

**Bio Data of Mrs. Kevinino P. Meru,
Retired Director of Art and Culture Department**



Mrs. Kevinino P. Meru daughter of Late Mr. Mhalie and Mrs. Chavino Peseyie was born on the 16th November 1950 at Jotsoma Village.

Early education from Baptist English School, Kohima and Dimapur Government High School. Pre-University education from Loreto College, Darjeeling and graduated from Cotton College, Guwahati. Post-graduation in Sociology from Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University.

Joined Government Service as Research Officer in the Department of Art and Culture in February 1975 and subsequently became the Director on 1st March 1994 and retired as Director on 1st March 2010.

Contributions and Achievements:

1. During tenure as Director, notable contributions was setting up the World War II Museum at Kisama, Nagaland besides upgrading the State Museum, Kohima and district Museums in Mon, Tuesang, Phek and Wokha.
2. Research Project on the Origin of the Nagas in collaboration with Anthropological Society of Nagaland State was initiated.
3. Associated with the publication of :-
 - a). Where Warriors Waltz – Festivals of Nagaland
 - b). Folk Lore's of Nagaland
 - c). Heralding Hope – 125 years of Kohima.
4. Contributed various articles in the Sociological Bulletin Highlander with special reference to the arts, customs and traditions of Nagaland. Published works are :
 - a). Customary Laws of Nagaland
 - b). Education and Social Change in Nagaland
 - c). Position of Women in Naga Society
 - d). Treasures in Nagaland State Museum
5. Travelled extensively in Europe. Invited by The Museum der Kulturen Basel, Switzerland for inauguration of ' NAGA – A Forgotten Mountain Region Rediscovered'. Worked for over 5 years with the Museum to set up this exhibition the first ever depicting Nagaland abroad. A book was also published and released during the exhibition titled 'NAGA – A Forgotten Mountain Region Rediscovered '. During the same time another exhibition on Nagaland was set up in Zurich at the

Ethnographic Museum of Zurich University where inputs was given to the University and a book titled 'Naga Identities – Changing Cultures from the Northeast' was released.

6. Life Member of International Council of Museums (ICoM)

7. Life Member of Indian Sociological Society

8. Life Member of Indian Red Cross

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