The Directorate of archaeology have celebrated world heritage week in the
district of Dima Hasao with a week long programme from the 19\textsuperscript{th} November to
25\textsuperscript{th} November, 2017 in collaboration with the District Archaeology, Dima
Hasao. In order to create awareness among the people for preservation of the
archaeological sites and monuments in the hilly state, the Directorate has
organized various programmes in different places of the district. The
inauguration programme of the world heritage week has been observed in the
historic Asalu fort which was the first colonial establishment in the Naga region
of undivided Assam on 19\textsuperscript{th} November. Remains of the British made fort still
exists in the vicinity of the Asalu village for which the inauguration function
was organized in the fort campus in collaboration with the village council of
Asalu. A public meeting was held on the field of Asalu fort where Executive
Member of Dima Hasao council was invited as chief guest for the inaugural
function. The nearby villagers were involves to clean up the monuments and a
traditional stage was constructed for function. In the function the village leaders,
public leaders have been assured to safeguard the archaeological monuments in
the area. A photographic exhibition was also held at the site to create interest
among the public on the archaeological heritage.

The next day, on 20\textsuperscript{th} November, 2017, a national seminar was organized in the
Halflong Govt College in collaboration with the college on the theme of
“Recent Trends in Archaeology”. Scholars from Gauhati University, Cotton
College, North East Hills University, Shillong and Tura campus, Govt. Haflong
College, Directorate of Archaeology, Assam presented their papers. Students
and teachers of the college have actively taken part to organize the seminar. As
a part of the world heritage week, 2017, a public awareness meeting has been
organized in a remote Dimasa village Dubongling or Derebere, on 21\textsuperscript{st}
November, which is famous for the prehistoric stone jar. The villager took active participation in the programme. The scholars who came for the National Seminar also attended the awareness meeting and delivered lectures on protection and preservation of the archaeological monuments especially on stone jars. On 22nd November another awareness programme was held in a remote village of Dima Hasao district, namely Khobak which is inhabited by Baite tribe. Moreover the village is known for its large stone jar site which was discovered by J.P Milles and Hutton in 1931. The village people took part in the programme and the officers of the Directorate of Archaeology Assam have delivered lectures about the importance of archaeological heritage and its preservation aspects.

The closing ceremony of the world heritage week was held at the auditorium of district library of Dima Hasao, Haflong, on 25th November, 2017. The officers and staffs of the Directorate of Archaeology, Assam and the District Archaeology, Dima Hasao organized the closing programme successfully, people from nearby village participated in the function. Cultural shows were performed by the local youths for the occasion with traditional dress.