Museum Guwahati-1	2.26
38.	Workshop on Preparation of Archival Storage Box Folders and Enclosures at Assam State Museum Guwahati-1	1.09
39.	Quiz Competition on Indian Culture and Heritage with reference to Museums	0.285
40.	Participation of Assam State Museum Guwahati in the International Museum Expo 2024	0.65424
41.	Celebration of 85th Foundation Day of Assam State Museum on 21 st April, 2024	0.19717
42.	Celebration of International Museum Day at District Museum Diphu Karbi Aanglong on 18 th May, 2024	0.36
43.	Scroll Painting Workshop and Exhibition of artworks at Assam State Museum	1.15
44.	Exhibition on Photographs and Photography	2.999
45.	Creation of digital user interface for Master database and Advance Infographic Presentation of Pictorial Gallery of Mahatma Gandhi and Freedom Fighters of Assam at Assam State Museum Guwahati 1	6.89
46.	Creation of master database and development of infographic Portraying of Chronicles of Mahatma Gandhi and Unsung Freedom Fighters of Assam at Assam State Museum Guwahati 1	1.67144
47.	Procurement of Architectural 3D Rendering Software	1.78416

(i) During the FY 2025-26:

Sl No	Name of the work	Expenditure (Rs in Lakhs)
1.	Up-gradation and Redevelopment of Painting Gallery at Assam State Museum, Ambari, Guwahati-01	17.46566
2.	Construction of Brick Boundary wall over Random Rubble Masonry Wall at the Low lying portion at Pathrighat Museum Complex (Southern side), Patharughat, Sipajhar	10.53015
3.	Setting up of Cafeteria and Souvenir shop at Assam State Museum	5.36009
4.	Development of Creche at Directorate of Museums, Guwahati-1	2.07850
5.	Development of Multipurpose Terrace space at Admin Building Directorate of Museums, Assam	0.92999
6.	Development of Lobby Space of Assam State Museum Second Campus, Jorhat, Mohbondha.	3.06611
7.	Development of gallery at District Museum, Mangaldai	4.96770
8.	Replacement of tin roof at Old block at Assam State Museum, Ambari, Guwahati-1(Repairing of gutter & expansion joint including replacement of tin roof)	27.18967
9.	Painting of Assam State Museum Buildings, at Ambari, Guwahati-1	17.00017
10.	Repainting of Administrative building of Directorate of Museums at Ambari (Liability from 24-25)	1.77458
11.	Renovation and Transformation of the Kanak Lal Barua Auditorium at the Assam State Museum.	94.89428
12.	Earthwork and Site Development work for District Museum at Barpeta.	9.17509
13.	Construction of 2nd Entrance gate with Security cabin at Assam State Museum, Guwahati-1	7.32812
14.	Construction of proposed Museum including repair, renovation of existing Bor Bharal at Dakhinpat Satra, Majuli, Assam	69.23412
15.	Implementation of Comprehensive Fire Detection System at Assam State Museum, Ambari, Guwahati	21.07995
16.	Implementation of Comprehensive Security and Safety System at Assam State Museum, Ambari,	15.94
17.	Development and Setting up of the 2nd Campus of the Assam State Museum at the Swargadeo Chaolung Siu Ka Pha Samanway Kshetra at Jorhat (Phase I).	24.45661
18.	Construction of boundary wall at District Museum, Dhubri	16.92607

19.	Renovation and Up-gradation of Conference Room at Assam State Museum, Guwahati-1.	20.26576
20.	Procurement of machinery and equipment for Assam State Museum 2025-26	2.30303
21.	Purchase of Air Conditioner and accessories for Exhibition Hall of Assam State Museum	3.9435
22.	Purchase of Computer Hardware	5.65754
23.	License renewal of i) Architectural 3D Rendering Software (Lumion Pro) ii) Architectural Design Software (AutoCAD LT with Kiri Engine) & Purchase of i) Microsoft 365 Business. ii) Adobe Creative Cloud All Apps.	2.92613
24.	Design, Development & Hosting of website for Assam State	2.4426
25.	Publication	5.60008
26.	Thematic development of the reception lobby of the Assam State Museum	3.51071
27.	Repair and maintenance of various infrastructure components at Assam State Museum, Guwahati-01	2.47137
28.	Overhauling of External Water Supply Infrastructure at Assam State Museum, Guwahati-1	4.81035
29.	Behind the lens: Four Visions" – Exhibition on the occasion of Photography Day 2025 at Assam State Museum	4.1851
30.	Discover & Create : A Paper Craft Workshop - A Summer Camp for Young Explorers	0.39053
31.	Creative Summer Workshop on Craft Making at Assam State Museum, Guwahati-1	0.47303
32.	Terracotta Workshop at District Museum, Dhubri	0.56205
33.	Workshop on Conservation of paintings on canvas at Assam State Museum	11.8
34.	Special Exhibition: "Muga -the Golden Thread of Assam: Dhakuakhana's Pride	3.53823
35.	National Conference on Conservation of Cultural Heritage at Assam State Museum, 2025-26	8.5085
36.	“Framing Assam: A Journey Through Assamese Cinema Heritage” at Assam State Museum	4.01955
37.	Quiz Competition on “Indian Culture and Heritage with reference to Museums” at Assam State Museum	0.35157
38.	Rup Barna Bak - Documenting evolution of Assamese as a Classical Language through literary evidences at Assam State Museum	2.203

39.	Workshop: Re-creating sculptures of the Sculpture Gallery of Assam State Museum in clay and casting in fiber glass at Assam State Museum	3.03206
40.	Ceramic and Pottery Workshop at Assam State Museum on the occasion of Museum Festival, 2025	2.44207
41.	Workshop on Handicraft-Cane and Bamboo at District Museum, Barpeta	0.81026
42.	Creative Winter Workshop on Traditional Indian Metal Casting at Assam State Museum, Guwahati-1	2.68238
43.	Workshop on Preventive Conservation, Storage Management and Collection Documentation at District Museum, Mangaldai	0.58773
44.	Workshop on Conservation of Stone and Wooden Artefacts at Assam State Museum	3.73604
45.	Workshop : Museum as landscape at Assam State Museum	2.56986
46.	ঐতিহ্য-The Museum Festival, 2025-26	33.23945
47.	Temporary exhibition on Rupkonwar Jyotiprasad Agarwala on occasion of his death anniversary at Assam State Museum (2025-26)	3.255
48.	Capacity building and training program for museum development and curation.	0.9698
49.	Heritage Walk 2025-26	0.32682
50.	Orientation Training Program at Directorate of Museums, Assam 2025-26	0.24694

D. Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies :

Physical Targets Achieved during 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26

(i)During 2021-22

SI No.	Name of the work	Expenditure (Rs in lakhs)
1	Providing sound system in Auditorium hall	1.99113
2	Printing of 4 nos. of books	6.92460
3	Digitization of Antique material	57.00

(ii)During 2022-23

SI No.	Name of the work	Expenditure (Rs in lakhs)
1	Purchase of books and periodicals	0.95134
2	Inauguration of Dr. R.D. Choudhury library	2.98300
3	Publication of Departmental Souvenir and Handbook	2.78200

(iii) During 2023-24

SI No.	Name of the work	Expenditure (Rs in lakhs)
1	Conduct of 2days workshop on manuscript	6.82300
2	Digitization of antique materials	40.22108
3	Purchase of 2 nos. lapotop	0.83542
4	Purchase of 2 nos. laser jet printer	0.47371

(iv) During 2024-25

SI No.	Name of the work	Expenditure (Rs in lakhs)
1	Conduct of 3 nos. of workshop Entitled: (1) Paper Preservation and Conservation of Library Materials (2) Reading, Writing and Preservation of old and rare Manuscripts preserved in DHAS (3) Preparation, Reading and Preservation of Buddhist Manuscripts	2.29500 1.68100 1.37000
2	Supply of Desktop, UPS, Laptop	5.43980
3	Supply of one compactor	3.65

(v) During 2025-26

SI No.	Name of the work	Expenditure (Rs in lakhs)
1	(i) 8 Day workshop on Archival Storage	3.44000
	(ii) Workshop on Painting Reading and Writing of old Assamese Script	1.68327
	(iii) Assamese Script Reading Writing and Painting	1.35950
	(iv) Workshop on Painting of Manuscripts Patsaku	1.21000
	(v) Workshop DHSK	1.35500
	(vi) Workshop Anirudha University	1.55000
	(vii) Narayani Handiqui Lecture Series	2.23950
	(viii) Workshop Nalbari	1.03550
	Total	13.87277
2	Installation of LAN and Wifi Router	1.24530
3	Supply of one compactor	5.10000
4	Purchase of Library books	0.71748

CHAPTER- V

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

Action Taken Report on the recommendation as per Departmentally Related Standing Committee on education 2025-26 of Directorate of Archaeology, Assam. (Grant No.80)

Sl No.	Observations and Recommendations	Actions Taken
1	2	3
1.	The Committee earlier recommended to the Department to preserve Narzang Borai-Narzang Burai Dham as a religious and tourist attraction at Salakati in Kokrajhar. The committee also recommended developing Talatal Ghar as an archaeological site and for beautification as a tourist attraction.	The Narzang Borai -Narzang Burai Dham does not fall under the purview of the Directorate of Archaeology, under the Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department. Therefore, this has been sent from the end of the Directorate of Archaeology to the Joint Secretary, Department of Museum and Archaeology, Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar, vide letter No. ARCH.426/2024-25, Dtd 11th June 2024. (copy enclosed)[Annexure-I]. Further, in this connection, the Joint Secretary, Department of Museum and Archaeology, Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar has also been requested to submit a report regarding preservation of the site as a religious tourist attraction vide Letter NO.ARCH.426/Pt./2025-26/I/436873/2026, dtd. 12/02/2026 (Copy enclosed) (Annexure IA) The Talatal Ghar is a monument under the protection of Archaeological Survey of India. However, the Directorate of Archaeology, has sent a letter to Archaeological Survey of India, Guwahati Circle regarding the matter (vide letter No.ARCH.426/2025-26, dated 1st July 2025)[Annexure-II] Accordingly, Archaeological Survey of India has submitted a report to the Directorate of Archaeology, (vide letter No.4/60/2025-26(M)-1269, dtd 09/07/2025) [Annexure-III] and provided details of developmental and conservation works at Talatal Ghar.
2.	The committee recommends for preserving Hadirachowki with necessary development.	The Directorate of Archaeology, has explored the Hadirachowki site and the exploration report (Annexure-IV) is enclosed herewith. The site needs detail exploration and partial excavation to establish the authenticity and integrity of the site for which license from the Archaeological Survey of India needs to be acquired along with sufficient fund from the State Government.

		However, the Directorate of Archaeology does not have budget provision for exploration at the site for the current financial year 2025-26. The matter will be taken up in the next Financial Year 2026-27.
3.	The committee recommends conducting a joint survey with the concerned Department to preserve Tukreswari Devalaya.	The Directorate of Archaeology has conducted a joint survey with the Temple committee. The report of which is enclosed herewith. (Annexure-V)
4.	The committee recommends to provide additional funds for the beautification and maintenance of the Jaljali Pukhuri at Mangaldai.	The Jaljali Pukhuri Archaeological site has a site Museum constructed by the Directorate of Archaeology. In this connection, the Directorate of Archaeology, has prepared an abstract of Cost amounting to Rs. 3,40,80,500 (Rupees Three Crores Forty Lakhs Eighty Thousand Five hundred, only) (copy enclosed at Annexure-VI) for the purpose of “Infrastructure Development and Landscaping of Jaljali Pukhuri Archaeological Site”, which is subject to availability of Budget provision in the next financial year of 2026-27.
5.	The Committee reiterate its earlier recommendation no 5 of Report No. 62 and recommends to re-visit Chintamonigarh, Lahdoigarh and Gomdhar Konwar Khetra, Assam by the Archaeology Department involving local MLA and Local administration with District Commissioner of the district during the Survey. The committee also recommends enlisting Gomdhar Khetra under the Directorate of Archaeology, Assam.	The Directorate of Archaeology has explored the sites of Chintamonigarh, Lahdoigarh and Gomdhar Konwar Khetra, Assam. (Inspection Report at Annexure-VII) The District Commissioner, Jorhat, is yet to handover the archaeological site of Chintamani Garh. In this connection, a reminder letter has also been sent to DC, Jorhat. (Letter to DC Jorhat at Annexure-VIII). Further, as regards Lahdoigarh, since the site of Ladoigarh has been transformed into a motorable road, it cannot be handed over to the Directorate as a historical site. However, the DC Jorhat has been requested to take initiative to install a Cultural Notice Board reiterating its historical significance vide letter no ARCH.426/Pt.2025-26/I/436732/2026, dt. 12/02/2026. (Copy enclosed at Annexure VIII A)
6.	The committee reiterate its earlier recommendation no. 6 of Report No. 62 and recommends to re-conduct a survey at Gabharu Hill at Mariani where a 'Hiloi' used by the Ahom kings were recovered. The Committee also recommends to involve local MLA and local administration with the District Commissioner of the District during the survey.	The Directorate of Archaeology conducted a survey of the GABHARU hill at Mariani with Shri Rupjyoti Kurmi, Hon'ble MLA, Mariani LAC, report of which is enclosed herewith (Inspection Report at Annexure-IX). However, a detailed exploration is required at the site which will be taken up in the next FY 2026-27 subject to adequate budget provision and necessary permission and license from the Archaeological Survey of India.
7.	The Committee recommends to development of the Maghnowa Doul Archaeological Site.	The Directorate of Archaeology has been carrying out developmental works at Maghnowa Doul Archaeological site (Inspection Report at Annexure- X-XI).

		However, there is scope for further development of the Site subject to availability of Budget provision.
8	The Committee recommends that the Grants-in-Aid should be increased for the traditional houses like Baithow, Donyi-Polo etc.	In respect of Directorate of Indigenous and Tribal faith and Culture ,Department of Indigenous and Tribal faith and Culture had submitted Budget proposal for Rs 4025.00 Lakh for 2026-27 to Finance Department at the time of Budget Preparation. However, Finance Department has allocated Rs 1500.00 Lakh in respect of the said Directorate. Out of which, Rs 1168.33 lakh is kept for Grants-In-Aid , Rs 200.00 lakh for events and fairs and Rs 100.00 lakh for Karbi Youth festival and Rs 31.67 lakh for Assam State Manuscript Mission (<i>already allotted in Vote on Account Budget which however is now transferred to Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies</i>) .

Action taken on the Observations and recommendations of the 15th Assembly, 2nd Report of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee of Education, Assam Legislative Assembly on Art and Culture & The Indigenous and Tribal faith and Culture Department (Grant No 27 & 80) presented to the house on 21st March,2025.

Directorate of Museums:

The Statement to be submitted by the Department : Point No 5 The Committee directed the Department to submit the detailed probable expenditure statement that will be made in the year 2025-26 amounting to Rs 9.50 lakhs under the Head of Account 15-Machinery and Equipment / Tools and Plants.			
Action Taken: In the FY 2025-26 the budget allocation under the HoA : 4202-04-106-0699-000-15-01-SOPD(Machinery and Equipment / Tools and Plants) was Rs 9.50 lakhs after re-appropriation an amount Rs 6.50 lakhs was available and the expenditure incurred was Rs 6.24653 lakhs . The following equipment were procured in the FY 2025-26:			
Sl No	Name of Items	Quantity	Cost Incurred (Rs in lakhs)
1.	Extra Refrigerant Pipe For Air Conditioners	41 mtr	0.48790
2.	Extra Refrigerant Pipe For Air Conditioners	41 mtr	0.47150
3.	Unbranded Extra Electrical Cable	240 mtr	0.25200
4.	Unbranded Schedule 80 Type CpvC Industrial Pipe	30 mtr	0.8910
5.	Split Air Conditioner, Ceiling Mount Type 2 Ton 5star	3	2.64300
6.	360* Camera and Lens for camera	1	0.65000
7.	External Flash for camera	1	0.20990
8.	Double boiler for laboratory	1	0.5600

9.	Unbranded Chipping Hammer Drill	1	0.30000
10	Selfie Stick for 3600 camera	1	0.13000
11	Trigger for Camera	1	0.6490
12	Unbranded ABS Plastic Ultra violet torch, 10 Watt	2	0. 2580
13	Pressure Controlled Vacuum Cleaner	1	0.46964
14	Xiaomi TV 55 inches X Series	1	0.39679
	Total		6.24653

Rupees Six Lakhs Twenty Four thousand six hundred and fifty three only

Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies:

The Statement to be submitted by the Department : Point No 1 The Committee directed the Department to submit the detailed expenditure statement regarding the budget provision of the year 2024-25 amounting to Rs.7.40 lakhs under the Head of Account 26-04-Organisation of Event/Fair and functions			
Action Taken:			
In the FY 2024-25 the budget allocation under the HoA : 2205-00-103-0695-000-26-04-SOPD-G (Event/Fair) was Rs 7.40 lakhs. The following workshops were held in the FY 2024-25:			
1	Workshop on “Paper Prservation and Conservation of library Materials”.	2.29500	Total budgetRs. in lakhs
2	Workshop on “Reading Writing and Preservation of Old and Rare Manuscripts Preserved in DHAS	1.68100	7.40
3	Workshop on “Preparation, Reading and Preservation Buddhist Manuscript”	1.37000	
4	Workshop on “Skill of Manuscript Making”	0.55347	
5	Workshop on “Reading , Making and Preservation of Manuscripts in Tai Ahom Language	1.44490	
	Total	7.34437	

The Statement to be submitted by the Department : Point No 1 The Committee also directed the Department to submit the details enhanced budget provision including the budget breakup of the 2025-26 which is twice higher than last year			
Action Taken:			
In the FY 2025-26 the budget allocation under the HoA : 2205-00-103-0695-000-26-04-SOPD-G (Event/Fair) was Rs.14.25 lakhs. The following workshops were held in the FY 2025-26:			
1	8 days Workshop on” Archival Storage box and enclosures and re-organization of the collection of library storages	3.44000	Total budgetRs. in lakhs

2	Workshop on “Painting , Reading and Writing of Old Assamese Script”.	1.59911	14.25
3	Workshop on “Assamese script Reading, writing and painting”.	1.35950	
4	Workshop on “Painting of Manuscript”	1.21000	
5	Workshop on “Assamese script Reading, writing and painting”.	1.35500	
6	Workshop on “Making and preservation of manuscripts”.	1.55000	
7	Workshop on “Painting , Reading and Writing of Old Assamese Script”.	1.03550	
8	Workshop on “Narayani Handiqui Lecture Series”.	2.23950	
Total		13.78861	

The Statement to be submitted by the Department : Point No 6 The Committee directed the Department to submit the detailed probable expenditure statement that will be made in the year 2025-26 amounting to Rs. 27.55 lakh under Head-07-publication

Action Taken:

In the FY 2025-26 the budget allocation under the HoA : 2205-00-103-0695-000-07-02(Publication) was Rs.27.55 lakhs. The following books were published in the FY 2025-26:

1	i)Senputhiaru Senor dorob ii) Kaitheli Anka iii) Kaitheli Anka Itibrita	4.62240	Total budget Rs. in lakhs
2	i)Folk Games of Assam ii) Assamar Hochitra Puthi	2.15120	27.55
3	Hocitra Matsya Charit	3.46500	
4	Charyapada	1.07550	
Total	7 nos.	11.31410	

Directorate of Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture

A) Statement on excess budget proposal for the year 2023-2024 against Head of Account-2205-00-800-4603-000-06-01-EE-GA-V (Rents, Rates & Taxes / Royalty-Rents for Hired Building)

- 1) An agreement was executed by the Directorate of Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture represented by the Director, ITFC with Assam State Co-operative Housing Federation Ltd. (HOUSEFED) represented by the Managing Director, HOUSEFED on 25/02/2022 fixing the amount and terms and conditions for taking anrent an office space of 3300 sq. ft. at 2nd floor of Block-5 in Housefed Complex, Last Gate, Guwahati-06. The amount was fixed at Rs.99,000/- per month exclusive of GST and other charges for 3 years. Total cost including GST was calculated @Rs.1,16,820/- per month (total at Rs.14,01,840 for 12 months). The agreement was valid till

28/02/2025. Fresh agreement will be executed on receipt of notice/intimation from Assam State Co-operative Housing Federation Ltd. (HOUSEFED)

- 2) The then Director, ITFC submitted budget proposal to the Government for the Financial Year 2023-24 where the amount for house rent for the for the financial year was proposed at Rs.28,50,000/- Lakh against actual requirement of Rs.14,01,840 and the said amount was allotted by the Government.
- 3) The reason for excessive budget proposal could not be found out on examination of available files & records.

B) Statement on pending liabilities of Rs.10.52 Lakh against Head of Account-2205- 00- 800-4603-00005-05-EE-GA-V (Payment for Professional and Special Services- House Keeping)

This Directorate was constituted on 27/10/2021 vide notification No.ITFC.40/2021/9 dated 27/10/2021. As there was no permanent staff, outsourcing was first done for engagement of 1 Research Officer and 1 peon for 15 days in the month of December, 2022 and 2 Research Officers, 4 Peons, 1 Driver and 1 Cleaner was done since January, 2023 to June,2023. The services of 1 Driver, 4 Peon, 2 Cleaner and 1 Chowkidar were again outsourced from July, 2023 to January 9, 2024. The office started functioning at the 2nd Floor of Block-5 of Housefed Complex, Last Gate, Guwahati-06 since April, 2022. Budget proposal was submitted for Rs.10.00 Lakh against Head of Account-2205- 00- 800-4603-000-05-05-EE-GA-V (Payment for Professional and Special Services- House Keeping) for the year 2022-23 but Rs.4.50 Lakh was allotted. Again budget proposal for Rs.6.00 Lakh for the said head was submitted for 2023-24, but Rs.4.5 Lakh was allotted. Due to shortfall of budget the outstanding amount of Rs.10.52 Lakh could not be paid to the vendor.

In the meantime, creation of sanctioned posts of Director (1), Joint Director (1), Finance and Accounts Officer (1), Registrar (1), Superintendent (1), Senior Assistant (2), Accountant (1), Librarian (1) and Junior Assistant (4) were communicated vide Government letter no.ITFC.163/2021/31 dated 02/03/2022 and 4 of the said posts were filled up (Junior Assistants) on 01/06/2023. It is to be mentioned that in-charge Directors have been serving this directorate since its inception. In January, 2024, 1 Junior Assistant, 5 Peon (MTS) and 1 Chowkidar were deployed by the Government from various departments under Assam Mobility of Employees of State Government and other Establishment of Government (For Optimum Utilization of Available Manpower for Efficiency) Act, 2023.

CHAPTER- VI

A brief note in respect of Grant No 80.

The ITFC Department falls under Grant No 80, Art and Culture & Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department. The Department comprises of 4(four) Directorates namely, Directorate of ITFC, Directorate of Museums, Directorate of Archaeology and Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies. The basic mandate of this Department is to- act as the nodal Department for promotion, formulation and implementation of policies and programmes for welfare and all-round development of the indigenous tribal people of the State. The Department will also be responsible for protection, preservation of the indigenous faith and culture of the tribal people of the State by virtue of various means viz by compilation in book formats (both hard and soft formats), in academic libraries/ digital libraries, through regular promotional activities, podcasting/vodcasting methods etc.

1. Directorate of Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture :

The Directorate has been submitting Budget Estimate under Grant 80. The Directorate of Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture was formed on 27/10/2021. This Directorate is working towards the protection, promotion and preservation of the Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture in the State by supporting various organisations, Places of Worship and research works.

2. Directorate of Archaeology :

For the Financial Year 2025-26 the Directorate of Archaeology received the budget allocation under Revenue Account [Rs.234.74Lakh (SOPD-G)+Rs. 581.68Lakh (EE)]=Rs. 816.42Lakh and Rs. 601.67Lakh under Capital Account, details as follows:

EXPENDITURE BUDGET ESTIMATE 2025-26

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl No.	Head of Account	2025-26		Total BUDGET
	“2205-Art & Culture 0696. Directorate of Archaeology 103. Archaeology” Detailed Heads-	SOPD	EE	
<i>I</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>III</i>	<i>IV</i>	<i>V</i>
2205-Revenue Account of Education, Sports, Art and Culture				
<i>I</i>	01-Salary	-	433.09	
<i>II</i>	03-Travelling Expenses – 01 Regular	-	14.25	
<i>III</i>	04-Office Expenses	-	50.37	
<i>IV</i>	05-Payment of Professional & Special Services			
	01- Remuneration for Professional Services	190.00	-	

	03- Consultancy Fees	-	1.90	
	05 - Housekeeping	-	51.00	
<i>V</i>	06-Rents Rates & Taxes/ Royalty-02 Rates & Taxes	-	0.26	
<i>VI</i>	07-Publication-02 Publication of Books and Research Papers	-	2.85	
<i>VII</i>	14-Minor Works-01 Normal	-	4.50	
<i>VIII</i>	17-Maintenance-05 Asset Maintenance		20.51	
	26- Other Charges			
<i>IX</i>	04-Organisation of Events/Fair & Functions	44.74	2.00	
	10-Conduct of Recruitment Exams/Deptt Exams	-	0.95	
<i>A</i>	Sub-total (A)	234.74	581.68	
4202- Capital Account of Education, Sports, Arts & Culture				
<i>I</i>	04-OE-06 Furniture	-	6.18	
<i>II</i>	13-Major Works-01 Normal	285.82	-	
<i>III</i>	15-Machinery & Equipment/Tools & Plants-01 Machinery & Equipment	-	4.75	
<i>IV</i>	16-Purchase of Motor Vehicles-02 Purchase of Functional Vehicles	-	15.20	
<i>V</i>	99-IT-02 Purchase of Hardware	-	6.50	
<i>VI</i>	99-IT-03 Purchase of IT Consumable	-	3.00	
<i>VII</i>	497Charaideo Maidams-13 Major Works-01 Normal	280.22	-	
<i>B</i>	Sub-total (B)	566.04	35.63	
Grand Total (A+B)		800.78	617.31	

ABSTRACT (Rs. in Lakh)

SOPD-G	234.74	566.04	800.78
EE	581.68	35.63	617.31
Grand Total	816.42	601.67	1418.09

3. The Directorate of Museums :

With the mandate to collect, preserve and display timeless heritage objects, new district Museums buildings are planned at Barpeta and Dhubri and steps shall be taken for allocation of land for construction of a Tribal Heritage Museum and the District Museum at Silchar. The works for the second campus of the Assam State Museum at the Swargadeo Chaolung Siu Ka Pha Samanway Kshetra at Jorhat is nearly over. Construction works of the Patharughat Memorial Museum and the Museum at Dakshinpat Xatra has been completed.

4. Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies :

The main Aim of the Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies is to collect, preservation, translation and publication of historical documents. This Directorate digitized manuscripts, old and rare documents including newspaper, magazine, books etc preserved at DHAS. In this regard a website is under develop and will be launched soon

**OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL FAITH AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT
GRANT NO. 80**

The Committee after holding threadbare discussions and on close scrutiny the Budget provision in Grant No. 80 the Department of **INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL FAITH AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT** and on the evidences tendered by the departmental representative made the following observations and the committee also observed that in the last meeting, the Department has been left to fulfill some of the Recommendations given by the committee.

Therefore the committee recommends to the Department to implementations the following Recommendations.

1. The committee observed that the office of the Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies situated in Panbazar is in a dilapidated condition at present. Many precious archaeological manuscripts including the newspapers since 1923 are preserved there. The Committee therefore, directed the department to renovate the building with modern techniques and steps should be taken to preserve the historical treaties and records using full digitalization with utmost importance.
2. The Committee also recommended to appoint an expert for preservations of these historical treaties and records and also to appoint one language expert in the Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies.
3. The Committee recommended that one museum should be constructed in Palasbari and Goreswar in Tamulpur district.
4. The Committee further recommended that provisions should be made to preserve the Merghar, Bagheswari Mandir, Tiymari Than in Kulsi under Palasbari.
5. The Committee also recommended that the Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies should be formed as a full fledged directorate and fund may be allocated to meet all the logistic the expenses.
6. The Committee observed that there are many small tribes in Barak Valley. Therefore, the Committee directed the department to preserve the cultural structures of these tribes in Barak valley and also to provide Grant-in Aid for their religious faith and institutions.
7. The Committee also recommended that a model structure for the religious institutions to be constructed by Government.
8. The Committee observed that the fund provided for the traditional religious faith and institutions are not sufficient. Therefore, the Committee strongly recommended that budget provision should be increased upto 25 lakh for each construction of such institutions.
9. The Committee observed that there is a historical place in Barail Hills in Barkhola. Therefore, the Committee recommends conducting a joint survey with the concerned department to the area of Barail Hills and Rajabari of Cachar for their preservation.
10. The Committee recommended that budget provision should be kept for “Majhi Than” of the people of Santal Community in the state for their traditional faith and culture.

11. The Committee observed that there is no boundary wall in Mikirati archaeological site in Dabaka and hence recommended that boundary wall should be constructed as soon as possible. Further the Committee recommends that all the ancient Kacharis ruins site should be preserve and protected with boundary wall.
12. The SOPD fund of the Archaeology Department should be increased upto Rs. 15 crore in the next financial year.
13. The Committee recommended that State Museum including the district museums should be updated.
14. The Committee observed that many archaeological assets of the Ahom era are kept in different Satras of Assam, specially in Satras of Majuli and Dakhinpat Satra. The Committee therefore, recommended that these assets should be taken in loan or to be copied if permitted or on request to the Tai Museum, Sibsagar for display.
15. The Committee recommended that sub branch of Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies should be established at the premises of the Tai Museum, Sibsagar with the required manpower.
16. The Committee suggests and recommends that the Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies to re-publish the old rare publications e.g. Book, Papers, Journal, Bulletin etc. Rare book like 'The Assam History' (by Sir E.A. Gait), 'The Kacharis' (Rev. Sidney Endle), 'Ahom Buranji', 'Kachari Buranji' and so on.
17. The Committee observed and recommends that for the effective and uninterrupted operation of the ITFC department, it is necessary to create some additional gazetted and non-gazetted positions within the Directorate of Historical and Antiquarian Studies, the Directorate of Archaeology, the Directorate of Museum, Assam, and the Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department.
18. The committee suggests that an additional budget be allocated for the Directorate of Museum for the following projects:
 - (a) Construction of District Museum, Barpeta:
 - (b) Construction of District Museum, Dhubri:
 - (c) Land allocation of District Museum, Silchar.
 - (d) Site development of District Museum, Silchar:
 - (e) Construction of District Museum, Silchar:
 - (f) Site development of Tribal Museum in the vicinity of Guwahati:
 - (g) Construction of Tribal Museum:
19. The Committee strongly recommended that the Budget allocation for the Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department, should be increased in the next financial year.

*With these observations, the Committee recommends that the total amount of **Rs. 5167.11 lakhs** as sought for, under **Grant No. 80** Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department for the financial year, **2026-27** approved by the August House.*

The Action Taken Report on the recommendation may be submitted to the Committee within 90 days from the date of presentation of the report in the House.