

## **Dzo Maal 2025 – Rice Sowing Festival**

Date: May 11–12, 2025

Location: Pentong, Upper Dzongu

The first-ever Dzo Maal Festival, also known as the Rice Sowing Festival, was successfully held over two days in Pentong, Upper Dzongu. The festival aimed to celebrate and preserve the traditional rice cultivation practices of the Lepcha community, with a focus on the rare and indigenous red rice variety Tukmordzo, which is uniquely grown on dry land.

The event served as both a cultural showcase and an eco-tourism initiative, drawing attention to Dzongu's natural beauty, agricultural heritage, and cultural identity. Through this celebration, the community sought to promote sustainable farming traditions while attracting visitors and raising awareness about the region's unique way of life.

The Dzo Maal Festival marked an important step in preserving local knowledge and encouraging cultural tourism in Sikkim's remote and picturesque Dzongu region.

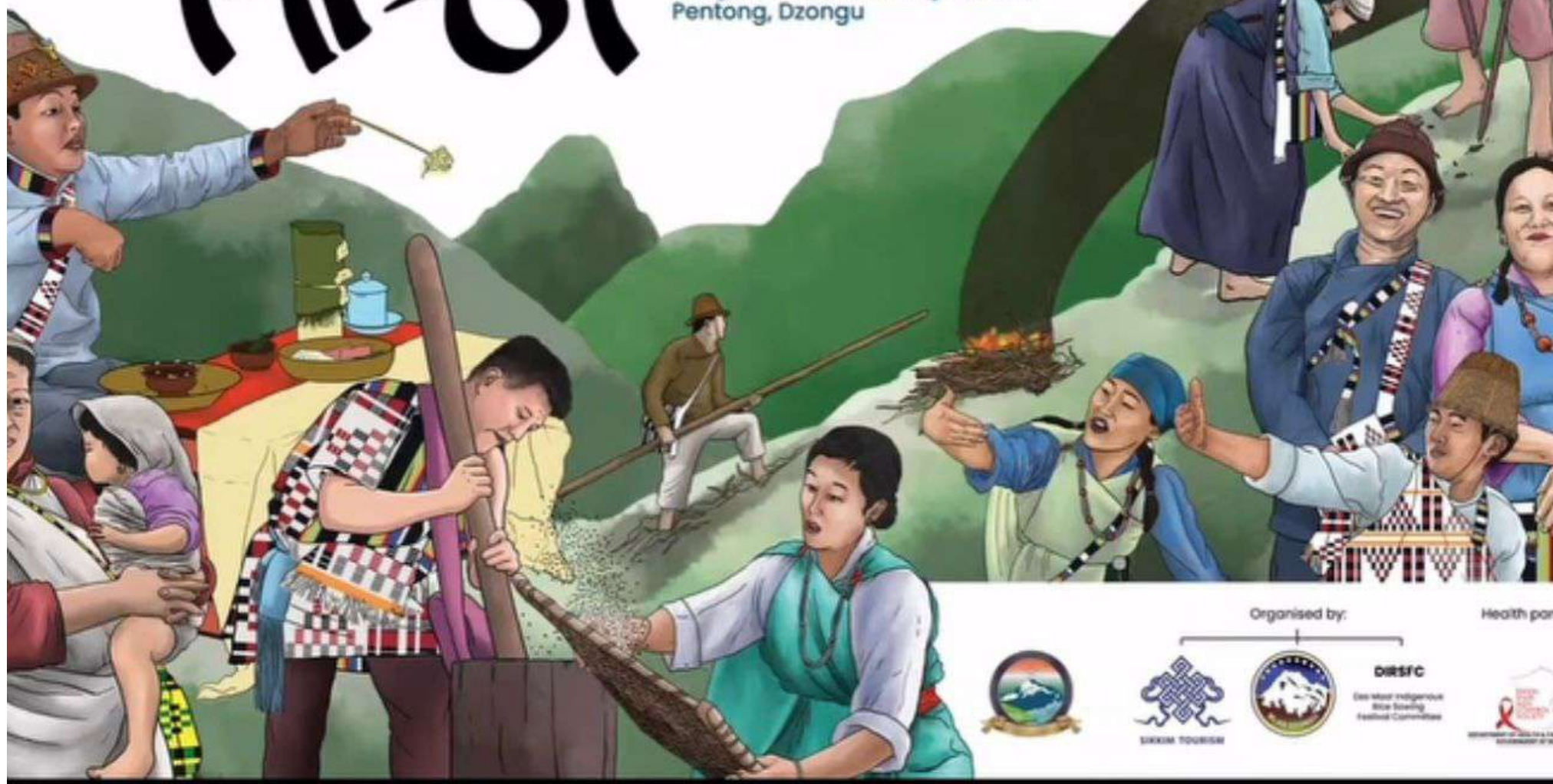
Celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Statehood  
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Pentong, Dzongu



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Dzo Maal'25 Indigenous  
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Festival Committee



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## Tourism for tomorrow

"Sustainable Community Tourism" workshop:

- ECO-TOURISM
- COMMUNITY TOURISM
- RURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- VILLAGE HIKING
- PILGRIMAGE TOUR
- CULTURAL HERITAGE
- INDIGENEOUS FOOD & HOMESTAY
- KANCHENDZONGA NATIONAL PARK
- UNESCO WORLD MIXED HERITAGE SITE
- ZERO WASTE CELEBRATION
- STORY TELLING, FOLK DANCE & MUSIC
- BIRDS & BUTTERFLY SIGHTING



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