**SAJOLANG**

The Sajolang, erstwhile Miji, or as they call themselves, Nìmmai - Dhàmmai are scattered over 25 villages in Nafra circle of West Kameng and dozen a villages and hamlets in Lada circle of East Kameng. The Sajolang traces their origin from Abugupham Bamo, their first ancestor born out of the union of Earth and Sky as couple. As regards to their migration, the Sajolang tradition says that their forefathers had climbed down from sky in a silver ladder to earth and originally lived in the plains before finally pushed up to the hills. Ethnically, the Sajolangs with an estimated population of 9000 - 12000 souls are Indo-Mongoloids and linguistically the speech community forms a part of the North Assam group of Tibeto Burman language group. The Sajolangs are divided into They follow the patriarchal system of family structure where father is the head of the family. The religion followed by the Sajolang may be broadly termed as Animist for they believe in multitude supra beings, benevolent and malevolent deities besides souls of their great forefathers. The main indigenous festival of the Sajolang tribe is Chindang which is celebrated in the month of October on community basis every year for perfect harmony with nature, for peace, prosperity and happiness of mankind on earth. The Sajolangs have an unexplained aversion of mutton and beef.