

Alobo and Aroha choir perform at Tura



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The tone for [Christmas](#) was set on a high note with the festival titled – Mistletoe jingle in the hills, which was held yesterday at Dikki Bandi Stadium here. This was one of-its-kind [Christmas](#) festival, which brought together choir groups from different denominations under a single platform.

Renowned [Nagaland](#) based band – Alobo Naga and the band and Shillong’s Aroha choir [group](#) performed at the event, which swayed the crowd [as](#) they sang in praise for Jesus Christ.

[Meghalaya chief](#) minister Mukul Sangma and [chief](#) secretary Barkos Warjri attended the programme.

The festival conceptualized by the department of arts and culture department and presented by district administration of West [Garo Hills](#), was a step forward to promote [Meghalaya as](#) “[Christmas](#) destination”.

On different occasion, [chief](#) minister has categorically stated that [Meghalaya](#) should promote its exclusive culture and its unique way of celebrating [Christmas](#).

The Dikki Bandi Stadium, which was lit up with colourful lights, stars and lamps witnessed [over](#) 4000 people, who spent about 4 hours in the winter cold enjoying the soulful [Christmas](#) carols and the rock n roll performance by Aloba Naga and the band.

Aloba performed for nearly 40 minutes and completely engaged the crowds.

The band performed a famous Garo song Atchu Atchu (Oh! Grandfather, Oh! Grandfather) and came offstage to [dance](#) with the crowds. Later the band members joined to perform the song kristan ([Christmas dance](#)) [dance](#) at the venue.

“This is our second time to Garo hills. Never felt like we are away from home when we come here. We love the place and the people”, said Alobo, who has performed [over](#) 147 shows this year.

The celebration began with a short prayer service led by Rev Stafford K. Sangma. In his sermon, he exhorted the crowd to celebrate [Christmas](#) in its true spirit.

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