



## Unheard India (Rare Languages)

Language : Phake

### Pai Tang

Step Of Hope

2023 / Colour / 86 minutes



**Director :** Prabal Khaund

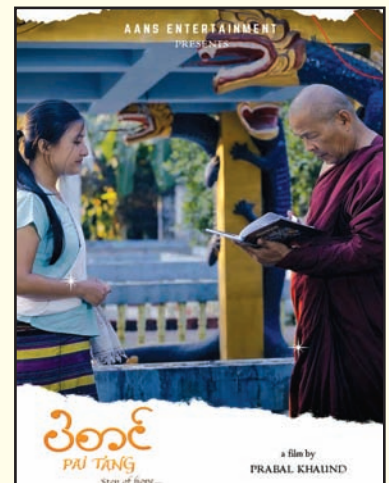
**Producer :** Naba Kumar Bhuyan

**Editor :** Ramen Borah

**Music :** Rajib Kashyap

**Cast :** Homsen Pomung Weingken, Nuk Chen Weingken

**Synopsis :** A Buddhist temple of the Tai Phake people in their village. Has rituals where all the women offer food at the temple every morning. Ye Lon, the protagonist, visits the temple with her friend Khyaseng to offer food. While returning home, she comes to know that Khyaseng has decided to marry a boy outside their tribe. Gradually she becomes aware about the UNESCO report which declared that their tribe and language was on the verge of extinction.



**Director's Biography :** Prabal Khaund started his career as a journalist after completing his post graduate in political science from prestigious Cotton University. He directed and produced a huge number of music videos and audio visual projects. His basic inclination was towards rediscovering endangered folk culture of North-East in the digital world. He travelled in remote areas of Assam and Arunachal in search of folk-art material. His debut feature film *Pai Tang* is based on the struggle for existence of the Tai Phake community from the far eastern part of Assam. His book *Pratham Prem* dealt with the unspoken stories of life of a few prominent Assamese. It was the first book of its kind and an instant hit.