

## ***Brief about Dilip Changkakoty, candidate of NE Zonal Representative***



Dilip Changkakoty is one of the senior members of North-east Zone. He was indirectly involved with ICOMOS and National Museum, New Delhi since 1998 on Majuli, a river island in Assam.

The Zone, located in the northeastern corner of the country, was established in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. He was the first elected representative of the zone from 2022 onwards. He has done many projects for the preservation, enhancement and awareness of living heritage as a specialist; these include the restoration of the heritage of endangered **Vyah ojaipali**, the agrarian festival of Assam **Bihu**, the Vaishnavite devotional raga-based songs **Bargit** and Magical art form & Tantric literature of **Mayong**.

The vision & object of this zone is constituted to provide a forum database /information in a corrective & collective manner for the conservation, protection, rehabilitation and enhancement of NER cultural heritage sites and places. The zone has already been able to exchange information and views on principles & practices in the field from collective participation in recent times. The zonal motive and dedication for much of the resources to use for the benefit of mass as well as ICOMOS organizational growth

As an elected zonal representative, he has started to promote the goal & achievement of ICOMOS through our **face-to-face public interaction** programmes since July 2022 in the various region of this remote zone. Under his leadership a joint collaboration effort with NSC ICH, NSC CL, NSC Theophilos, EPWG and this zone celebrated a vast discussion about the **Potential World Heritage Sites in North East India** on October 8, 2022, and **India's Cultural Landscape of Universal value: Majuli** on 12/13 December 2022 through two successful webinars. And then he led the successful **Guwahati Heritage Walk** on 26th March 2023 in collaboration with Rotary Club Guwahati.

Moreover, under his vision, this zone also conducted a Workshop on the ***thirteenth-century language Brajawali*** on 20 – 21 November 2022, in collaboration with Parampara-Prabah and Society for Srimanta Sankaradeva.

He planned to conduct this year to arrange two international webinars on the ***thirteenth-century language Brajawali and Nonghkrem Dance Festival*** in collaboration with ICICH ICOMOS & NSC ICH. He will be going to conduct another two proposals for a webinar on the ***Cultural Landscape of the Nocte*** Tribe of Arunachal Pradesh and the ***living Root bridge of Meghalaya*** for a detailed discussion about its potential for world heritage.

He assured to the members of this zone that in his leadership of upcoming days he will try to focus the mission of ***UNFOLD NORT-EAST*** in the subject of various potential Living & Tangible Cultural Heritage of NER and create the awareness among the holders of heritage on the protection, conservation, enhancement and values of heritage along with the Intellectual properties rites & others.