

Nursery Management for Wet Land Rice Cultivation

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Rice is the staple food of more than 60% of the world population. It is the staple food of most of the people of South Eastern Asia. About 90% of all rice grown in the world is produced and consumed in the Asian region. In India, rice is the most important and extensively grown food crop, occupying about 42 million hectares of land.

Selection of land and area- Select a fertile, well drained upland field near the source of irrigation. For transplanting one hectare area about 500 square meters is sufficient for nursery raising. In case of late sowing area of nursery should be increased to 500-700 square meter.

Selection of Seed- Seed should always be true to the variety, healthy, viable clean and to high germination percentage (80% or more). All these points are automatically taken care of in a seed certified by an authorised agency.

Nursery bed preparation- The soil is puddled by two or three runs of puddler or three or four ploughings as well as to facilitate the decomposition of organic matter. After one or two days of puddling, divided the nursery area into narrow beds of 1.25 meter width of any convenient length depending upon the slope. Construct the drainage channels 30 cm. wide in between the seed bed. Apply 225 gm. Urea or 500 gm. ammonium sulphate and 500 gm. Single super phosphates per 10 square meters.

Seed treatment and sowing- Treat the seed in carbendazim @ 2 gm/litter of water for 1 kg. of seed for 10 hours and drain excess water. Uniformly broadcast about two or three handfuls of seed on a square meter of seed bed.

Water management- Keep the seedbed saturated with water for first five days and then increases gradually the level of water upto 5.0 cm. as the seedlings grow. Drain the excess water in periods of heavy rains during the first week of sowing.

Nutrient management- An application of 50 gm. of urea per square meter may be made by topdressing in case of nitrogen deficiency symptoms.

Weed management- Pre-emergence application of Nitrofen @ 50 gm. dissolve in 10 litter of water for 10 square meters.

Pest management-

Army worm- Larvae feed voraciously on leaves, resulting in skeletonising of leaf blade.

Control- Drain out the water from nursery and spray chlorpyrifos @ 1.5 ml/litter of water.

Thrips- Both the nymph and adults lacerate the tender leaves and suck up the plant sap. As a result the yellowish lines are seen on the leaves.

Control- Spraying of monocrotophos @ 1.0 ml/litter of water.

Green leaf hopper- Both nymph and adults suck the sap from leaf and leaf sheath. As a result yellowing of leaves from tip to onwards.

Control- Spray of quinalphos @ 1.0 ml/litter of water.

Rice case worm – Caterpillars' feed on green tissues of the leaves and leaves become whitish papery.

Control- Spray of monocrotophos @ 1.5 ml/litter of water.

Disease management-

Blast- Boat or eye shaped spot with grey or dark brown margin appear on the leaf and leaf sheath.

Control- (a) Treat the seed with

Thiram @ 2.0 gm/kg of seed.

(b) Spraying of carbendazim @ 1.0 ml/litter of water.

Brown spot- Isolated brown, round to oval spots found on the leaves.

Control- Spraying of mancozeb @ 2.0 gm/litter of water.

Rice Tungro Virus- The leaves become yellow or orange-yellow may also have rust coloured spot.

Control- In nursery when virus infection is low, apply carbofuran granules @ 2.0 kg/ha. to control vector population.

Procedure for pulling the seedlings out of seedbed- Seedlings are ready for transplanting from 20 to 25 days after sowing. Seedlings more than 30 days old when transplanted recover more slowly than younger seedlings, especially if they suffer stem and root injury. Seedlings less than 20 days old are too short to be pulled from the soil. The procedure is as follows.

* Two or three seedlings are grasped at a time.

* The seedlings are held between the thumb and forefingers, and as close to the base as possible.

* They are pulled gently and easily at an angle of about 30° on the horizon.

* If too much sticks or roots, it is washed by shaking the roots in water. The plants roots should not be threshed against feet or any object to remove mud at this will injure the plants.

* Convenient size of seedlings bundle (5-8 diameters) is made by tying with any soft material and the seedling should be protected from drying.



Teacher's Coordination meet for Revamping Education of Papum Pare(rural) held

RONO (DOIMUKH), JULY 1:

A Coordination meeting of all the teachers of Papum Pare, (Rural) was held at the community hall Rono, Doimukh on July 1. The meeting with the objective of revamping the education scenario by discussing the challenges and exploring solutions witnessed participation of more than 400 teachers from across the district.

Teacher representatives from different blocks shared their perspectives on the current state of education and addressed concerns regarding the quality of education; including lack of professionalism among teachers, inadequate infrastructure, lack of basic seating and toilet facilities for students, teacher student ratio, poor enrolments and rationalization of teachers.

Suggestions were made to improve management, introduce separate teachers for pre-primary education, provide substitutes for maternity leaves and install GPS in schools so that functional schools could be identified.

Addressing the congregation of teachers Deputy Commissioner Shri Cheechung Chukhu said that "the teachers play an integral role in a student's life by providing support, developing knowl-

edge and skills and cultivating curiosity and creativity. Teachers therefore have to be approachable, accommodating and dedicated in their teaching."

He also emphasised on the importance of co-curriculum activities for the 'all round development of the students' and added that 'he will ensure it is implemented in all the schools'.

DC Chukhu further acknowledged the role of teachers as "crucial in the life of the students and the society and advised them to lead by example".

Taking note of few irregular teachers whose performances have been far below the targets, he warned of strict actions if "they don't mend ways".

Shri T.T. Tara, DDSE called for discipline, sincerity and determination among teachers. He also said that "motivating the students to perform well in life is the duty of teachers."

Sir Nakha Nabam Hina, Professor, RGU encouraged the teachers to keep learning to be mentally agile and respond effectively to the young students.

He further encouraged the teachers to be attentive to the needs of the students and focus on their personal growth rather than blaming others.

Shri Nabam Ado (President, AASSATA) and Shri R.K Rob (President, ATA) also spoke on the occasion.

On the occasion BK Mission School, Midpu and Government Middle School, Doimukh were awarded for their exceptional academic performance.

Commendation certificates were also awarded to Smti. Debiba Meyung, TGT, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Aswasiya Vidyalaya (NSCBV), Pang under Mengio Circle, Shri Amen Takio, PRT,

(NSCBV), Nyopang under Silsange Circle and Shri Nabam Raja, PRT, Govt. Upper Primary School, Yallang under Sagalee Circle in recognition of their services rendered in the field of education in the district.

One-Day Awareness Training Programme on RTI held at Ziro.

ZIRO, JULY 1 :

The Right to Information Act-2005 has heralded many positive changes in the state after its inception, said State Information Commission Chief Information Commissioner Rinchin Dorjee on July 1.

Addressing the One-Day Awareness Training Programme on RTI Act-2005 at Abotani Hall here today, the CIC said the RTI Act-2005 is a 'citizen friendly' mechanism devised by Govt. in the interest of the citizens. Govt. officials are public servants whose duty is to serve the public. Public interest ought to be the top most priority and Govt. officials must strive to fulfill the aspirations of the citizens, he remarked.

CIC Rinchin Dorjee also elaborated that the Act had been devised in larger interest of the citizens and appealed the participants to use the Act rationally and judiciously for welfare of the state rather than for personal gains.

SIC Commissioner Sonam Yudron dwelt at length on Chapter-2 Sections 3 to 7 of the Act and explained briefly the RTI Act-2005, its filing process, role of Public Information Officer, Assistant Public Information Officer, suo-moto disclosures of information and categories of information exempted from furnishing to the appellant. Sonam also informed the process and time period of approaching an

officer higher than the PIO or the SIC in case of refusal by the concerned PIO to furnish the information or willful delay in furnishing of the same.

Explaining Chapter-2 Sections 8 to 10 of the Act, SIC Commissioner Gumjum Haider said the Act had been devised and envisioned to help the citizens and to root out corruption from the system. He also explained in detail the categories of information to be revealed and exempted from revealing, the grounds for rejection of certain information sought, disclosure of information provided to CPIO or PIO by a third party and its time frame.

SIC Commissioner Genom Tekseng explained Chapter-5 Sections 18 of the Act dealing with the powers, functions, appeals and penalties available with the SIC.

In his introductory speech, APIC Registrar Taro Mize informed similar Awareness Training Programme had been organized at Namsai and other places in the state. The Registrar said many officers were not well acquainted with the rules and manuals of RTI Act-2005 and urged them to update themselves.

Thanking Lower Subansiri District Administration for conducting the Awareness Training Programme at the District Headquarter, the APIC Registrar further said the RTI Act-2005 is basically meant to facilitate providing information to citizens for good governance and to lead people in right direction.

Underscoring the importance of the Act in facilitating accountability, transparency and efficient administration, Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime urged to strike a healthy balance between the PIO's and RTI activists. So many RTI ac-

tivists are mushrooming up in the state. Genuine information seekers need to be chaffed out from the fake and malafide information seekers else there would be chaos, he said, while pleading the Commission to come up with a mechanism to curb the souring menace.

CIC Rinchin Dorjee summed up the training programme while Lower Subansiri ADC (Hq.) Millo Kojin offered the vote of thanks.

More than 100 participants including PIO's, APIO's and officials from the Districts of Lower Subansiri, Kamle, Kra-Dadi, Kurung Kumey and few RTI activists participated at the day-long training programme. An intense 'Open-House Discussion' involving the participants and the APIC team was the special charm of the programme where all doubts pertaining to RTI Act-2005 were cleared on the spot. (DIPRO).

IPR Secretary Visits FTI Jote to Assess Progress of Ongoing Works:

ITANAGAR, JULY 1:

The Secretary IPR & Printing Nyali Ete accompanied by Director IPR Onyok Pertin and other officers from line departments made a day long visit to the Film and Television Institute, Jote to take on the spot stock of progress of works undertaken by various departments on 1st July.

In a threadbare discussion with the officers, the Secretary said that the FTI is one the major projects of the Govt. of India and it is closely being monitored from time to time to time. Spelling out time line set for completion of works on various pertaining to building infrastructures, internal and exter-

nal electrification, water supply, boundary demarcation etc as per decision taken in earlier visits, the Secy pointed out that the progress is not going in the expected pace and exhorted all stakeholders to go out with more commitments so that the work is completed as per deadline set and the big asset for the state is utilized for the future generation. He disclosed that visit was necessitated prior to Review Meeting to be held with State Chief Secretary on progress of FTI as on date date. He has asked all stakeholders to present status of works assigned to them in details in the meeting.

DCM joins the National Doctor's Day Celebration in Itanagar

ITANAGAR, JULY 2:

National Doctor's Day was celebrated on July 2 in Itanagar at the Hotel Waii International with Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein in attendance. The event aimed to recognize and appreciate doctors' invaluable contributions to society and to raise awareness of their importance in saving lives and promoting public health. The theme for this year's National Doctors Day is "Celebrating Resilience and Healing Hands" and the event sought to acknowledge and commend the remarkable efforts of medical professionals.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Chief Minister acknowledged the immense contribution of senior doctors of the State and modern health facilities, the premier Hospitals in the State like RK Mission Hospital and TRIHMS provide to the people. Mein stated that the state-of-the-art facilities and modern equipment available at the Tomo Riba Institute of Health

and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS) are a matter of pride for Arunachal Pradesh. He further said that the Arunachal Pradesh government is committed to strengthening the healthcare delivery system across the state by investing in it and enhancing the capacity of staff.

Mein added that the Government of Arunachal Pradesh under CM Pema Khandu Sarkar has kept the healthcare and education sector at the top priority. He said that the Govt will extend support to the Medical fraternity in every possible way citing the contributions of the medical personnels in creating a healthy society. He further assured to provide required additional fund for completion of the Indian Medical Association, House (Arunachal Branch).

Mein also highlighted the enactment of "The Arunachal Pradesh Protection of Medical Service Personnel and Medical Service Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage or Loss of Property) Act 2019" which was passed to ensure the safety and security of medical professionals. Mein appealed to all the citizens across the State to support the medical personnel and try to understand the situation they go through in their efforts to save lives.

Mein while thanking the entire medical fraternity for making him a part of Doctor's Day celebration have called upon all the personnel in medical professionals to sincerely work together to further uplift the healthcare delivery system of the State to greater heights.

On the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister also felicitated senior doctors and Ayang Foundation of East Siang District for their sincere dedication and outstanding contributions towards delivering health care services to the needy

people of the State.

The event was also attended by Minister, Health & Family Welfare, GoAP, Alo Libang, Director TRIHMS, Dr. Moji Jini and senior doctors of the State among others.

Illegal Tobacco Sale and Alcohol Seizures in Itanagar Prompt Strict Checking Drive

ITANAGAR, JULY 3:

A team of District Administration led by EAC Tamo Dadda, Inspector Yomken Riram Itanagar PS and team of DTCC, ICR Flying Squad conducted checking drive of all the shops situated near the educational institutions from Arunodaya School area to DNGC area including Police colony Itanagar under COTPA section 6 (a),(b) i.e Section - 6. Prohibition on sale of cigarettes or other tobacco products to a person below the age of eighteen years and in a particular area

No person shall sell, offer for sale, or permit sale of, cigarette or any other tobacco product

(a) To any person who is under eighteen years of age, and

(b) In an area within a radius of one hundred yards of any educational institution.

The flying Squad team also warned all the COTPA Section 6 (a), (b) Violators to not to sell tobacco products and to obey the laws and to help the society and youngsters in leading a Tobacco Free life and Environment.

During the course of the checking drive, alcohol being sold illegally were also seized from various shops.

All the seized items viz Cigarettes and other tobacco products were burnt and illegal alcohol seized was destroyed in presence of

DC Capital Talo Potom, Police and DTCC as per procedure.

The DC informed that the shopkeepers have been warned time and again for selling tobacco products in the restricted area. He has appealed all to cooperate with the Administration and further informed that such checking drive would continue in the coming days too along with Checking drive for illegally running wine shops, stray animal drive etc.

Indigenous priests felicitated on Gurupurnima

PASIGHAT, JULY 3:

On the occasion of Gurupurnima, fifteen Indigenous Priests or Tabes were felicitated at Ruksin Gangging in East Siang District. Presidents of the Donyi Polo Ganggings were also honoured on the occasion.

The event was organized by Vivekananda Kendra Arunjyoti Pasighat Nagar. Guru Purnima marks the occasion to honour our Indigenous gurus or priests who play an important role towards preservation of indigenous traditions, customs and values. The function was attended by many elders and intellectuals. President Donyi Polo Gangging Ruksin Omir Tatin, Head Tabes Taken Jonnom, Sampark Pramukh Tayom Dai and Group Captain (Rtd) Mohonto Panging Pao spoke on the occasion.

Capacity Building Training Program on ECCE Significance Organized for Anganwadi Workers

TEZU, JULY 03:

A 5 days Capacity Building Training Programme on Significance of

ECCE in the Light of New Education Policy 2020 for Anganwadi Workers is being organized by the District Administration, Lohit at BRC Hall in Tezu.

The training program was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Shri. Shashvat Saurabh, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of Lohit District, Tezu, in the presence of Guest of Honour, Shri Eto Ete, DDSE Lohit.

Child Development Project Officer, Tezu welcomed the members present and highlighted about the aims & objectives of the training programme.

Dy. Director (ICDS), Tezu encouraged the Anganwadi Workers to take advantage of the training provided by Resource Persons from Education Department/ Middle level training centre.

The guest of honour extended the gratitude to the DC Lohit for the initiation and supporting the 5 days each training program at Tezu and Sunpura Circle.

DC Lohit highlighted about earlier meeting with education department regarding poor pass percentages of students during 2023-24, at that time he conceived the idea to organized week long program for Anganwadi workers on significance of ECCE in the light of NEP, 2020. He also highlighted the issues about the malnourished child, stunting, maim, pulse polio, ECCE day etc. and stressed on special role and responsibilities of Anganwadi workers.

He furthered encouraged all AWW for full attendance during day long training program to gain the knowledge from this training program.

He furthered interacted with the AWWs and discussed on various issues for the upliftment of the Anganwadi workers and society as a whole.

Pack House Inaugurated at Ziro:

Eco-system among farmers needed for their chartered growth and progress: Taki

ZIRO, JULY 3:

In order to streamline the growth, progress and benefits due to farmers, a chain of eco-system within their fraternity is need of the hour which would channelize their hard work commensurate with the incentives provided by the Govt, said Agriculture and allied Minister Er.Tage Taki here yesterday.

Inaugurating a pack house at the kiwi orchard of renowned kiwi grower of Ziro Valley Hage Tara at Dibu, the Minister urged the farmers to combine the wisdom of both the old and young generation farmers to find better and practical solutions in the field of horticulture to maximize their efforts and returns.

Appreciating and acknowledging the pioneering efforts of Hage Tara in the field of Horticulture, Taki said I know Hage Tara for the past 15 to 20 years who has been putting in lots of pioneering efforts in the field of horticulture particularly in kiwi plantation which has made Ziro Valley the largest producer of kiwi in India and famous globally. Further, the Minister informed that Tara had planted 20 varieties of exotic imported varieties of fruits on experimental basis at his orchard which was exemplary and encouraging to upcoming young farmers of the District and the state.

Agreeing to the need of a 'cold storage' at the District Hq, the Minister said that a farm-end solar based cold storage would

be more ideal for a place like Ziro rather than the power-driven conventional cold storage.

Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime emphasized on the need for 'vocal for local' and urged the local unemployed youth to take up farming seriously to earn their livelihoods. Some of our unemployed youth can take up horticulture farming and set up MSME units to produce kiwi wine, juice and dried fruits which are in high demands within and outside the state, he said, while pledging Rs one lakh from his untied fund for maintenance of Tara's farm.

The pack house costing Rs 5 lacs was constructed under Rastriya Krishi Vikash Yojana-Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR)-CSS Scheme sanctioned during 2023-24.

Meanwhile, Hage Tara informed that Ziro Valley with an ideal geographical height elevation was best suited for cultivation of kiwi and eastern fruits. My orchard is located at 2000 mtrs above sea level while average elevation height of Ziro Plateau is 3000 mtrs above sea level which is best suited for kiwi and eastern fruits cultivation, he explained, while expressing gratefulness to the State Govt. for encouraging farmers like him by providing Govt. incentives.

The inauguration programme organized at Dibu jungle located 20 kms away from Hapoli township was organized by Agriculture Department led by District Agriculture Officer Tasso Butung and attended by other Departmental heads, ZPM's and progressive farmers.

74th Van Mahotsav Celebrated with Enthusiasm and 'Each One Plant One' Message at VKV Namsai

NAMSAI JULY 3:

On the pious day of Guru Purnima, 74th Van Mahotsav was celebrated by the Forest Department in collaboration with District Administration Namsai. Students, teachers and staffs of VKV Namsai enthusiastically participated with the message 'Each One Plant One'.

Deputy Commissioner Namsai started the ceremonial planting of saplings in the school campus. He urged the students to nurture the saplings as the saplings would bear fruits for future generation and will be a source of habitation for birds & insects which will aid in maintaining the ecological balance of mother earth. Furthermore he made a clarion call to all the HoDs/HoOs to make concerted efforts to plant trees in their offices and quarter campuses.

The department issued saplings to the school authority and requested that every student plant and adopt a sapling till it is well acclimated to the new environment.

District Cooperative Development meeting held

YUPIA, JULY 3:

A meeting of the District Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC) was convened here at the DC Conference hall, Yupia on July 3 to prepare the district plan for setting up of new Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) or primary dairy/fishery cooperative societies on the basis of the gap analysis from National Cooperative database.

The committee members also discussed modalities to revive and strengthen the existing PACS and LAMPs including dovetailing of various schemes of government at the level of PACs or primary dairy/fishery cooperative societies to improve their viability and make them vibrant economic entities, to provide necessary infrastructures and logistic support etc.

Chairing the meeting Deputy Commissioner Shri Cheechung Chukhu advised the Cooperative department to compile a block wise data of the existing PACS/LAMPs in the district to "assess their credibility and pave way for new societies by liquidating the non-functional ones."

The DC also advocated using the PRI members during the registrations to ensure all the Panchayat/villages are covered by PACs and further emphasized on handholding by the departments in the registration of the new PACs.

Techi Kaku, ARCS presented a powerpoint presentation on the genesis of the cooperative movement and efforts of the Government to strengthen the cooperative movement in the country / state by deepening its reach up to the grassroot levels.

Among others District Agriculture Officer Maze Piel, DVO Dr. Monya Kato, Kumud Chandra Sonowal, BM, Apex bank, Naharlagun, Mary Tech, Assistant Manager, APEX Bank, Nangrang Tech, Assistant Fisheries Officer, Nangrang Takap, PRO to ZPC attended the meeting.

Rijiju Chairs DISHA meeting for Papum Pare

YUPIA, JULY 4:

Union Minister for Earth Science, Kiren Rijiju chaired the district de-

velopment coordination & monitoring committee (DISHA) meeting for Papum Pare district here at Yupia, on July 4 virtually.

The Minister assured to 'make the necessary interventions wherever required, for the schemes to be completed effectively on schedule' while reviewing the major schemes and welfare programs.

Acknowledging the efforts of the officers in implementing various programmes in spite of the topography and demographic challenges the Minister said that "Generating awareness on the initiatives of the government and the facilities provided by the government like water, electricity, gas and roads connections, re-enforces the public trust on the government and the administration."

He advised the agencies implementing the schemes and welfare programs to 'interact more with the public to generate awareness and constructive feedback.'

Noting the absence of the elected representatives in the virtual meeting, Rijiju issued directions to ensure their participation in the next meetings as the 'active participation of the MLAS is important for an accelerated development of the area' he asserted.

Deputy Commissioner Papum Pare Cheechung Chukhu, PD DRDA Bengia Yakar, Hods joined the virtual meeting.

DC prohibits swimming activities and fishing at Pare reservoir

DOIMUKH, JULY 4:

Deputy Commissioner Papum Pare Cheechung Chukhu has prohibited swimming activities and illegal fishing in the Pare dam reservoir during a meeting with the

shopkeepers and the resort owners along the Pare Reservoir at Pare Hut Resort, Hara-Hapa on Tuesday to discuss safety measures for the visitors and tourists.

The resorts and restaurants along the Pare reservoir are flung by visitors, specially during summer to escape the heat of the capital city.

Informing about a standing order issued by the District Administration on 15th June, which prohibits illegal boating and fishing activities in the reservoir he specifically suggested the owners of resorts to give priority to the safety of customers and prohibit swimming, boating and fishing in the reservoir.

He also asked them to keep fire extinguishers at their shops and resorts to mitigate unforeseen fire accidents.

He further suggested on improving the aesthetics of the area along the Doimukh-Potin Highway near the Pare Reservoir which includes villages, namely Sopo, Jampa, Hara-Hapa upto Hoj and assured to provide plantation materials.

DC Chukhu suggested the shopkeepers and owners of resorts to follow the trade license guidelines and refrain from illegal trade activities.

The DC was accompanied by Shri Tai Arun, Trade Development Officer and other officials.

Five month training course of 5th batch horticulture field staff concludes successfully

PASIGHAT, JULY 4:

The five month Foundation Certificate Training Course for Horticulture Field Staff, 5th batch which

started on 15th of February 2023 at GTC Pasighat from various districts of Arunachal Pradesh concluded successfully July 4.

After successful completion of the training program a Valedictory function was organized by District Horticulture Officer (DHO) Pasighat, in the Mushroom Training Hall.

During the five month training period, the trainees were imparted in depth theoretical and practical aspects of horticultural science. Later during the interaction session, the trainees shared that the training had enriched their know how and practical applications of Horticulture farming.

ADC Pasighat Oli Perme who attended the program as Guest of Honor, encouraged the trainee staffs to keep up their learning curve for self betterment and progress of community, society and nation as a whole. Speaking on the need to establish a Training Institute, as there is bright prospect of establishing a training institute in the District with its available pool of resources from two colleges under CAU, KVK and GTC was expressed by her. She also, spoke about importance of imparting periodic and regular training to field staffs, so that new insights in horticulture subjects could be gathered and adoption of new technologies for better remuneration from horticulture related activity could be made possible.

Dr. BN Hazarika, Dean, College of Horticulture and Forestry who graced the occasion as Chief Guest exhorted the field staffs to work with dedicated and sincerity towards their profession to boost the Horticulture sector and for benefit of farmers. He also added that Arunachal Pradesh with its vast naturally gifted resources is a sleeping giant in the field of horticulture.

Vote of thanks was offered by Oyin Tayeng HDO who expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the entire guest and the trainees for making the program a successful one.

DC stresses on timely completion of construction works under PMAY (G)

PASIGHAT, JULY 4:

Awareness cum Mobilization Programme on effective implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Grameen (PMAY-G) for Ruksin and Bilat CD Blocks was conducted today at Bilat circle HQ under the chairmanship of DC East Siang Tayi Taggu.

The programme was attended by the Project Director DRDA Taging Padung, CO cum BDO Ruksin Oyam Saring, CO cum BDO Bilat Dr. TD Bapu, GBs, PRI members and PMAY (G) beneficiaries of Ruksin and Bilat CD Blocks.

The DC interacted with the beneficiaries and sought explanation from the beneficiaries as well as officials for non completion of construction works under PMAY(G). He also heard their grievances in length and stressed upon the importance of timely completion of the construction under PMAY(G). Further, the DC has instructed the GBs and PRI members along with the official to monitor the progress of the work from time to time and report to the authority for the early saturation of the scheme.

Among others, PD Taging Padung, COs Oyam Saring and Dr. TD Bapu, representatives from GBs, PRI members and beneficiaries also spoke on the occasion.

Governor attends Dree Festival at Ziro

ZIRO, JULY 5:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participated in the Dree Festival celebration of Apatani Tribe at Ziro, Lower Subansiri District on 5th July 2023.

Extending Dree greetings to the people, the Governor said that Dree symbolizes the working of divinity for protection of crops, so that the granaries are full after a rich harvest. He said that it is the time for fostering love and affections, unity and camaraderie with members of the community.

Governor said that the indigenous festivals have always promoted peace, harmony and prosperity in the region. He urged the people to preserve and propagate their cultural heritage. Complimenting the women and children taking part in the cultural programme, he said, they reflected purity and divinity of the festivity.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor commended the Apatani Tribe for maintaining the unique agricultural practice of the community and pristine environment. The Governor exhorted the youth to harness the potential of agriculture and its allied sectors and make Arunachal Pradesh the food bowl of the North East Region. He also advised youth towards cultural tourism, entrepreneurship in tourism, horticulture and other potential service sectors.

The Governor visited the painting and photography stalls, arranged as part of the festival. He also felicitated Padi Manu, TGT (Science) of Government Secondary School, Hong, Ziro as 'Teacher of the Year', who took personal

initiative to set up a library in the school.

Minister of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Dairy Development and Fisheries and local MLA Er. Tage Taki, Deputy Commissioner, Ziro, Shri Bamin Nime and SP, Ziro Dr. Sachin Kumar Singhal, IPS, Shri Tarh Tabin of Arunachal Indigenous Tribe Forum and apex members of Community Based Organizations along with the people of Ziro plateau attended the celebration.

A cultural presentation, depicting the rich cultural heritage and traditions of Apatani society was presented on the occasion.

Largest Natural Cave explores

DAPORIJO JULY 6:

The team of District Administration lead by Mika Nyori DC upper Suabansiri along with other HoDs tour to Lebri Village one the remote and furthest village under Baririjo Circle of Upper Subansiri District. The theme of tour was to interact the villagers and also to explore the hidden locally famous called Pentu Liipiik (cave) natural cave which is located in lebri village under Baririjo circle. Jemar Jeram Dubi DTO, Boken Pao DFO, Tapak Ragni DPO, Kaya Lapung DMO, Lardik Kare EE PWD and others were the team composition.

The Penru-Liipiik believed to be one of the largest natural caves in the northern East of India, the cave recently captured the attention of District Administration and its team members. Boasting an impressive, the cave has having a 17 different chambers and Holes and ample spaces for over 150 persons could be semolteneously enter and explore its mystical depth in same

time, where breathtaking uniqueness, beautiful and cultural significance could be studied.

During their visit, the DC and his team were delighted to witness and granteur of the cave in firsthand. They were captivated by its ethereal charms and the cave also recognised its potential to become a distinct tourist attractions.

DC emphasised the importance of sustainable sustainable tourism and conservative efforts in unlocking the hidden potential of Penru Cave. He assured and commitment that, C/o CC step would be placed on priority basis during his annual action plan via PMGSY Liagi- Baririjo road to Penru cave for accessible to visitors he added.

Jemar Jeram Dubi DTO addressed the gathering and emphasised the importance of maintaining spirit of hospitality to the guest and to protect and preserve the cultural and natural scenic beauty of the Village and kept clean and green village to embraced the tourist.

Boken Pao DFO also urged the villagers to refrain wildlife hunting activities as the flora & fauna is integral part to attracting the tourist he spoke.

Margo Hai APO (M) said that this visit would definitely significant step forward in exploration and cave would recognition in Arunachal's calendar spot of tourism point of view in day to come.

DGP calls on the Governor

ITANAGAR, JULY 6:

The Director General of Police (DGP), Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Anand Mohan, IPS, who has recently taken over charge, called on the State Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM

(Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 6th July 2023.

Welcoming the new DGP, the Governor expressed that his vast experience of having worked in multifarious capacities in various positions in the Police setup of the country will enable him to address numerous challenges and help in ensuring people-friendly policing in the State. He emphasized that every police personnel of Arunachal Pradesh Police must be committed to providing a responsive and safe and secure environment to our citizens. Issues related to Police force modernization and infrastructure upgradation were also discussed.

The Governor shared his suggestions on the overall security scenario of the State and wished the new Police Chief of the State, a fruitful and successful tenure ahead.

Successful Conclusion of Skill Development Training Program on Cane, Bamboo, and Beads making

YINGKIONG JULY 6:

One month Skill Development training programme conducted by the Department of Textile and Handicrafts, Upper Siang District, Yingkiong on Cane, Bamboo and Beads Making concluded successfully here at ADTH office, Yingkiong on July 6.

Altogether 37 trainees comprising educated unemployed youths and school children from various schools enthusiastically participated in the monthlong training program.

The department also organized a valedictory function wherein Vice-Principal VKV Yingkiong Gyaneshwar Mishra

and Head Mistress Govt Secondary School, Parsing Odi Kombo graced the function as the chief guest and guest of honour. While speaking on the occasion Gyaneshwar Mishra appreciated the effort of Assistant Director, Textile and Handicrafts, Yingkiong and said that it will go a long way in making a better future for the youth and society as a whole. Odi Kombo who also spoke on the occasion called upon the students to utilize the knowledge gain through the training to develop their skills more efficiently and effectively in future and encouraged others undergo such training in future.

Y.Jerang, District Information and Public Relations Officer also shared a word of advise to all participants and said that 'with dwindling value of traditional art and crafts, such training holds immense importance for younger generations as it will not only skilled them up but will also to let them know their traditional skills and preserves its values'

Earlier, Assistant Director Textile and Handicrafts Onam Darang Pertin highlighted the aims and objective of the training programme and said that training program was conducted with objective to give exposure and skill up the youths of the district for better future. She called upon all trainees to continue their learning skills and expressed her gratitude to various schools for their co-operation and support in successful completion of training programme.

Later on, Certificates were distributed to all participants by VP Gyaneshwar Mishra and HM Odi Kombo. Educated unemployed youths, students from Govt Secondary School, Parsing, VKV and GHSS Yingkiong participated and shared their experiences. Bamboo and Cane training was imparted by

Pokrin Mitkong and Takong Mingki and beads making was imparted by Ninna Lego and Pona Rumchu respectively.

Drug awareness campaign held at Ziro

ZIRO, JULY 6:

Making a clarion call to make Ziro a drug free District, Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bam-in Nime appealed all the stakeholders including the victims of drug abuse, parents, peers groups and people of the valley to pool in together to curb the menace at the District.

Addressing as the chief guest at the one-day Drug Awareness Campaign at Dani Kunia Govt. H.S School organized by TRIAGE Management and New Hope Foundation, Doimukh, Nime said drug abuse is the biggest challenge facing the young generation of today for which the society as a whole need to pool in concerted efforts together to eradicate the menace. In olden days alcoholism was the fond addiction of people at large. However, in 21st century drugs seems to have become more fashionable to the young gens which is more harmful and disastrous, he said, while appealing all the stakeholders to join hands together to root out the scourge from the District.

Highlighting the aims and objectives of holding the campaign, Managing Director of TRIAGE Management Licha Taring Agu said the purpose of holding such awareness campaign was to reach out to the drug abusers and give them a platform to reform themselves with the success stories of reformations shared by earlier drug addicts who had quit the habit and leading healthy and nor-

mal lives. While informing similar camps had been already held at Longding and Changlang, Agu also informed they are planning to hold similar camps throughout the state.

Founder of New Hope Foundation and Vice-Chairman of Arunachal Bullet Club Tadar Hania who spoke as the cause speaker said society should not look upon drug addiction and drug addicts as a 'stigma' but should recognize the same as a disease which is curable. Instead of hiding, victims of the abuse should also come forward and approach us for treatment and rehabilitation which is very much possible with their cooperation, he explained, while informing that another similar campaign would be held at Yazali on 10th of this month.

Special invitees Apatani Women Association Ziro (AWAZ) President Hibu Lily, General Secretary Leegang Ania, Tax, Excise and Narcotics Superintendent Takhe Riniyo Nani also spoke on the occasion attended by over 100 students from DKGHSS and other schools of the valley.

Deputy Commissioner, Bomdila, Akriti Sagar (IAS), Conducts Extensive Inspection of Bhalukpong Jurisdiction.

BHALUKPONG, JULY 7:

Deputy Commissioner, Bomdila, Akriti Sagar (IAS), recently conducted a comprehensive visit to the Bhalukpong jurisdiction to assess key establishments and address issues related to administrative efficiency and public service delivery.

During the visit, Deputy Commissioner Akriti Sagar inspected the EAC Office, Secondary School Bhalukpong, Tippi

Orchid Research Center, Block Development Office, and Community Health Center (CHC) Bhalukpong. The purpose was to evaluate the functioning of these establishments and engage with authorities, officials, and staff members to understand their challenges and gather valuable insights.

Discussions were held at the EAC Office to improve administrative efficiency and enhance public service delivery. At Secondary School Bhalukpong, Sagar emphasized the importance of education and discussed necessary improvements in infrastructure and the quality of education provided.

The visit to the Tippi Orchid Research Center focused on promoting sustainable orchid cultivation, research activities, and collaboration with local communities and organizations. The Block Development Office inspection reviewed ongoing projects, schemes, and welfare programs for rural development and poverty alleviation.

Lastly, at the Community Health Center (CHC) Bhalukpong, the DC assessed healthcare infrastructure and discussed strategies to improve healthcare services in the region.

District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) of Lower Dibang Valley Holds Governing Council Meeting

ROING, JULY 7:

The District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) of Lower Dibang Valley Conducted its Governing Council Meeting today in the presence of MLA (Dambuk) Gum Tayeng, MLA (Roing) Mutchu Mithi, DC Soumya Saurabh, ADC Srinivas Sadi, members and administra-

tive officers.

A brief report was presented on the DMFT, its aims and objectives, its scope of activities, projects undertaken by the DMFT in LDV and a plan of its activities for 2023-24.

MLA Mutchu Mithi appreciated and commended the projects taken up by the DMFT as it catered to the immediate requirements in the district and suggested a few projects that could be taken up to aid and improve the education and WCD sectors in the district.

MLA Gum Tayeng requested the Geology and Mining department to consider increasing the royalty exemption to 100 Cubic Meter from the present 30 cubic meter, for villagers building their houses.

DC Soumya Saurabh informed about the various activities undertaken by the DTFI and stated that the priority is to meet the basic requirements in the education and health care sectors. She also said that work should be considered in a convergence mode with other departments.

The DC highlighted the projects like the Mother Child Care Kit given on institutional delivery, repair works in government schools in Jamupani and Paglam, provision of library books, construction of bachelor barracks for teachers, electrification of Anganwadi centres, capacity building programme for girls, clearing of dumping ground, strengthening of computer lab, procurement of medicines for distribution in SAD camps, procurement of anemia screening kits etc.

New proposal for bridging the infrastructure gap in schools, provision of Mid Day Meal for students of class IX- XII to keep the children in schools for 12 government schools in the district etc

were presented before the Governing Council for its approval.

AMDO Jotin Linggi informed about the DMFT, its functions, fund position and its utilisation.

Ziro mourns death of Gyati Chada, Head Assistant

ZIRO, JULY 7:

The officers and officials of District Secretariat Ziro mourned the untimely demise of Gyati Chada, Head Assistant, who died at the wee hours at TRIHMS Naharlagun today after a prolonged illness.

The officers and officials housed at the District Secretariat led by Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime expressed their condolences to the bereaved family members and prayed to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul. A two-minute silence was also observed as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

Meanwhile, Gyati Tajang, President of Hao Lanker, the apex body of Hari village to which Late Chada belonged and Tasso Butung, President of Hari Employees and Pensioners Welfare Association (HEPWA) also mourned the sad demise of late Chada and offered their condolences to the bereaved family members on behalf of their respective organizations. In their condolence messages, Tajang and Butung described late Gyati Chada as a sincere, humble and helpful person who was always jolly and contributed immensely to the growth and development of Hari village through his expert advises being in Govt. service for so long.

Born on 2nd October 1970, Late Gyati Chada had joined Govt. service as an Upper Division Clerk in 1992 and was promoted to Head

Assistant in 2021. He had completed 31 years 1 month and 3 days of dedicated Govt. service till the time of his death.

Late Chada leaves behind his two wives and five children.

Launch of Child Helpline Unit in Roing by District Child Protection Unit and Department of Women and Child Development

ROING, JULY 7:

CHILD HELPLINE UNIT, Roing was launched today by the District Child Protection Unit, Roing and Department of Women and Child Development, LDV.

Deputy Director (ICDS) Cum DCPO G. A. Perying formally launched the CHILD HELPLINE UNIT at DCPU in the district, which has been taken over by the Govt. from Childline India Foundation (CIF) and its partner NGO running it earlier. She focused on the automation of CHILD HELPLINE UNIT (CHL)-1098 under Mission Vatsalya and informed that all the calls landing to 1098 shall be routed to the WCD control Room and to CHL. DCPU. The DCPO informed that the Child Helpline unit in the district works under the overall administrative control of District Magistrate who is available round the clock and will provide outreach service for children in crises linking them to emergency and long term care and rehabilitation services. 1098 is a national toll free service 24x7 helpline number dedicated for Children in difficult situations, she informed.

The CHL Unit is set up at District Child Protection Unit, Roing opposite to BSNL Office, Roing. The launch was held in the

presence of District Child Protection Unit and Child Helpline Unit staff.

3 lakh fingerlings distributed to fish farmers

EMCHI, JULY 7:

More than 3 lakh Free fish seed fingerlings were distributed to 90 fish farms of Papum Pare district by Deputy Commissioner Cheechung Chukhu, on July 7 at the Govt. Fish farm, Emchi.

The endeavour aims to motivate progressive fish farmers to take up fish farming on a large scale for enhanced fish production in the district and for the district to become self reliant in fish production.

DC Cheechung Chukhu advised the farmers to take advantages of Govt. schemes to sustain their economy through fish farming activities for self reliance. He also advised the attending farmers to be strong and courageous to face and overcome all kinds of circumstances.

DFDO Kipa Taja informed about the technical aspects to be followed while releasing fish seed fingerlings into the ponds and wished the farmers for a good harvest.

ZPC Nabam Yakum, SDO Doimukh Tana Yaho, CO Gumto Taya Yullu, officials of the Fishery department and fish farmers attended the program.

Van Mahotsava celebrated across Tirap District

KHONSA, JULY 7 :

Van Mahotsav is a pan India tree planting festival celebrated every year in the first week of July. Khonsa Forest Division like the previous

years celebrated the tree planting festival with villagers, administration, armed forces (Assam Rifles) and students. This forest festival is celebrated every year during the first week of July to spread awareness for forest conservation and to save the environment.

On 4th July 2023, Deputy Commissioner, Tirap, Circle Officer and Forest staffs planted some pine seedlings at Barap to mark the celebration of Van mahotsava which also coincided with Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 programme being held at Barap.

On 5th July students of Secondary School, Lazu, Alpha company 6th AR Lazu, staffs of EAC Lazu and forest department staffs gathered together to take up tree plantation drive at Lazu. To begin with Divisional Forest Officer, Khonsa thanked all the participants to turn up in a short notice for planting of trees. He emphasized on the importance of celebrating Vanmahotsava to create awareness on the conservation of Forest and Wildlife.

On 7th July 2023 tree plantation drive was taken up at Khela village. Chief of Khela village, GBs, Gram Panchayat members from Khela and ZPM of Bari Basip along with officials of Khonsa Forest Division came together and planted saplings of Asok, Gulmohar, Kanchan, Ajhar, pine etc. Some saplings were also distributed to the villagers for planting during this Vanamahotsava. Celebrate World Environment day-2023 at khonsa village along with students and villagers, lead by DFO Khonsa and his staffs.

Meanwhile, the prizes to the winners of drawing competition which was conducted on 27th May'2023 during Arunachal Mission Life campaign'23 was awarded by DFO, Khonsa Poosam Tang-

ha at Khonsa village today.

1st prize Miss Chalang Socia of cl. IV.

2nd prize Miss Chasong Socia of cl. III.

3rd prize Miss Soncha Socia of cl. VII.

DA Upper Siang conducts 3rd Seva Apke Dwar 2.0 Camp

SIMONG, JULY 7:

The District Administration Upper Siang conducted its 3rd Seva Apke Dwar 2.0 (SAD) camp for the financial year 2023-24 at Simong village.

Minister of Health and Family Welfare, GoAP Alo Libang inaugurated the camp in the presence of Hage Lailang, Deputy Commissioner, ZPC L.Litin, ABK President T.Libang, ADC [hq] Dochora Lama, HoDs, Admin officers, Govt officials, GBs, public leaders and general villagers at Simong Dere.

Altogether 26 departments participated in the camp to deliver services to public of Simong village. Despite incessant rainfall, camp draws huge response from the villagers. A total 1112 beneficiaries availed the services provided by various departments. SAD camp is a citizen centric service camp with the theme-'One Stop Solution to Multiple Problems' by taking those services to the people, which they actually want all at doorstep.

Governor interacts with members of the security forces

ITANAGAR, JULY 7:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), during his

two-day tour to East Kameng District interacted with officers and security forces personnel stationed in the district at Lumdung on 7th July 2023. He reviewed the security and law and order scenario in the district.

The Governor advised the security forces to be alert and prepare themselves for any challenges at the border. He stressed on a cohesive approach, proper liaising and coordination amongst the forces and State Police and civil authorities in the State.

The Governor highlighted various initiatives of the Central Government including, the collaborative development programme of Vibrant Village projects. He asked the security forces to assist the local administration and people in its implementation.

The Governor emphasized on two-way cooperation amongst the forces and local population. He said that the forces may share facilities and essential commodities available with them with villagers, while the utility services installed in villages can be shared with troops deployed in their vicinity.

The Governor advised the officers to encourage youth of the State to join the armed forces as the sons of the soil will always be an asset for the forces. He also asked them to become accustomed to the local customs and traditions of the people and participate in their cultural events.

The Governor advised the personnel to maintain physical and mental fitness. He also advised them to know the terrain and adapt themselves to technology upgrades in weapons and equipment being procured for the Forces.

Officers and personnel from Indian Army, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and

State Police, were present in the meeting.

Governor reviews developmental programmes of Pakke Kessang

ITANAGAR, JULY 7:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) reviewed the developmental programmes and projects of Pakke Kessang District at Pakke Kessang on 7th July 2023.

The Governor exhorted the officials to have vision, both long term and short-term goals for development of the new district. He advised the officials to encourage and motivate the people for optimum use of their land to be self-reliant and realize the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

While stressing on giving priority to completion of the District Secretariat, the Governor emphasized on the importance of people and community participation for the progress of the District. He advised on organizational team approach, cooperation amongst the departments and collaboration with expertise agencies. He urged the officials to work hard to achieve their people welfare goals within the timeframes.

The governor reiterated on automation of Departmental data. He said that automation will help in proper planning, timely implementation of projects and programmes and optimum utilization of fund.

The Governor advised the officials to develop the habitation with concept of Smart Villages, which are self-sufficient in term of connectivity, have all essential ser-

vices and digitally competent.

The Governor expressed concern about the education in the district and called for taking necessary actions. He suggested for special training for the teachers and extra classes to cover the entire syllabus. He stressed on motivating the students and guardians to improve the education scenario of the district.

Pakke Kessang Deputy Commissioner Shri Tayek Pado, Superintendent of Police Shri Habung Hailyang and Heads of Department briefed the Governor regarding the State and Central Governments sponsored schemes, projects and programmes.

On his arrival at Pakke Kessang, the Governor and the First lady of the State were according traditional reception by the goan burah, public and officials of the district.

Governor participates in the Van Mahotsav programme

ITANAGAR, JULY 7:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General K.T. Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participated in the Van Mahotsav programme at Lumdung, West Kameng District on 7th July 2023. Taking part in the van Mahotsav programme, organized by the Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, the Governor, accompanied by the First Lady of the State Smt Anagha Parnaik inaugurated the 'Van Mahotsav' Park at Eco-Park, Yarping and Natural Orchidarium cum Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre for Native Orchid species of East Kameng District planted 'Bokul' saplings on the occasion. As part of the celebration, the Governor distributed saplings

to Gaon Burahs and public on the occasion.

Speaking at the concluding programme of 'Workshop on Biodiversity Conservation Action Plan', the Governor said that it is the duty of every citizen to preserve and protect the flora and fauna. He said that time has come, when the people have to revive the bond with nature.

The Governor commended the department of environment and forests for the initiatives to protect the gift of nature. He advised the officials of the department to educate, motivate and encourage the people, particularly the local population to conserve their environment.

The Governor suggested that protection of environment must be incorporated in the school curriculum. He said that there must be social messages for young minds to connect with nature.

The Governor shared his deep concern regarding encroachment of forest land by some vested interest people. He called for timely action to address the issue.

The Governor released publications of Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, titled 'Orchids, its identification, cultivation & conservation' authored by Jumter Nyorak, Orchid Research Centre, Tipi and Booklet 'Community Conserved Areas', by World Wildlife Fund for Nature.

Minister for Environment & Forests etc. and local MLA, Shri Mama Natung, Chairman, State Biodiversity Board Shri Tayek Goi and Smt Koj Rinya, member Secretary SBB also spoke on the occasion.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Shri Jitendra Kumar gave a presentation on 'Biodiver-

sity: Status and Potential in Arunachal Pradesh.

Vishesh Uppal, Director, Governance, law & order of World Wildlife Fund- India briefed on the District Level Consultations on State Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

Tapak Taku, MLA, Commissioner to Governor Shri Ankur Garg, Deputy Commissioner, East Kameng, Shri Sachin Rana, Superintendent of Police, Shri Rahul Gupta and Divisional Forest Officer Shri Ankit Kumar also participated in the programme.

Governor interacts Goan Burahs, Gaon Buris of East Kameng District

ITANAGAR, JULY 7:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), who is on a two-day tour to East Kameng District, interacted with Gaon Burahs and Gaon Burhis of East Kameng District at Lumdung, East Kameng on 7th July 2023. The GBs shared their suggestions and concerns about education, health, road connectivity and prices of essential commodities in the district.

The Governor exhorted the GBs to motivate and encourage the village children and their guardians to focus on education and assist them in their academic pursuits. He said that State Government is aware of shortage of subject teachers and is working on a holistic approach to the issue as it exists throughout the State. He also said about training for teachers and coaching provision for students after classroom hours.

The Governor said that the educated youth of the State, who have availed scholarship from the

State Government, must come back and serve the people. The shortage of teachers and doctors will be addressed automatically. This can be realized, provided the society and the grass root administrators contribute in the spirit of self-help in encouraging students to work hard in their studies.

Referring to road connectivity, the Governor assured the GBs to take up concerned constructing organizations. He said that maintenance of roads and drainage systems are vital for long lasting roads.

The Governor said that with infrastructure development has being speedily upgraded, tourism is likely to mushroom in the State. The GBs and villagers must avail the opportunity by exploring tourism avenues such as home-stay, eco-tourism and cultural tourism in their villages.

Deputy CM Mein attended the Mega Credit Camp cum Ceremonial Programme at Namsai

NAMSAI, JULY 7:

A Mega Credit Camp cum Ceremonial Programme was organized under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- Arunachal State Rural Livelihood Mission (ArSRLM) at Multipurpose Cultural Hall, Namsai today. The event was graced by the Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Chowna Mein, as the chief guest.

Addressing the event, DCM Mein highlighted the potential of tribal women and emphasized the Government's dedication to strengthening the rural women's sector. The Government has been actively supporting and encouraging the formation of women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) across

the state. Mein also mentioned the vision of a self-sufficient village economy inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's ideals and principles, which encompassed village industries, primary education through handicrafts, eradication of untouchability and fostering communal harmony. He further said that the Government of Arunachal Pradesh remains committed to uplifting the rural economy and supporting Women SHGs to empower village communities. He further added that the Government will continue to support and empower SHGs as catalysts of change, aiming to create a sustainable and inclusive rural economy that uplifts the lives of every individual.

During the mega camp at Namsai, a total of 513 SHGs with 5,114 women members were formed. Additionally, a sum of rupees 2.6 crore of credit from 5 banks was disbursed to 263 SHGs, providing them with financial resources for their ventures.

In another significant development, Mein launched the Geospatial Soil Map during the Mega Credit Camp. According to Mein, this tool will provide farmers with accurate information about soil fertility, nutrient levels and moisture content, enabling them to plan their agricultural activities effectively. Precision farming techniques facilitated by the Geospatial Soil Map will help optimize agricultural output, increase crop yields and reduce wastage, benefiting farmers and contributing to the overall growth and prosperity of Arunachal Pradesh as it will help to micro level agriculture planning, Mein added. He further informed that on pilot project basis, the Geospatial Soil Map was conducted in three districts namely; Tawang, Lower Subansiri and Namsai. In the second phase five

more districts will be covered in this year and all other districts of Arunachal Pradesh will be covered in the coming year.

On the occasion, MLA 47 Namsai Assembly Constituency Chau Zingnu Namchoom, MLA 48 Lekang Assembly Constituency, Jummum Ete Deori, DC Namsai C.R. Khampa and Chief Operating Officer (ArSRLM), Jekonia Isleria also spoke on the occasion.

Among others, ZPC Namsai Nang Urmila Mancheykhun, SP Namsai Dr. D.W. Thongon, ZPM Chongkham Chow Jenia Namchoom, ZPM Piyong Nang Sawani Hopak, Joint Director of Science & Technology, officials from banks and NABARD and members of CLFs & SHGs also attended the event.

Joint meeting to strengthen pre-school education in Anganwadi centres held.

AALO JULY 8:

Bagra circle, West Siang will soon have a strengthened Anganwadi programme, under a joint effort by the Circle Admin, Education Dept and the Women and Child Development (WCD) department. Joint meeting held by Circle Officer Asunam Perme, Bagra Circle with the other stake-holders to improve the Pre-Primary education at Bagra Circle. It was also to strategies a plan to Converge Anganwadi centres with the Primary schools of Bagra Circle. It was aimed to improve Pre-primary school education and also to make non-functional Anganwadi centres vibrant and functional.

After threadbare discussion the house unanimously decided that the Head teachers/Teacher In-Charge shall be supporting the

Anganwadi workers/helpers to improve their performance, a proposal for training of Anganwadi staffs was placed and the new academic session will start from August 2023.

Members present were DDSE West Siang Yidak Angu, CDPO Cum DD In-charge, West Siang Bahi Koyu, Coordinator Pedagogy/Pre-Primary School West Siang Gumin Kamki, BEO Shri Henli Bagra, Supervisor, CDPO, Aalo West, as well as Head teachers of various schools and Anganwadi centres workers/helpers of Bagra circle.

Van Mahotsav celebrated

YINKIONG, JULY 8:

With rest of the country the 74th Van Mahotsava was celebrated at Upper Siang on 7th July'2023. As a part of observation of Van Mahotsav, Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Govt of Arunachal Pradesh alongwith Deputy Commissioner Hage Lailang and Head of Departments participated in tree plantation organised by the Dept of Forest and Environment, Yingkiong near welcome gate of Simong village.

Van mahatsava was also observed at Mariyang Sub-Division by All Arunachal Pradesh Labour Union (AAPLU) in coordination with Mariyang administration, NGOs and various Department of Mariyang- Mopom Area. AAPLU President D.Libang informed that they had started the tree plantation campaign on 4th July 2023 with a aim to spread awareness about environmental conservation and the importance of forests to people of forest coverage area, which culminates on 07th July 2023. During the campaign around

1100(one thousand one hundred) saplings were planted which was donated by Dept of Forest and Environment and well-wishers in various places at Geying, Mopom, Dalbing, Mariyang, Damroh and GHSS, Mariyang premises.

Mass plantation drive on 7th July'23 was participated by Akan Regon (ADC Mariyang), Smt. Joyti Borang, CO Mopom, Bojing Bitin, ZPM Mariyang Block, Apak Megu Principal GHSS Mariyang, Govt officials, NGOs, student and AAPLU members.

Governor reviews developmental works of East Kameng District

ITANAGAR, JULY 8:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) reviewed the State and Central Governments' flagship programmes in East Kameng District at Seppa on 8th July 2023.

The Governor emphasized that local solutions must be explored and out-of-the box ideas must be conceived to address the challenges in implementation of welfare programmes and projects in the district. He stressed on the use of latest technologies and community participation involving Panchayati Raj institute members in finding solutions to developmental challenges.

The Governor emphasized on automation of data at department and district level for better analysis, planning, implementation, monitoring and optimum use of resources. He advised the officers to maintain data and information related to their activities, which will be handy while placing demand for funds and while work-

ing on long-term and short-term goals. He asked the concerned officers to ensure road connectivity during monsoon and consider installation of state-of-the-art filtration plants for providing potable water for all.

The Governor expressed his concern about the literacy / dropout rate of students. He stressed that educated youth of the district and State must come back and serve the people to resolve the issue of shortage of doctors and teachers in the district. The Governor also expressed concern about the drug abuse problem amongst the youth and called for long and short-term action to eradicate the social menace.

The Governor stressed on proper solid waste management in the district. He suggested involving Panchayati Raj members, Gaon Burahs and community leaders in cleanliness drives.

Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Mama Natung, local MLA Tapuk Taku, Commissioner to Governor Shri Ankur Garg were also present in the meeting.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Sachin Rana, Superintendent of Police Shri Rahul Gupta and Heads of Department gave PowerPoint presentations and briefed the Governor about the achievements and progresses of the welfare programmes and projects and challenges in the implementation.

Governor visits Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapeeth, Lumdung

ITANAGAR, JULY 8:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), accompanied by the First Lady of

the State Smt Anagha Parnaik and Commissioner to Governor, Shri Ankur Garg, visited Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapeeth, Lumdung and interacted with the students and members of the faculty on 8th July 2023.

The Governor said that the school campus instills sense of calmness, divinity and achievement. He exhorted the faculty to exploit the facilities for grooming and character building of students.

The Governor advised the students to imbibe discipline, sense of duty and sincerity to become a good citizen. He said that young people of today are the future leaders of the country and they must have the opportunities to develop their body and mind in true sense. They must resolve and prepare themselves to face any challenge in the present and future.

Commending the School management and students for the Yoga demonstration, the Governor said that it is an invaluable gift of our ancient Indian tradition. It embodies unity of mind and body and promotes harmony amongst the people, and between man and nature. Yoga provides physical, mental, spiritual elevation and the much needed harmony of the body and mind. It encourages more holistic approach to health and happiness, he said, while presenting a booklet 'Yoga for Common Health Challenges' -Yoga initiative of Raj Bhavan, Arunachal Pradesh.

Secretary, RK Mission, Lumdung Swami Sarvagananda and Principal, RK Mission Vidyapeeth, Lumdung Swami Surrihananda briefed the Governor about the institution. The co-education school, which started in 2018 has 230 students, from Class-II to Class VII. Trained by Ms Jyoti Chetry and Ms Kaberi Tamuli, the

students presented Yoga demonstration on the occasion.

Governor, First Lady of the State visit Kampu Hollen Orphanage

ITANAGAR, JULY 8:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), accompanied by the First Lady of the State Smt Anagha Parnaik, visited Kampu Hollen Orphanage, run by Ms. Renu Bengde and interacted with the children and members of the management committee on 8th July 2023.

Commending Ms Renu Bengde for humanitarian endeavour, the Governor said that it is the responsibility of every member of the society to ensure that all children have the opportunity to strive forward in life in a good and secured environment.

Pleased to learn that many children want to join armed forces, the Governor exhorted the children to prepare themselves for the future. He said that they are the brave children of the society and must have a positive mindset.

The Governor appreciated the assistance being provided to the orphanage by Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change Mama Natung, local MLA Tapuk Taku and District officials as well as assistance from the State Government. As a token of appreciation and love, he gave study materials and token financial aid for the centre.

Renu Bengde, who started Kampu Hollen Orphanage in 2012 with 4 orphans, briefed the Governor about the facility and its success stories. At present it houses 27 children including 12 girls. The children presented a cultural pro-

gramme for the visiting dignitaries on the occasion.

Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Mama Natung, local MLA Tapuk Taku, Commissioner to Governor Shri Ankur Garg, Deputy Commissioner Sachin Rana also accompanied the Governor during the visit.

A meeting in connection with the launch of NRIAP

NAMSAI, JULY 8:

A meeting in connection with the launch of 'Natural Resources Inventory for Micro Level Agricultural Planning (NRIAP)' by the State Remote Sensing Application Centre (SRSAC), GoAP in collaboration with RSI, was held at DC's conference hall, Namsai.

Dr. B.V.V Ramana Kumar, CEO, RSI, Hyderabad, apprised the gathering about the importance of the base and thematic maps that were actually developed using realtime ground truth (field work). He listed the outcomes of the project and in the process explained about the updated district boundaries, transport networks, drainages and how the maps can be used to assess the suitability of different crops to be cultivated in the district. He also mentioned that the Topo sheets prepared by ASI were in the scale of 1:50000 and many new developments cannot be found hence a more precise base map with 1:10,000 scale was prepared that can aid in better precision for town planning, agriculture/horticulture etc. He further informed that all the information shown will be available on the web and phone application for the users to devise an inclusive and conducive plan for

execution of any work.

Joint Director-cum-Nodal Officer (State Plan), SRSAC, Dr Liagi Tajo apprised that the objective of the meeting was to impart technical know how about the project and the ways of its implementation by the district officials. He emphasised that the project has huge scope of application specially for Agriculture, Horticulture and work departments. Informing that every detail has been encompassed in the project he gave an overview of the process that was initiated last year and the long activities undertaken over months to bring about completion of the project. "Namsai is one out of the three districts where the project is being implemented on prototype basis", he informed.

Through a power point presentation, the phase wise scope of work was explained which included Preparation of delineation of watersheds, preparation of different thematic maps, action plan for land and water resources development etc. Base maps prepared using resolution of Cartosat-1 imaging were shown and information such as vegetation, boundary, drainage etc. which can be inferred using the maps were explained at length.

DPO, Dr. K Sharma speaking on the occasion listed the areas of applicability of the project. He stated that crop selection for cultivation can be done using GIS information and the entire project will ultimately aid in development of agri and allied sector.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Namsai, ADC Namsai all heads of offices in the district.

Competition is more about fighting your own battle: DC

Meritorious students felicitated

PASIGHAT, JULY 10:

"Competition is more about fighting your own battle. No one can be successful without fighting everyday battles. If you win the everyday battle, you win the war. Students should incorporate smartness and work hard to achieve great heights in life", stated East Siang Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu on July 10 while addressing the students, parents, and teachers here in the Sainik School East Siang (SSES), Niglok during the felicitation function to achievers.

Gracing the occasion as Chief Guest the DC appreciated the students in particular and the school as a whole for securing 97% first division in a maiden attempt in the recent Class-X board exam. He enlightened the participants about the importance of goal setting and time management adding that striking the right balance between hard work and smart work was important. Students could achieve success only when they work hard with smartness and that would be the key to shine in any exam and in life, stated Taggu. He urged the toppers to remain true to the school motto 'Education, Character and Nationalism' and wished them well and success in their future studies.

Terming the teachers as the nation's builders, Taggu said students could bring good results because teachers were performing their duties with utmost dedication, sincerity, punctuality, and discipline. He also said that teachers could play a pivotal role in motivating students in the field of cleanliness, health care, personality

development, and hygienic living. The DC appreciated the Principal Praveen Kr Pola for his vision and tireless efforts which could bring visible development during his short tenure.

DC Taggu on the occasion honoured all five achievers with mementos who recently topped in Class-X All India Secondary Board Examination 2023. The achievers are Cadets Zingbai Tali (District Topper), Hage Abing, Aditya Raj and Sanghe Khandu. He also felicitated the achievers of East Zone Championship football tournament, held in Punglwa, Nagaland, Cadets Ato Tai Pordung (Sub-junior, Intra group 'E') and Phutong Wangsu (Junior, Intra group 'E')

Earlier, school Principal Praveen Kumar Pola in his address expressed joy and pride over the achievement of the students of the School. He articulated his feelings with words of wisdom congratulating the toppers for their hard work and success stating that it was a milestone that the district topper was from SSES and the next batch would try for state topper. He briefed about the importance of career counseling and informed that State of the Art laboratories, Obstacle Course and NDA Motivational Hall have been established for preparing Class-XI with a focus on NDA, JEE (for Naval Academy) and NEET (for AFMC). In addition to academics, less vacation was being planned to make up for the loss of time. "We have come a long way and yet to travel longer and his team would work with full energy and commitment to make SSES the pride of Arunachal Pradesh. Pola acknowledged the efforts put in by the management, staff and parents which helped the students to secure excellent results and urged the students to build new skills, stay morally upright and ab-

sorb the good values from people all around us and make life worthwhile by being compassionate and working diligently.

"Population Stabilisation Fortnight" launched in Papum Pare(Rural)

YUPIA, JULY 11:

To mark the "World Population day" Population Stabilisation Fortnight was launched in Papum Pare (Rural) by Smt. Nabam Yakum Chairperson Zilla Parishad, Papum Pare at ZPC Hall Yupia on Tuesday, July 11.

Addressing the gathering the ZPC requested all stakeholders to carry out the necessary counselling at village level on mission mode.

Earlier Dr.K.Perme DMO, Yupia highlighted the challenges caused by rapid growth of the population.

Family planning facilities like Tubectomy, Vasectomy, Condom, Contraceptive pill, IUD etc. was demonstrated by Dr. N. Nitik DRCHO.

After launching the programme Training for IMI 5.0 for health workers was also kick off.

Deputy CM Chowna Mein attends the 50th GST Council Meeting at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

NEW DELHI, JULY 11:

The 50th GST Council meeting was held on 11 July 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Smti. Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Finance Minister. At the very outset, Union Finance Minister released a Special

Cover and customized myStamp on the occasion of 50th GST council meeting.

The major agenda items for the meeting were approval of the 49th GST Council meeting held in December, 2022, considering the recommendation of Law Committee and Fitment Committee bringing out amendment in the GST rules, bring casino, horse racing and online games within the purview of GST. Participating in the deliberation, HDCM supported the proposal of the GSTC to include casino, horse racing and online gaming in the tax bracket of 28%.

The 50th edition of GST Council also deliberated on many other issues such as change in tax rates, exemptions, amendment of rules and administrative procedures. The council also discussed and finalised the constitution of a GST Tribunal and its benches. On the subject, it was informed that Arunachal Pradesh would like to prefer to hear the appeals in the GSTAT Assam State Bench in the initial years.

Chowna Mein was accompanied by YW Ringu, Secretary Tax & Excise, Lobsang Tsering, Commissioner of Tax & Excise and Tapas Dutta, State Nodal Officer (GST).

Maiden DCDC meeting envisages strengthening cooperative movement at Ziro

ZIRO, JULY 11:

The first District Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC) meeting for Lower Subansiri District was conducted at the Golden Jubilee Conference Hall of District Secretariat on July 11.

The meet was chaired by Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chair-

man DCDC Bamin Nime to chalk out a comprehensive Action Plan for formation of new Large Area Multipurpose Cooperative Society (LAMPS), Multipurpose Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society (PACS) and Dairy/Fishery Primary Cooperative Societies covering all panchayat segments and villages in the District in next five years.

Welcoming the DCDC committee members to the meeting, Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Society (DRCS), Niklen Lego explained the objectives of the meeting and appealed the committee members to lend their best efforts to achieve the objective of strengthening the cooperative movement and deepening its reach to the grassroots level as envisaged by Ministry of Cooperation, GoI.

In order to increase the viability of PACS and diversify their business activities to make them vibrant economic entities at village level, the DCDC meet deliberated on the Road Map/Action Plan 2023-24 proposed for setting up of six new multipurpose PACS including two each under Agriculture, Dairy, Fishery in Hong-Hari under Ziro-I and Ziro-II Blocks and also across the uncovered panchayats and villages in the District.

The-DC-cum-chairman DCDC Bamin Nime advised the HoO's and other committee members to coordinate with the DRCS to finalize setting up six PACS from agriculture, dairy, fisheries and to support in providing infrastructure and other logistics to form new PACS at panchayat and village levels.

Earlier, DDM, NABARD M.K Lowang read out the list of agenda items for DCDC to discuss in the meeting as received from the Ministry of Cooperation, GoI. He further emphasized on transforming the newly formed PACS

into Multi-Service Entities (MSE), computerization of PACS, role of PACS in providing credit and other support services like petrol pumps, LPG distribution, storage infrastructure, fertilizer, seeds, PDS and super bazaars.

Among others, Lower Subansiri DPDO, DAO, DFDO, DVO, branch managers of Apex Bank attended the meeting and contributed their views and suggestions.

Dry flower making training programme inaugurated at Ziro

ZIRO, JULY 12:

A capacity building training programme on dry flower making for the artisans of Lower Subansiri District was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime at Lempia Weaving Centre here on July 12.

The training programme is sponsored under CSR initiative of NEDFI and organized by (NE-SHILP) in association with Lempia Women Welfare Society.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Nime urged the women of the District to be skilled, earn livelihoods at par with men and also generate employments for other women of the District. Skill is the key in today's world and one need to be skilled in whatsoever profession be it weaver, plumber, electrician or driver, he said, while urging the artisan weavers to excel in their chosen field and to create a better market at Ziro valley for the locals and tourists alike.

The DC also distributed certificates to the trainees of the recently conducted Capacity Building Training Programme on Mima Grass Based Crafts from 26th June to 10th July.

Assistant Director Textiles and Handicrafts Toko Oki and officials from NEDFI, Guwahati, Assam also attended the programme.

DC Chairs DTF Meeting on Climate Change & Human Health

PASIGHAT, JULY 12:

Chairing the District level Task Force Meeting on the National Programme on Climate Change & Human Health (NPCCHH), East Siang Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu, has said climate change and its effects on human health is an important area of global concern in today's modern world and need to be addressed through various proactive and mitigation measures and called for the need for every citizen and stakeholders to protect our environment. The DC noted the inputs & issues put forward by stakeholders from tackling indiscriminate use of weedicides, pesticides, pollution, combating all kinds of pollution including vehicular pollution, and massive plantation to combat deforestation, awareness etc.

The DC was addressing HoDs and stakeholders of various departments at DC Conference Hall.

Earlier, DMO Dr. Radesh Tatan, highlighted the aims and objectives of the DTF meeting. District Nodal Officer (NPCCHH), Dr. Tarik Talom presented a Power point presentation on National Programme on Climate Change and Human Health, roles and responsibilities of stakeholders the district.

During the meeting every member of the DTF from various departments participated and gave inputs on the way forward in mitigating ill effects of climate change in the district in particular and oth-

ers in general. Among others, District Agriculture Officer (DAO) also spoke on the illeffects of weedicides and pesticides, which cause soil erosion apart from various health related problems for the population. DDMO apprised that awareness among public and the spoke on environmental effects which causes disasters.

District Veterinary Officer (DVO) also informed that food poisoning and other vector causing diseases are more prone to occur in monsoon season because of unhygienic keeping of domesticated animals.

District Transport Officer (DTO) informed that the pollution checking of vehicle is already engaged in the district and every vehicle owner are required to get pollution emission checked. EE PHE spoke that excessive deforestation is leading to diminishing of drinking water sources and scarcity.

District Epidemiologist (IDSP-DSU), East Siang, Tapar Tamir also spoke.

Banned tobacco products seized, shopkeepers fined

ZIRO, JULY 12:

A large quantity of cigarettes and other banned tobacco products were seized during a surprise raid in and around educational institutes of Hapoli Township on July 11.

The raid was part of the routine check to oversee illegal selling of cigarettes and other banned tobacco products under Section 6(B) of COTPA Act 2003 which bans sale of any tobacco products within 100 yards of an educational institution and a punishable offence under Section 24 of

the Act entailing a fine of Rs 200. Altogether 24 shops were found violating the Act and a fine of Rs 4800 were realized from them.

The raid was conducted under supervision of Town Magistrate Amina Nabam along with District Programme Officer (NTCP/NVD) Dr. Subu Habung, NTCP social workers and police personnel.

During the raid, defaulting shopkeepers were issued stern warning to desist from selling these banned products and repeater offenders were made to give an undertaking that their Trading License would be seized in case they are found to be selling these banned products again.

Appreciating the efforts of the raid team, Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime urged them to remain vigilant and conduct similar raids in and around all the educational institutions of twin Ziro-Hapoli townships to purge the surroundings of the educational institutions from tobacco and other banned substances.

District level coordination meeting on "COTPA" held at Khonsa.

KHONSA JULY 12:

District Level coordination meeting was organized by the District NCD Cell Tirap in connection with implementing the "Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA)" in the district. The meeting was presided over by ADC H/Q Hakresha Kri which was attended by the District Medical Officer, all Heads of Departments, school Principals/Headmasters from Khonsa Town, and the President of Khonsa Bazaar.

During the program, the participants engaged in productive

discussions centered around the following key points:

1. A request was made to all Department heads to declare their premises as tobacco-free zones, promoting a healthier environment and setting an example for others.

2. A decision was reached to declare both public and private schools as tobacco-free educational institutions, aiming to create a safe and healthy learning environment for students.

3. In order to effectively enforce tobacco control measures, dedicated No Tobacco Enforcement Squad teams were formed to conduct comprehensive drives throughout the district.

Further, an important aspect discussed during the meeting was the imposition of fines on offenders found to be violating the COTPA Act. This underlined the significance of accountability and strict adherence to the law in ensuring the success of the implemented measures.

Hundreds of teachers attended one day orientation programme-cum- mock drill

RUKSIN, JULY 12:

Ruksin Block Education Department in collaboration with DDSE establishment, conducted one day orientation program-cum-mock drill on "School Safety and Security". Aiming to make School a safe place where children can learn & grow. Hundreds of PRTs & TGTs under Ruksin Block (Bilat Circle, Sille-Oyan Circle & Ruksin Circle) from different schools took part in the programme.

Ruksin ADC Taging Jonnom attended the program as Chief Guest while BEO T. Tapak graced

as Guest of Honour and delivered lecture and encouraged the participants sharing word of advices. In-charge DDSE O. Siram was also present on the occasion.

Taking privilege on the occasion, ADC Jonnom appealed to the higher authority of education department to make aware their students on ill effect of drugs on regular basis adding that addicted students completely ignorant about the ill affect of drugs and accept the drugs for enjoyment. The teaching community should spare at least one hour every day for counseling their students showing right path towards career building to be worthy citizens of the nation, opined Jonnom.

Rajiv Gandhi University Mass Communication Interns Successfully Complete Internship at Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Naharlagun

NAHARLAGUN, JULY 13:

A group of Mass Communication students from Rajiv Gandhi University recently concluded their one-month internship at the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Naharlagun. The internship took place at the esteemed Soochna Bhawan, providing valuable hands-on experience to the interns and equipping them with essential skills in journalism and public relations.

Director IPR, Onyok Pertin, extends heartfelt thanks to the interns for their active participation and valuable contributions throughout the internship. He wishes them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Under the expert guidance of Higio Zarngam, DIPRO, and Dugyir Annie Padu, PRO, the interns were actively involved in various activities during their internship. They covered state government programs and were responsible for writing press releases and news articles, ensuring effective communication with the public.

During the certificate award ceremony, Deputy Director Gijum Tali addressed the interns, emphasizing the importance of continuous learning. He encouraged them not to be discouraged by comparing themselves to others and stressed that learning has no age limits. He further advised them to focus on developing their own unique writing style, maintaining strong connectivity in their work, and avoiding the temptation to copy others.

Creative Consultant IPR, Sawang Wangchha, played a vital role in expanding the interns' skill set by imparting knowledge of graphic software such as Photoshop, InDesign, newspaper layout, and other relevant subjects. This training provided the interns with a comprehensive understanding of graphic design and its application in journalism.

Additionally, the Director of Government Printing Press, Heri Maring, graciously offered the interns an exclusive tour of the various sections of the office. The interns gained firsthand experience and received detailed explanations of the printing process and the functioning of the machines used in the printing press.

Expressing their gratitude, the interns from Rajiv Gandhi University acknowledged the valuable knowledge and experience they gained during their internship. They commended the Department of Information and Public Rela-

tions for its unwavering support and commitment to their professional development.

In her vote of thanks, Dugyir Padu expressed heartfelt gratitude to the department and all those involved in making the internship a success. She assured the interns that the department would always be open to training opportunities and remain a reliable source of assistance whenever needed.

The successful completion of their internship at the Directorate of Information and Public Relations marks a significant milestone in the journey of these aspiring Mass Communication professionals. Equipped with newfound knowledge and skills, they are now ready to embark on their future careers in the field of journalism and public relations.

Avenue plantation drive at Ziro

ZIRO, JULY 14:

A mass avenue plantation drive was carried today around the school campus of Govt. Dani Kunia Govt. H.S School on July 14.

Organized by G/138 Bn CRPF Hapoli, the participants included CRPF jawans and school students who planted more than 1500 fruits bearing trees and flower saplings including Apples, Pears, Lemon, Mango, Rose and Cosmos flowers.

Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime and commandant G/138 Bn CRPF Hapoli Vikas Kumar also participated at the plantation drive. The DC urged to carry forward similar plantation drives covering all the educational institutes at the twin-townships of Ziro-Hapoli to increase greenery and better ambience at the school campuses.

Pasighat is the 'Epicer of modern Arunachal Pradesh': Felix

Annual Excellence Award-2022

PASIGHAT, JULY 14:

The academic board of the Adi Bane Kebang (ABK) on July 14 gave away its 'Annual Excellence Award-2023' to achievers in various other fields, belonging to Adi community, in a function at the Pasighat Gidi Notko here in East Siang district.

The awards were given to two UPSC qualifiers Pebika Lego and Dr. Austin Tayeng, new doctorate degree awardees, newly appointed government officers, and student toppers, besides a host of dedicated teachers, social workers and sportspersons from East Siang, Siang, Upper Siang, Shi-Yomi, Lower Dibang Valley, Namsai and Lohit districts. All of them were honoured with certificates of appreciation, mementos and cash rewards by the dignitaries.

Hon'ble Minister for Home, IPR and Inter State Border Affairs, Bamang Felix and President of Tagin Cultural Society Larji Rigia graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. MLAs Ninong Ering, Lombo Tayeng and Kaling Moyong, Vice Chancellor of Arunachal State University Prof. Tomo Riba, ABK President, Secretary General and Education Secretary Tadum Libang, Okom Yosung and Eruk Libang respectively, DC Tayi Taggu, SP Sumit Kr Jha and PMC Chief Okiam Moyong Borang were present on the occasion among others.

Pasighat was the "Epicer of modern Arunachal Pradesh" and the efforts of ABK Academic Board has been extensively working in the field of education and

should continue to make the people aware of the importance of education in nation-building, stated Felix in his address. Such noble work of recognizing the achievers should be continued in order to boost up the morale of students to do better in future, he said and further advised the toppers to aim big and concentrate in achieving it. Hard work was the key to success and therefore the students should study attentively and sincerely to become worthy citizens of the nation and pay back to their parents and the society with success and achievements. Students should always respect their teachers; he said quoting that teachers were the representatives of God and parents. They should refrain from drugs and involve in extracurricular activities too beside studies to keep themselves fit and healthy.

Larji Rigia while appreciating the role of the ABK for conducting the event in a befitting manner said that CBOs play a vital role in advocating for rights and interests of their community members. They mobilize community members to take collective action to address issues affecting their community. They facilitate community welfare meetings, awareness and other events to engage community members in decision-making process and in this regard, ABK was doing commendable job, he opined. Rigia also congratulated the achievers for setting example for the society.

Vice Chancellor Riba said parents shower all their resources to do the best possible for their children to nurture them and don't expect monetary payback. The young generation after achieving their goal should pay them gratitude being thankful for their parents' relentless hard work and sacrifice. Pay them heed and value their opinions.

Deputy Chief Minister Mein convenes District Level Coordination Meeting in Namsai

NAMSAI, JULY 15:

Expressing deep concern over the dismal performance in the Central Board of Secondary Examination by the Govt Schools across the State in general and Namsai District in particular, Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein convened a District Level Coordination Meeting at the Multipurpose Cultural Hall in Namsai today to discuss the reasons behind the poor results in CBSE and to devise a mechanism to improve the quality of education among the students.

Citing the important role played by teachers in moulding the career of the students and their contributions in nation building, Mein called upon the teaching community to develop a sense of responsibility and belongingness towards their schools and students. He stated that the declining performance in the school education of the State is a major concern for all, which has compelled him to convene the meeting with a heavy heart to have an interaction with all the stakeholders and identify remedial measures to improve the education scenario. The role of a teacher is crucial in the shaping of a child's future. Emphasizing on this point, he called upon the teachers to undertake their responsibilities with utmost sincerity and reminded them that the future of their students heavily relied on them.

Taking note of the fact the student to teacher ratio in the Govt. schools is proportionate in the state, Mein mentioned that a little rationalisation with regard to the posting of subject teach-

ers is the need of the hour. He also assured that the Govt. will look into the infrastructure and faculty requirements in the region to further support the education system. At the same time, he lamented that one should not use these as excuses for not rendering their duties as a teacher. Adding on, he stated that the infrastructure provided by the Government including the teachers' quarters, toilets and kitchen should be adequately maintained by the school authorities, by cultivating a sense of belongingness and accountability. With a view to enhance the quality of education across the state, the state Government will also be taking up a model school in every constituency, with a fund provision of Rs. 10 Cr per school.

He further called upon the SMCs/SDMCs to play a proactive role to oversee the functioning of the Schools and asked them to convene a meeting of CBOs and NGOs to have more deliberations on the matter so as to find out an effective remedial measure. He also suggested that the CBOs/NGOs should come forward and adopt some schools and monitor their functioning.

He then called upon the School authorities to adopt the latest technologies to improve the education system in the state. Mein cited two examples of such technology adoption including the 'Hamara Vidhyalaya' Dashboard through which one can monitor the functioning of schools as well as oversee the availability of adequate facilities and the 'ASILIA' an e-fencing based attendance monitoring system to do away with teacher absenteeism.

Lekang MLA, Jummum Ete Deori also spoke on the occa-

sion calling for serious thoughts on the matter and for collective efforts to improve the education scenario.

Deputy Commissioner, C R Khampa informed that Namsai District stands in the third rank from the bottom in the State and also the third rank from the bottom amongst the Aspirational Districts in the country. Citing that one of the reasons could be the students dismissing their studies after school hours and the lack of a congenial atmosphere for study at home. He called upon the teachers to go a little beyond their formal duties and visit every student's home to counsel their parents for creating a congenial atmosphere for studying at home. He further instructed to conduct a minimum of four meetings of School Management Committees on a quarterly basis annually and warned about stringent disciplinary actions as per CCS for teachers found absent during duty hours.

Earlier, DDSE Namsai, Koing Samon Umbon highlighted the performance of the schools and the reasons for poor results. She informed that at present, Namsai District has 187 Schools, 711 Teachers and 11873 students and 25 Guest Teachers have been appointed through MLA LAD Fund through which the gap in subject teachers will be filled up. While DPO, Keshab Sharma through power point presentation highlighted the functioning and facilities available in the schools through Hamara Vidhyalaya Dashboard.

The meeting was attended by the Administrative Officers cum Chairman of SMCs/DLMCs, HoDs, School Heads, SMCs & SMDCs, Teachers, CDPO and Anganwadi Mentors.

DLSA organizes free legal awareness programme for the transgender community

PASIGHAT, JULY 17:

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), East Siang District under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority on the occasion of International Day of Justice organized a free legal awareness programme for the transgender community on July 17. The awareness programme was an initiative to create legal awareness of the rights of transgender people and to propagate gender equality. The legal awareness programme was successfully conducted by the retainer lawyer Ms Sunny Tayeng, Project Assistant Mum Dai and PLV Ms Gegul Damin and the event saw participation from the transgender community of East Siang District.

The awareness programme was opened by a speech from the Chairman DLSA, East Siang cum District and Session Judge (DSJ), Tageng Padoh. Addressing the gathering he said that the society is evolving and changing. Padoh said that it is a fact that there are three genders in our society and that social acceptance should be given to the third gender as well. Along with the acceptance, the attitude and reaction of the society is also important. One should not fear to come out and express oneself and profess one's identity boldly and fearlessly in the society with pride, he added.

Imna Sangla Imsong, Assistant Professor, SIPE Law College Dibrugarh spoke and encouraged the members of the third gender and said that they should never feel discouraged. She said that there always has been specific victimization of women, children

and people from underprivileged communities despite being careful, following societal norms-just by the virtue of one's class, gender identification-one becomes a victim. Imsong stated that to live a dignified life cooperation and support of police, societies, bodies like DLSAs are required. She also urged the participants to organize more seminars and awareness programmes to create awareness among the general public.

The first session of the awareness programme was taken by Advocate Ms Nyame Dabi who spoke on the topic of rights of transgender persons, the Transgender Protection Act, 2019 and the NALSA versus Union India judgment. Advocate Dabi informed the participants that the Apex Court of our country has said that there should not be any discrimination on the basis of gender and which is also enshrined in the article 15 of the Constitution of India. She said that after passage of the landmark judgment NALSA V. Union of India, the Transgender Persons Act was passed in 2019 and the Act guarantees the right of education, job opportunities, residence, reservation etc. for transgender persons and that nobody can dictate a person's lifestyle and their way of dressing. She further said that choosing and expressing one's gender is a fundamental right. According to her problems faced by the transgender community is a global human rights issue.

The second session was taken by Advocate Ms Sunny Tayeng on the Free Legal Aid under the THE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES ACT, 1987 and various schemes and legal problems/impediments faced by the third gendered persons and its redressal. She informed the participants of the various schemes and provisions available under the Act like the Arunachal Pradesh victim compensation scheme of 2011 wherein victims of accidents, death, acid attack, sexual assault etc. can avail compensation and free legal aid available to them under section 12 of the Act. She provided awareness on the procedure of filing an FIR, arrest, detention and bail. She addressed the problems faced by the community like getting transgender certificate, adhaar card, ration card, etc. During the interactive session the participants informed that they have not availed the transgender certificate from the District Magistrate and were not aware of the provisions available under the Transgender Persons Act of 2019. The DLSA retainer Advocate Sunny Tayeng undertook the responsibility to file a representation to the District Magistrate for the implementation of various provisions of the Transgender Persons Act, 2019.

Governor participates in annual general meeting of IRCS

ITANAGAR, JULY 17:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.) participated in the Annual General Meeting of Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) held in the Rashtrapati Bhavan, on 17th July 2023 through video-conferencing. The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, who is the President, IRCS, presided over the function. The Governor, who is the President, Indian Red Cross Society Arunachal Pradesh State Branch, also virtually attended the business session, which was presided over by Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, who is the Chairman of IRCS.

Taking part in the meeting, the Governor shared his observations during his tours to districts. He suggested involvement of the Red Cross Society in addressing the pressing needs of vulnerable sections, children with special needs, destitute and orphans. As brought up in the annual general meeting of IRCS, he underscored the need for long and short term planning of Red Cross activities in the State.

Later, interacting with State Red Cross Society office bearers, the Governor called for strengthening the State Branch and involving more youth in the humanitarian service. He suggested connecting the school, college and university students with the Red Cross movement.

The Governor emphasized on proper coordination with district branches towards conducting awareness, blood donation and relief camps. He also suggested exhaustive training programs for the volunteers before they go to the field.

The Governor stressed on a good network system for smooth and fast implementation of any voluntary program.

Earlier, the President of India honoured the States and individuals for commendable contribution in the Red Cross endeavours.

DC asks for 100% saturation during E-Pragati Meeting

PASIGHAT, July 18:

E-Pragati District level Monthly Review meeting for East Siang was held on July 18 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu wherein he stressed for mandatory 100 percent saturation of all schemes within target time-

line. The DC addressing HoDs including Bank officials instructed to give more emphasis to gear up execution to achieve the targets set for the benefit of the common masses and last mile delivery of services by all concerned executing department. He reiterated for timely updating of the latest data and directed HoDs to conduct review meeting within fifteen days of every month of their respective departments.

Earlier, The HoDS presented latest progress in respect of 13 Point Saturation of Centrally sponsored schemes implemented by respective departments.

Earlier, District Planning Officer (DPO) Tatak Mibang highlighted the aims and objectives of the e-Pragati District level Review meeting. The meeting was attended by PD, DRDA, BDOs of Rukhsin, Pasighat & Mebo Block, EEs of UD & Housing, EE PHED and DMO, DAO, Lead Bank Manager, DD-ICDS, DTO Tourism, DITO and PMC representatives.

Papum Pare Literacy Mission Authority meeting held

YUPIA, JULY 18:

The Papum Pare Literacy Mission Authority decided to initiate trainings at the block levels for the Volunteer Teachers (VTs) with the assistance of the DIET and SCERT and press for clarity on the syllabus for the curriculum as per the five frameworks of New India literacy Programme (NILP); with a special mention on the critical life skills, basic and vocational education syllabus with the higher authorities.

The decision was taken during a coordination meeting

of the District Literacy Mission Authority (DLMA) held in the DC conference hall, Yupia on Tuesday.

Chairing the meeting Deputy Commissioner Shri Cheechung Chukhu said that, "Education is the foundation of a progressive society and the need to improve the literacy rates for economic and social development is a prerogative. The New India Literacy Programme (NILP), in alignment with the recommendations of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 will go a long way in addressing the issue of adult illiteracy in the state. It is a significant step towards empowering non-literates and enabling them to become self-sufficient."

Urging the educated youths of the district to volunteer as teachers for the program the DC added that, "Since the scheme is to be implemented through volunteerism, there won't be any honorarium or salary. But the fact that "you are doing an act of social service and giving back to your society" will gratify your conscience immensely."

He further directed DDSE Shri T. T. Tara to convene a review meeting within 15 days with the list of volunteer teachers and the centres identified for holding the classes and a concrete report on the syllabus to be taught.

ZPC, Papum Pare Smt. Nabam Yakum, who is also the Vice Chairman of the DLMA suggested for "preparing a roster of the volunteer teachers which will include govt. teachers, anganwadi workers, PRI members, local educated youths, officers, NSS, NYKs etc for conducting the classes systematically with-

out breaks in the routine."

C.K. Yab, APO (Adult Education) presented a power point on the NILP and the activities carried out in the district.

He informed that the "New India Literacy Programme (NILP)" is a centrally sponsored scheme on Education for All (erstwhile known as Adult Education), which has been approved by the Government of India with a financial outlay of Rs.1037.90 crore for implementation during FYs 2022-23 to 2026-27, in alignment with the recommendations of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The scheme is targeted at all non-literates of age 15 years and above."

He further informed that "In Papum Pare 3951 learners have been identified to be benefitted from this program. The classes will be held at the 168 centres identified and 168 volunteer teachers will be roped in for teaching in these centres."

He also informed that, "In spite of no funds being allocated during the financial year 2022-23 and till the conduct of this meeting, the district has conducted classes at 39 centres and exams were conducted for 296 learners in the month of March, 2023."

DDSE T.T. Tara while sharing his experience of the NILP classes said that "The women constitute 90 % of the learners. Men, especially the goanburas have to be encouraged and coaxed to attend the classes as well."

Among others DD, ICDSSmt. Aroty Tayeng, Principal DIET Smt. Y.T. Riba and representatives of the Block Literacy Mission Committee (BLMC) attended the meeting.

Friends of eighties donate medical equipment to BPGH

PASIGHAT, JULY 19:

In a humanitarian gesture, a group of friends called Friends of Eighties (FoE) today donated medical equipment to BPGH, Pasighat consisting of Mobile Stretcher-1no, Wheel Chair-02 nos, Patient Examination Table-05 nos, Digital BP Machine-10 nos, Weighing Machine-10 nos and Stethoscope-10nos.

The function was attended by local MLA Kaling Moyong as FoE member, Joint Director BPGH Dr. T. Tali, Medical Superintendent Dr. YR Darang, Doctors, Nursing Staff of BPGH and FoE members.

President of FoE, Group Captain Mohonto Panging Pao VM (Rtd), Jt Director BPGH, Secretary FoE Botem Koyu spoke on the occasion and expressed hope that the medical equipment will help needy patients of BPGH.

Awareness Outreach program on Agneepath Scheme

ITANAGAR, JULY 20:

District Administration Capital Itanagar convened an awareness outreach program in connection with GoI's Agneepath Scheme Agniveervayu for induction of eligible men and women into the Indian Air Force at various schools of Itanagar on July 20.

A team of Indian Air Force from 11 Airmen Selection Centre Guwahati led by Warrant Officer Dipnarayan Sahu and Junior Warrant Officer Vijay Kumar visited GHSS Ganga, GHSS Arunodaya Itanagar and KV-II Chimpu and briefed the students about the various pros-

pects of joining the Indian Air Force. The team had a fruitful session with the students who were so inquisitive to know about the opportunities of working with the Indian Air Force.

They also briefed in detail about Agniveervayu under Agneepath scheme to the students.

They informed that those students who have passed 10+2/intermediate/equivalent (50% marks in aggregate and 50% marks in Eng) are eligible for online registration which would commence from 27th July 2023 to 17th August 2023. For online registration, candidates may log into <https://agnipathvayu.cdac.in> or www.itanagar.nic.in

The Deputy Commissioner Capital Itanagar Shri Talo Potom IAS stressed that such recruitments are being held for the youths of the State.

Moreover, such opportunities would also provide a platform to the unemployed youths not just with employment opportunities but also help strengthen the armed forces, said the DC.

EAC Headquarter Shri Khoda Lasa urged the students to take the maximum opportunity of such Awareness Outreach Program by Indian Air Force and to disseminate the same to family, friends, neighbour set so that such employment opportunities are not missed out.

He further said that the aim of the publicity campaign is to reach out to the schools and colleges and to present various employment opportunities according to different eligibility criteria.

During the program, students were felicitated with prizes for actively participating in the question answer round.

Coordination meeting on Upgradation of Anganwadi Centre

NAMSAI, JULY 20:

A coordination meeting was convened at Deputy Commissioner's conference hall to chalk out the modalities on upgradation of Anganwadi centre to "Sakhsham Anganwadi".

Deputy Commissioner, Namsai cited the importance of convergence of schemes. He said that convergence and involvement of local community is the key to successful implementation and maintenance of Sakhsham Anganwadi in the district.

CDPO, Namsai W. Khimum apprised the members that Anganwadi Services under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented by states/UTs providing a package of six services, namely, (i) Supplementary Nutrition, (ii) Pre-School Non-formal Education, (iii) Nutrition and Health Education, (iv) Immunization, (v) Health Check-up, and (vi) Referral services.

DPDO, Admin officers, CDPOs of all the blocks and officials from the agri and allied department and department of RD and health were present in the meeting.

Chief Minister calls on the Governor

ITANAGAR, JULY 21:

Chief Minister Shri Pema Khan-du called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh

Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 21st July 2023.

The Chief Minister briefed the Governor regarding the recent cabinet decisions, including hydropower projects, wherein in a strategic move by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, supported by the Power Ministry, marked a significant milestone in the pursuit of hydropower development in the region and usher-in lasting positive impact on the economy and the lives of the people of the State. He also apprised the Governor about the overall scenario of education and initiatives launched by the State Government.

The Governor complimented the Chief Minister for the positive initiatives being taken by the Government on power, sports and infrastructure sectors.

While sharing his observation during Pakke Kessang and East Kameng District tour, the Governor underscored the need for strengthening the education sector in the State, need for special training for teachers and maintenance of roads within the Districts.

The Governor discussed ways and means to address pressing needs of welfare organizations and vulnerable sections of the society, particularly the orphans and other destitute groups. He also called for encouraging community participation in the social sector.

The need for automation of data upto village level to enhance 'e-Governance' was extensively discussed. The Governor also suggested a need for streamlining the functioning of Ex-Servicemen and the Red-Cross in the State.

Finally, the Governor extended an invitation to the Chief Minister for the 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' celebration scheduled to be celebrated in Raj Bhavan on 26th July 2023.

Mimu Linggi selected for Sister Nivedita Award

TEZU, JULY 21:

In memory of Sister Nivedita, a fiery champion of nationalistic education for girls, a dedicated library volunteer, Mimu Linggi, Asst Prof., Denning College for Teacher Education, Tezu has been selected for the Sister Nivedita Award for her successful creation of a handholding by her college with Bamboosa Library to promote reading skill enhancement of government school students of Tezu during 2022-23.

Lohit Youth Library Network Coordinator and Padma Shri Awardee S. Mundayoor informed that Linggi's enthusiastic leadership led to the smooth conducting of the RASA, a programme to enhance the 'read aloud skills' of the Govt. middle school students of Tezu, by involving B. Ed trainees from Sept to Feb, 2023. This was the first time in Arunachal, a college was joining hands with a public library to provide free training for Govt school students.

While Ms. Rinya Delang (Bamboosa Library) & Sri Manoj Kumar Giri (Dibang Library) have been nominated for providing laudable library services to the community during last year. Ms. Rinya, the volunteer Library I/c of Bamboosa Library during 2022 -23, ably guided the young Govt school students to the Library, to develop an interest in books and help in making it a lively place of learning. She also took an active part in RASA activities, and worked to provide better systems of recording, arrangement

and display of reading materials in the Library.

Manoj Kumar Giri, a senior volunteer at Dibang Youth Library, Roing, has actively contributed to ensure the success of every programme organised by the library both within Roing and at distant locations.

The Ranganatha Award is in memory of two great champions of libraries and reading promotion: HH Rev Swami Ranganathanandaji, a former President of the Sri Ramakrishna Math & Mission & Prof. S R. Ranganathan, the father of Indian Library Sciences.

Both the awards were instituted by a Pune library patron. The awards will be presented shortly.

Senior members of the Forum of Library Activists, Medo and young readers have also been nominated for their commendable services during 2022-23.

Tedir lays Foundation stone for 100 bedded NCC Cadets Training Complex

PASIGHAT, JULY 21:

In an initiative of the State Government towards strengthening NCC activities in the frontier state and facilitate best of in house training facilities for the NCC Cadets of the state, particularly from far flung and remote areas, the Education Minister Taba Tedir laid the foundation stone for Composite National Cadet Corps Complex (NCC Complex) at 2 Mile, Pasighat here.

Taba speaking on the priority given by the State Government to encourage the students and youth to be part of NCC which

is guided by the motto of “Unity & Discipline” for their all round growth and nation building, said that the NCC shapes our youth in a positive path and instils values of patriotism, discipline, physical fitness, team work and pave way for career avenues. The Minister said that the 100 bedded Cadets Hostel project for setting up the training Academy amounting to Rs.15 Crores has been already been sanctioned by the State Government and asked the EE, UD executing agency, UD department to ensure quality and timely completion of the project.

CO 22 AP Bn NCC Pasighat, Lt.Col MS Nijjar also briefed the Minister on the NCC activities undertaken under his jurisdiction and added that after the completion of the composite NCC Complex, NCC periodic trainings, drills and Camps would be held within the campus with all required facilities. Cadets from Central and East Arunachal, both from adjoining and those from border and remote areas would be very much benefited. Cadets would be provided training for appearing in National level Camps and Competitions including Recruitment rallies of the Armed Forces, Central & State, Paramilitary and Police Forces.

22 AP BN NCC Pasighat is oldest and largest NCC Unit of Arunachal Pradesh, established in 1964 in JN College, Pasighat. Many Officers working in central and state departments Under, Entrepreneurs, Public leaders and others have been associated and been part of this NCC Unit.

It may be mentioned that under the flagship of PM, for expansion of NCC in border and Coastal areas of the country, NCC Battalion 24 new Institutions was opened in schools and Colleges in 10 districts

of the state including, border areas like Menchuka, Tato, Monigong, Tuting and Anini. So the setting up of the NCC Infrastructure will address numerous challenges like providing periodic mandatory training, Annual Training camps, Drill practices etc. As such the Unit was provided allotted plot by the State Government. The proposal initiated by the Commanding Officer, 22 AP BN NCC was accepted and Rs. 15 Crore sanctioned by the State Government under Budget 2023. The Cadet will also be provided necessary trainings for participating in various adventure activities, National level Sports competitions including Shooting.

The project under the establishment of NCC Academy Complex at Pasighat & Upgradation of NCC Battalion Infrastructure at 2-Mile Pasighat will be equipped with 100 bedded Cadets Hostel, Administrative Block, Drill Squad, Cadets Barracks, Playground training squad, Mess, etc.

Earlier, NCC Cadets presented Guard of Honour to the Education Minister.

The inauguration was carried out in the presence of Local MLA Kaling Moyong, DC Tayi Taggu, Director, Secondary Education, Go AP, Marken Kadu, Commanding Officer 22 AP Bn NCC Pasighat, Lt Col MS Nijjar, SDPO Pankaj Lamba, DDSE East Siang among host of officers and NCC Cadets. HoDs, EE UD, S. Lego, Lt. Col. PS Ahluwalia of 22 AP Battalion NCC Pasighat, Principal JNC, Dr.TasiTaloh, DDSE, Odhuk Tabing, NCC Officer JNC, Dr. KK Mishra, Youth Coordinator, Dept. of Education, Tanya Padung, Youth Welfare Officer, Dept of Education, L. Sokum Singh attended on the occasion among others.

Orientation on Measles Rubella elimination at Namsai

NAMSAI, JULY 21:

The Namsai District Task Force on Immunisation (DTFI) held a meeting for Routine Immunization cum orientation of MR Elimination and various programmes at DCs conference Hall, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Namsai C. R Khampa.

During his address, DC Namsai urged the house to work in synergy to reduce the gaps and to achieve the targeted goal. Citing the need for convergence and community participation, he advised other Health & Wellness Centres to emulate the activities of HWC, Dharampur which is the only centre in the district to be granted National Quality Assurance Standards certification. He was elated to learn that ANC registrations have improved manifold in the district. “Health & Wellness Officers of the areas where institutional delivery is low, should publicize the merits and should do a gap analysis”, he said.

In the meeting, DRCHO, Dr Yomcha highlighted the action taken report on the last DTFI meeting and reviewed the field monitoring reports. The reorientation of various programs was done and timeline for future activities were chalked out. During the meeting detailed review on immunisation status of the district, performance of health and wellness centres, facility wise RI performance, all programmes under Reproductive and Child Health, NVBDCP etc was done. Emphasising the importance of correct base line data collection, he said “No household should be left out during head count survey and IMI should be marked”.

HWOs were enquired on their performances and issues faced by them.

DMO, DRCHO, DTFI members, Health Programme Officers, MOics/HWOs among others were present in the meeting.

DC assures help and support to the Central Institute of Himalayan Culture Studies

BOMDILA, JULY 21:

Deputy Commissioner of Bomdila, Akriti Sagar, conducted a visit to the Central Institute of Himalayan Culture Studies in Dahung.

During her visit, she held a meeting with the institute's Director, Gurmet Dorje, where they discussed the institute's annual activities, future plans, and other matters related to its development. The Deputy Commissioner assured the institute of all possible help and support from the government.

Gurmet Dorje brought to the DC's attention various issues concerning the overall growth and improvement of the institute.

During the visit, Sagar also visited several bridges and schools of the area.

Uncle sentenced to 20 years in prison for sexually assaulting niece

PASIGHAT, JULY 21:

The Special Judge POCSO Act, East Siang District, Tageng Padoh sentenced a man to 20 years of imprisonment with a fine of Rs 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) under section 6 of the Protection of Children against Sexual Offences Act.

The accused was found guilty of committing aggravated

penetrative sexual assault against the 10 year old daughter of his step-brother. The FIR was lodged on 27th July 2021 at Mariyang Police station by the father of the victim stating that the accused had sexually assaulted his 10 year old daughter on 22nd July 2021 while the victim was staying at her grandparents' house in Damro village during her school vacation and a case under section 376 IPC R/W section 6 of the POCSO Act was registered against the accused. On the day of the incident the accused came to the house of the grandparents during daytime where the victim was alone as the grandfather had gone to work and the grandmother had gone to the field and sexually assaulted her. The incident came to light when the victim disclosed and narrated the whole story to her grandmother.

An amount of Rs 7.5 lakhs was given to the victim as compensation under the Arunachal Pradesh Victim Compensation Scheme 2011.

Review meeting of District TB Forum Committee cum District TB Comorbidity Committee held

ITANAGAR, JULY 21:

A review meeting of District TB Forum Committee cum District TB Comorbidity Committee was held yesterday at the Conference Hall of DC office ICR under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Talo Potom.

Dr Kabak Tamar MO-TC TU Itafort through a PPT highlighted the performance of the district in handling cases of TB.

During the meeting, discussion on adoption of TB patients was discussed in depth to

which President IMA Dr Kesang Wangdi Thongdok assured to discuss amongst the doctors the probability of adopting TB patients.

Ratan Anya Chairperson OWA assured to adopt 5(five) TB patients till they recover.

Other important issues were also discussed like setting up of CBNAAT site at UPHC Itafort TU Itanagar to which the DC directed the DTO to submit estimate for the same within a week. They also discussed regarding construction of TB hospital at Doimukh to which the DC directed both the DMOs of ICC and Papumpare to discuss and work out modalities for further course of action.

Among others, the meeting was attended by both DMOs of ICR Dr Mandip Perme and Yupia Dr Komling Perme, representative of Secretary Maharaj RKM Hospital, DMS TRIHMS Dr. Taw Kaki, DTO Dr. P. D. Thongchi, President IMA Dr. Kesang Wangdi Thondok, DRCHO ICR, both DSOs of ICR and Yupia, APO NTEP, Chairperson OWA Ratan Anya, Nodal Officer DRTB site Dr. Taying Kumer, both MO-TCs, Piramal Swathya NGO and DTC staffs.

UPSC Achiever and Outgoing APCS Officer Pebika Lego accorded warm farewell East Siang DA

PASIGHAT, JULY 21:

The East Siang District Administration led by DC Tayi Taggu, today accorded a warm farewell to Pride of the State and UPSC Achiever, Pebika Lego, outgoing APCS 2016 batch officer, as she embarks on a new journey in

All India Services. A simple but befitting function attended by Officers and Staff was organised here at DC Conference Hall this afternoon.

DC Tayi Taggu, congratulating Lego said that her achievement in the Union Public Services (UPSC) was a matter of great pride and honour for the people of district and state. Wishing her success in all her future endeavours, he termed Lego as an inspiring figure for the youth and people of the state. She has distinguished herself as a State Civil Servant with her professionalism, deep sense of duty for public welfare and good rapport with Officers, Staff and grass root people. Her dedication and hardwork and work ethics, time management has always been appreciated.

Taggu advised her to maintain and be guided by the spirit of "Humane Approach" in public services, so that the ultimate goals of public welfare and serving the people of the country is truly achieved in letter and spirit while discharging one's duty.

The Outgoing Officer, Lego In her address thanked the officers and staff for team work in delivery of services to the people adding that she will always remember her associations with Officers and staff of the District Administration and all departments during her tenure and assured to continue to serve with the same spirit of dedication and sincerity.

ADC, Oli Perme wished her to continue to shine and to make the state proud with her calibre and dedication.

HoDs, Admin Officers, Staff of DC office also spoke on the occasion and expressed their best wishes for her future endeavours.

Awareness on Agneepath Scheme continues

ITANAGAR, JULY 21:

An Awareness outreach program in connection with GoI's Agneepath Scheme Agniveervayu for induction of eligible men and women into the Indian Air Force continued at various schools of Naharlagun on July 21.

Students from both GHSS Polo Colony and KV- I Naharlagun actively participated in the program.

The program was conducted by District Administration Capital Itanagar in collaboration with various schools of Capital Itanagar.

Warrant Officer Dipnarayan Sahu and Junior Warrant Officer Vijay Kumar briefed the students about the various prospects of joining the Indian Air Force and more specifically about the Agniveervayu under Agneepath scheme.

EAC Khoda Lasa on behalf of District Administration thanked the schools authorities for their cooperation in organising a successful two days awareness outreach program.

DTFI sits for Intensified Mission Indradhanush preparation

TEZU, JULY 21:

The 3rd DTFI (District Task Force on Immunization) meeting on routine immunization was held on July 21 at District Secretariat, Tezu under the chairmanship of DC Lohit Shri Shashvat Saurabh, IAS.

The chairman had a comprehensive review of the progress of IDs, RI and preparation for the

Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) and UWIN rollout. The DMO, DRCHO, DANO and the MOs were directed to make appropriate plans and strategies as per the schedule of IMI to ensure elimination of vaccine-preventable diseases as well as the improvement of routine inoculation across the district.

The District Program Manager, Lohit district briefed the house on routine immunization and delivery status of the district.

The concerned Medical officers of Sunpura, Wakro, Loilang and Tafragam also presented PPT on the routine immunization status of their concerned jurisdictions.

Kamleshwar Rao S, IAS, DMO Tezu, DDSE Tezu, DD DUDA, DRCHO Tezu, CDPO Tezu, Medical officers and officials attended the meeting.

Indian Army conducts AGNI-RAKSHAK at Sigar

PASIGHAT, JULY 22:

A Joint Fire Fighting Exercise named "AGNI-RAKSHAK" at Sigar, under Mebo subdivision was organized by the Indian Army along with Pasighat Fire Station on July 22.

The exercise was aimed at achieving synergy and refining drills / procedures against all types of fire incidents and hazards. It assisted in developing Joint Response Mechanism and refining firefighting drills. The event also instilled a sense of faith and confidence between Armed Forces and civil authorities to fight jointly against any such crisis.

216 army men from Sigar, 8 Fire officials and 4 officials of SDRF participated in the exercise.

U/Siang creates awareness on POCSO Act, ill effects of drug & Substance use

YINGKIONG, JULY 22:

The Sikiing Kojee Charitable Society, Yingkiong organised one day awareness programme on ill effects of drugs and substance abuse and POCSO Act 2012 in collaboration with District Legal Service Authority, Upper Siang, Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society, Yingkiong Unit and Dept of WCD's District Child Protection Unit, at Royal Siang Academy School, Yingkiong today on July 22 with an objective to raise awareness and knowledge on ill effects of drugs abuse, legal implications and child rights protections act among the parents, faculties students and staffs.

Resource persons of the programme Dr. Karo Teng, MD(Psy), SMO(SG), Nodal Officer De-Addiction Centre, District Hospital Yingkiong briefed on Multiple Drug Use and Its Management and elaborated on the consequences of drug addictions on health, social and legal aspects. Advocate Shri Olen Komut, DLSA Yingkiong spoke on Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses Act of 2012 (POCSO Act) and sensitized the students on 'good touch' and 'bad touch' and legal framework for protection of child rights. Officer In-Charge Police Station Yingkiong Mongol Koyu also briefly spoke on role of Police in containing increasing scenario of drugs related cases in Upper Siang district.

Secretary of Royal Siang Academy Dr. Apang, Shri P.Lama, Administrator, and Prin-

cipal A. Choudhury also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Mity Jopir, Chairperson, Sikiing Kojee Charitable Trust, President APWS Yingkiong Kalpana Perme and her team, DCPU officer and staffs, DLSA, parents, faculties, staffs and students attended the programme.

DA ICC continues inspection of Govt. Schools of capital

ITANAGAR, JULY 22:

As per the order of the Deputy Commissioner Itanagar Capital Complex, Talo Potom, IAS issued on June 30 last, the Executive Magistrates and Special Executive Magistrates of Capital had been conducting inspection of all the Government schools of Capital on regular basis in order to strengthen and improve the quantity of education.

During the visit, the Officers apart from ensuring teacher and students' attendance are also have interactive session with the students and teachers to discuss any issues that need attention of the District Administration.

Other issues like requirement of classroom, toilets, water, electricity etc are being noted down by the officers for onward submission to DC.

The officers also brief the students about the importance of Personal as well as general hygiene and sanitation.

The DC said that such exercise are being conducted so that a better academic environment could be created for the students to excel and perform better in life. He said such an effort, also provides a chance to the school authorities to inform directly about any lacunae with

regard to educational system to the Authorities and to understand the ground reality of the existing system of education in their respective schools be it be in terms of infrastructure, shortage of teachers, requirements of books, uniform, mid day meal etc

DSOAA meet resolves to reinvigorate its activities for welfare of state Govt. employees

NAHARLAGUN, JULY 22:

The Directorate Service Officers' Association Arunachal (DSOAA) resolved to reinvigorate its activities by enrolling more members from the districts to work more vigorously for welfare of state Govt. employees during the day-long meeting held at the Administrative Training Institute Conference Hall here on July 22.

The state's largest Govt. employee-based organization with officers from all the line Departments, the DSOAA meeting was convened to review its overall activities and to devise more better and meaningful ways and means to strengthen the organization to work for welfare of state Govt. employees.

In his welcome speech, DSOAA President and Director Social Justice, Empowerment and Tribal Affairs Yumlam Kaha said the organization needs to grow more by enrolling the unregistered new officers of the Districts to DSOAA umbrella. By roping in more district level officers to DSOAA, not only will the organization grow but we will also be able to gauge and understand the

problems and grievances of the district officers, he explained. Kaha further appealed the officers of all line departments at the districts to enroll themselves under DSOAA to facilitate consolidated and combined efforts to appeal the State Govt. to redress their grievances whenever the situation warrants.

Highlighting the overall functioning of DSOAA since its inception in 2015, General Secretary and Deputy Director DOTCL Wangton Lowang said DSOAA is the biggest platform of state Govt. employees. 248 members are registered in the Capital Complex only, he informed. Wangton also urged all the Departments to frame their respective 'Recruitment Rules' to avail the necessary and timely promotional avenues due to Govt. employees.

Director Administrative Training Institute and senior DSOAA member Patey Marik said there is no substitute for hard work and sincerity. DSOAA members should lead by their examples and earn the goodwill of state Govt. by dint of their hard work, sincerity and loyalty for which they are paid for. We should let Govt. notice us through our works rather than words, he said, while adding team spirit should be the quintessence of team DSOAA. Marik also said bigger work departments like Agriculture, Horticulture, Women and Child Development could also have two or more Directors in similar lines to chief engineers of engineering departments.

Several officers including Director Gazetteers Sokep Kri, Joint Directors Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Industry Nenker Lailang and

Gomar Angu, Deputy Directors Tourism and Industry Gedo Eshi, Goli Angu and Dani Abing, Assistant Directors Panchayati Raj, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Tapang Kopak, Bullo Apa and Gyati Kacho also spoke and shared their inputs to make DSOAA more vibrant and stronger.

Offering the vote of thanks, DSOAA convenor and Trade & Commerce Deputy Director Toko Togur said DSOAA members need to be more proactive in working for welfare of the state Govt. employees.

The meeting also resolved to set up a 'core committee' including officers from all the line departments to rope in and enroll more district officers to DSOAA umbrella.

Dirang flood causes havoc; No casualties

BOMDILA, JULY 23:

The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) in Bomdila, along with the Dirang Administration, conducted a field survey along the Miyong River, starting from Khonfathhar Bridge in Dirang Village up to Senge Village to take a stock of the damages caused by the recent flood.

No casualties or injuries have been reported so far but the heavy floods have caused significant damage to several houses and properties.

Three iron hanging bridges at Dhirme (Nyukmadung Village) and one each at Zangdorong and Saskarong, near the Hydel of the Hydro Power Department, were washed away.

Moreover, numerous kutcha houses were swept away, and

several other houses in Rajapa Colony, near Yeshe Garage in Dirang, suffered partial damage.

In response to the situation, the DDMA and Dirang Administration have issued an advisory, urging people to stay away from the riverside and remain vigilant during the night. To address the emergency, the 12th Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has been deployed.

Yuva Utsav 2023 at GHSS Geku, Upper Siang

GEKU, JULY 23:

District Level Yuva Utsav 2023 at Govt. Higher Secondary School, Geku, Upper Siang was organized by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Upper Siang, the District Unit of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, and Govt. of India on 22nd July 2023.

Addressing the gathering, Kanggong Taku, Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA), 40 Geku Mariyang Constituency appealed the youth to involve in all nation building activities and briefed about the Amrit Kaal of Azaadika Amrit Mohotsav and praised the activities of Nehru Yuva Kendra Upper Siang in all youth related activities. He emphasized the significance of sincere contributions towards realizing the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi by discussing his Panch Pran of Amrit Kal.

ZPM Nyong Panyang of Geku highlighted the importance of education in student's life and praise the Nehru Yuva Kendra for providing an opportunity to youth to showcase their skills.

The Event aimed to rekindle the spirit of patriotism and

values of India's Freedom Struggle by engaging the youth in various competitive events and empower young minds towards active participation in nation-building activities. Celebrating the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav by disseminating the message of Panch Pran is one of the prime objectives of this program.

The District Level Yuva Utsav provided an excellent platform for the youth to showcase their talents by engaging themselves in Young Writers Contest, Young Artist Contest, Mobile Photography Contest, Declamation Contest and Cultural Dance Competition. The winners were given Prize money, Certificates and the winners would also participate in the State Level Yuva Utsav to be organized in upcoming months and further in National Level Yuva Utsav in New Delhi.

Nehru Yuva Kendra Yingkiong expressed its gratitude to all the esteemed guests, participants, and supporters for their valuable contribution towards the success of District Level Yuva Utsav 2023. The organization remains committed to nurturing the potential of the youth and empowering them to become responsible citizens dedicated to the progress of our great nation.

The event saw footfall of more than 500 participants from Upper Siang District. The students and renowned Teaching Staff from various institutions such as Govt. Model College, Geku, JNV Geku and many more attended the program.

The event witnessed Philip Jerang, Extra Assistant Commissioner (EAC) of Geku as Special Guest and Jongge Yirang, Principal of Govt. Hr. Secondary School as Special Guest and other notable guests.

Evaluation of State Level Master Trainers conducted

ITANAGAR, JULY 24:

In view of the coming simultaneous elections 2024 as per the direction of the Election Commission of India the evaluation of State Level Master Trainers was conducted at the conference hall of office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Arunachal Pradesh on 24th July 2023

Evaluation was done in presence of a representative from the Election Commission of India New Delhi. The evaluation of the SLMTs was done in two parts, first a theme - wise test was held amongst the SLMTs and secondly PowerPoint presentation was given by the SLMTs as per the theme allotted to them.

At second stage training by India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management, Dwarka, New Delhi the evaluation of SLMTs was done by National Level Master trainers R. K. Sharma IAS, Secretary Planning, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Rosalind Pertin, APCS and Tenzing Yangchen, APCS.

First, second and third prizes were given to the SLMTs who scored highest Mark in the PowerPoint presentation and quiz test. Earlier IIDEM, Dwarka New Delhi had conducted online theme-wise training for the SLMTs with effect from 19th to 22nd July 2023. Further, based upon the evaluation of SLMTs the Chief Electoral Officer will nominate certain number of SLMTs to India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management, Dwarka New Delhi for further evaluation and graduating them into NLMTs.

Training and field demonstration carried out under Atma Nirbhar Bhagwani Yojana

TAWANG, JULY 24:

The department of Horticulture, Tawang conducted a day long awareness Training-cum- Field demonstration about different programmes under Atma Nirbhar Bhagwani Yojana at EAC office, Kyidphel on July 24.

Speaking on the inaugural and technical session, Tenzin Monpa, Senior public leader encouraged the farmers to take optimum benefit of the State flagship programme- Atma Nirbhar Bhagwani Yojana (ANBY)-2023-24 which was initially launched on 3rd September 2021 by the state government. He told the gathering that government Jobs are limited and this programme is a boon to the marginal farmers to acquaint themselves to be self-reliant with sustainable source of livelihood, which will gradually build up commercial mode of farming.

Safior Rahman, District Horticulture Officer (DHO), Tawang elaborated on eligibility criteria, Pattern of Assistance, Guidelines & scope of the scheme with mode of implementation. While Koncho Gyatso, HDO Tawang described on various programmes covered under Atma Nirbhar Bhagwani Yojana.

Later during interactive session the doubts and queries raised by farmers relating to the schemes were attended and cleared by the DHO.

55 progressive farmers along with concerned Gaon Buras and Gram Panchayat Members attended the training programme.

RGU Press meet to observe 3rd anniversary of NEP 2020

RONO HILLS, JULY 24:

Rajiv Gandhi University Arunachal Pradesh organized a joint Press Conference to observe 3rd anniversary of NEP 2020 in the Institute of Distance Education (IDE), RGU on July 24.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha briefed the Press about implementation of NEP 2020 in Rajiv Gandhi University in the last three years. He highlighted that RGU acted on all 18 verticals of NEP 2020 and introduced the four year degree programs from current session 2023-24 in Research and non research aspects of UG Programmes in university campuses as well as in the affiliated colleges. He further added that 99% students have already registered in Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) in Rajiv Gandhi University and different affiliated colleges. RGU is going to start the dual degree programme very soon, he added.

Vice Chancellor praised the efforts of the Arunachal state Government for providing various necessary facilities in the RGU campus upto the amount of Rs50 crore.

Registrar of RGU, Dr. NT Rikam highlighted that RGU is going to introduce Four year UG courses in the different Science disciplines Like Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics and Statistics. He also said that in Arts discipline 4 different subjects would also be started. For UG courses admission RGU is conducting a special RGUCET this year and will join the CUET mode of admission from next year.

While speaking on the occasion NERIST, Director Prof.

M Muralidhar stressed on teachers orientation, multiple entry and exit system and language aspect of NEP 2020.

Chairman of NEP 2020 Committee RGU, Prof. Oken Lego talked about the different activities which are going to be organized by the university to celebrate three years completion of NEP 2020 in RGU. He also told the media about the detailed outreach and dissemination activities to celebrate the 2nd Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam on 29th and 30th July 2020 which will be addressed by honourable Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi in virtual mode.

Kendriya Vidyalaya, NERIST is implementing NEP 2020 by adopting the hands-on experience through Creative Critical Thinking (CCT) to improve the learners' Foundational numeracy and literacy along with their problem solving skills, said Mrs Sharma, KV NERIST.

Prof. Otem Padung, Finance Officer, RGU stressed that RGU is going to start the Four year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) in Arts category along with 41 Universities across the country from this session. He concluded his address to the media by saying that our next generation will enjoy the fruit of NEP2020. He also praised the efforts of the newly constituted NEP 2020 committee to promote NEP in the society at large and urge the media to disseminate the information to the public.

PM-ABHIM committee meeting convened

ITANAGAR, JULY 24:

A meeting of the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infra-

structure Mission (PM-ABHIM) committee was convened under the chairmanship of Shri Talo Potom, IAS at his office chamber on July 24.

During the meeting, various issues including establishment of District Integrated Public Health Laboratories (DIPHL) at TRIHMS under PM-ABHIM was discussed in detail.

The meeting was attended by District Medical Officer Dr Mandip Perme, Dr Dukhum Raina, CMS TRIHMS, DRCHO Dr Krishna Welly and representative of EE(PWD) Nahalagun division.

"Repetition is mother of learning" – DC tawang

TAWANG, JULY 24:

The Deputy Commissioner, Tawang, Kanki Darang, called a meeting with all the adopters and teacher in-charges of government schools under Tawang and Kyidphel block this afternoon at government Town secondary school, Tawang.

Speaking on the occasion Deputy Commissioner informed that it was felt important to have an interaction between the adopter and teacher incharge so, that the incharge may not feel that their jurisdiction is intruded and also the officers adopting the school doesnot hesitate in visiting their respective adopted school. He asked the adopters to visit their adopted school once every month. He advised the teachers to inform the adopters regarding absent student so that adopter can contact the parents and ensure regular presence of students in the class, he asked the teachers to keep on repeating the lessons taught in classes and make habit

of giving homework to students. Repetition is the mother of learning, he added and students must be encouraged to memorize multiplication table. He stressed on encouraging English speaking in schools to improve communication and social skill interaction skills.

DDSE Tawang Hridhar Phuntso expressed his gratitude to DC Tawang for taking personal initiatives in improving quality education in the district, speaking on the role of adopters he said that we need to rethink, redesign and rebuild our approach to make our education system better.

The teacher in-charges, and adopters also expressed their views and suggestions to make education system better in the district. Similar meetings were conducted at Jang and Lungla under the Chairmanship of respective Additional Deputy Commissioners.

Gold Medalist Boxer Nenthok Hodong Felicitated

KHONSA, JULY 25:

After winning a gold medal and the title for Best Boxer in the 5th Junior Boys National Boxing Championship- 2023, Nenthok Hodong was accorded warm reception and felicitated by DC Tirap Hento Karga at Kamlesh Joshi Conference, Hall, Khonsa. The felicitation program was conducted under the aegis of Department of Sports and Youth Affairs Tirap district.

While congratulating the Gold Medalist, Deputy Commissioner Tirap, Hento Karga said that Nenthok Hodong made people of Tirap District proud in particular and Arunachal as a whole, and anticipate that in future too

he will play with Sportsmanship spirit at National and international level and bring laurel for Tirap, Arunachal Pradesh and our country as a whole. Karga said that it is like silver lining in the history of infamous District for all wrong things like drug abuse and other anti-social activities. He added that rest of young boys of Tirap should be inspired by Nenthok Hodong and channelize their youthful energy in positive way and stay away from drugs abuse. DC also appreciated Department of Sports Tirap for guidance to the Players.

Meanwhile, Tirap District Olympic Association President, Yum Pangkhu, congratulated the promising boxer Nenthok Hodong and thanked all those who guided and supported him towards clinching the Gold Medal.

Among others, representative from All Ollo Students Union, All Tutsa Students Union, ALL Tirap Students Union, Ollo welfare Society, parents were present on the occasion.

Bamin Siri awarded Diamond of Asia-international Award

ZIRO, JULY 25:

The Diamond of Asia-international Award at Bangkok on 23rd July last was conferred upon the renowned Apatani entrepreneur of Lower Subansiri District Bamin Siri and his M/S Ziro Poultry Cooperative Farmer's Society Ltd.

Siri, the chairman of M/S Ziro Poultry Cooperative Farmer's Society Ltd. was awarded the International award for his 'outstanding contribution in professional achievement and individual excellence in his respective field' during the Inter-

national Seminar on Indo-Thai Friendship Asia Summit held at Bangkok, Thailand.

Organized by the Organization for Commerce and Industry Forum (OCIF) Thailand, Siri and his M/S Ziro Poultry Cooperative Farmer's Society Ltd. had been shortlisted by the Research Committee and Advisory Board of OCIF for the coveted International award.

The function was attended by His Excellency Korn Dabbaransi, former Prime Minister of Thailand, Paul Pornthep Sri Narula, founder and CEO of M/S Syncate C.Ltd, Bangkok, Dr. M.S Prakash, senior Pediatrician and President of Advisory Board of JMJ Educational Society, Bangalore, Dr. Nandini Tiwari, famous poet, author, writer and anchor from Chhattisgarh and Dr. Ravi Kant, secretary of Ravi Kant Punam B.Ed College, Nawada, Bihar.

Formed in 1999 with 12 members and 5 board members, Siri and his M/S Ziro Poultry Cooperative Farmer's Society Ltd. has already won several national and international awards the latest being the Indo-Balinese Achiever's Award presented by Indian Ambassador to Indonesia Dr. V.B Soni on 9th December 2022 at Bali, Indonesia.

Deputy Chief Minister calls on the Governor

ITANAGAR, JULY 25:

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 25th July 2023. They discussed about hydropower, investments and e-governance.

The Deputy Chief Minister briefed the Governor about the recent initiative of the State Government in harnessing the hydropower potential of the State. He informed the Governor that the state government has identified four central public sector undertakings (CPSUs) to take over large hydropower projects which were making unsatisfactory progress under private developers. The transfer process has been drafted after thorough consultation with various stakeholders, including the Government of India (GOI).

The Governor complimented the Deputy Chief Minister, who is the minister for Hydropower for the initiative and expressed his hope for successful implementation of the hydropower projects in the State. He also shared his observation in enhancing the power scenario of the State.

The Governor also discussed regarding e-governance with the Deputy Chief Minister, who is also the Minister in-charge for economics and statistics. He called for automation of all data at District, Circle and Village levels to facilitate proper planning and execution of developmental projects and programmes.

400 Bee Boxes and Bee Colonies distributed

NAMSAI, JULY 26:

On the occasion of 'Kargil Vijay Diwas', the Khadi and Village Industries Commission remembered the valiant soldiers of the country by distributing 400 bee-boxes to the beekeepers of Arunachal Pradesh under the Honey Mission.

Chairman Khadi and Village Industries Commission

Manoj Kumar distributed 400 B-Boxes and B-Colonies to the 40 women beekeepers from Enthem village of Namsai district of Arunachal Pradesh, located in the eastern most part of the country and China border, through virtual medium from western end of the country Mumbai.

While addressing the beekeepers virtually Shri Manoj Kumar first remembered the brave sons of Kargil war. He said that on one hand, the brave soldiers of the country are affianced in the protecting our Mother India, and on the other hand, our beekeepers are giving India a new identity in the world by joining the local to global campaign of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He urged to the beekeepers to establish Arunachal Pradesh as the hub of organic honey production. There is a huge demand of pure honey at the international level.

In the distribution program Chairman, KVIC interacted with the beneficiaries of 12 villages of Namsai district virtually and appreciated them for joining the Honey Mission program of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Sharing their views on this occasion beneficiaries said that Namsai district of Arunachal Pradesh is the only aspirational district in the state. Here the B-boxes provided by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission will provide a new means of livelihood to the tribal society which will increase their income. A beneficiary Semontisharing her experience with Chairman KVIC said that besides basic training of 5 days, she was also given significant information related to bee care and honey production. Likewise, Rupanti Gogoi shared that bees provide us honey as well as

products like royal jelly, wax and pollen through which additional income of lakhs of rupees can be earned annually.

Earlier, KVIC Chairman Manoj Kumar also visited Arunachal's Tawang district in the second week of May to take the 'Self-reliant India' and 'Local to Global' campaign of Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to the remote villages of North Eastern States. He participated in the PMEGP awareness camp here, besides visiting Khadi Eri Silk Training cum Production Center, Monpa Handmade Paper Making Unit, in addition to distribution of pickle making machine to 20 beneficiaries. He had also distributed 400 bee boxes and bee-colonies to 40 beekeepers in two different programmes during his visit to Meghalaya in the second week of July.

Lift water supply project handed to the villagers

NAMSAI, JULY 26:

A Lift water supply project featured with solar powered treatment plant was inaugurated today by Miss Mihin Anku, Circle Officer Namsai on July 26.

CO, Namsai congratulated the public on the occasion and apprised that the main logic behind constituting the VWSC is to take up the responsibility of all minor maintenance work to be done. She emphasised that considerable efforts should be made to maintain the unit in order to ensure long-term sustainability of the water supply system in the village. She said, "The spirit of community participation in all aspects is the need of the

hour". She further requested the Panchayati Raj members to work in convergence with the line departments for planning and execution of all developmental works.

AE, B. Khamyang urged the members of the committee to effectively carry out the role of VWSC and collect maintenance charge from every household and also to ensure its proper utilization towards operation & maintenance expenditure of water supply facilities. Explaining about JJM and its objectives he said that JJM is a community managed program facilitating rural communities to lead the planning, management, operation and maintenance of village water supply systems.

A brief deliberation on Swach Bharat Mission was held after the inauguration program.

The team inspected the work being done under SBM. 6 numbers of solid waste pits have been constructed in the village.

A complaint register and water tariff register was also handed over to the Chairman of VWSC in the event.

Located in Kosambi (Kasik-II) village Namsai, the Lift water supply plant was built under Jal Jeevan Mission sanctioned in the year 2022 and executed by Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) Namsai with a Functional household Tap connection (FHTC) coverage capacity of 57 households. The unit was officially handed over to Village Water & Sanitation committee (VWSC), Kasik-II for its operation and maintenance work.

AE, PHED Namsai Bhuben Khamyang, J.E M. Mongmao, GPC, other PR members and the general public were also present.

Raj Bhavan celebrates Kargil Vijay Diwas

Indian Armed Forces are professionally oriented and command a huge respect internationally: Governor

ITANAGAR, JULY 26:

The 24th Kargil Vijay Diwas was observed in a befitting manner at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 26th July 2023.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), First Lady of the State Smt Anagha Pranaik, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein, Home Minister Shri Bhang Felix, Chief Secretary Shri Dharmendra, IAS, Director General of Police (in-charge) Shri Chukhu Apa, IPS, Secretary to Governor Shri Sharad Bhaskar Darade, IPS, Inspector General, NE Frontier Hq. ITBP, Shri Abdul Ghani Mir, IPS, Major General Jarken Gamlin, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd.) Air Commodore R.D. Mosabi (Retd.), Director cum Secretary, Rajya Sainik Board, Brig. J.S. Goraya (Retd), DIG, ITBP, Wing Commander Gyati Kago (Retd.) and Shri Ashish Singh, Company Commander, Assistant Commandant, 33 Bn ITBP laid wreath and offered floral tribute to the Kargil War heroes at the Amar Jawan cenotaph, while participating in the celebration.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor greeted the people of the State on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas. He paid homage to the martyrs of the war on behalf of all Arunachalis. He appealed to the people to be proud of the nation, State and the armed forces.

The Governor said that

Kargil war made us realize that to uphold our territorial integrity, the nation has to modernize, transform and strengthen the armed forces. He said that Kargil war symbolized the strength of junior leadership and camaraderie in the forces which brought us victories in adverse circumstances.

Sharing his experience, in and outside India, the Governor said that Indian Armed Forces are professionally oriented and command a huge respect internationally. He said that our Armed Forces have fought a number of wars, liberated Bangladesh and dealt with insurgencies and terrorism within the country. They carry a huge experience of operating on numerous terrains from desert to the glaciers, he said.

The Governor exhorted the youth of the State to opt for enrollment in the Armed Forces and serve the Nation.

The Deputy Chief Minister in his speech said that the war was a test of our nation's strength, unity and resilience. Our soldiers faced extreme challenges battling through the tough terrains, inclement weather and a radicalized enemy. As we celebrate this historic occasion, let us pledge to acknowledge and never forget the sacrifices made by our soldiers, he said.

The personnel of 33 Battalion of ITBP, led by Head Constable Shri Jyoti Misa, presented Shok Shastra, Salami Shastra and sounded Last Post and Rouse Reveille bugle call. Adding ambience of patriotism and nationalism, a short film on Kargil War, a documentary by Additional Directorate General of Public Information and audio-visual presentation 'We are Infantry' were shown dur-

ing the programme. The staff artists of Directorate of Art and Culture presented a patriotic song, 'Vandematram' composed by Retd Instructor of Songs & drama unit of Directorate of Art and Culture, Shri Gautam Dey. Arunachal Pradesh Police Band took part in the event.

Ex-Servicemen, NCC Cadets, Scouts and Guides along with students from various schools participated in the Kargil Vijay Diwas celebration.

DC advocates students to develop reading habits

YAZALI, JULY 26:

"Your reading habits will keep you informed and make you stand out among your friends and society", said Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime at a school function organized at Community Hall here last Monday, July 26.

Advocating inculcating reading habits by students and citizens alike, the DC, who attended as the chief guest also urged the students to lead a disciplined life, maintain dignity of labour and to avoid early marriage to be successful and useful citizens of the society. Further, Nime also emphasized on understanding and preserving one's own culture and traditions from invasion of modern alien cultures in our society. We ought to preserve our cultural values and knowledge be it social, agricultural, horticultural or fisheries to pass it to our next generations, he remarked.

Organized by All Yachuli Students Union, the function was organized to generate awareness on career prospects after higher secondary schooling, adverse ef-

fects of drug abuse and demerits of early marriage. Scholarships to meritorious students of Classes X and XII were also distributed on the occasion.

ZPM Likha Tabo attended as guest of honour while Lower Subansiri Superintendent of Police Keni Bagra attended as the resource person. Principal, teachers, parents and school students of Govt. Higher Secondary School Yazali also attended the programme.

24th Kargil Vijay Diwas observed

TAWANG, JULY 26:

The people of Tawang and Indian army celebrated 24th Kargil Vijay Diwas at general parade ground, Tawang on July 26.

In his address to the gathering as the chief Guest Deputy Commander, Tawang brigade Colonel JS Dodhy, expressed his gratitude to all the bravehearts who made supreme sacrifice in Kargil war. He encouraged the youths to join Indian Army and to serve country. Deputy commander later felicitated the participants of cultural programme and NCC cadets.

Earlier the NCC cadets of 2nd Arunachal Pradesh Battalion presented Gaurd of Honour to the chief guest followed by cultural programmes and military band display by students and jawans.

The students and general public were shown different arms and other equipments that are used by Indian army through weapon display. Awareness on how to join Indian army and information on procedures for admission to sainik schools were also provided by soldiers.

The monks from Tawang monastery felicitated chief guest and other army officers on the occasion expressing their gratitude for the service being provided by them.

Students from various Schools in the township, army jawans, monks from Tawang monastery and general public participated in the celebration.

Farmers' Awareness Training held

LUNGLA, JULY 26:

The Department of Horticulture, Tawang conducted Farmers' Awareness Training on different programmes under Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojana at Zomkhang Hall, Lungla on July 26.

Speaking in the inaugural function of the programme, Chief Guest Tashi Dondup, ADC Lungla asked the farmers to take advantage of the training session to acquaint themselves of the details of programme and work in collaboration with department for reaping the utmost benefit from the schemes provided by the department of Horticulture. He also urged the department to take follow up actions of ANBY schemes already implemented in the farmers' field during the previous years for better output of the same.

Besides giving elaborate details on eligibility criteria, pattern of assistance, guidelines & scope of the scheme with mode of implementation, Safior Rahman, District Horticulture Officer, Tawang imparted training on pit digging, plantation, application of manure, training, pruning etc of Horticulture crops.

Drubajyoti Pathak, Branch Manager, SBI, Lungla gave brief

description of bank credit facility, interest & documentation process. While Nawang Chozom, promoter of vegetable farmers' group shared her experience regarding marketing aspects of vegetable crops through corporate links and also urged the farmers to adopt organic farming for better marketing.

Later, the doubts and queries raised by farmers were cleared by the DHO during the interaction session.

The programme was attended by GPCs, GPMs, GBs and 50 nos. progressive farmers from Lungla Block.

ECHO Digital training for Health Officers conducted

ITANAGAR, JULY 27:

A one day state level workshop on ECHO Digital training and monitoring platform immersion was organized by the Department of Health, at Hotel Waii International on July 27.

Dr Moji Jini, MS, MCh, Director TRIHMS, Naharlagun who attended the programme as the chief guest said that he was very happy to be a part of ECHO India and National Health Mission (NHM) Arunachal Pradesh endeavour to strengthen Healthcare Capacity Building of the State. Jini exclaimed that it was a pleasure to have the ECHO India Team again here in Arunachal Pradesh, for their endeavour to bring in quality revolution in training of Health human resource with the intention to minimize dislocation of Health HR from their posting place, while transferring and updating them with latest knowledge and skills of their chosen field. This would

help in avoiding disruption in services of hospital when key health HRs are engaged on training from couple of days to month. Such situation is a nightmare for the Hospital administrators, which is bound to be minimized if our health delivery system starts adopting the tools and techniques being professed by ECHO India.

He also opined that the collaboration between ECHO India and Arunachal Pradesh marked a significant stride towards advancing healthcare capacity building in the state, in addressing problem where through online training platform, the medical knowledge and skills are made available to Doctors and Nurses at Health Facilities instead of weaning them off from the Health Facilities.

Dr Hage Ambing, MD, Director Medical Education, Research & Training (DMERT) addressing as the guest of honour expressed that it was high time for the department to keep abreast with the latest technology for ensuring more effective service provision to the people of the State. Adopting this model of ECHO India, in capacity building of our Human Resources would be one of the desirable outcomes the State Government envisage.

ECHO India is a non-profit organization dedicated to health system strengthening through capacity-building, and has partnered with NHM Arunachal Pradesh to conduct this One-Day 'Immersion' training program for senior state health officials. The objective of this training program is to familiarize the officials with ECHO's innovative 'Hub and Spoke' model of capacity-building, which operates on an 'All Teach All Learn' framework.

The ECHO India and NHM Arunachal Pradesh have been working together on various initiatives to address the healthcare challenges in the region. Notably, their partnership began in 2022 with the successful implementation of the COVID-19 Vaccination Confidence and Advocacy Program (VCAP). This program played a crucial role in promoting vaccine acceptance and driving vaccination efforts in Arunachal Pradesh.

ECHO India is also collaborating with NHM Arunachal Pradesh in many more areas like Child Death Review and Non-Communicable Disease Orientation Training of the Medical Officers and Health Staffs of the State in days to come.

The training was specially designed to orient the senior health officers of the Department of Health Services, Department of Medical Education, Research & Training (DMERT), National Health Mission, Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (TRIHMS) and the District Medical Office ICR & Papum Pare.

Woman convicted for misusing of POCSO Act

PASIGHAT, JULY 27:

On Wednesday (July-27) a woman was convicted under section 22 of the POCSO Act for making her minor sister file a false case of rape against her own husband by the Special Judge POCSO Act, East Siang District, Tageng Padoh. The woman named Yabom Chiram was sentenced to imprisonment for a period of month and levied a fine of Rs 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty thousand) for mak-

ing and conspiring a false case against her own husband misusing the POCSO Act and also the authority of the law to act upon her false information.

The Special Judge pronouncing the judgment reiterated that, 'The object of the law is very clear that the POCSO Act is not to be misused by any person.' The learned defence counsel for Yabom Chiram submitted that the accused has suffered domestic violence from the hands of her husband and she lodged many complaints before the police but the police did not take cognizance as it was a family dispute compelling or leading the convict woman to take extreme measure of making a false complaint against the husband and prayed for leniency while sentencing.

The learned Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) for POCSO Act Sanjoy Taye on the other hand submitted that the object of section 22 of the POCSO Act is to prevent any kind of misuse of POCSO Act and any leniency in awarding sentence shall send a wrong message to the society and it will open a floodgate of vexatious and false litigation against a targeted person and therefore no leniency should be granted. The co-accused i.e. the minor sister of the woman convict was not sentenced as she was a minor at the time of the conspiracy and as such no cognizance could be taken against her as any child is protected under law for any offence committed under the Act.

The Special Judge while pronouncing the judgment said that, 'The convicted accused had alternate remedy to address the domestic violence committed by the accused but the same was not resorted to rather the authority of

the law and the executing agency of the law has been misguided and misused by the accused to take cognizance of the offence against an innocent person which was not the object of legislating the POCSO Act. The provision of section 22 of the POCSO Act has been incorporated to act as a deterrent to any person intending to misuse the Act.

A 'Joy of Reading' Workshop at Medo

MEDO, JULY 27:

A 'Joy of Reading' Workshop by Forum of Library Activists, of Medo was held for students of classes 8 to 10 of Medo Government Secondary School at Medo Youth Library from July 24 to 26, 2023.

Speaking in the Valedictory session, the Coordinator, Lohit Youth Libraries Padma shri Sathya Narayan Mundayoor or rather lovingly known as Uncle Moosa explained the reasons why going to the library was vital and said, "The more you read, the more familiar you'll be, and the faster your speed of reading". He also gave the audience a number of useful reading tips and techniques such as 'Skimming' and 'Scanning', essential skills for every earnest student. He also performed a book reading session using extracts from the books of Dr. Seuss and "Vedantic Tales", a book of youth motivation by sister Gargi.

Speaking during the final session, Saroj, a teacher at Govt. Sec School Medo, remarked that the excellent sessions had rekindled the children's interest in reading and expressed her happiness at being able to attend the workshop.

Students Shanti Rai, Leemilu Tawsik, Barkha Singh Nagadong and Be sing Mitkong also found the workshop very helpful and thanked the Forum members for their energizing sessions that encouraged them to learn more from them in future. They also thanked Uncle Moosa for his excellent session and assured the audience of using these methods in improving their reading habits.

The sessions included 2 days of training for students by Forum members, followed by the performance by students on the third day. The sessions covered Story Reading (by Banika Kri and Laxmie Ngadong) Hindi poem recitation (Nishanlu Kri), Reading Theatre (Solina Kambrai), English Skit

(Jeenamsi Ngadong) and English poetry recitation (Bahailu Rangmang). The participants found the activities particularly enjoyable. Nine students received mementos for being proficient readers.

Bahailu Rangmang, senior Forum Member, expressed her gratitude to all patrons, the headmaster and the teachers of the Govt Sec School Medo and the RPETA Trust Delhi, for sponsoring the workshop.

APWWS organizes peaceful rally statewide seeking justice for Kuki-Zo women survivors of rape.

ITANAGAR, JULY 27:

Hundreds of people joined a peaceful rally organized by the Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) today in solidarity with the victims of violence in Manipur and Kuki-Zo women survivors of rape and sexual assault.

Similar rallies were also organised by APWWS branch in Tuting, Ziro, Yingkiong, Likabali, Daporijo, Dumporijo, Miao, Anini, Koloriang, Aalo, Mechukha, Sagalee, Namsai, Hayuliang and Seijosa.

The main demand of the APWWS is immediate arrest of all the people who paraded two Kuki-Zo women naked and gang raped one of them on May 4. The horrific crime was committed at B. Phai-nom village in Kangpokpi district on May 4 after the villages of the two women were burnt down.

In Itanagar, the rally started from Akashdeep at 5 PM and culminated at Tennis Court where Kani Nada Maling, President of the APWWS sought immediate arrest of all those involved in rape and sexual assault on women. She questioned the centre and Manipur government on the delay in responding to the crisis in Manipur.

Maling accused the Manipur govt of being complicit for taking two months to take note of the horrific violence inflicted on two tribal women. Why was the rape kept hidden, she asked the Manipur govt.

She also questioned the National Commission for women and Manipur State Commission for women for their silence.

Seeking early arrest of all those involved as the faces are clearly visible in the horrific video that was circulated, APWWS has said that perpetrators of sexual violence must be brought to Justice.

The rally in Itanagar was also joined by Puroik Women Society, Tangsa Women's Welfare Society, Galo Women Welfare Society, Karlo Dune Welfare Society, Kargu Kardi Women Welfare Society, Lodu Women Welfare Society, Adi Bane Ane kebang, Nyishi Nyime Acham, Apatani Women Wel-

fare Society, Tagin Women Welfare Association, Tagin Cultural Society, Kunu Yami Dune Welfare Society.

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sammelan cum Millet Recipe Contest

NATUN-KHETI JULY 27:

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tirap organized PM Kisan Sammelan cum Millet Recipe Contest today at Natun Kheti village on July 27.

Arvind Pratap, Senior Scientist and Head (I/C) KVK highlighted about the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojna and its benefits for farmers. He shared that GOI was emphasizing on popularization of millet and its products for better health of human being and for that purpose the millet contest was being organized in every corner of the country. During the Live Telecast; Honorable Prime minister of India Shri Narendra Modi interacted with farmers; who were connected online from different part of the country wherein the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi emphasized the farmers for adapting new technologies for food security and livelihood and he released 14th installment of Kisan Samman Nidhi. The total 171 farmers and officials were participated in the programme.

Millet Recipe contest was also organized among women. The total 30 women actively participated and demonstrated their products. The different products made by fox-tail millet (locally known as Koni dhan) like - Laddu, Biscuit, kheer, Khichdi, chapatti, rice, cake etc. were demonstrated by the womenfolk of different Self Help Groups. The evaluation team of four members (constituted by representative of GB, Progressive

farmer, Supervisor of ICDS and KVK Expert) evaluated different recipes in the contest and top five SHGs were awarded accordingly.

The program was attended by Amit Kumar Singh, SMS (Soil Science) and Shri Abhimanyu Chaturvedi, SMS (Horticulture) - KVK Tirap.

Governor reviews developmental works of West Kameng

Governor exhorts departments to understand people's needs and facilitate in improving their living conditions

BOMDILA, JULY 27:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) chaired a review meeting of the central and state governments' sponsored schemes, projects and programmes at Bomdila on July 27, 2023.

West Kameng Deputy Commissioner Smti Akriti Sagar, Superintendent of Police Sudhanshu Dhama, IPS and Heads of Department briefed the Governor about the projects and programmes being implemented and stages of progress of works.

Addressing the meeting, the Governor emphasised on the need for management of data of various schemes in the district. He said automation of data is the key for proper analysis, planning and project implementation. He urged the district Heads of department to have software applications that can network data from villages, circles and districts with the state government.

He also urged upon the district HoDs to utilize the funds optimally, imbibe professional efficiency and eradicate corruption.

The Governor said that health, education and agriculture are important sectors which need focus for overall prosperity of the State. He urged the district officers to find innovative ways to move ahead in these sectors with perception management.

Stating that the district has huge potential for tourism, the Governor asked the officers to develop good infrastructure, information facilities and skilling of youth for tourism ventures. He stressed on preservation of tourist places in their natural form and to keep the environment neat and clean.

Expressing his concern on drop-outs in school, he said that it is not a good sign, adding that effort should be made to address the challenge as it will have adverse effects on the development of the state. He further asked the officers to create awareness starting from village level and create an educational environment.

The Governor exhorted the departments to spend time with vibrant villages to understand their needs and facilitate and improve their living conditions.

The Governor, who is monitoring the mission to eradicate tuberculosis, cancer and drug addiction in the state and exhorted the district officers to join hands in the mission and participate in the national movement in eradicating these from the state.

Governor graces Expo cum Kisan Mela;

Distributes farm machineries to farmers under ANKY

BOMDILA, JULY 27:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participated in an Expo

cum Kisan Mela, organized by the Department of Agriculture, under Rastriya Krishi Vikash Yojana at Bomdila on July 27, 2023.

The Governor distributed farm machineries, i.e. Tractor, Power tiller, Rotary tiller procured under Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana to the selected farmers of West Kameng and Tawang districts.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor expressed happiness that the farmers of Arunachal Pradesh were benefited from the national flagship programmes initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He urged the agrarian community of West Kameng district to focus on organic farming and technology to improve variety and productivity of essential food productions to make them 'Atma Nirbhar'. He also cautioned against the use of chemicals which will be harmful to human beings.

The Governor appreciated the variety of prized fruits like Kiwi, orange and apple being grown in the district, which can be marketed within and outside the district and fetch handsome revenue.

The Governor advised the farmers to set up cooperative societies. He said that it will help in proper marketing and bring maximum benefit to the farmers. This could help them cater the needs of security forces in the district at a good remuneration.

The Governor visited various stalls established by farmers and self-help groups, who displayed farm produce, cereals, canned and bottled fruit products as well as.

Farmers from Tawang and West Kameng participated

in the one day expo-cum kisan mela. Many prominent farming Self Help Groups from each administrative circle, block showcased their farm produce on the occasion.

More than 2 crore bank loans disbursed at credit camp held at Ziro

ZIRO, JULY 27:

A credit camp-cum-ceremonial programme for credit disbursements to Self Help Groups registered under Lower Subansiri District was successfully conducted at Abotani Hall here on July 26.

Organized by Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ArSRLM) and District Mission Management Unit, Ziro, the programme was attended by Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime as chief guest and Kalung ZPM Subu Lento as guest of honour.

102 Self Help Groups mobilised under ArSRLM received a bank loan of Rs.2, 37, 89,837/- (Rupees two crore thirty seven lakhs eighty nine thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven) collectively from SBI, APRB, APEX, CANARA and Central Bank to pursue various livelihood activities. The disbursed loans were handed over to SHG representatives in the form of ceremonial cheques signed by the respective Bank Branch Managers during the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Bamin Nime enlightened the importance of saving habits and smart investments to SHG members. He also reiterated that SHGs need to focus on social development activities, fight against drug abuse, and most importantly give

priority to children education. Further, the DC also appealed the SHG members to apply and avail the benefits of social security schemes such as PMSBY, PMJJBY, CMAAY and urged the bank branch managers to assist and expedite the enrolment and other issues of the mentioned social welfare schemes to all SHG participants and also to public of Ziro.

ZPM Subu Lento assured to extend all possible support to provide office space for the establishment of Primary Level Federation (PLF) office and to appeal other ZPM's of the District and State Govt. to provide similar support to SHG institutions. Lento also appealed the District Administration and the line departments to give priority to SHGs in availing Govt. schemes like ANKY, ANBY, ANPPY, ANMPY etc.

The Bank branch managers appreciated the untiring efforts of ArSRLM in capacity building of SHG members and assured to extend continuous support to SHGs mobilized under ArSRLM in the form of strategic credit linkages. Success stories by SHG members were also shared during the programme.

The programme was also attended by HOD's and representatives from Departments of Agriculture and Horticulture. Branch managers of SBI, APRB, APEX, Canara and Central banks were acknowledged and felicitated during the programme for providing credit linkage support to the SHGs mobilised under ArSRLM.

The programme was moderated by ArSRLM Ziro block District Mission Manager Senong Namchoom and Block Mission Manager Tage Rimpi.

Meeting on "Meri Maati Mera Desh" held.

AALO, JULY 27:

Deputy Commissioner, West Siang Penga Tato chaired the meeting on Meri Maati, Mera Desh a national programme on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) at DC'S Conference Hall Aalo.

DC Penga Tato urged all the ZPM's of West Siang, Urban local bodies organise as per the scheduled of the programme and he also informed all the Admin Officers of West Siang to conduct the programme of Meri Maati, Mera Desh in their circle level.

West Siang Project Director Sarah Enung Borang highlighted the programme on "Meri Maati, Mera Desh".

Sri Tumpe Ete ZPC West Siang urged the panchayat leaders to organise the programme as the programme mainly emphasised on panchayat level and he assured the district administration to conduct all the events as per the instruction of the govt in village and block level.

ZPMs, HoDs, admin Officers of West Siang attended the meeting.

National Initiative for proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN) workshop held.

AALO, JULY 27:

The NIPUN Bharat workshop was conducted here at Gumin Kinn Aalo. Deputy Commissioner of West Siang Penga Tato and Tumpe Ete ZPC West Siang attended the workshop conducted by Education department

Aalo as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively.

Deputy Commissioner Penga Tato while speaking as the chief guest appealed the DDSE, BEO'S, BRCC, CRCC, teacher incharges and local bodies to make the NIPUN successful as it is the Mission mode policy and programme of the government. He informed that teachers of targeted school must ensure to implement the NIPUN Bharat. The bright future of the children depended on the foundation of their early schooling.

DC also informed the DDSE and his team to monitor all the primary schools of West Siang and goals to be achieved by 2025 and closely take the progress of the targeted children. He further said that if the NIPUN Bharat succeeded there would be no problem of reading, writing and numerology for the students.

Tumpe Ete ZPC West Siang District said that education must be taken as top priority. With implementation of NIPUN Bharat primary education policy, the foundation of students would change in quality. He also said that Teachers played a great role in all over children education. Ete request the DDSE and teacher in charge of primary schools of West Siang to adhere to the guidelines of NIPUN Bharat. He also requested the DDSE to check the encroachment of School boundaries of West Siang. He urged the concern MLAs to improve the extension of class room, construction of teacher quarter, so that every schools have the teaching atmosphere in their respective constituencies.

Yidak Angu DDSE Aalo appealed the teachers of the pri-

mary schools to implement the NIPUN Bharat successfully. He informed that NIPUN was the most basic learning requirement which included reading, writing and arithmetic at the foundational level.

Resource person Karto Ete BEO and Kento Ngomdir BEO also highlighted the importance of NIPUN Bharat and its contents. Principals, Vice Principals, Head Master, and Head Teachers HoDs of West Siang attended the Day long workshop.

Destination Management training imparted to stakeholders

BOMDILA, JULY 28:

To enhance and upgrade the tourism sector in West Kameng district, the Department of Tourism, Bomdila, organized a one-day training on "Destination Management through Up Skilling and Responsible Practices" at the Kameng Club of Bomdila.

More than 140 tourism stakeholders from several destinations of West Kameng district, including Hotel, Homestay, Restaurant, and Transport owners, joined the training program.

The program was inaugurated by Shri Sang Khandu, ADC, Bomdila.

While welcoming the participants, Smti. Tracy Wangmo, District Tourism Officer, Bomdila, stated that West Kameng had huge potential in tourism sector and could be the face of Arunachal Tourism. Whenever any tourist plans to visit Arunachal Pradesh, West Kameng is the most preferred

destination for them.

Smti. Manna Bengia Sonam, Deputy Director, spoke about the purpose of the training, aiming to take old destinations to new heights through responsible practices by stakeholders.

The technical session was started by Raj Basu, Advisor, Rural Tourism & Homestays, elaborating on the theme of Sustainable Development of Destinations through responsible practices by tourism stakeholders. Kumar Anubhav addressed the practical side of different tourism activities and how they can be made more responsible by incorporating certain innovations. The next resource person, Sumyadeep Datta, spoke about Biodiversity and Tourism - emphasizing the importance of natural heritage for communities and their identity. Nilima Tamang and Vishal Gurung from the Association for Conservation & Tourism addressed the issue of waste and practically demonstrated "waste to wealth" and "bio-enzymes" as alternatives for detergents and cleansing materials. Soumitra Kar of SFCI updated the hospitality stakeholders on housekeeping and table layout.

Various participants also shared their problems and sought expert ideas for improvement.

To create interest, awareness, and a sense of responsibility towards the heritage and culture amongst youths, the Tourism Department also organized an orientation program at the Shanti Deva Vidyalaya, Bomdila, to establish a Yuva Tourism Club.

DTO, Bomdila, Mrs. TW Thongdok highlighted the

objectives and roles of the Yuva Tourism Club to the students.

Additionally, a quiz competition was also organized, and prizes were distributed. (DIPRO)

Counselling of aspirants under 'Project Paraamarsh'

BOMDILA, JULY 28:

An open session was held via video conferencing at the DC Office in Bomdila, with over 40 aspirants in attendance. The session aimed to guide and counsel participants for various competitive exams, including UPSC, APCS, and SSC.

The event featured a Resource Person from Vision IAS Delhi, who provided valuable insights and guidance to the aspirants. An open discussion and interaction also took place, fostering a positive learning environment.

This session was part of "Project Paraamarsh," a collaborative initiative between the Department of Labour and Employment and the District Administration in Bomdila, aims to empower aspiring candidates by providing them with the necessary ideas and knowledge to clear various competitive exams successfully.

Governor reviews the progress of Sela Tunnel

SELA, JULY 28:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) made an on-the-spot visit of the on-going 2-Kms-long tunnel works near Sela, West

Kameng District on 28th July 2023.

The Governor commended the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for their technical excellence and project implementation merit in executing the work of this strategic tunnel.

The Governor said that the tunnel, once commissioned will provide all weather thoroughfares for the people of Tawang and the tourists visiting the district. He said that the tunnel will facilitate in boosting the socio-economic development of the local population, in addition to enhancement of the operational capability of the security forces.

Earlier, Brig Raman Kr SV, Chief Engineer, Project Vartak of the Border Roads briefed the Governor at the site about the progress of the Tunnel. Foundation stone of Sela Tunnel was laid by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on 9th February 2019 and construction commenced on 1st April 2019. The Sela Tunnel once completed will offer the world the longest bi-lane tunnel at an altitude above 13,000 feet. The project will go down in the annals of history as one of the most difficult projects executed in the nation, Chief Engineer informed.

Governor paid tributes to Rifleman Jaswant Singh Rawat, MVC

TAWANG, JULY 28:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) laid wreath at Jaswant Garh War Memorial and paid tribute to the 1962

War hero Rifleman Jaswant Singh Rawat, MahaVir Chakra (Posthumously) and martyrs of Sino-Indian War on 28th July 2023.

The Governor said that the Memorial will always remind the people of the supreme sacrifice made by the brave soldiers, who laid down their life for the territorial integrity of the Motherland. He said that the memorial will continue to be a source of inspiration to all.

The Governor commended the officers and Jawans of 46 Infantry Brigade for their alertness and the well professional conduct.

Brig RS Dhadwal, Commander 46 Infantry Brigade, Col Romit Sharma Commanding Officer, 15th battalion of Punjab Regiment (PATIALA) and Major Chandan Kumar, 15 Punjab (PATIALA) Office In-charge, Jaswant Garh War Memorial briefed the Governor about the up keeping and new initiatives taken by the Unit responsible for the Memorial.

Governor visits Smart Class

Smart Classes will generate Smart Students and greatly facilitate learning by students: Governor

TAWANG, JULY 28:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) visited Government Town Secondary School, Tawang and participated in the 'Smart Class' being conducted in the school, on 28th July 2023. The Smart Classes are conducted in the school under National Education Policy 2020 Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam Smart Class.

Impressed by the modern method of teaching being incorporated by the school, the Governor said that Smart Classes will generate Smart Students and greatly facilitate learning by students. He complimented the teachers and head of the institute for taking the initiative.

The Governor called for introducing Smart Classes in all schools in the State. He said that every child must have the opportunity to access the latest methods of learning and knowledge.

Tawang Deputy Commissioner Shri Kangki Darang, Superintendent of Police Shri DW Thungon and Deputy Director School Education, Tawang Shri Hridhar. Phuntsok were present on the occasion.

RGU signs MOU with Population Council Institute, New Delhi for the furtherance of research activities

RONO HILLS, JULY 28:

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh and Population Council Institute, New Delhi for establishment and promotion of inter-institutional teaching, research, faculty & student development programs, cultural exchange for the furtherance of students and faculties in an academically mutually benefitting way. The MOU was signed by the Registrar of Rajiv Gandhi University Dr. N.T. Rikam and the Country Director of the Population Council Institute, New Delhi Dr. Niranjana Saggurti in presence

of the Vice Chancellor of RGU Prof. Saket Kushwaha and with Professor in Economics of RGU Dr. Vandana Upadhyay and the Lead of Partnerships from PCI Punit Mishra as the signatories as witnesses from the two parties in the presence of other dignitaries in blended mode.

The RGU Vice Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha termed it a welcome step and expressed his optimism that the MOU will be action oriented and result yielding as the India chapter of the Population Council has immense resources and potentiality in the field of research activities, data analysis and can jointly develop research projects and publications. The MOU aims at providing avenues for promotion of inter-institutional teaching and research between the two organizations. The VC further divulged that both the organisations shall have access to data free of cost while complying with all applicable requirements as per obligations under the Data Protection laws of India (IT Act 2000) and subsequent amendments thereto, if any, which may arise in connection with this MoU.

The Registrar of RGU Dr. N.T. Rikam said that the objectives based on the MOU will yield its desired results and will be mutually beneficial for both the organizations enabling empanelment of the development professionals and researchers of PC Institute in RGU as guest lecturers, visiting faculty, and for delivering guest lectures on select technical topics and could jointly develop training modules and conduct professional skills training on subjects such as monitoring, evaluation, and accountability for young schol-

ars, and he further said that a time framed and evaluation based joint performance execution with a planned implementation will add momentum to the impact of MOU.

The country Director of the PCI, New Delhi Dr. Niranjana Saggurti while expressing his happiness reiterated that the works will be carried out within the framework of Intellectual Property Rights on benefit sharing basis under the provisions as agreed upon in the MoU, and further deliberated on the facilitation of providing internship opportunities for students pursuing master's degree at RGU in Statistics, Economics, Demography, Public Health and other Social Science subjects, while promoting research in areas of mutual interest. Dean of Academic Affairs Prof. PK Panigrahi spoke on the importance of jointly organising short-term workshops, webinars and meetings on specific and cross-cutting thematic areas covering education, health, nutrition, environment, and gender issues. While, the Dean of Social Sciences of RGU Prof. Sarit Kumar Chaudhuri in his speech stressed that more such domains where knowledge building activity as agreed upon between the two organisations from time to time should be worked upon maintaining non exclusiveness approach. The Nodal Officer of the said MoU and Professor in Economics from RGU Prof. Vandana Upadhyay in her deliberations emphasized on the importance of taking responsibilities in the financial arrangements wherever involved after mutual consent and be agreed to for each activity individually on resource deployment, arrange-

ments and mobilization to carry out the activities under the area of collaboration. Earlier, the Joint Registrar of RGU Dr. David Pertin while presenting the gist of the MOU told that the duration of the MoU shall be for five years and spoke on the importance of the joint venture in the present context and termed it as a very promising one having scopes in collaborative training, and research and publications with special focus on training for research teams on the latest quantitative and qualitative methodologies; in the areas of health & nutrition services/programs, gender, public policy, and data governance, etc.

Among others, the faculty members from the Department of Economics and officers of RGU witnessed the signing of the MOU.

World Hepatitis Day observed.

ITANAGAR, JULY 28:

The World Hepatitis day was observed all over the state creating awareness among the masses through health camps and free screenings.

TEZU:- On the occasion of world Hepatitis day 2023, District Administration, Lohit provided services to the villagers by organizing a health camp at Loiliang, PHC, Tezu today.

Deputy Commissioner Lohit Shashvat Saurabh, IAS deliberated on the importance of keeping our liver healthy by following a proper diet as presented by Dr. Hibu Juli, MD. He encouraged all the PRI members, SHGs to spread message on healthy diet and avoid consumption of alcohol and other

substances that might affect our liver. And suggested the Medical Officer In charges to display Information Education Communication materials in local language with some pictorial chart.

DC Lohit further interacted with ASHA Facilitators, ASHA and Anganwadi workers and encouraged them to perform their duties diligently. Saying their grassroots duty determined the success and progress of their locality, in respect of health and education.

He encourages all to avail the health benefits like Free ANC, Vaccinations, CMAAY etc.

Earlier, District Medical Officer, Lohit while welcoming the members present in the program informed on importance of testing and encouraged the members present to get themselves tested to determine the deadly disease hepatitis.

A total of 221 villagers availed the services provided in the health camp which include NCD (Random Blood Sugar), Hepatitis testing, ICTC counseling and Aids testing (ICTC).

DOIMUMUKH: To mark the World hepatitis day a free screening camp for hepatitis B & C was organised at SDO ground Doimukh.

A total of 153 persons were tested wherein one tested positive for Hepatitis B & two for Hepatitis C.

Dr. Lobsang Chuki counseled the positive cases provided guidance for further consultations and treatment.

The camp was inaugurated by Smt. Tana Yaho, SDO Doimukh. DMO Dr. Komling Perme was also present at the camp.

DCM inaugurates newly built Residential Complex of Planning & Investment Department

ITANAGAR, JULY 29:

Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Chowna Mein inaugurated the newly constructed Government residential complex of the Planning & Investment Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh today near Zoo Trijunction, Itanagar.

The proposal for the construction of the residential complex was conceptualised during the financial year 2017-18 and the project was executed by the Urban Development Department with a total budget outlay of Rs 33.50 Cr.

Designed with meticulous planning, the residential complex houses 44 units of flat including Type V (4 units), Type IV (16 units), Type III (8 units), Type II (8 units) and a Bachelor Barrack (8 units). It caters to the needs of the officials and their families, providing a conducive environment for growth and development. Among the amenities available within the premises include a children's play area, ample car parking, a power substation, elevated water tank, CC approach road and storm water drainage facilities. This residential complex is a pilot project which also serves as a model project for the other state departments in Arunachal Pradesh.

Speaking at the event, Mein congratulated the Planning Department for their new assets terming it as a useful investment and lauded the UD Department for timely completion of the project. He urged the employees to utilize their allocated quarters

with civic sense while taking ownership of the responsibility to maintain the complex with utmost sincerity.

He asked the Planning & Finance Department to come out with a road map to replace NEFA days SPT type building with permanent structure. And to make use of latest technology in building and road construction for longer durability thereby minimising recurring expenses. He also urged the working departments to prepare DPR taking into considerations all the requirements of the buildings including electricity and water supply so that the buildings do not remain unused after completion.

Principal Secretary (Finance, Planning & Investment), Dr. Sharat Chauhan expressed hope that the Officers & Officials of the Planning & Investment Department will work with more dedication and efficiency with enhanced performance after they shift to the residential complex. As they will now be living in a secure complex with well-equipped facility and can coordinate with each other more frequently while taking the advantage of working in the same Office Complex as well as living in the same residential complex, he added.

On the occasion, Mein also planted saplings in the premises.

Planning & Investment Secretary, R.K. Sharma (IAS) and Director, Pallab Dey also spoke on the occasion.

The inauguration ceremony was also attended by the Senior Officers of Planning & Investment, Chief Engineer (Urban Development), N Darang and Officials from P&I, UD and Power.

Hali inaugurates slew of development projects

BALIJAN JULY 29:

156 developmental projectsexecuted since 2019-2023 by various departments under Balijan Sub division was inaugurated by Tana Hali Tara, MLA, Doimukh Assembly Constituency at a mega event held at General Ground Balijan on , July 29.

Few important projects inaugurated included the new office building of ADC Balijan, Office of the AE WRD, Sangdupota, Steel Girder Bridge with RCC decking over river Papum at Ramghat, bridges over Mugoli, Tengabari, Lenka, Hollongi, Drupa rivers etc.

Several PMGSY roads, water supply projects, MIPs under WRD, Community Halls and other government structures were formally inaugurated during the mega event.

In the public meeting that followed HMLA Hali said that “His will to work for the people of Doimukh has been invigorated with the successful completion of so many important projects during the past 2-3 years.”

He appealed all the denizens to take ownership of the govt assets; protect and maintain them. He further added that the idea to inaugurate 156 projects from a single location was adopted on “economical point of view and to save the public and the govt. from unnecessary expenditures”.

ZPM Sangdupota Shri Hina Tok Camdir, ZPM Balijan Tem Pika, ADC Balijan Dr. Marchina Boria also spoke.

PRI members, HoDs and public of Sangdupota, Balijan and Tarasso attended the event.

Governor addresses a public meeting at Zemithang

JEMITHANG, JULY 29:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) addressed a public meeting at Zemithang, one of villages selected for Vibrant Village Project, on 29th July 2023.

The Governor appealed to the people for their contribution to bring the much-needed development in the border areas. He also called upon them for their participation in maintaining the territorial integrity at the remote border villages.

The Governor said that Zemithang Circle has huge potential for religious, eco and adventure tourism. He advised the denizens and government officers to develop the tourism sector in a planned manner to regulate inflow of tourists in future. Zemithang will be a vibrant village and also a much-sought tourist destination, he said.

The Governor highlighted the importance of health and education and asked the people for their involvement in becoming ‘Atma Nirbhar’ in these sectors. He appealed to the people to join hands with the district administration and health department to eradicate tuberculosis, cancer and drug menace.

The Governor exhorted the local population to continue to maintain the cooperation and bonhomie with the security forces. He said that the armed forces are stationed in the area for the security of the nation and will always continue to contribute in the welfare of the local people

Local MLA Tsering Lha-

mu, Head Gaon Burah of Zemithang Circle, Shri Sangey Tsetan, Public leader Shri Rinchin Wangdi and a student from Secondary School, Zemithang also spoke on the occasion and thanked the Governor for the first visit by a Governor to Zemithang. They also expressed gratitude to the Central and State Governments for selecting Zemithang for the Vibrant Village Pilot project.

Tawang Deputy Commissioner Shri Kangki Darang, Superintendent of Police Shri DW Thungon, Tawang Zila Parishad Chairman Shri Lekhi Norbu were present on the occasion. Brigadier Vikash Lal, Commander, 351 Infantry Brigade also attended the meeting.

Independence Day Football Tournament begins

PASIGHAT, JULY 30:

First ever Independence Day Inter Village level football tournament began today at Doying Gumin College Ground Pasighat. The tourney is being organized by Talit Siramin collaboration with Doying Gumin College, Pasighat with the theme “Say No To Drugs.” Ten teams from East Siang district are participating in the tournament, representing their villages. The winner and runner up will be awarded with cash prizes of Rs. 1,00,000/- and Rs 40,000/- respectively in addition to other prizes in different excellent performance. The opening match was played today between Mongku Football team and Kiyit Football team in which Kiyit won the match with 3-1.

Gracing the occasion as Chief Guest, Er. Oki Dai, Presi-

dent, ABKYW encouraged the players to play fairly and highlighted the motto of the organizing committee. Dai also pledged unwavering support to sports persons across various fields, emphasizing the importance of nurturing talent and promoting healthy sports culture.

Guest of Honour, Eruk Libang, Education Secretary, ABK (APEX) also encourages the players. He advised the participating teams to embrace modern football techniques, experiment and to adopt a possession-based playing style.

Among other prominent personalities, Dr. Yater Ringu Darang, Medical Supdt. BPGH, Pasighat and soccer lovers witnessed the opening match.

Governor interacts with GBs, PRI members & SHGs

Governor calls on them to work for strengthening health & education sectors

DIRANG, JULY 30:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), who was on a five-day tour of West Kameng and Tawang districts, interacted with Gaon Burahs, Panchayati Raj Institute members and Self Help groups of Dirang Circle at Dirang in West Kameng district on July 30, 2023.

The Governor called on the Gaon Burahs and Panchayat leaders to collaborate with the District Administration in strengthening the health and education sectors in the State. He urged upon them to assist in eradication of tuberculosis, cancer and drug menace amongst

the youth by creating awareness as a social responsibility. He also exhorted them to motivate local educated youth to involve themselves in education and health sectors in the State.

The Governor said cleanliness and preserving the pristine environment are the basic requirements today to facilitate the ever increasing tourist inflow in the State. He insisted on the participation of Panchayat members and communities in waste management and promotion of health and hygiene.

Expressing happiness on the development in the State in last few years and enthusiastic participation of the people in the process, the Governor said that the central government and the state government are implementing a large number of welfare schemes and programmes with the spirit of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas Sabka Prayas' and people are benefiting out of it. In addition, the state government is carrying out its special outreach programme of 'Sewa Aapke Dwar', he said while encouraging the Gaon Burahs to contribute to the socio-economic development process while upholding their traditions and customs.

In the interactive session, the Gaon Burahs shared their challenges in efficiently performing their duties.

West Kameng Deputy Commissioner Smti Akriti Sagar, Superintendent of Police Sudhanshu Dhama, Dirang Additional Deputy Commissioner JT Obi and Heads of Department were present in the meeting.

Artists of Monpa Institute of Performing Arts (MIPA) presented a traditional cultural programme on the occasion.

Governor lays wreath at Tawang War Memorial

TAWANG, JULY 30:

Continuing the tradition of remembering the war heroes of 1962 War and offering prayers by dignitaries visiting picturesque Tawang, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) laid a wreath at Tawang War Memorial and paid obeisance at Tawang Monastery on July 30, 2023.

During his visit to the War Memorial, the Governor devotedly went through the details of the memorial, particularly of Sub Joginder Singh, PVC of Sikh Regiment.

He commended the 190 Infantry Brigade for preserving memories of the supreme sacrifice of our valiant soldiers and promoting the spirit of patriotism in the State.

Offering a 'Khadha' at the Tawang Gompa, the Governor recalled his attachment with Buddhist culture and traditions, as during his service years, he had served in Ladakh, Sikkim and also in Western Sector of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor said that the historical monastery is a symbol of consolidation and pride. It has a strategic relevance and our soldiers and citizens will continue to defend it at all times, he said.

High Court intervention appreciated by APWWS against POCSO accused

ITANAGAR, JULY 31:

Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society welcomed the High Court intervention which has forced

Yumken Bagra, accused of sexually assaulting 21 children to turn himself in. APWWS is hopeful that justice will be served in the court of law and exemplary punishment will be given to Bagra.

Kani Nada while talking on the issue said, "People like Bagra has no place in civil society. He will always be a threat to society. We also applaud the SIT for the thorough probe. Our hearts have been heavy thinking about the children who were sexually, mentally and physically assaulted by their own warden. The journey to recovery will be long but tonight, there is some respite knowing that the perpetrator of the heinous crime is in jail. Our team in Mechukha will continue to extend all possible support to the survivors and their families.

We also appeal to the govt of Arunachal Pradesh to extend neces-

sary help to the survivors and their families. For now, we hope for early judgement as per the POCSO Act."

Around 150 beneficiaries attend SAD camp at Rahung village

BOMDILA, JULY 31:

The Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 camp was held at Rahung village in Dirang circle here on Monday, July 31, 2023.

Inaugurating the SAD camp, ADC Dirang J T Obi stated that the objective of the SAD camp is to provide government services at the doorstep of the public and asked the departments to be punctual for such events, and called upon them to ready all the necessary set-up with all the benefits before the commencement of the event.

He also urged the departments to actively engage in IEC presentations of their respective schemes, ensuring that villagers can comprehensively understand them. This way, the benefits and details of each scheme can be conveyed effectively to the community, he added.

In all, 26 (twenty six) departments of the district were involved in the event. Several SHGs and villagers also showcased their agricultural and artistic products during the camp.

Around 150 beneficiaries from Rahung and its nearby villages attended the event. A plantation drive was also conducted during the occasion, and beneficiaries were awarded various Agri/Horti tools.

NEWS IN PICTURE



The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) interacts with Gaon Burahs, Panchayati Raj Institute members and Self Help groups of Dirang Circle at Dirang in West Kameng district on July 30, 2023.



Deputy CM Chowna Mein attends the 50th GST Council meeting at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on July 11' 2023.



The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General K.T. Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participates in the Van Mahotsav programme at Lumdung, West Kameng District on July 7' 2023.



The Director General of Police (DGP), Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Anand Mohan, IPS, calls on the Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on July 6' 2023.



Deputy CM Mein attended the Mega Credit Camp cum Ceremonial Programme at Multipurpose Cultural Hall, Namsai on July 7' 2023.



Education Minister Taba Tedir lays the foundation stone for Composite National Cadet Corps Complex (NCC Complex) at 2 Mile, Pasighat on July 21' 2023.