

# **Annual Administrative Report 2014-2015**

ASSAM INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH FOR TRIBALS AND  
SCHEDULED CASTES, KHANAPARA, GHY-22

## **Preface**

I am thankful to my colleagues, especially, Shri Ashim Borah, Assistant Research Officer for quickly compiling the information for this Annual Report. As this is a mandatory and time bound requirement, attempt has been made to accommodate as many information as possible in regard to last year (2014-2015) concisely. Care has been taken so that, information conveys the actual situation.



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## **CHAPTER I**

### **Introduction:**

Tribal Research Institute - as it is popularly known came into existence following a decision of the Government of India during the Third Five Year Plan that a Tribal Research Institute will be established in each State where tribal population is one million or more. Accordingly the TRI in Assam was established in the year 1963 with its head quarter at Shillong which was the capital of undivided Assam (consisting of Assam, Meghalaya, and Mizoram). It had six District Research Officers posted at Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Diphu, Aizawl, Shillong and Tura, under the administrative control of Tribal Area Development Department of Assam with a (100 %) hundred percent financial grant from the Government of India through the Ministry of Home Affairs Department. The District Research Officers were posted under the Deputy Commissioner of the respective districts. After creation of the States Meghalaya and Mizoram, the Institute was also divided. Only three numbers of District Research Offices remained with the Government of Assam, i.e. District Research Office, Guwahati, District Research Office, Dibrugarh and District Research Office, Diphu.

The basic objective behind the creation of the Directorate of TRI was to contribute towards the intellectual aspect of Government of India's Policy of upliftment of the Tribal and the Scheduled Castes people to the status of the general categories of the population. Initially, the Tribal Research Institute was a Government organization under the centrally sponsored scheme on matching contribution of 50:50 basis. Its benefits have been extended to all sections of the ST/SC people of the entire state. Being a premier research institute of the Northeast, it has been working as a Nodal TRI for the Northeast region as declared by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. The State Government with a view to widen the functional scope, renamed the institute as "Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Scheduled Castes"(AIRT&SC) in the year 1990. Today, this institute has become a premier research and training institute of the Government of Assam working for scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, other backward classes and other disadvantaged and deprived communities of Assam in particular and the Northeast India as a whole. The objectives that the AIRT&SC is pursuing are listed briefly below.

### **Research and Evaluation Studies**

- Anthropological studies including social, economic and cultural issues, Traditional Knowledge Systems (TKS) etc.
- Evaluation and impact assessment studies,
- Ethnographic studies

### **Survey**

- Baseline and other surveys on communities.

### **Training**

- Training of officials of development departments posted in Tribal areas
- Training programme o skill development of unemployed ST/SC youth

### **Seminar and Workshop**

- Creating awareness regarding sensitivity to tribe

### **Documentation**

- Life and culture of the Tribes
- Documentation of the rich cultural heritage of the tribes.
- Language documentation

### **Museum**

- Collection and preservation of Tribal artifacts and show casing

### **Others**

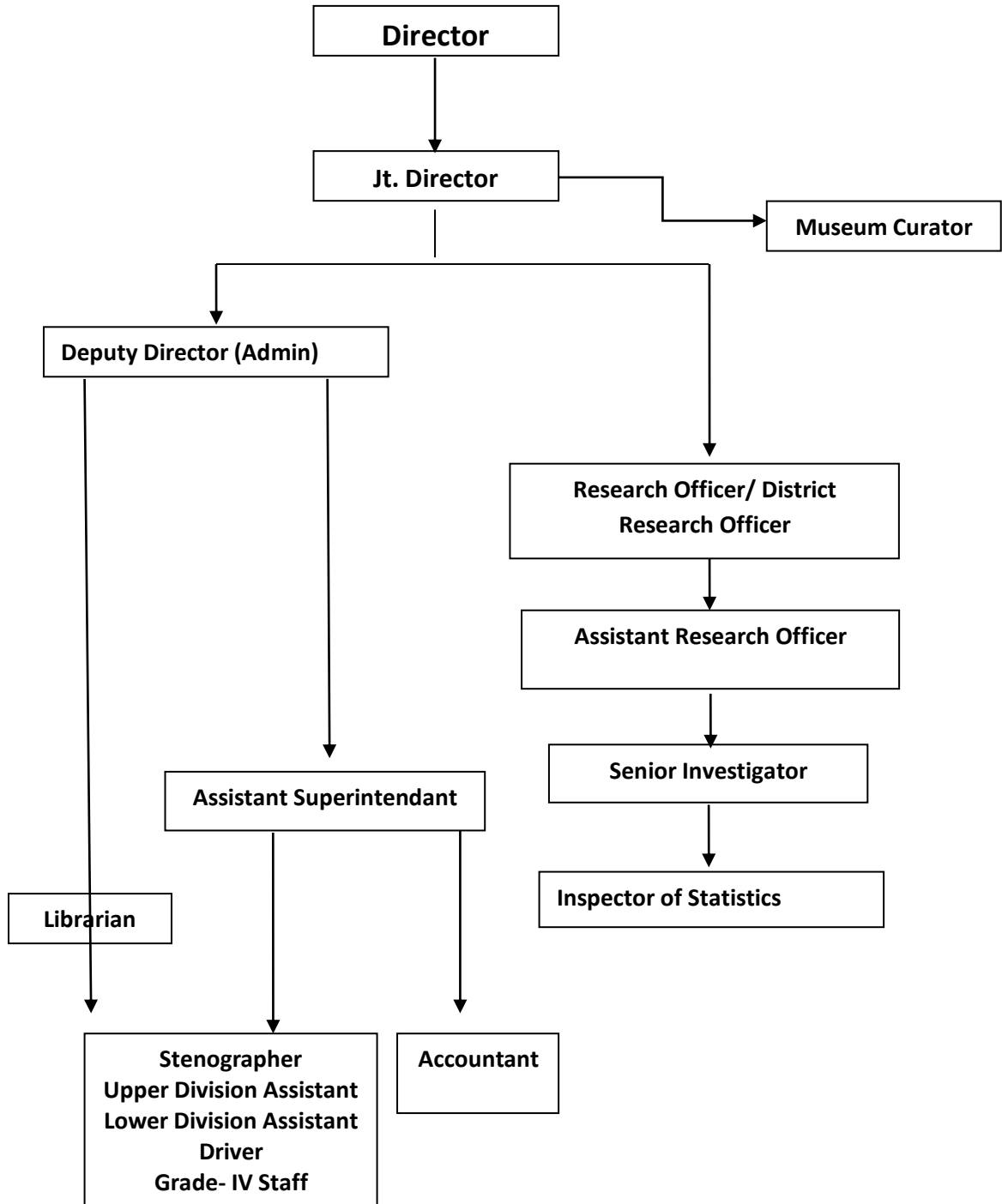
- Maintenance of a library
- Organizing fair and festivals showcasing tribal culture

### **Referral Functions**

- Offering views about matters related to tribal policy of the Government.
- Offering data relating to SC & ST & OBC.
- Interpretation and offering views about status of a community with reference to Presidential order of SC & ST.

## CHAPTER II

### Organizational Structure:



As evident from the above , the structure of the Institute is traditional with the Director at the head with standard supporting officer at Joint Director, Museum Curator, Deputy Director, Research Officer , Assistant Research Officer, Senior Investigators and Inspectors of Statistics level along with librarian and support staffs.

## CHAPTER III

### Resources:

#### a) Human Resources :

Sl. No.	Designation	No. of Post	Present Incumbent	Vacant
1	Director	1	Mr. Udayan Hazarika, ACS	-
2	Joint Director	1	Mr. Ganesh Ch. Kakati	-
3	Deputy Director	1	Mrs. Jinty Das,ACS	-
4	Curator	1	Mrs. N.A. Hazarika Anam	-
5	Research Officer/ District Research Officer	5	Mrs. Mitra Das Dr. Farzana Begum	3
6	Asst. Research Officer	2	Mr. B.K. Barman Mr. Ashim Borah	-
7	Sr. Investigator	2	Mr. H.C Morang Mr. Debobrata Laskar	-
8	Inspector of Statistics	1	Mrs. Pranita Medhi	-
9	Asst. Superintendent	1	Mr. Arun Ch. Bhuyan	-
10	Librarian	1	Mr. Sanjib Kr. Tarafdar	-
11	Stenographer	2	Mrs. Sabita Das	1
12	Accountant	1	Mr. Jagannath Medhi	-
13	Upper Division Asst.	3	Mr. Jogen Ch. Choudhury Mr. Dilip Sarang Mr. Lakhyadhar Das	-
14	Lower Division Asst.	7	Mr. Utpal Das Mr. Dharmendra Deka Mr. Pintu Baruah Mr. Anjanjyoti Das	3
15	Photographer	1	-	1
16	Driver	5	Mr. Tilak Ch. Bora	4
17	Grade IV	9	Mr. Soneswar Pator Mr. Dwijen Kalita Mr. Tarini Charan Kalita Mr. Jatin Ch. Rabha Mr. Sanatan Das Mr. Dhireswar Kalita	3
18	Bungalow Peon	1	Mr. Pankaj Rabha	-
19	Casual	6	Mr. Chabin Kalita Mr. Dharani Kalta Mr. Santosh Rabha Mrs. Bina Bhuyan Mrs. Naina Basphor Mr. Sunil Basphor	-



**b) Infrastructure:**

The Directorate of the Institute is functioning from its own building since 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 1992. The building complex apart from providing office spaces for the officers and staff engaged in the administration and research, also accommodate a library, a colourful museum and the training wing along with hostels for the trainees.

The area of the office campus is approx. 3 Bighas (43200 Sq. Feet) and plinth area of the 3 storied office building is approx. 880 Sq. meter. The office building is consisting of a Library measuring 1375 sq. feet, an Ethnographic Museum measuring 2240 sq. feet and 34 seat capacity training hostel. There are also two Grade IV quarter building in the office campus for eight families. Recently with the initiatives of Chief Secretary, Assam, the complex is also providing spaces to the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes to raise a seven storied building for capacity building. Within this building it has been agreed upon (kindly refer **Annexure-I**) that the ground floor (car parking slot) and the conference room will be common for both this Directorate and the capacity building centre while and two more floors will be allotted to this Institute for use. The remaining floors will be utilized only for research and training related activities. The detailed particulars of the office campus of the Directorate are presented below.

Infrastructure

Total area of Institute's campus :	3 Bighas (43200 Sq. Feet)
No of Buildings of the Institute:	2 Wings 3 storied
Total area of the building	2400 Sq Feet (Floor Area)
Size of Library :	1360 Sq Feet.
Size of Museum:	2240 Sq Feet.

Training Hostel

The Institute has hostel facilities for conducting residential training programme. The hostel complex is attached to the Administrative building. It contains 17 nos. of double seated rooms with attached bathroom and other facilities. There is a dining hall in the hostel which can accommodate more than thirty-five persons at a time.

However, the training hostel needs to be renovated to be at par with latest standards and state of the art facilities, and the initial process is going on.

#### Conference/Training/ Seminar Rooms:

The 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the office campus contains a round table conference room with seating capacity of 20. The room has facilities of audio-visual conference with projection facilities under fully air-conditioned environment.

There are 3 air conditioned training halls, all well equipped with projectors and other teaching aides, each with a capacity of 25-30 seats.

#### Capacity Building Centre

As stated earlier, the capacity building centre for conduct of training and seminar to be used jointly by the Directorate of Assam Institute Research for Tribals and Scheduled Castes and Directorate of Welfare of SC, Sarumotora is now under construction in the vacant land available at AIRTSC premises. The fund is provided by the Directorate of Welfare of SC, Sarumotora for empowerment of socio-economically backward communities of the State.

**c) Budget:**

**Scheme wise budget break-up for the year 2014-2015:**

Name of the Schemes "Research & Training" (Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 50:50 basis)		Central Share	State Share	Total (Rupees in Lakhs)
Sl no	Budget sub head			
1	02 -wages	3.00	3.00	6.00
2	03- Travel expenses	2.00	2.00	4.00
3	04 - Office expenses	10.00	10.00	20.00
4	07-Publication	1.50	1.50	3.00
5	08-Advertisement/Publicity	1.50	1.50	3.00
6	14-Minor Works	15.00	15.00	30.00
7	15-Machinery & Equipment	2.00	2.00	4.00
8	17-Maitenance	5.00	5.00	10.00
9	19-Materials & Supply	4.50	4.50	9.00
10	32-Grants-in-aid (N/S)	5.50	5.50	11.00
Sub Total (A)				Rs.100.00
11	26-Other Charges	Central Share	State Share	Total
	1. Research & Evaluation Study	11.50	11.50	23.00
	2. Seminar/Workshop	4.00	4.00	8.00
	3. Training	6.00	6.00	12.00
	4. Exhibition	0.50	0.50	1.00
	5. Reference Library	2.00	2.00	4.00
	6. Ethnographic Museum	5.00	5.00	10.00
	7. Data Bank SC/ST	0.20	0.20	0.40
	8.Documentation of ST and SC life and culture	5.80	5.80	11.60
Total		35.00	35.00	70.00
Sub Total (B)				Rs.70.00
Grant Total(A+B)=170.00				
Rupees One Crore and Seventy Lakhs only				

## CHAPTER IV

### Function and Activities of the Institute during the year 2014-15

The main functions of the Institute are Research, Evaluation, and Training Programme for capacity building, organizing workshop and National and State level Seminar. Moreover, there are some other schemes like publication of books and journals, maintenance of a well equipped reference library, ethnographic museum, participation in state and national level exhibitions, data bank on scheduled tribes and scheduled castes, grants-in-aid to authors for publication of book written on Scheduled tribes and Scheduled castes, advertisement and publicity, documentation of tribal life and culture through audio-visual means and maintenance of a modern computer system.

During the year 2014-2015, the following activities were taken up by the Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Scheduled Castes.

#### a) Seminar cum Talks:

There were 20 nos. of Seminar cum Talk held in the Institute, during the year 2014-15. The list of Seminars cum Talks is shown in following Table –

Sl. No.	Topic of Seminar-cum-Talks and Trainings	Resource Persons	Date & Duration	No. of Participants
1	2	3	4	5
1	<b>Resource Management and Community Participation"</b>	(1) Professor (Dr.) Abani Bhagawati, Deptt. of Geography, Gauhati University (2) Professor (Dr.) Jonali Devi, HOD, Deptt. of Anthropology, Cotton College	27 <sup>th</sup> May, 2014 (One Day)	22
2	<b>Reservation Policy for ST and SC people of Assam</b>	(1) Dr. G.C.Sharma Thakur, Former Director, AIRT & SC (2) Sri Charu Sharma, Retd. FAO	27 <sup>th</sup> June, 2014 (One Day)	16

3	<b>Preservation of Culture through Museums</b>	(1) Prof. A.C.Bhagabati, Honorary Coordinator & Head of Division, North Eastern Regional Centre, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNA), Ex. VC, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh and Former HOD, Deptt. of Anthropology, Gauhati University & Dibrugarh University (2) Mr. Y. S. Wunglengton, Director of Museums, Assam State Museum, Dighalipukhuri, Guwahati	30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2014 (One Day)	17
4	<b>Prospects of Tourism in Tribal Areas of Assam</b>	(1) Mr Pal Baruah, Deputy Secretary, Tourism Department, Assam (2) Mr. Rakesh Saud, Research Scholar, IIT, Guwahati	25th July, 2014 (One Day)	19
5	<b>Forest and the Tribal Communities in India</b>	(1) Mr. M. Baruah, ACF, Kamrup East Division (2) Mrs. Rasna Yadav, Research Scholar, IIT, Guwahati	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2014 (One Day)	22
6	<b>Various Provisions of the Sixth Schedule</b>	(1) Prof. Noni Gopal Mahanta, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University (2) Prof. Subham Rajkhowa, Department of Law, Gauhati University	8 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014 (One Day)	14
7	<b>Customary Laws and Tribal Societies</b>	(1) Dr. Upen Rabha Hakasham, HOD, Department of Assamese, Gauhati University (2) Sri Neelotpal Deka, Advocate, Gauhati High Court	19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014 (One Day)	21
8	<b>Sustainable Development of Traditional Livelihood of Tribes</b>	(1) Dr. G.C.Sharma Thakur, Former Director, AIRT & SC (2) Dr. Gautom Majumder, HOD, Department of Economics, Cotton College	20 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014 (One Day)	23

9	<b>Atrocities Act and Legal Provisions Against Social Discrimination of STs and SCs</b>	(1) Dr. Paramita Dey, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Cotton College (2) Sri Debojit Deb, Investigator, National Commission for Scheduled Castes	26 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014 (One Day)	22
10	<b>Poverty and Economic Development of STs/SCs</b>	(1) Dr. Anil Pegu, Program Manager, Centre for Micro Finance & Livelihood (2) Prof. Noni Gopal Mahanta, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University	29 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014 (One Day)	23
11	<b>Doing Research with Indigenous Communities: Issues and Challenges</b>	(1) Dr. R. P. Athparia, Former Director, Archeological Survey of India.	2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 (One Day)	15
12	<b>Empowerment of Tribal Women in Assam</b>	(1) Professor Anuradha Dutt, Former HOD, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University (2) Professor Samhita Barooah, Assistant Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati	8 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (One Day)	25
13	<b>Role of Autonomous / Development Councils in the Development of Tribal People</b>	Professor Arupjyoti Choudhury, Dean, Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University	9 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (One Day)	10
14	<b>Traditional Community Institutions and Tribal Development</b>	(1) Dr. Jonali Devi, Cotton College (2) Dr. R.P. Athparia, Former Director, Archeological Survey of India	10 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (One Day)	15
15	<b>Implementation of Forest Right Act and Protection of Forest under FRA, 2005</b>	(1) Mrs. Rasna Yadav, Ex-Faculty, NIRD & PR -NERC, Guwahati (2) Mr. Rakesh Saud, Research Scholar, IIT, Guwahati	15 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (One Day)	21
16	<b>Tribals Rights to Land in Assam</b>	(1) Sri Jagot Ch. Borah, Retd. ACS Officer (2) Dr. K. Haloi, Associate Professor, NIRD & PR - NERC	16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (One Day)	14

17	<b>Internal Migration in Assam in the Context of Tribals</b>	(1) Sri Kalyan Das, Faculty, Omeo Kumar Das (OKD) Institute (2) Dr. Maqbul Ali, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya	18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (One Day)	15
18	<b>Intra and Inter-Tribe Conflict</b>	(1) Dr. Jogendra Nath, Ex Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh (2) Mr. Uttam Bathari, Assistant Director, Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR), Guwahati	19 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (One Day)	14
19	<b>Policies, Programmes and Strategies for Tribal Development</b>	(1) Dr. M.K.Srivastava, Associate Professor, National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Khanapara, Guwahati-22 (2) Shri Tiken Bora, Former Joint Secretary, Planning Cell, WPT & BC Department	25 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (One Day)	32
20	<b>Chapter X of ALRR</b>	(1) Shri Bharat Bhusan Dev Choudhury, ADC, Kamrup (Metro) (2) Shri Jagot Ch. Borah, Retd. ACS Officer	26 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (One Day)	31

b) **Training Programme:**

As per Training Calendar of the Institute, 16 training programmes were organised during the year 2014-15. The title of the training, date and duration and number of participants attended are given below

Sl. No.	Topic of Trainings	Resource Persons	Date & Duration	No. of Participants
1	2	3	4	5
1	<b>Livelihood System of the Tribals</b>	(1) Professor A.C.Bhagawati, Retd. Professor Deptt. Of Anthropology, Guwahati University and Ex. VC, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh. (2) Dr. K.Haloi, Sr. Faculty, National Institute of Rural Development, Khanapara, Guwahati. (3) Mr. J.C.Kalita, Sr. Faculty, IIE, Lalmati, Guwahati.	30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> May, 2014 (Two Days)	22
2	<b>Office Management</b>	(1) Sri Udayan Hazarika, Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Personal (A) Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6 (2) Sri Kangka Chakraborty, Girls Poly Technique, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati (3) Sri A.K.Baruah, Retd. FAO (4) Sri Charu Sharma, Retd. FAO	24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> June, 2014 (Two Days)	19
3	<b>Reservation Provision for STs/SCs</b>	(1) Mr. Udayan Hazarika, Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Personnel (B) Department (2) Dr. G.C.Sharma Thakur, Former Director, AIRT & SC (3) Sri Charu Sarma, Retd. FAO (4) Sri Kiron Gogoi, Advocate, Gauhati High Court	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2014 (Two Days)	21



4	<b>Developmental Issues for STs/SCs and Backward Classes</b>	(1) Dr. M.K.Srivastava, Associate Professor, National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Khanapara, Guwahati-22 (2) Prof. Noni Gopal Mahanta, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University (3) Dr. G. C. Sharma Thakur, Former Director, AIRT & SC (4) Dr. Meghali Senapati, Assistant Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences.	9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> July, 2014 (Two Days)	20
5	<b>Micro Finance</b>	(1) Dr. Abhijit Sharma, Associate Professor, IIBM, Khanapara, Guwahati (2) Dr. Piyush Sourabh Sharma, Associate Professor, IIBM, Khanapara, Guwahati (3) Mr. Jiten Kalita, Associate Faculty Member, IIE, Lalmati, Guwahati	17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> July, 2014 (Two Days)	18
6	<b>Office Accounts</b>	(1) Mr. A.K. Baruah, Retd. FAO (2) Mr. Janadan Mishra, Retd. FAO	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014 (Two Days)	17
7	<b>Project Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation</b>	(1) Sri Sanjib Raj, Faculty, AIM, 7th Floor, East Point Towers, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21 (2) Dr. Pratul Kalita, Associate Professor, AIM, 7th Floor, East Point Towers, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014 (Two Days)	19
8	<b>Right to Information Act</b>	Dr. Roshan Ara Begum, Director, Small Savings, Govt. of Assam	11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014 (Two Days)	21
9	<b>Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India</b>	(1) Sri Subhram Rajkhowa, Professor Law, Gauhati University (2) Shri Udayan Hazarika, Joint Secretary, Personnel (B) Department, Dispur (3) Dr. M. K. Srivastava, Assistant Professor, National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) & PR - NERC, Guwahati-22	25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014 (Two Days)	22

10	<b>Panchayati Raj and Self Governing Institutions</b>	(1) Dr. K. Haloi, Associate Professor, NIRD - NERC (2) Dr. A. C. Talukdar, Retd. Professor, Department of Political Science, Arunachal Pradesh University (3) Dr. Ratna Bhuyan, Faculty, NIRD - NERC (4) Dr. M. K. Srivastava, Assistant Professor, NIRD & PR - NERC	29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014 (Two Days)	14
11	<b>Tribal Language (Karbi)</b>	(1) Dr. Upen Rabha Hakasham, HOD, Department of Assamese, Gauhati University (2) Sri Khagen Ingti, Propoganda Secretary, Karbi Cultural Society, Diphu, Rongchrlam (3) Sri Joy Singh Togbi, President, Journalist Union, Karbi Anglong	8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (Five Days)	14
12	<b>Community Development Practices Among the Tribes of Assam</b>	(1) Dr. M.K.Srivastava, Associate Professor, NIRD & PR-NERC, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 (2) Dr. Bedabrat Saikia, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Handique Girl's College (3) Mr. Udayan Hazarika, Joint Secretary, Personnel (A) Department, Dispur (4) Dr. Arupjyoti Choudhury, Dean, Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University (KKHSOU)	19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (Two Days)	20
13	<b>Autonomous Councils and Provisions of the Sixth Schedule</b>		22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> September, 2014 (Two Days)	21
14	<b>Constitutional Provisions for STs/SCs.</b>	(1) Dr. M.K.Srivastava, Associate Professor, NIRD & PR-NERC, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 (2) Shri Debeswar Malakar, Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Industries and Commerce Department (3) Dr. K. Haloi, Associate Professor, NIRD & PR - NERC (4) Shri Jagot Ch. Borah, Retd. ACS Officer	23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (Two Days)	13

15	<b>Forest Right Act, 2006</b>	<p>(1) Dr. G. C. Sharma Thakur, Former Director, Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Scheduled Castes</p> <p>(2) Dr. Anil Pegu, Program Manager, Centre for Micro Finance &amp; Livelihood, Survey, Guwahati</p> <p>(3) Dr. Bedabrat Saikia, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Handique Girl's College, Guwahati</p> <p>(4) Mr. Rakesh Soud, Research Scholar, IIT, Guwahati</p>	24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (Two Days)	24
16	<b>Tribal Ethnicity, Culture and History</b>	<p>(1) Dr. Prabin Chandra Das, Retd. Professor/Guest Lecturer, Department of Folklore Research, Gauhati University</p> <p>(2) Dr. Dayananda Pathak, Retd. Principal, Pragjyotish College, at present working as Professor, Sankardev University, Nagaon</p> <p>(3) Sri Santosh Kr. Singh, Assistant Zonal Manager, National Scheduled Tribes Finance &amp; Development Corporation, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India, Hengerabari, Guwahati</p> <p>(4) Dr. Dwipen Bezbaruah, Reader, Department of Anthropology, Gauhati University</p>	25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (Two Days)	32

c) **Research Study :**

12 (twelve) nos. Research Studies were Conducted during the year 2014-15. The title of the Resaerch Studies are -.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Research Study</b>
1	A study on Socio Economic Characteristics of the Singpho Tribe of Assam
2	A study on Poverty Alleviation Programmes and Issues of Tribal (Mising) Livelihood in Lakhimpur District
3	Socio Economic Assessment of role of Livestock Enterprises in Improvement of Livelihood and Overcome Poverty of Karbi, Dimasa and Bodo Farmers in Karbi Anglong District of Assam
4	Trafficking of Women and Children from Assam with Special Reference to Bodoland Territorial Area District
5	A study on gradual changing patterns of the life styles of the Rural Tribal societies and their traditional Institutions and resources with special reference to the Rabhas of Assam
6	Documentation of Life and Culture of the Rengma Naga Tribes, Hajong Tribes, Tai Phake Tribes of Assam
7	Kamatapur Movement of the Koch Rajbongshi People : A Study of the identity crisis of the Koch Rajbanshi People
8	A look into the Administrative and Financial set up of the Autonomous Councils created for Self-Rule and Local Areas Development of Various Tribal Groups
9	Socio-Economic Conditions of the Tribal People of Assam: A study of Thengal Kachari Tribe in Jorhat District of Assam
10	Identity Crisis of the Indigenous People: A study on the Biate Community of Assam
11	An Ethnographic Study on the Singpho Community of Assam
12	The Traditional ERI-Muga Art & Culture of Tribal People in South Kamrup area and its impact in the Tribal society

d) **The Ethnographic Museum:**

The ethnographic museum of Assam Institute of Research for Tribals & Scheduled Castes was set up along with the other wings of the institution in the year 1977. The infant museum was converted to a full fledged museum after a good collection of museum artifacts from the entire length and breadth of Assam, the cultural cauldron of North East India. At present the ethnographic museum displays a good number of exhibits belonging to the indigenous tribes of North-East India, particularly Assam.

The material culture of tribes of Assam such as Tiwas, Karbis, Rengmas, Hmars, Dimasa Kacharis, Rabhas, Bodos, Misings, Sonowal Kacharis, Tamangs and some other tribes are housed in the show cases of the gallery in a tribe-wise manner. Moreover, a section showcasing rare and exquisite ethnic jewellery of the tribes of Assam is maintained in a separate room for exhibiting the same.

This Directorate has also endeavoured to portray the life and culture of some indigenous tribes of Assam in the museum gallery. Picturesque landscape and sculptural figures of the Karbi tribe, the Bodos, Dimasa Kachari, Karbi, Tiwa and the Mising tribe are represented in the dioramas.

There are altogether more than seven hundred (700) artifacts in the ethnographic museum in the Directorate of Assam Institute of Research for Tribals & Scheduled Castes. The Ethnographic museum is now focusing in modernizing the museum through digitization and thematic display. The Institution has published a number of brochures, pamphlets and a catalogue. There is a plan to bring out other published works on its exhibits.

The Ethnographic Museum during the year 2014-15, has acquired the following artefacts-

i) Museum artefacts (Garo, Tiwa, Karbi)	Rs. 148850.00
ii) Museum artefacts (Bodo Tribe)	Rs. 46000.00
iii) Making & repairing of Museum showcases	Rs. 411700.00

The Museum showcases were also painted which are used for exhibiting Tribal Jewellery.

e) **Office library:**

The Office campus of AIRT & SC, houses a reference Library, on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor with more than 10,000 copies of books on various subjects like Social Science, Languages, Biological Science etc. It also subscribes more than twenty Bulletin, Research Journals from various Ministries, Institutes and Organizations. There is also a reading room facility in the library along with reprographic facilities to the readers to note down references from various books of the library and have done the data entry for library automation software. During the year 2014-15 Automation of office library is done and following items are procured -

- i. Computer- 2 Nos.
- ii. Copier (Xerox) Machine- 1 No.
- iii. Automation software (SOUL) and

**f) Documentation:**

Total 3 nos. of documentaries (Audio-Visual) were produced during the year 2014-15. The title of the documentaries are-

- i) Documentation on Tiwa Language
- ii) Documentation on Life and culture of Dimasa Kachari of Assam
- iii) Documentation Life and Culture of Khamtis of Assam.

**g) Minor Works:**

***Renovation and repairing of Ground Floor*** – Creation of working space for academic as well as administrative activities by renovation and repairing of the building under the project “Infrastructure development and modernization of the AIRT & SC building” executed through PWD, PCC Division.

## **CHAPTER V**

### **Co-operation:**

Since inception AIRTSC has been trying to provide a platform for the convergence between the Government, various other research organizations, professionals and other stakeholders on the issues related to development of disadvantaged and deprived communities of the state and beyond. It has also transformed its functioning so as to provide quality research, consultancy and information service to all its stakeholders including Government and civil societies. As a part of this process it has been working in collaboration with Tate Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Guwahati in organization of Training and Seminar since the year 2012. A number of faculties from TISS have been involved in various training and seminar organized by AIRTSC. This Directorate has also involved academicians from various universities, faculties from foreign universities, scientists from ISRO- Bhopal, Scientist from ICMR- Bangaluru, IIT- Guwahati, faculties from NIRD-Guwahati, IIBM-Khanapara, IIE- Lalmati, Guwahati, AIM- Bamunimaidam, Guwahati, Centre for Micro Finance & Livelihood, Guwahati, Gauhati University, National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India, Government Officers etc. as resources persons.

It has also doing collaborative research work with Institute of Research and Documentation of Indigenous Studies ( IRDIS ) a civil society organization known for its work in Research and documentation work on the issues related to indigenous people of Assam.

Being a nodal Institute for Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi it has also enhanced its function with other Tribal Research Institute of N.E. in the field of cultural exchange and data/information sharing etc.

## **CHAPTER VI**

### **New initiatives:**

**Capacity building Training Programme :** The Research and training requirements of the Government Departments have increased by leaps and bounds and there is high demand for new and innovative capacity building initiatives in the various subject areas in order to equip the Government servants with the requisite knowledge base and skills in order to keep pace with the changing times and to evaluate the development being implemented by the Development Department for the SC, ST, OBC and other deprived and disadvantaged groups. Accordingly apart from skill development training programme a new module of capacity building training programme covering Government servants, NGO workers, Civil Society representatives, traditional or customary tribal bodies etc.

**Language training Programme :** Ethnically all the tribes of Assam are of Mongoloid origin but from the linguistic point of view they differ from each other to a some extent. As a part of our strategies to preserve, disseminate and develop better understanding about tribal language AIRTSC has introduced a week long ethnic language training programme on a particular language Assam for the first time.

**Government Rule and Scheme base Seminar/ Talk :** The Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Scheduled Castes has been making a conscious effort to upgrade the knowledge and skills of officers/staff engaged in implementation of various ST/SC related rule and implementation of the development schemes to bring about an attitudinal change in them to adapt to the changing times.

**Collaborative effort :** AIRTSC is engaged in collaborative activities with other training institutes/organizations of repute, which would facilitate the exchange of ideas and innovations and contribute significantly to the overall capacity-building of government functionaries.

**Library Automation:** The AIRTSC library is in the process of being digitalized. Already its search function is upgraded to library automation.

**Creation of AIRTSC Society :** The AIRTSC has proposed to form a society within the Directorate of AIRTSC to undertake a comprehensive process of diversification and revamping along the lines of other premier training institutes of the country. Functional autonomy would also lead to substantial increase in the quality and quantity of the training programmes. It will also make it easier for the Institute to engage in collaborative activities with other training institutes/organizations.

## **CHAPTER VII**

### **Conclusion:**

The Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Scheduled Castes, which is under the administrative control of Welfare of Plains Tribes and Backward Classes, Government of Assam is regarded as one of the premier institutions in the state for research and training of the tribal and scheduled castes people of the State.

The Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Scheduled Castes is currently in great need for sharing for studying the problems and prospects of Tribal development. It also designs client- specific and time-bound training interventions and services. In addition, Government of India and various other organizations / agencies have from time to time been requesting the Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Scheduled Castes to undertake studies, research and evaluation of Government schemes and extending scientific views in planning. These need special focus and attention and call for the setting up of specialized centers in AIRTSC. This would require structural changes not only in terms of infrastructural expansion but also in terms of manpower and human capital, which can be brought about by the adoption of functional autonomy.

The grant of functional autonomy would enable the Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Scheduled Castes to hire and engage top-class and highly qualified man-power since it would give it the necessary flexibility and quicker decision-making capabilities to do so.

This will also facilitate the setting up of various centres under the umbrella of the proposed Society which will cater to the diverse research and training needs of all the stakeholders including Government.

The Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Scheduled Castes one of the premier research and training Institute of North-East India has the potential to become one of the leading research and training institutes in the country in near future.