

# Efforts on to revive tribal art: Collector

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**Udhagamandalam, July 14:** District Collector Supriya Sahu said that efforts are being made to revive the art and culture of the Nilgiris tribals under the Hill Area development Programme (HADP).

She said this after inaugurating the exhibition on tribals' traditional music, dance and Korea painting organised by Art and Culture Department, Regional Art and Culture Centre, Salem, New Century Book House, Chennai and the Nilgiris District Art Gallery here on Saturday.

Stating that the Art and Culture Society in the hill town

was not active, she said pottery making and honey collection, the traditional profession of Kotas and Irulas, would be revived at a cost Rs 2.5 lakh under HADP.

According to her, there is a proposal to set up a mega complex at a cost of Rs 43 lakh to facilitate the marketing of tribal products.

Geetha Srinivasan, president of INTACH, Thillai Govindan, District PRO, N Sulaiman, Assistant Director of Regional Art and Cultural Centre, Salem and Dr B A Kanikkaraj, District Chairman of IRCS and M Ravichandran, Artist of Udhagamandalam Govt Art Gallery participated.