

**GORKHALAND TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**  
**3RD FLOOR, SOUTH BLOCK, GORKHA RANGA MANCHA BHAWAN**  
**DARJEELING.**

Department of Information & Cultural Affairs, Gorkhaland Territorial Administration is the nodal department to serve as a lively link between the people and GTA.

**The department functions with principal objectives of:-**

- a) Disseminating authentic information concerning GTA.
- b) Feeding the GTA with public views and opinions of the citizens.
- c) Promoting rich culture, tradition, language, literature, etc. of the local people residing within GTA areas.

Presently, the department is headed by an Executive Member (Sabhasad). All the policies and programmes of the department are executed by the Executive Director in consultation with the Executive Member. The Assistant Director initiates all proposals and files.

**The Department is functioning with following sections:-**

- a) I & CA Establishment/General Section
- b) Culture Section
- c) Language & Literature Section
- d) Nepali Printing Press
- e) Song & Drama Unit

The Department provides financial assistance to registered Cultural organisations based within the jurisdiction of GTA for organising Cultural Programmes and other such events that helps to promote and preserve rich Culture, Tradition, Art, Language, etc. of the region.

**Proposed administrative setup:-**

The department will function jointly between the Secretariat and the Directorate. While the Secretariat is primarily responsible for administration, the Directorate will look after the functional aspect of the department.

**The department will have two Directorates viz.**

- a) Information, Media & Public Relation Directorate
- b) Culture, Heritage and Film Directorate

The department will have a well knit network of offices/units in Darjeeling headquarter as well as in all three sub-divisional headquarters and in Mirik.

**The Directorate will be under the overall supervision of Director of I & CA, GTA and generally function with the following sections-**

- a) GTA Information Section
- b) News Bureau Section
- c) Exhibition Section
- d) GTA Postal Section
- e) Publication & Advertisement Section
- f) Hospitality Section

The Directorate will keep liaison with I & CA Department of the State and EZCC(Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre).

**The following academics will function under Directorate of Culture, Heritage & Film-**

- a) Institute of Research & Development of Nepali Language
- b) Gorkha Cultural Institute
- c) Gorkha Rangamancha Bhawan
- d) Nepali Academy
- e) Tribal Folk Culture Centre
- f) Digital Audio Recording Centre

**To felicitate and honour, eminent writers, poets, musicians, singers and others, the department confers awards like-**

- a) Giri Puraskar(27<sup>th</sup> December)-(Music, Literature & performing Art)
- b) Aruna Lama Puraskar(Music)
- c) Dr. Paras Mani Pradhan Puraskar(Literature)
- d) Shiv Kr. Rai Puraskar(Literature)
- e) Master Mitra Sen Puraskar(Folk Music)(Proposed)
- f) Gorey Douglas Puraskar(Art)(Proposed)

**Some of the important functions organised by the department-**

- a) Krishi Mela(January)
- b) Republic Day(January)
- c) Baisakhi Utsav(April)
- d) Rabindra Jayanti(May)
- e) Birth Anniversary of Tenzing Norgay Sherpa and Conquest of Mount Everest(29<sup>th</sup> May)
- f) Asar Mahotsav(July)
- g) Bhanu Jayanti(13<sup>th</sup> July)
- h) Independence Day(15<sup>th</sup> August)
- i) Phulpati(October)
- j) Bhailenee(Laxmi Puja)(October-November)
- k) Giri Jayanti(27<sup>th</sup> December)
- l) Darjeeling Tea & Tourism Festival

Cultural artists of the department represents GTA in different official and other function organised at different places of the country.

The present office of the department is located at Gorkha Rabgamancha Bhawan, Darjeeling.

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