

Millet: A Boon to Economic Growth for Tirap Farmers

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In the verdant expanses of Tirap district, the Nocte and Tutsa farming communities have long cultivated millet, a crop traditionally viewed as a staple for the economically disadvantaged and as livestock feed. Locally known varieties such as Hemmi, Munyak, Sela, Manchhah, Khoni, and Kongchak have been integral to the region's agricultural landscape. However, the perception of millet is undergoing a transformation, positioning it as a promising avenue for economic growth.

The year 2023, designated as the International Year of Millet, has been a turning point for the farmers of Tirap. Spearheaded by initiatives from the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) and the Department of Agriculture, a series of awareness programs have enlightened local farmers about the nutritional and economic potential of millet. This crop, once undervalued, is now recognized for its ability to drive economic prosperity in the region.

Fertile Ground for Prosperity

Tirap district's fertile soil is not just suitable for millet but also supports a diverse range of crops such as large chili (Poak Richit), ginger, cardamom, tea leaves, oranges, various vegetables, tapioca, and maize. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has also recommended the adoption of modern agricultural technologies to enhance production and productivity, particularly in villages like Hunkan. According to reports (Obilana and Manyasa, 2002; Yang et al., 2012), millets are super nutri-



tious and have a variety of medicinal uses. Due to their higher protein, calcium, dietary fibre, and polyphenol content, millets are preferable to cereals (Devi et al., 2011). On average, millets have a larger fat content than maize, rice and sorghum and contain significant levels of important amino acids, especially the sulphur-containing amino acids (methionine and cysteine) (Obilana and Manyasa, 2002). Because magnesium and phosphorus are found in millets in sufficient amounts, they can help lessen the effects of migraines and heart attacks (because of the magnesium) and phosphorus is necessary for the body to produce adenosine triphosphate (ATP), which is a precursor to energy (Badau et al., 2005; Liang et al., 2010; Devi et al., 2011).

Foxtail millet oil's general characteristics and fatty acid profile were published in Liang et al. (2010)'s work. Amadou et al. (2011) and Liang et al. (2010) have demonstrated that millet oil has the potential to be a valuable natural oil source that is high in tocopherols and lino-

leic acid. According to Thathola et al. (2011), foxtail millet, a low GI dietary product, improves type 2 diabetics' long-term glycaemic and lipidemic management mildly.

Economic Transformation

The renewed focus on millet has already begun to yield economic benefits. Following the International Year of Millet declaration, local farmers have started selling millet at ₹100 per kilogram in the open market. This shift has seen a significant demand from consumers across different communities, indicating a growing appreciation for millet's nutritional value and versatility.

Empowering Farmers through Knowledge and Technology

The collaboration between local farmers and agricultural experts has been pivotal. KVK and ICAR have provided crucial training and resources, helping farmers understand advanced farming techniques and market strategies. This support ensures sustainable income sources and enhances the overall productivity of the region's agriculture.



Lummer Dai's 84th birth anniversary celebrated

PASIGHAT, June 1:

The 84th birth anniversary of renowned author, 'Luminous' Lummer Dai, was celebrated at his birth village Silluk in East Siang district on Saturday, June 1.

Late Lummer Dai wrote many famous books in the Assamese language, like Pahoror Hile Hile (1961), Prithivir Hahi (1963), Mon Aru Mon (1968), Konyar Mulya (1978), Upar Mahal (2002), Adi folktale Udayachalar Sadhu (1959), etc.

He was also the founder of the first newspaper of Arunachal Pradesh, the Echo of Arunachal.

The function was organised by the East Siang district unit of the Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS).

Dai's statue was garlanded, floral tributes were paid, and Asik Yirang, Ato Lego and Maliyang Perme recited Assamese poems as part of the event.

A collection of Assamese poems in book form, titled Apun Hur, written by Maliyang Perme, was launched on the occasion.

The event was attended by office bearers of the ALS district unit, dignitaries, guests, GBs, and residents of Silluk and nearby villages.

Among others, APLS adviser Tokong Pertin and APLS East Siang vice president Mohonto Panging Pao addressed the function.

Governor congratulates all the elected representatives of the people

ITANAGAR, June 2:

The Chief Electoral Officer, (CEO) of Arunachal Pradesh, Pawan Kumar Sain, accompanied by the Representative of Election Commission of India, Sundar Rajan called on the Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 2nd June 2024. They submitted a copy of the Notification issued by the Election Commission of India in terms of Section 73 of the Representation of People's Act, 1951, containing the names of Members elected to the State Legislative Assembly— following the Assembly Election to the 8th Arunachal Pradesh State Legislative Assembly.

The Governor, while receiving the notification praised the State Electoral Office, its officials and staff, as well as other public officials involved in managing and overseeing the campaign and polling. He also commended the police and Central and State security personnel for their tireless and diligent efforts in upholding the sanctity of the people's ballot and successfully completing a free and fair election.

The Governor expressed his appreciation for the voters of Arunachal Pradesh, who turned out in large numbers despite challenging terrain and weather conditions, making the current electoral

process the largest democratic exercise in history.

The Governor has congratulated all the elected representatives of the people. He expressed his hope that they will rise to the aspiration of the people and serve the society and the State with dedication and renewed zeal.

Kaman Mishmi language translation workshop organized

TEZU, June 3:

The Forum of Library Activists (FLA), Medo along with Bamboosa Library, Tezu and the Lohit unit of Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS) organized a two-day translation workshop for production of 'Pratham' books in Kaman Mishmi language in Lohit district from June 1. They also celebrated the birthday of Lummer Dai.

Inaugurating the workshop, indigenous affairs director Sokhep Kri spoke on the brilliant literary achievements of Dai and expressed hope that the younger generation will follow his path to develop Arunachalee languages.

He also exhorted the teachers to start teaching the Mishmi language textbooks from this academic year.

Informing about the 'translation workshop' that was conducted in December 2023 at Bamboosa Library, FLA secretary Keselo Tayang appealed to all the participants to contribute their best.

"Pratham books, under the copy-left arrangement, freely permits translations of their books into any language by anybody, without any formal permission from Pratham. Under four age groups, books can be freely downloaded from the Pratham website www.storyweaver.org and translated.

This is ideal for minor script-less languages, like Arunachal,” the organizers stated in a release.

During the workshop, the participants prepared manuscripts of six books and also prepared audio and video versions of the books. They were guided by Kri, who is also the convenor of Lohit Youth Libraries and APLS Lohit unit president Alenso Chai.

LYLNC Bhajan Award to Wakro Sisters

TEZU, June 4:

The Lohit Youth Library Network Committee (LYLNC) has announced to accord annual library awards to outstanding library volunteers and activists.

“The prestigious Bhajan Award for 2023-24 for outstanding activities and contribution to reading movement in Arunachal goes to senior volunteers, the Wakro Sisters – Ashapmai Dellang & Behelti Ama – who have brought the library movement and the state of Arunachal nationwide goodwill by treading the unusual path of learning Carnatic music.

“By their dedicated and enthusiastic pursuit of learning this highly complex musical art form for the last five years, the Wakro Sisters have won appreciation from music lovers across the country and leaders like the prime minister and the chief minister. They are the first Arunachali youths to take up formal study of Carnatic music during the last 25 years,” the LYLNC informed in a release.

“While Ashapmai is a full-time student of Carnatic music, Behelti has taken it as a passionate hobby, apart from pursuing a serious study of fine arts, wherein

she has won recognition by being selected to exhibit her artwork in the Rashtrapati Bhavan in October 2023,” it said, adding that “both are 4th and final year students of Kalakshetra.”

“In May 2024, they broke fresh grounds by staging the first public Carnatic music recitals in Arunachal at Tezu, Namsai and Itanagar. During their annual vacation, both have been supporting library activities and holding training sessions for their village students,” it added.

The Bhajan Award was instituted in 2014 by a Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)-based patron, in memory of his parents, and consists of a cash award of Rs 10,000, a memento and a certificate, the committee informed.

The Sister Nivedita Award for dedicated library volunteers went to junior volunteers of Bamboosa Library Anushka Kumari (Class 9), Arpita Kumari (Class 8) and Simran Minj (Class 9).

“Reader-activists and volunteers of Bamboosa Library for the last three years, they have been involved in training sessions by Bamboosa Library at different venues, including the Namsai district library. They have also been involved in the day-to-day running of library services,” the release stated.

The Sister Nivedita Award was instituted in 2017 to pay respect to the illustrious disciple of Swami Vivekananda, who emerged as a champion of nationalism and girls’ education. The award consists of Rs 5,000, to be shared by the awardees, besides mementoes and certificates, it said.

“Bamboosa Library in-charge Siwani Pul has been selected for the Ranganatha Award for best library services. Since taking over the responsibilities at the Library

in June 2023, Pul, an MLibSc degree holder, has brought in a range of new activities in Bamboosa Library. She has managed to bring several new speakers to the library to address readers of various age groups. Currently, she is undergoing a month-long advanced training in library services at IIT Gandhinagar, under a Mandakini Khandekar memorial fellowship awarded by the RPETA Trust, New Delhi,” the committee said.

The Ranganatha Award, instituted in memory of two great champions of libraries – Swami Ranganathananda, the former president of Sri Ramakrishna Math & Mission, and Prof SR Ranganathan, the father of Indian Library Sciences – is sponsored by a patron from Pune, it said.

“In addition, senior volunteers and regular readers at different libraries will also receive merit certificates for their contribution to reading promotion during 2023-24,” the committee added.

Governor, First Lady plant saplings on WED

ITANAGAR, June 5:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) and the First Lady of the State Anagha Parnaik participated in the World Environment Day celebration at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on Wednesday, June 5.

Joining the world in celebrating the World Environment Day 2024 with the theme, ‘Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience’, the Governor and the First Lady of the State planted saplings of Lal Chandan or Red Sandalwood in the Raj Bhavan premise.

The Governor said that the people of Arunachal Pradesh are always been connected to nature and they have maintained a balance between development and conservation. He appealed to the people to continue their endeavour.

The Governor said that ecosystems are the foundation of all life on Earth, and their health directly influences the well-being of our planet and its inhabitants. By restoring and strengthening our ecosystems, we can ensure a thriving environment and a prosperous future for everyone. Revitalizing ecosystems, regardless of their size, will enhance the livelihoods of those who rely on them, help control diseases, and mitigate the risks of natural disasters. Moreover, restoration efforts are integral to achieving all of the Sustainable Development Goals, he said.

The Governor, an avid champion of environmental conservation and preservation, said that ecosystem restoration requires collective effort. As the generation capable of harmonizing with nature, let's actively engage and participate, ensuring we leave a better environment for future generations, he appealed to the people.

Interacting with the staff and officials of Environment and Forests Department attached to Raj Bhavan, the Governor and the First Lady of the State commended them and exhorted them to continue their efforts in making the Raj Bhavan area and the State Capital clean, green and plastic free.

World Environment Day celebrated

ITANAGAR, June 5:

The World Environment Day (WED) was celebrated with plantation programmes across the state on June 5.

The North-East Regional Centre of the GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment in collaboration with the Environment Forest and Climate Change department celebrated the day at Ganga Lake by planting trees along the boundaries of the lake. A cleanliness drive was also organized.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife and Biodiversity) and Chief Wildlife Warden N.Tam and regional head of GBPNIHE-NERC Dr. Devendra Kumar addressed the gathering about the importance of celebrating the day for environmental conservation in the Himalayan region.

The programme highlighted the collective effort required to protect and preserve the environment.

Deputy Chief Wildlife warden, range forest officers and forest rangers from DoEFCC, Poma forest division and Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary along with scientists and research scholars of GBPNIHE-NERC, Itanagar attended the programme.

The Arunachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board organized a cleanliness drive at Senki river bank and Chimpu-Jullang bridge point as part of the celebration.

PCCF P. Subramaniam and senior officers of the environment & forests department and the staff of the Arunachal Pradesh Biodiversity Board also participated in it.

All Tawang Apatani Welfare Association organized a mass plantation drive near the Old Market. Tawang DC Kanki Darang and DFO Piyush Gaikwad, among others, participated in the plantation programme.

The Manchin SHG of Rupa, in collaboration with EagleNest Birding Committee organized a cleanliness drive on the river bank

of Dinik Kho near Krishna Mandir to mark the occasion.

The Hydro Power Development Corporation of Arunachal Pradesh celebrated the WED by organizing a plantation drive at Upper Primary School, Niti Vihar.

At Ziro in Lower Subansiri district, the Society for Multi-Dimensional, Innovative, Lead for Education and Environment (SMILE) in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. and Ziro-based NGOs launched a massive plantation drive around the Ziro Festival of Music ground at Biiri village.

Around 100 participants from SMILE Ziro, Indira Gandhi Technological and Medical Sciences University, Apatani Women Association Ziro, Miha Pelo, Mudang Tage Youth Association and Biiri Welfare Society planted 500 Thuja tree saplings at the Biiri road leading to ZFM ground and the Vivekananda School at Dobi.

Lower Subansiri deputy commissioner Vivek HP lauded the efforts of the NGOs in preserving nature and promoting sustainable development at the valley.

The members of SMILE Ziro and participants from Indian Oil Corporation Ltd and Doimukh police station also planted 500 saplings of red sandal and varieties of fruit-bearing trees at IOC campus in Doimukh.

The WED was also celebrated at Lower Siang under the initiative of Likabali forest division by organizing a plantation programme. The main programme was held at the PWD circuit house from where the plantation drive began.

Plantations were carried out at Amrut Sarovar sites under various panchayat segments of Papum Pare on the occasion of World Environment Day.

The programme which was led by the PRI members and the GBs, were held at Dadang panchayat under Sagalee Block, Doimukh and Borum blocks, Sonajuli and Chessa under Balijan block. A similar plantation drive was held also at Gumto.

In Miao, Assam Rifles organized an awareness campaign with the theme "Save the World with Assam Rifles."

A captivating poster making competition, igniting the spirit of environmental consciousness among the students was also hosted by the Assam Rifles.

In addition to the poster making competition, Assam Rifles also organised a tree plantation drive in Miao, Diyun and Namsai region.

During the plantation drive, more than 5000 saplings were planted by people from all walks of life, including students.

In Pasighat, the Indian army, Sigar military station initiated a series of events to mark the day. A cleanliness drive was carried out at the Siang river bank wherein Spearhead Gunners alongwith students of Don Bosco, Mebo and cadets of NCC, Pasighat volunteered and manually disposed off the solid waste. Brig. Himanshu Bhatnagar, Cdr of 56 Arty Bde, DC Tayi Taggu, SP Sachin Singhal and ASP Pankaj Lamba also attended the event.

Later, a lecture was conducted by Capt. Gaurav Chadda of Spearhead Gunners Brigade at Mebo for the villagers of Mebo tehshil and a plantation drive was also held at government school, Mebo during which a total of 50 saplings were planted within the school premises.

At Aalo, the World Environment Day was celebrated at Bahadur Hill Reserved Forest Di-

vision with nature walk or foot-tracking from foothills to peak point (5400 ft) of Bahadur Hill, plantation of fruit bearing trees at the top of hills, free distribution of saplings and cleanliness drive.

Speaking on the occasion, Aalo DFO Gopin Padu requested citizens of Aalo to help him in conserving and protecting the Bahadur Hill RF, the lone reserved forest in the vicinity of Aalo town.

Other speakers include West Siang DC Mamu Hage, SP Abhimanyu Poswal and ADC Prince Kumar.

The Jairampur VKV also celebrated the World Environment Day in a grand manner. Approximately 150 saplings were planted by the students and faculty members in and around the school campus to mark the occasion.

Other attraction of the day was drawing competition among the students on the theme, "save the environment."

An AAPSU team headed by vice president (admin) Bengia Pillia, during its visit to Tezu Higher Secondary School, celebrated the WED there. The AAPSU appealed to all stakeholders to plant more trees for healthy environment.

The AAPSU team also played friendly football matches against Lohit and Anjaw DSUs.

A series of activities were organized at Itanagar jointly by the Youth Mission for Clean River (YMCR) and Abralow Memorial Multipurpose Society, in collaboration with the Itanagar Smart City Development Corporation Limited to mark WED.

A cleanliness drive was conducted at Yagamso river stretch flowing through Indira Gandhi Park during which the volunteers retrieved 1.6 metric tonnes of garbage.

Later, the participants also planted ornamental and fruit trees within the premises of the park and the Himalayan University.

YMCR secretary Prem T Loda, YMCR vice chairman, Keyom Doni, chief conservator of forests (wildlife) Dr. Damodar, Himalayan University vice-chancellor prof. Venugopal Rao, faculty members and students of the university also attended the event.

The WED was also celebrated by National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports. Himalayan University, Arunachal Pradesh University, Pasighat, NERIST, Nirjuli, Tasi Panggeng CHC (FRU), Ruksin, Tuting police station, Nirvachan Bhawan, the NSS unit of Dera Nantung Govt by planting trees and organizing seminars.

About 40 pieces of sapling was planted with different kind in all around the campus along with social service in the compound was done during the Plantation and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was carried out by the Tuting Police Station Staffs members under the guidance and initiated by Officer In-Charge Ojing Moyong and Investigation Officer Kennya Hira, along with the Staffs in celebration of World Environment Day 2024.

OC O. Moyong delivered the importance of planting trees to all the staffs' members and also urged them to focus on cleaning of surrounding and planting trees in his speech during the programme.

The way Environment is deteriorating day-by-day can be protected by planting trees rather than cutting of trees he added.

IO, K. Hira spoke about the Theme of WED-24 "Land Restoration, desertification and drought resilience". He further acknowledged about the special occasion to remind ourselves of the impor-

tance of protecting and cherishing our planet and make healthier and greener.

Annual academic plan for schools prepared

LIKBALI, June 7:

School-wise CBSE examination results, including the results of the elementary government schools of Lower Siang district for the 2023-'24 academic session were reviewed, and an 'annual academic plan for the 2024-'25 academic session for enhancement of 10% in the CBSE results and overall academic performance of the district' was formulated during a co-ordination meeting held on June 7.

During the meeting with principals, headmasters, head teachers, members of the district task force and the block and district functionaries of the education department, Lower Siang Deputy Director of School Education (DDSE) Marte Koyu reiterated that "all the required subject teachers in every school of the district have been provided as per the demands of the principals and the headmasters of the district by recruiting guest faculty members."

"The poor performance of the students in the CBSE exams was due to lack of proper planning and lack of sensitisation of parents," he said,

and advised the heads of the schools to "ensure completion of courses within the month of December."

He urged the heads of schools to "conduct periodic tests and term examinations, including pre-board exams, as per the calendar of activities notified by the state's education directorate."

Deputy Commissioner Rujjum Rakshap in his speech reiterated the importance of education and the role of the teachers in shaping students' lives.

Drawing similarities between the life of an administrative officer and a teacher, he said that "no matter how hard the posting, you will always find the presence of both, and it is this experience that a teacher should most rejoice in, because teachers give it all to shape a brighter future."

He commended the DDSE for conducting the meeting at the beginning of the session, and emphasised the need for "reassessment of the teaching methodology and practices of GSS Kangku and GHSS Koyu, as their performance have been below average in the board exams with a pass percentage of 20 and 33, respectively."

Speaking on parents' preference for private schools over government schools, "even though the government schools have more highly qualified teachers than private schools," he said that "the fault is within the government schools themselves – be it lackadaisical attitude of the teachers, or choosing comfortable posting places, the school system is at fault and not the parents, which needs remedial and corrective measures."

The DC promised to reward the best performing school of the district from this session onwards, and stressed on increased involvement of administrative officers in the education sector.

Earlier, DEO (academic) in-charge Dajo Ngomle highlighted that "the pass percentage of the Class 10 and Class 12 board exams were 59.30 and 74.42, respectively, "whereas it was 59.70% and 66.31% in the district in the 2022-'23 academic session."

"There has been no improvement in the Class 10 results and a slight improvement of 8.1% in the Class 12 results," he informed.

The principals, vice principals and headmasters reported the performance of their respective schools, and gave assurance that they would perform better in this academic session.

Awareness programme on ill effects of drugs held

YINGKIONG, June 7:

The District Administration Upper Siang in association with Mother's Vision, Aalo organized an awareness programme on ill effects of drugs and substance abuse in the society under the aegis of Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan at Govt Higher Secondary School, Yingki-ong school auditorium on June 7.

DCHage Lailang, said that, "it is very important to educate our children about ill effects of drugs and substance abuse which has become a threat to the society and a challenging global problem" while addressing the participants.

He further said that in order to keep district drug free District Administration along with District Police is always vigilant and had done tremendous work to eradicate and raise awareness on drug related cases in every villages and every corner to make society drug free and a better place to live for growing up generations.

Reiterating need for collective effort from every individuals of the society, DC Lailang further said that administration, police and NGOs alone cannot fight it out unless and until there is all round support and cooperation to curb the menace of drugs in the society and

so he requested each and every one come forward and inform DA and Police if they notice any drug peddlers and added “your one act of alertness can save many life”.

Meanwhile, speaking on the importance of education, DC advised the students to stay away from drugs and maintain discipline, respect teachers, elders and concentrate on career to become a good human being and a good citizen in future.

Resource Person of the programme Kennedy Bagra, Mentor, Mother's Vision, Aalo who is well recognized crusader of drug menace in the state spoke and gave presentation on ill effects of the drugs and substance abuse. He elucidated on various facets of drug abuse and how it can be prevented on time through self-awareness, family support and collective effort from all stakeholders of the society. He advised youngsters to keep themselves engaged in sports and other creative works which they like to do to stay away from unwanted activities.

Dr. Karo Teng, Senior Psychiatrist and MS, District Hospital Yingkiong who was also present on the occasion spoke on signs and symptoms of drug addicts and its prevention. He also informed about ten bedded Drug De addiction Centre Yingkiong where drug addicts persons are given treatment free of cost.

APWWS, Yingkiong Unit General Secretary Kosiang Pangkam also spoke on the occasion and advised the students to be aware of the risks of taking drugs and said that never do anything where you don't feel comfortable with and always try to share with parents and trusted friends about the pressure and problems faced during any situation.

Principal, Lutni Perme also spoke and asked the students

to spread message among their family and friends to create more awareness besides asking them to not to remain mute spectators and immediately report to Principals if they notice any hints of drug use among their friends.

Among others attended the programme were DDSE, DD ICDS i/c, Teaching staffs and students.

Later on, the DC along with DD ICDS i/c CDPO Ojing Talom, Dr. Karo Teng and Kennedy Bagra visited and inspected Drug De-Addiction centre, Yingkiong wherein Kennedy Bagra gave orientation to the staffs and highlighted on how to improvise the monitoring system.

He also interacted and counseled the young inmates who are undergoing treatment at centre. DC Lailang also gave advice and appreciated the staffs for their yeoman service in changing the lives of so many drug addicts in helping them become a better person. Since its inception DDC Yingkiong has treated 62 patients all over from Upper Siang and other nearby districts.

ADC reviews the academic performance of schools

JANG, June 7:

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Jang Hakraso Kri asked the teachers to work more dedicatedly to win the confidence of parents. Teachers are nation builders and we have lots of expectations from you he added while addressing meeting of all the heads of school under Jang sub divisional administration to review the academic performance of schools.

Expressing his dissatisfaction with the functions of the school

in the districts, the ADC said, “We have very good infrastructure in every government school with qualified and trained teachers but the outcome is not satisfactory”

ZPC Tawang Leki Gombu asked the schools to increase enrollment by finding out the left out children in their villages and encourage the parents to send their children to government schools where every facility from sanitary napkin, free uniform textbook and Midday meal are provided in his address. He also assured the Schools for upgradation of school infrastructure if needed.

For improvement of government schools under Jang Sub divisional Administration in academic as well as other improvements an open discussion was held in the meeting with the teachers.

The meeting concluded with formation of a structural monitoring committee wherein, the village education Committee (VEC) at the village level which already exist will now be monitored by Circle level education committee (CLEC) headed by concerned administrative officers and all kinds of leaves of teachers will be routed through the concerned EACs or COs. At the sub division level "Sub divisional education committee" was formed involving govt officers and ZPMs to oversee the overall scenario of education in the sub division including both welfare of teachers and students.

School development and management committee Chairman and head of schools of almost all the primary, upper primary, secondary and higher secondary schools functioning under Jang sub divisional administration from Mago-Luguthang in Indo Tibet border to Bongleng in Indo Bhutan border attended the meeting.

One day reorientation training for MOs and HWOs held

YUPIA, June 7:

A one day District Level orientation training on National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) and Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) and Integrated Health Information programme (IHIP) for Medical Officers and HWOs was held at the Conference Hall of the DMO Yupia on June 7.

The MOs and HWOs were trained on the various reporting formats under the programme with focus on National programme for Health care of Elderly and National Rabies control programme.

Speaking on the occasion The District Medical Officer Dr. R R Ronya urged the participants to timely update and send the reports to the district level for further compilation and onward submission to the Government.

Emphasising on the need to provide accurate data she also added that “accurate data helps in planning and implementing public health policies and programs effectively, allows for accurate tracking of disease outbreaks and the monitoring of health trends, ensures that resources such as vaccines, medications, and medical personnel are distributed where they are most needed and informs policymakers to make evidence-based decisions that improve public health outcomes.”

The orientation program organised by the District Health Society was attended by all the MOs and HWOs of Papum Pare district.

Workshop on 5E Model Lesson Planning held

RONO HILLS, June 8:

The education department of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here organised a two-day workshop on ‘5E model lesson planning’, in collaboration with the Donyi Polo BEd College in Itanagar and the Vivekananda Kendra College of Teacher Education in Nirjuli, from 7-8 June.

Addressing the gathering at the inaugural session, RGU Vice-Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha stressed on upgrading the skills of teachers. “The 5E model lesson planning is a responsive element to constructivist approach of teaching and learning,” he said, adding that “providing the teachers hands-on experience in formulating and implementing 5-E model lesson planning is needed in the context of Arunachal Pradesh.”

He added that the workshop would “give teacher educators ample opportunity to acquire skills on the 5-E model of lesson planning and clear their doubts and problems they face in their day-to-day pedagogy classes.”

RGU Registrar Dr NT Rikam delivered a presentation on the current condition of Arunachal’s school education system before the participants and the resource persons.

Stating that “knowledge without dissemination is meaningless,” he urged all to “make the best use of the workshop and try to find a viable solution to the problems that exist in knowledge transferring in schools of the state.”

Education Faculty Dean Prof Elizabeth Hangsing talked about “the rationale of the pro-

gramme,” and urged the participants to make the best use of the opportunity, “because knowledge transaction is as important as knowledge creation.”

Education HoD Prof PK Acharya also addressed the inaugural session.

Prof Arbind Kumar Jha from New Delhi-based IGNOU, Dr Sarat Kumar Rout from Cuttack (Odisha)-based Ravenshaw University, and Dr Dhanya Krishnan from NIE New Delhi delivered lectures as resource persons.

During the first technical session, Prof Arbind Kumar Jha presented a paper titled ‘The theoretical background of 5E model lesson planning’. He briefly explained the bases of the 5E model, its importance, and how to make lesson plans.

Dr Sarat Kumar Rout explained the 5E model lesson planning, social science, and language during the second technical session.

During the third technical session on 8 June, NCERT NIE’s Elementary Education Associate Professor Dr Dhanya Krishnan conducted a session on the 5E model lesson planning, science, and mathematics. The focus of the session was mainly on the pedagogy of science, emphasising how to prepare the format of lesson plan based on practicality, logic, and by examples.

This was followed by a hands-on training session on the 5E model lesson planning, during which the participants were asked to propose lesson plans based on their respective pedagogical subjects.

The fifth and last technical session of the workshop began with the presentation of prepared lesson plans by different groups of participants. The resource persons offered suggestions on “how to

further make the lesson plan particularly fulfilling the bases of 5E model,” the university informed in a release.

During the valedictory function, Prof Saket Khushwaha assured to support the education department “in every way possible, in terms of financial assistance, in future also.”

Other speakers during the valedictory function included RGU Registrar Dr NT Rikam, and workshop deputy coordinator Dr Tayum Saroh.

Governor attends the Swearing-in ceremony of the Prime Minister

ITANAGAR, June 9:

At the invitation of the President of India, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh

Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) attended the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi at the forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on 9th June 2024.

The Governor congratulated the Prime Minister on being sworn in record consecutively for the third time and conveyed the goodwill of the people of Arunachal Pradesh to him.

Refresher training programme for ITI instructors in emerging IT technologies held

ITANAGAR, June 10:

The Department of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (SDE)

in collaboration with the National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) launched an extensive Training of Trainers (ToT) program aimed at enhancing the skills of instructors from Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the latest technologies at NIELIT Centre, Naharlagun on June 10.

The program focuses on three critical areas of Data Science, Web Development and the Internet of Things (IoT). The trainings are being held in three sets of 5-day each at the NIELIT campus. Vocational Instructors from various Industrial Training Institutes of the state are being imparted the training.

The program was inaugurated by Saugat Biswas, Commissioner, Deptt. of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (SD&E) in presence of Er. Rintu Das, Director In-Charge, NIELIT, Anup Kumar, Scientist-D, Dr. Bimal K. Kalita, resource persons, officials of NIELIT and SDE Dept.

In his inaugural address, Commissioner SDE Saugat Biswas appealed the trainees to grab the opportunity to garner knowledge and skills to shape the young minds of the state in the field of emerging technologies for enhanced employability and entrepreneurship development.

This initiative underscores the commitment of the Deptt. of SDE to equip ITI instructors with advanced skills, thereby fostering a culture of continuous learning and adaptability to emerging technological trends. By participating in this program, instructors will gain in-depth knowledge and hands-on experience in these high-demand fields, ultimately benefiting their students and aligning vocational training with industry needs.

The introductions of these

advanced courses are expected to have a significant impact on the region's technological landscape. The focus areas of Data Science, Web Development, and IoT are pivotal in driving innovation and efficiency across various sectors. By integrating these technologies into the vocational training system, the program aims to bridge the skill-gap, foster innovation and boost local economy by equipping the local workforce with skills that are in high-demand globally. Instructors will be equipped to update and deliver the ITI curriculum in line with current technologies making the training more relevant. The programme will also help the instructors in their professional growth within the education and technology sectors.

The ToT program is a testament to the collaborative efforts of Department of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and NIELIT in advancing technical education and fostering a skilled, future-ready workforce in Arunachal Pradesh.

Workshop on language and literature held at RGU

RONO HILLS, June 10:

A two-day workshop on ‘Doing research in language and literature,’ began at Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) on June 10.

The workshop is being organized by the university's English department to facilitate the students and research scholars of the present and former batches in choosing and formulating their areas and topics of research.

“One of the main objectives of the workshop is to acquaint the participants with the interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary

plinary approach in research as envisaged in the NEP 2020,” the RGU informed in a release.

Resource persons from within and outside the RGU will discuss the various aspects related to research in language and literature.

RGU registrar Dr. N.T Rikam, who chaired the inaugural session, spoke on the significance that research holds in the overall design of the NEP 2020.

Stating that the workshop would prove beneficial for the participants, Dr. Rikam exhorted them to attend it sincerely.

In his brief address, Dean of the Faculty of Languages prof. S.S Singh highlighted the history and prospective of research and threw light on the significant aspects of the NEP 2020.

Earlier, Dr. Miazi Hazam explained the objectives of the workshop.

Head of English department prof. K.C Mishra made a special mention of the unwavering support extended by vice chancellor prof. Saket Kushwaha in organizing the workshop and all other academic activities.

The workshop is being coordinated jointly by Dr. Miazi Hazam and Dr. D.S Gupta from the Department of English.

Progress of Kameng Cultural and Heritage Museum discussed

NYUKMADUNG, June 10:

A coordination meeting among the District Administration, Indian Army and members of the Indian Institute of Heritage (IIH) was held on

June 10 at Nyukmadung to discuss the establishment and progress of the Kameng Cultural and Heritage Museum in Nyukmadung of the Dirang Sub-division of West Kameng District.

The representative of Indian Army outlined the museum's plans and layouts, detailing additional facilities that will be available to the public. These include a children's park, souvenir store, cafeteria, Audio Video Hall (movie theatre), a traditional Monpa hut, etc.

The construction will be completed by the 1st of week of August, they added.

Dr. Darge Tsering elaborated on the details and history of various artifacts and traditional items collected so far, donated by villagers, to Prof. (Dr.) Manvi Seth, Director/Pro-Vice Chancellor and Head of the Department of Museology at IIH, and Dr. B.R. Mani, Vice Chancellor of IIH, Head of Archaeology Science, and Director General of the National Museum, GOI.

During a visit to the ongoing construction site, participants shared their views and ideas to enhance the overall project.

The meeting was attended by Brigadier Vikram V. Lawand, Colonel Asis Tondon, representatives of Indian Army, Moyir Kato, CO Thembang, Lobom Tamin, I/C DRO Bomdila, PRI leaders, ex-army servicemen, and other dignitaries

Capacity Building & Scheme Consultation Workshop on ODOP

NAHARLAGUN, June 11:

Department of Industries GoAP organised a ‘capacity building and scheme consultation workshop’ on the One District One

Product (ODOP) initiative, in collaboration with Earnest and Young, at the DK Convention Hall on June 11.

Addressing the participants, Industries Secretary Hage Tari spoke about ODOP, and said that “the need of the hour and DIC intervention required for its implementation.”

PM Vishwakarma from UNNATI, ODOP said that the industries department “has been given a target of ODOP.”

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialisation Scheme (UNNATI) for the Northeast on 9 March this year. UNNATI will cover all 8 N/E states it will be effective from 9/3/2024 and will remain in force up to and inclusive of 8/3/2034 and 8 more years for meeting committed liabilities. UNNATI is designed to strengthen the Industrial Eco-System in the North East and attract new investment.

Among others, Industries Joint Director Mobia Pugang, Arunachal KVIB CEO Chetan Singh, APIDFCL Additional Managing Director Prof Shailendra Chaudhari, and Trade & Commerce Director Sonyung Modi attended the programme

Governor invites Pema Khandu to form Government

ITANAGAR, June 12:

Pema Khandu, MLA along with Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, Chowna Mein, MLA and Tapir Gao, MP (Lok Sabha), Arunachal Pradesh State Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President, Biyuram Wahge, called on the Governor of Arunachal

Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on June 12.

Pema Khandu briefed the Governor about the meeting held today of 46 elected members of the Arunachal Pradesh State Legislative Assembly from Bharatiya Janata Party in the recently concluded 8th Legislative Assembly election of Arunachal Pradesh. He informed the Governor that the 46 members of the 8th Arunachal Pradesh State Legislative Assembly had unanimously elected him as their leader in the 8th Legislative Assembly of the State and staked his claim to form the government.

Under the provisions of Article 164 (1) of the Constitution of India, the Governor has appointed Pema Khandu MLA to be the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. He invited Khandu, MLA to form the Government and take Oath as the Chief Minister on 13th June 2024 at 1100 Hrs. at Dorjee Khandu State Convention Centre, Itanagar.

The Governor requested Khandu to advise and inform him about the names of others to be appointed as members of his Council of Ministers.

Bharatiya Janata Party senior leaders Ravi Shankar Prasad and Tarun Chugh were also present on the occasion.

CM Khandu approves release Rs 100 crore fund under CMSS

ITANAGAR, June 13:

After being sworn in as Chief Minister for the third consecutive term, Pema Khandu signed the first file approving release of fund to the tune of Rs 100 crore under the Chief Minister's Social Secu-

rity Scheme (CMSSS) benefitting about 80000 beneficiaries across the state on June 13.

Guided by the principles of Antyodaya, the State Government is dedicated to the most vulnerable and marginalized section of the society. CMSSS, a state flagship scheme, provides pension to old-age persons above 60 years, widows and divyang jan. The funds approved will help enhancing the quality of life and providing a dignified way of living for these sections of the society. This is also a testament to the compassionate and citizen-centric governance model of the State Government.

Signing the file, Khandu said that a scheme that benefits the vulnerable sections of the society should be continued without hindrance.

"Considering the fact that preparation of state budget has been delayed due to the general elections, it is necessary that the benefits under CMSSS reach the needy beneficiaries at the earliest," he pointed.

During the last financial year an amount of Rs 90 crore was allocated for the scheme benefitting 56030 old-age persons (above 60 years), 8782 widows and 3950 divyang jan (differently abled).

The Khandu government had launched the scheme in 2019 and money is deposited to the beneficiary's account through DBT route.

New Cabinets rolls out Reform 3.0

ITANAGAR, June 13:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu after being sworn-in on June 13, immediately got to work by convening the first Cabinet meeting in the afternoon and lay the foundation for

building a Viksit Arunachal in the next five years.

Building on the foundations laid by the Pema Khandu Government in the past few years, the new Government has pledged itself to a transformative reform agenda for the next 5 years. As the first step of this journey, the Cabinet today rolled out Reforms 3.0, identifying 24 citizen centric initiatives as part of the transformative journey touching citizens lives and aspirations and directed all Departments to implement these initiatives in letter and spirit.

Top priority has been accorded to Governance Reforms with decision to achieve 100% digitalization of the Finance and Planning Departments to enable all Government payments only through digital mode. Bottom-up Planning process will be initiated for effective development and preparation of district-level consultative Vision Plans. To improve last mile service delivery, Offices of the Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners will be strengthened. Committee of Secretaries will be set up to examine the existing compliances and recommend steps to enhance ease of living and ease of doing business including repeal of old and archaic laws.

The Cabinet approved creating a Golden Repository of citizen data of the State to ensure pro-active scheme enrolment with no/minimal enrolment process for citizens. A policy think tank, Institute for Transforming Arunachal (ITA) will be constituted to drive innovation in governance and enable socio-economic transformation.

Further, an Administrative Reforms Commission will be notified to examine and provide recommendations for improved

organizational structure, recruitment and staffing policies to build a lean, efficient and agile administrative structure with maximum adoption of technology.

In order to provide enhanced quality of life to citizens, the Cabinet resolved to ensure 100% physical and digital connectivity to all unconnected villages and Administrative Headquarters for which a detailed action plan will be prepared. In line with the National Education Policy, 2020 that envisions universal access to education, improve learning outcomes and pass percentages of students, develop 21st century skills amongst students and improve efficiency and efficacy of teacher training, a implementation road map of the policy will be prepared.

The government will formulate a Policy enabling top educational institutions to setup campuses in Arunachal Pradesh and also encourage participation of Community Based Organizations, NGOs and other CSOs in the field of education. The Dulari Kanya Scheme will be revamped to provide incentive to every girl child from Arunachal Pradesh to encourage enrollment in Graduation or Professional Courses.

An action plan for 21,000 plus women to become LakhpatiDidis over the next 5 years, earning an annual income of more than Rs. 1,00,000 and achieve a higher standard will be made. The government will formulate a new farm-to-fork Agricultural and Horticultural Policy to unlock the agri-allied sector potential of the state.

The Chief Minister Social Security Scheme will be revamped for wider coverage of beneficiaries and timely coverage of beneficiaries such as widows,

elderly and Divyangsto ensure their dignity of life and improve their quality of life. The government will work towards 100% saturation of DBT for all Schemes ensuring targeted and timely payments to beneficiaries.

Digital Asset Inventory will be created for all public infrastructure, especially schools, hospitals (SHCs, PHCs, District Hospitals), Anganwadi Kendras etc. for proper planning and utilisation of public assets.

The Cabinet also decided to create a new Master Plan to make Itanagar-Naharlagun twin capital city future-ready and improve urban liveability.

To fulfil aspirations of the youth, the government will identify and list vacancies in all Departments for preparation of annual recruitment calendars. The SEE Trinity (Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Employment) will be launched to completely reorient the entire ecosystem in the interest of youth and provide 25,000+ employment and self-employment opportunities to the youths in next 5 Years. Besides launching the Arunachal Olympic Sports Mission enabling participation of sportspersons from Arunachal in 2028 and 2032 Olympic Games, the government will dedicate to the youth an innovative Youth Policy, focusing on youth aspirations, education, skilling, health including mental health, entrepreneurial aspirations, community involvement, participation in governance mechanisms etc.

In order to attract investment a new Arunachal Industrial Policy will be introduced by dovetailing with UNNATI Scheme launched by Government of India. Also on cards is notification of a new 'Arunachal Pradesh

Handloom and Handicrafts Policy' and 'One Tribe, One Weave Mission' to protect and promote indigenous textiles, handicrafts which is expected to provide enhanced incomes for artisans, market linkages and enabling applications for Geographical Indication (GI) tags.

A new Tourism Policy will also be launched that will include film, farm, wine and eco-tourism and homestay to provide holistic experiences to domestic and foreign tourists and attract investments and provide employment opportunities for the youths.

The Cabinet recommended for appointment of a Pro-tem Speaker. The Council of Ministers also recommended for the commencement of the first Assembly Session of the 8th Legislative Assembly on 14th June 2024 for administering Oath to Members of Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh and election of Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

Pema Khandu takes oath as State's Chief Minister for 3rd term

Ministry sworn in

ITANAGAR, June 13:

Pema Khandu took oath as the chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the third consecutive term on June 13 here at Dorjee Khandu State Convention Centre.

Khandu, who was re-elected unopposed from the Mukto constituency of Tawang district, was sworn in by Governor K.T. Parnaik in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP president J.P. Nadda, Union Parliamentary Affairs & Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma and

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang, among others.

Eleven other MLAs were also sworn in as Ministers at the function held in the Dorjee Khandu State Convention Centre. Among them were Deputy CM Chowna Mein, former Assembly Speaker P.D. Sona, BJP State president Bi-yuram Wahge, and Dasanglu Pul, the widow of former CM Kalikho Pul.

While Dasanglu Pul is the lone woman Minister, the new Cabinet has eight fresh faces. The others inducted into the Cabinet include Palin MLA Balo Raja, Kanubari's Gabriel Denwang Wangsu, Panging legislator Ojing Tashing, Kento Jini of Aalo East and Nyato Dukam, who won the Taliha seat unopposed.

ICAR team visits Hunkan Village at Tirap

HUNKAN, June 13:

A distinguished team from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) visited Hunkan Village in Tirap district on June 13.

The scientists toured local farmers' fields, including those cultivating foxtail millet, orange orchards, vegetables, and maize. They recommended adopting new technologies to enhance production and productivity.

Dr. Srivastava emphasized the use of microbe-based formulations for sustainable production, soil fertility maintenance, ecological balance, and minimizing environmental challenges. He also encouraged value addition in foxtail millet for better economic returns.

Dr. Sudhir Kumar advocated for pulse-based farming to naturally improve soil fertility, providing farmers with extra income without additional costs. He

recommended maintaining diverse local and underutilized pulse crops for future use. Dr. Abhimanyu Chaturvedi shared scientific management practices for orange cultivation, including canopy management, fruit drop control, nutrient application timing and dosage, and weed management.

The visit was highly appreciated by the Hunkan community. Chief Kamwang Lowang, GB Jangbom Nokbi, GPM Kaprang Nokbi, and senior public leader Tirang Sumnyan expressed their gratitude to the ICAR team for their insights and recommendations. They acknowledged the valuable exchange of ideas and the potential benefits of adopting advanced agricultural practices for their traditional Jhum cultivation and other farming activities.

The Hunkan people are eager to implement these suggestions to enhance their agricultural productivity and sustainability.

The visiting team included Dr. Alok Kumar Srivastava, Director of ICAR-NBAIM (National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Micro-organisms), Mau, Uttar Pradesh; Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Head of ICAR-IIPR (Indian Institute of Pulses Research) Regional Station, Bikaner, Rajasthan; and Dr. Abhimanyu Chaturvedi, Horticulture Expert of KVK Tirap and IPR representative from DIPRO's office, Khonsa Gawang Sumpa, UDC.

Department of Horticulture conducts training District Jail, Jilly inmates

YUPIA, June 13:

The Department of Horticulture, Papum Pare District, conducted a training programme on "Flower

Arrangements, Bouquet, Flower Base Making, etc." for the inmates of District Jail, Jilly, from 13th May 2024 to 13th June 2024 under Modernization of Prisons Project, a MHA, GOI, sponsored scheme. The basic objective of the training was to impart skill development as well as reformation and rehabilitation of the inmates.

The training courses covered both theoretical and practical sessions on various styles and methods of floral arrangements, different types of bouquet and flower base makings as well as the various cultivation aspects of important ornamental crops.

The resource persons for the training were Joram Bath, DHO, Tagom Ronya, SDHO, Tapi Abing, HDO and staffs of Loli Nursery, Lekhi village.

Altogether, 32 nos. of inmates attended and successfully completed the training programme which was conducted at Multipurpose Hall of District Jail, Jilly.

The month long training programme concluded successfully with the active support of the Jail Authority and the certificates were awarded to the trainees in the presence of Tojo Karga, IPS, DIG (Prisons) and C.T. Lombi, DSP (Prison).

CM allocates portfolios to newly inducted ministers

ITANAGAR, June 13:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Saturday, June 15 distributed portfolios among his council of ministers, with his deputy Chowna Mein getting finance and Mama Natung home.

The council of ministers was sworn in on June 13.

Deputy Chief Minister (DCM) Chowna Mein will look after finance, planning, and investment departments, besides tax & excise, state lotteries, economics & statistics, power, and non-conventional energy resources departments, an order issued by Chief Secretary Dharmendra said.

The important home portfolio has been allocated to Mama Natung, besides interstate border affairs, public health engineering & water supply, and indigenous affairs departments.

Khandu will look after all the departments not assigned to the DCM and other cabinet ministers.

State BJP president Biyuram Wahge has been allocated the health & family welfare and water resource departments.

Another fresh face in the cabinet, Nyato Dukam, got the commerce & industries, labour & employment, and information, public relations & printing departments.

Gabriel D Wangsu, also a new face, has got the charge of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry & veterinary, dairy development, fisheries, food & Civil supplies, and legal metrology and consumer affairs departments.

Minister in the outgoing Cabinet, Wangki Lowang, has been assigned the environment & forests, geology, mining & minerals, and the Tirap, Changlang and Longding departments.

Former speaker Pasang Dorjee Sona, who is also a fresh face in the Cabinet, has been given the responsibility of education, rural works, parliamentary affairs, tourism, and the libraries departments.

Balo Raja has been given the portfolios of urban affairs,

land management, and civil aviation, while Kento Jini has been allocated the departments of law, legislative and justice, social justice, empowerment & tribal affairs and sports & youth affairs.

Ojing Tasing has been given the charge of rural development & panchayati raj, co-operation, and transport departments.

Dasanglu Pul, the lone woman minister, has been entrusted with the responsibilities of the women & child development, cultural affairs, and science & technology departments, the order stated.

Unverified sources informed The Arunachal Times that there were hectic parleys over allocation of departments. However, Khandu maintained that the portfolios were given to the ministers concerned based on their past experiences.

"I am hopeful that whatever department they have been assigned, they will work for the welfare of the people," he said. (News Credit: Arunachal Times)

Ninong Ering sworn-in as Pro tem Speaker

ITANAGAR, June 13:

Ninong Ering, one of the senior members of the 8th State Legislative Assembly, was sworn in as the Pro tem Speaker of the 8th Arunachal Pradesh State Legislative Assembly, in an official ceremony at the Vivekananda Hall, Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 13th June 2024.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) administered the oath to Ering.

Ering will perform the duties of the office of the Pro tem Speaker in the eighth Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh until the Speaker shall have been chosen by the Assembly. He will administer oaths to the newly-elected legislators of the State Legislative Assembly when the House is convened.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and Cabinet Ministers were present on the occasion amongst others.

World Blood Donor Day observed

ITANAGAR, June 14:

World Blood donation was celebrated in the various districts in the State on June 14.

In Aalo, the state-level World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) was celebrated at Gumin Kiin in West Siang district by honouring the highest blood donors at the state and the district levels with mementos and certificates.

The WBDD is celebrated throughout the world every year on 14 June to recognise the individual contributions of blood donors.

The celebration here was aimed also at creating awareness on the importance of voluntary blood donation throughout the state.

On the occasion, a voluntary blood donation camp was organised by the blood centre of the zonal general hospital (ZGH) here, during which Assistant Commissioner Prince Kuthemar also donated a unit of blood.

State Blood Transfusion Council (SBTC) Deputy Director Dr Joram Khopey thanked all the blood donors and motivators of the state for their altruistic act of sav-

ing human lives through voluntary blood donation.

He exhorted CBOs, unions, welfare societies, associations and individuals to “come forward and donate blood, even when no one requires blood, so that the shelves of the blood centres are full to tackle any exigency situation.”

Former minister Kento Ete, West Siang DMO Dr Dubom Bagra, ZGH Medical Superintendent Dr Karke Rina, Col Harish Negi, jawans of the 7 JK Rifles and the 5th Infantry Brigade, members of Mothers’ Vision and the Aalo unit of the Arunachal Voluntary Blood Donor Organisation, NSS volunteers of SFS College, NCC cadets of the GHSS here, the district unit of the AP Gorkha Welfare Society, students of the government ANM school, and members of the district unit of the Arunachal Pradesh Women’s Welfare Society participated in the programme, which was organised by the hospital’s blood centre here, with support from the SBTC.

In Yingkiong, the district hospital in headquarters Yingkiong celebrated the WBDD with felicitation of regular blood donors of Yingkiong.

District Hospital Blood Centre Medical Officer Dr Katan Patuk delivered a presentation on the importance of voluntary blood donation.

In Pasighat, Army personnel from the Sigar military station organised a voluntary blood donation camp, in coordination with Bakin Pertin General Hospital, at the military station to mark the day.

The event saw the participation of over 150 Army personnel and 60 villagers of Mebo tehsil.

Haemoglobin testing and medical screening was also carried out during the camp, and 57 units of blood were collected.

Elected MLAs take oath at the day one special session of State Assembly

ITANAGAR, June 14:

Newly elected MLAs of Arunachal Pradesh took oath on June 14.

Pro-tem speaker Ninong Ering administered the oath to the newly elected members during the inaugural day of the two-day special session summoned by Governor KT Parnaik.

Eleven of the newly elected MLAs took oath in Hindi.

Fifty-nine of the 60 MLAs took oath during the day, while Ering was administered the oath by the governor the previous day.

As many as 35 members of the outgoing Assembly were reelected, while five former members also got elected this time. There are 20 fresh faces in the current Assembly.

A total of four woman candidates were also elected to the Assembly in the 19 April polls.

Ering, while congratulating the elected members, advised them to perform their duties diligently to keep the tradition of the House and the aspirations of the people alive.

“Participate in healthy deliberation and debates to uphold the dignity of the temple of democracy,” Ering said.

The House also observed a two-minute silence for all the former members who have died.

The speaker and deputy speaker will be elected on Saturday, June 15.

The ruling BJP bagged 46 seats in the 60-member House, while the National People’s Party won five seats and the Ajit Pawar faction of the Nationalist Congress Party secured three seats.

The People’s Party of Arunachal won two seats, and the Congress one. There are also three independent MLAs.

Army establishes library at GHSS

JANG, June 14:

The Gajraj Corps of the Indian Army has established a library at the government higher secondary school (GHSS) here in Tawang district as continuous efforts to contribute to various aspects such as infrastructure, sanitation, and environmental conservation and a step in promoting education and fostering a culture of learning in Jang sub division under Operation Sadbhavana.

The corps also donated 400 books, along with eight bookshelves, one computer with a table and chair, and eight tablets with stands.

With the books containing a diverse range of subjects- from literature to science, and from history to mathematics – the library is aimed at catering to the intellectual curiosity of the learners at different levels.

World environment day observed at District hospital

YINGKIONG, June 14:

World environment Day was observed at District Hospital Yingkiong on June 14 as a part of month long campaign to empower individuals, communities, and health-care providers to become active participants in protecting our planet and our health from impacts of climate change.

The campaign focuses on vital issues of health systems and

health impacts of extreme heat, drought, environmental conservation, and climate resiliency of health facilities under National Programme for Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH).

Dr India Modi District Nodal Officer NPCCHH, District Health Society Upper Siang spoke on ways to reduce carbon emission and protection of the environment.

Dr Gepeng Litin, District Medical Officer. all the doctors and health workers of District Hospital attended the meeting.

Later on, a pledge on protection of the environment was taken by all members present in the meeting.

Over Rs 3.9 cr bank loans disbursed to SHGs

PALIN, June 15:

A total of 257 self-help groups (SHG) mobilised under the ArSRLM received a bank loan of Rs 3,94,15,675 collectively from the SBI to pursue various livelihood activities, during a credit camp-cum-ceremonial programme for credit disbursement to SHGs registered in Kra Daadi district, held at the Nyokum hall on June 14.

Organised by the Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ArSRLM) and the Palin block mission management unit, the programme was attended by Palin ADC Likha Tejji, along with the DHO, the SDAO, the SBI branch manager, and the SBI assistant manager.

In his address, the ADC said, "Women need to be more informed and financially independent to rise above the state of vulnerability."

The Tali SDAO encouraged the SHG members to "enrol in the different agriculture and horticulture schemes and access the benefits," and assured to provide the necessary support, while Palin BMM Chi Doye asked them to "develop the financial discipline to continue strong relationship with the bank."

The SBI branch manager expressed appreciation for the "100 per cent repayment rate of the SHG credit linkages and the untiring efforts of the ArSRLM in capacity building of SHG members," and assured to extend "continuous support to the SHGs mobilised under the ArSRLM in the form of strategic credit linkages."

Success stories of SHG members were also shared during the programme, which was attended also by the agriculture and horticulture HoDs.

Pongte elected as assembly speaker

ITANAGAR, June 15:

Former deputy speaker and Changlang North MLA, Tesam Pongte, has been elected as the speaker of the 8th Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly.

Pongte is the 18th speaker of the Assembly since August 1975.

Born on 30 March, 1975 to Khodong Pongte (father) and Likkom Pongte (mother), Pongte belongs to the Tutsa community of Changlang district. He started his leadership career as a student leader at the government higher secondary school in Changlang. He also served his community as the general secretary and the assistant general secretary of the All Tutsa Welfare Society.

He first got elected as an MLA on a BJP ticket in 2014. He was also the vice president of the state BJP and the national secretary of the BJP ST Morcha.

Pongte has served as parliamentary secretary for the DoTCL, and as trade & commerce minister. He was reelected from the Changlang North assembly constituency in 2019, and was subsequently elected as the deputy speaker unopposed.

Likabali MLA Kardo Nyigyor has been unanimously elected as the deputy speaker. Nyigyor is the 20th deputy speaker of the state Assembly.

Born in Ditten village in Gensi circle of Lower Siang district to late Yukar Nyigyor (father), Nyigyor rose from grassroots politics as an anchal samiti member in 2008-2013, and was later elected as a ZPM.

Nyigyor's mainstream political career began when he was elected as MLA from the Likabali constituency in the by-election in 2017 after the then representative Jomde Kena's untimely demise. He got reelected in 2019 and since then has been representing the Likabali assembly constituency in the state Assembly. (News credit: Arunachal Times)

Governor addresses the first session of the eighth Legislative Assembly

ITANAGAR, June 15:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) addressed the first session of the eighth Legislative Assembly of the State in the State Legislative Assembly, Itanagar on June 15.

In his address, the Governor said that the mandate given by the people reflects a clear desire for continued development, policy stability, and good governance. He emphasized that the members be cognizant of their responsibilities and trust reposed in them by the people.

The Governor advised the legislators to focus on “Embedded Systems of Development”, to ensure good quality of design, aesthetics, utility, and sustenance, by maintaining the highest standards of probity, transparency, and accountability in all projects they undertake. He said that clean and dynamic governance will be the harbinger of equitable social welfare, health, education, and above all a state of ‘Gross State Happiness’. I am sure that a ‘Vision Document’ for the State enumerating broader goals and the principles to achieve them will prove an invaluable guide for the continued progress of our beloved State, he said.

The Governor exhorted the legislators to strive to build a prosperous and vibrant Arunachal Pradesh, where every citizen can achieve their full potential.

The Governor said that while undertaking the transformative and reformatory agenda, the State Government has not lost sight of the ideals of ‘Antyodaya,’ the concern for the well-being of the last man in the queue. He said Arunachal’s compassionate and citizen-centric governance model is dedicated to ensuring - dignity and enhancing the quality of life for the most vulnerable and marginalized sections of our society. This also marks a fitting tribute to the ideals of Antyodaya espoused by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, he said.

The Governor said that the Prime Minister’s vision of

Reform, Perform, and Transform is particularly relevant to the people of Arunachal Pradesh. He said that they must embrace reforms in every aspect of life, not just economic, to align with the aspirations of a Viksit Bharat by 2047. This multidimensional approach to reform requires leadership from us, performance from our administration, and active participation from the people, leading to a transformative impact on our society, he said.

The Governor said that the principles of ‘Speed, Scale, Scope, and Standards’ of the Prime Minister must guide our efforts. In Arunachal Pradesh, we shall focus on these principles to enhance our productivity, improve the quality of our products, and ensure that our development is sustainable and inclusive, he underscored.

The Governor congratulated the members and extended his good wishes with the hope that they continue to fulfil the aspirations of the people of Arunachal Pradesh. He reminded them that public service requires sacrifice, dedication and commitment and they must work faithfully and tirelessly undertake the immense responsibility as Members of the august House.

The Governor also congratulated the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, Union Council of Ministers and newly elected members of the Parliament of the 18th Lok Sabha on behalf of the State Assembly. He commended the Election Commission of India, Central and State officials, security personnel, and every citizen who actively participated in the conduct of free and fair elections, making the

festival of democracy a success.

In his 33-minute address, the Governor highlighted the endeavour of the State Government and the focus areas it has prioritised, particularly Governance Reforms, Enhanced Quality of life of citizens, fulfilling youth aspirations, and investment for development. He mentioned that the Government shall introduce Bottom-up Planning, involving the preparation of District-level Vision and Development Plans in consultation with stakeholders, ensuring effective and inclusive development at the last mile.

The Governor said that the Government will launch the SEE Trinity (Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Employment) to completely reorient the entire ecosystem in the interest of youth and provide 25,000+ Employment and Self-Employment Opportunities for youth in the next 5 Years. He said that the State Government shall focus on creating job opportunities for the youth through various initiatives, including skill development programs and support for entrepreneurship.

The Governor said that maintaining peace and security is fundamental for development. The State government will ensure the effective implementation of the three newly introduced criminal laws: the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyams of 2023. He applauded the efforts of the State Government for the initiation of Pink-Patrolling with PCR vehicles as part of our ongoing efforts to enhance women's safety, gender equality, and safety in our communities.

Review Meeting of Department of Women and Child Development Held

BOMDILA, June 17:

A review meeting for the Department of Women and Child Development (WCD) of West Kameng District was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall in Bomdila. The meeting was chaired by Akriti Sagar, Deputy Commissioner of West Kameng District.

The programme began with a welcome speech by the Deputy Director of WCD, Bomdila, followed by PowerPoint presentations from all CDPOs, the Centre Administrator of the One Stop Centre (OSC) and the Protection Officer from the DCPU.

Sagar directed all officers and officials to incorporate new elements and innovations into Tech Vadi. She emphasized liaising with the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments to create vermi compost facilities at Tech Vadi, enabling children to learn practically.

Additionally, she suggested signing an MoU with these departments for the seasonal supply and planting of five plants at Tech Vadi for PoshanVatika. Further directives included coordinating with other departments to install solar lights, wash basins, and rainwater harvesting systems at Tech Vadi. She also recommended stocking Inter Tribe books and YouTube videos for children.

DC emphasized the importance of conducting thorough grass-roots surveys to ensure no child or beneficiary is excluded from WCD schemes. She urged CDPOs to collaborate with administrative offi-

cers for Aadhaar enrollment during Village Health, Sanitation, and Nutrition Days (VHSND). In cases involving children of daily wage laborers in Anganwadi Centres, she advised seeking support from panchayat leaders, businessmen, and politicians to fund their education.

For addressing domestic violence, the Centre Administrator of OSC was directed to coordinate with the District Medical Officer (DMO), Bomdila, for rescue operations and to work with police officers and the judicial department to resolve issues faced by the centre.

To enhance performance, Sagar announced a written exam and competition for all supervisors in West Kameng District, with awards for the best performers. She praised the hard work of the officers and officials of the department and encouraged them to continue their efforts.

Attendees included the Deputy Director of WCD, CDPOs, Supervisors, Gram Sevikas, the Centre Administrator of the OSCs, the Protection Officer, Legal cum Probation Officer from the District Child Protection Unit and other .

Dukam champions for robust and proactive info dissemination strategy

ITANAGAR, June 18:

The officers of the Department of Information and Public Relations (IPR) and Printing paid a courtesy visit to the Minister of IPR and Printing, Nyato Dukam at his office on June 18.

During the visit, the Minister expressed appreciation for the dedication and hard work of the officers of both the departments in

promoting government initiatives and ensuring transparent communication with the public. The meeting provided an opportunity for the officers to discuss current projects, challenges, and future plans to enhance the department's effectiveness.

The Minister emphasized the importance of maintaining a robust and proactive information dissemination strategy to keep the public informed about government policies, programs, and achievements. He encouraged the officers to leverage modern technology and digital platforms to reach a wider audience and foster a more informed citizenry.

The Minister assured the officers of his full support and urged them to continue their commendable efforts with renewed vigor and commitment.

The Secretary IPR and Printing, Nyali Ete, in turn, shared insights on the ongoing campaigns and the innovative measures being implemented to improve public engagement. They also highlighted the need for continuous professional development to adapt to the rapidly changing media landscape.

The meeting concluded with renewed sense of collaboration and purpose among the attendees.

Three-day management development programme at Shilong begins

TAWANG, June 18:

A three-day management development programme (MDP) on 'Professional development for district tourism officers (DTO) and tourist information officers (TIO)' of Arunachal Pradesh began at the

satellite centre of the Shillong (Meghalaya)-based Indian Institute of Management (IIM) on June 18.

Indian Army Brigadier VS Rajput, who inaugurated the programme in the presence of Tourism Director KN Damo, Tawang ADC Sang Khandu, IIM Shillong faculty members, and DTOs and TIOs from different districts, said that special attention needs to be paid to the safety and security of the tourists visiting the district, and added that the honesty and simplicity of the locals play an important role in making Tawang a famous tourist destination.

Damo in his address expressed hope that “this programme will boost the energy and (the officials concerned) will work more enthusiastically for tourism development of the state.”

Dr Sanjeev K Ningombam, the head of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research & Analysis under IIM Shillong, dwelt on how the satellite centre was virtually inaugurated by the then union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan, in the presence of Chief Minister Pema Khandu, in April 2022.

The ADC also spoke.

Pencil drawing workshop held at Bamboosa Library

TEZU, June 19:

“Learn as many new things as possible when you’re young. And you learn best in the right environment, like the one Bamboosa Library provides you,” ADC Kunal Yadav said, addressing the valedictory function of the 4-day pencil drawing workshop at Bamboosa Library in Lohit district on June 19.

“Self confidence in public

speaking is a great skill for anyone in today’s life, and you have demonstrated it abundantly,” Yadav said.

He lauded the workshop instructor Behelti Ama for sharing her skills and complimented the students for their creativity, whose art works were on display.

Yadav’s light-hearted interactions with the students, drawing indirectly from the remarks of the ‘Little Prince’ in Antoine de Saint-Exupery’s immortal classic, kept the listeners giggling and creating a very pleasant environment, in spite of the wet chilly evening.

Earlier, Behelti Ama, senior library volunteer and a 4th year student at Kalakshetra Foundation Chennai, explained the importance of various drawing skills.

She also took the ADC Yadav around the displayed drawings of the participants, and explained to the guests, aspects of pencil drawing and sketching skills.

Senior volunteer Sakelu Chikro, while introducing the art instructor, said that Behelti Ama has effortlessly mastered two skills – fine arts and Carnatic music. Her artwork was displayed in October, 2023 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, and in May this year she had been rendering several musical recitals as one of the Wakro Sisters.

Behelti Ama also conducted a workshop on “Colours & Painting skills” for senior students of VKV Sunpura.

The workshop was organized by Bamboosa Library and the Forum of Library Activists, Medo.

Governor interacts with NDA aspirants

ITANAGAR, June 19:

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

teracted with the students from Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Jairampur, Changlang District, who are preparing for National Defence Academy (NDA) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on June 19.

The Governor shared his experiences and suggested inspiring ideas for success in their endeavour. He said that UPSC and SSB exams are challenges that will need to be surmounted by the students. Also, a high score in the UPSC written exam will ensure a place in the merit list, leading to selection for NDA.

The Governor encouraged the students to work hard for written examinations and stressed on good general awareness. He advised them to surround themselves with sources of knowledge, including inspiring and successful people, optimum use of the internet, and read stories of war heroes, who have done beyond their duty.

The Governor said that service in the armed forces is a noble profession, which gives the opportunity to lead, excel and serve the Motherland.

The Governor opined that educational institutes must conduct pre-UPSC examinations and create obstacle courses in the school premises to prepare students for the Staff Selection Board and final selection for NDA.

The Governor was keen to see more youth from Arunachal Pradesh, making it to the National Defence Academy, Indian Military Academy and Officers Training Academy and bring laurels to the State in coming years.

As part of the preparation, the NDA aspiring students from different parts of Arunachal Pradesh underwent a two-month

training course at Bhonsala Military School, Nashik sponsored by Vivekananda Kendra, Arunachal Pradesh.

DC Visits Elam Textiles Industry & Start ups Units

PASIGHAT, June 20:

East Siang DC Tayi Taggu during his visit to the Elam Garment & Apparel Industry and its Handloom Unit at Industrial Estate, Gumin Nagar on June 20 advocated for Make in Arunachal Products to promote local entrepreneurship, employment generation for skilled artisans and youth of the state and in boosting the local economy adding that our products can compete with the best in the market. The DC also visited new start up units in Pasighat, the Siang Industries producing Biodegradable Carry Bags at Industrial Estate, 'Asi' packaged water plant at Tulap area.

The DC through the visit got a firsthand experience of the manufacturing, processing and marketing aspect and other issues in the functioning of the Industries.

The DC was briefed that the Elam Industries set up in 2016 is the first and largest textiles factory of Arunachal Pradesh employing more than 100 people at various skill levels, producing ethnic, readymade garments, school uniforms keeping in mind both quality and affordability of the consumers.

During his interactions with the entrepreneurs, Mohonto Pangling, Katon Moyong and Maglek Taki, the DC lauded their enterprising spirit adding that the State Govt. and the DA in its capacity is doing its best to promote the spirit of "vocal for local" in letter in

spirit. The issue of uninterrupted power supply was also apprised to the DC.

The DC was accompanied by EACs, Olak Apang, Mum Messar, Deputy Director Industry M. Jamoh, ADTH Libang Perme, officials of ADTH & Industry among others.

Lohit District Library celebrates National Reading Day

TEZU, June 20:

"PN Panicker's life can teach us many things, as the challenges he faced to promote reading exist in Arunachal even now. Hence we must make best use of all libraries in the state to promote reading habit among our people," said Lohit District Library & Information Officer Ing Raatan while addressing the National Reading Day celebration organised jointly by Tezu-based Bamboosa Library and Medo-based Forum of Library Activists (FLA) with the district library on June 20.

"Even grownups need the services of a library, and we have been doing house-to-house campaign in Tezu town to create awareness among mothers and elders," she said, and expressed happiness that "several college students have been making very good use of the district library as a study centre during the last few months."

FLA joint secretary Sakelu Chikro stressed the importance of parents' guiding their children to take to reading at an early age. "Lohit Youth Libraries have therefore been conducting reading campaigns for the last 16 years with the motto, 'If readers can't come to books, books must go to readers'," she said.

Stressing on the "urgent

need to prepare and popularise reading materials in Arunachali languages," Lohit Youth Library Network coordinator S Mundayoor lauded the Bamboosa Library activists "for coming together voluntarily and translating six pratham books in Kaman Mishmi language," and expressed hope that "the youths of other language groups would also do the same."

He spoke also about former VKVs secretary KK Venkatraman's popular book, *Walking with the Immortals*, on his Narmada Parikrama experiences.

Senior volunteer Kathesi Kri spoke about how she rose from being a girl who could not read any English to emerge as a teacher and an avid reader of biographies.

The National Reading Day was celebrated also by APNE Library in Wakro, under the leadership of senior volunteer Nishanlu Kri.

At both libraries, many readers presented book readings and poem recitations in English, Hindi and Kaman Mishmi languages.

Sona concern over education scenario of the state

ITANAGAR, June 20:

Education Minister PD Sona expressed serious concern over the current state of education in the state, noting that "it falls short of expectations," and urged the officers of the education department to "enhance your efforts to address these challenges."

Sona was addressing a review meeting with the officials of the education department on June 20.

A significant point of discussion was the delay in the disbursement of the post-matric

scholarships. He informed that Rs 70 crores have been released by the union tribal affairs ministry and “the file is now under process to get clearance from the finance, planning & investment department.”

“We understand the challenges our students are facing,” the minister said. “We request their patience a little longer,” he said, and added that the scholarship funds will be disbursed immediately upon clearance from the department concerned.

Sona sought cooperation from the officers of the education department, emphasising the need for significant improvements.

The officers briefed the minister on various pressing issues faced by the department.

The meeting was attended also by the education minister’s adviser Mutchu Mithi and Education Commissioner Amjad Tak.

DCM inaugurates Namsai District Emporium

NAMSAI, June 20:

Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein, inaugurated the District Emporium in Namsai in his maiden visit to the home district after being sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister of the State for the fourth consecutive time on June 20. The District Emporium is funded by NITI Aayog under the Aspirational District Program and aims to empower local artisans and entrepreneurs by providing them with a dedicated space to showcase and sell their products. The initiative also seeks to promote the rich cultural heritage of the region.

The emporium was inaugurated in presence of MP Lok Sabha (Arunachal East), Tapir Gao, Ad-

visor cum MLA Namsai, Zingnu Namchoom.

The dignitaries were accorded a warm reception at Dirak Gate, Poi Pee Mau Ground, Namsai and at Buddha Vihara, Chongkham. They were felicitated by the people of Namsai including District Administration, HoDs, CBOs, Women Welfare Society, Youth and Student Organizations of Namsai District at the Poi Pee Mau Ground.

Addressing the public at Namsai and Chongkham, Mein expressed his gratitude to the people of the State for electing the BJP with a thumping majority and also for sending Tapir Gao as MP from East Parliamentary Constituency for the third time. He also thanked Chief Minister Pema Khandu for trusting him and inducting him as the Deputy Chief Minister for the third time in his Cabinet.

Mein emphasized that Viksit Arunachal remains the sole objective of the Govt of Arunachal Pradesh in line with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for Viksit Bharat. In this pursuit, youth, women empowerment and upliftment of the rural & farmers’ economy will be prioritized.

He further said that equal emphasis will be given to the development of the border areas at par with the foothills and plain areas of the State for equitable development of all regions. He also said that a road map for overall development of the State in all sectors will be evolved under the leadership of the Chief Minister. He added that the Modi 3.0 Govt will be action oriented and very fast and we have to be always on toes.

He reaffirmed the State government’s commitment to creating a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable development in the State.

The programme was attended by DC Namsai CR Khampa, ZPC Urmila Mancheykun, District BJP President Chiw Sujana Namchoom, HoDs and Executive Members of other CBOs, student & youth organizations, GBs and the general public.

International Yoga Day celebrated across state

ITANAGAR, June 21:

The International Yoga Day (IYD) was celebrated in Arunachal Pradesh on June 21 with Governor KT Parnaik, Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, and various ministers participating in events organised across the state.

The theme for this year’s IYD was ‘Yoga for self and society’.

The governor, speaking during a yoga session held at the Raj Bhavan, said that people from different parts of the world are taking an interest in yoga.

“In times of tension, depression and challenges, yoga brings peace of mind and physical fitness. It has remedies for various physical challenges and diseases,” he said.

Parnaik appealed to the people to incorporate yoga into their daily lifestyle. He said that “regular practice of yoga will create positivity in life and working environment, which in turn will ensure better productivity and success in work and professional endeavours.”

He also advised the participants to do yoga for at least 30 minutes daily, and exhorted them to encourage and motivate their peers and family members to “practice the pride of Indian tradition.”

The governor suggested

“inculcating the practice of yoga at a young age,” and emphasised that “there must be yoga classes in every educational institute.”

He said also that physical training instructors must be trained in yoga.

Parnaik later distributed yoga booklets to all the participants on the occasion.

The chief minister urged the people of the state to practice yoga for a healthy society.

“By regularly practising yoga, a person can imbibe some very good qualities, like courage, which protects like a father; forgiveness, as possessed by a mother; and mental peace, which becomes a permanent friend,” Khandu posted on X after performing yoga at an event here.

“Through regular practice of yoga, truth becomes our child, mercy our sister, self-control our brother, the earth becomes our bed, and knowledge satiates our hunger. Happy International Day of Yoga,” the chief minister added.

The DCM, who participated in an event in Namsai district, called upon the people to embrace the ancient art of yoga and incorporate it into their daily lives.

“In the midst of our busy lives, it’s important to take a moment to connect with ourselves and find inner peace through yoga, which provides us with the perfect platform to do just that. On this International Yoga Day, let’s take the opportunity to embrace the ancient art of yoga and incorporate it into our daily lives. #InternationalYogaDay #YogaForAll,” Mein said in a social media post.

Organised by the Namsai District Health Society in

collaboration with the district administration and the Assam Rifles, the day featured a soulful session of yogasanas, followed by a friendly volleyball match between the Assam Rifles and the Arunachal Pradesh Police.

Additionally, a plantation drive was carried out in the DRDA complex there.

Legislative Assembly Speaker Tesam Pongte, Deputy Speaker Kardo Nyigyor, several ministers, MLAs, officers and officials also participated in a yoga session at the state Assembly in Itanagar to mark IYD, under the guidance of experienced yoga instructors.

Officers of the Itanagar Capital Region district administration, led by DC Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta, celebrated the day at Deepak Nabam Living Home in Senki Park.

Many of the inmates participated in a yoga session conducted by yoga instructor Dr Papi Gungly. Later, clinical psychologist Dr Yeni Nabam held a counseling session for the inmates.

Students of Kendriya Vidyalaya No 1, Itanagar also participated in a yoga session, guided by teachers, as part of the IYD celebration.

The health & family welfare department celebrated the IYD at the Hornbill football ground in 6 Kilo, Itanagar, with a mass demonstration of yogasanas by the officers and officials of the department.

The North Eastern Regional Institute of Science & Technology fraternity in Nirjuli also celebrated the day by participating in a yoga programme led by Sabita Ratna, Sheema Tamang and their group members.

In Rono Hills, Doimukh,

the RGU fraternity participated in a yoga session, conducted by physical education teaching assistant Rikpu Kamcham and students of diploma in yoga therapy Asen Bagang and Alice Angu, to mark the day.

In Tawang district, a yoga session was jointly organised by the district administration, the Indian Army, and the District AYUSH Society.

Besides Army personnel, students, monks, and others, Tawang MLA Namgye Tsering, DC (i/c) Sang Khandu, Brigadier VS Rajput, and SP DW Thongon participated in it.

The IYD was celebrated also in West Siang, East Siang, Longding, Lower Siang, Upper Siang, Lower Subansiri, Lohit, West Kameng, and other districts.

Priests are the backbone of society: MLA Darang

PASIGHAT, June 22:

Department of Indigenous Affairs in collaboration with the District Administration organized one day workshop on Preservation of Priesthood Culture on June 22, at the Pasighat Engo Takar Dere.

“Priests are the backbone of society and are responsible for the growth of the indigenous religion,” said Pasighat East MLA Tapi Darang while addressing a workshop on ‘Preservation of priesthood culture’ here in East Siang district.

The MLA urged the priests to perform their duties diligently, and to uphold their cultural and spiritual responsibilities.

JN College Principal Tasi Taloh, who also attended the workshop as a guest, commended the

priests “for their roles and activities maintaining integrity,” while DACO Mannong Tayeng emphasised the importance of shamanistic traditions and their role in modern society, besides advocating “reform of conservative system of priests.”

Dr Tajom Tasung, Tatdo Borang and Dr Delong Padung were the resource persons of the workshop.

Dr Tasung opined that “the government should provide honorarium to all the spiritual priests,” and advised the priests to “maintain health and hygiene, abstain from alcohol, and uphold ethical standards.”

The priests must be known for their selfless services and generosity and shouldn't engage in unfair activities, he added.

Borang described priests as “god-gifted personnel,” and advised them to ensure preservation and protection of priesthood, culture and traditions, “and allow scientific justification in their activities.”

Dr Padung said that priests are respected by the society “as they hold spiritual powers since ancient times,” and added that “the younger generation should follow the path shown by our forefathers.”

IFCSAP president Ajem Tayeng, CDPYK general secretary Basing Yosung, and East Siang Tabo Association president Obang Taruk also spoke.

APEDA organises workshop on “eMobility”

NAMSAI, June 22:

An awareness workshop on “eMobility” was organised by Arunachal Pradesh Energy Development Agency (APEDA) in collaboration

with Namsai District Administration and technical expert iVENCO-Kolkata at Namsai on June 22.

Deputy Commissioner Namsai C R Khampa who is also District Chairman of APEDA, while inaugurating the exhibition stall of Electric Vehicle and the workshop emphasised the importance of eMobility and stated that transitioning from fossil fuels to electric vehicles is a significant step towards environmental conservation and reducing air pollution.

He then commended APEDA for its efforts in promoting alternative and sustainable energy sources and for organizing the workshop in Namsai.

Earlier, Er Z T Sorang, Deputy Director of APEDA Tezu, who mentioned that the Government of Arunachal Pradesh is working on Arunachal Pradesh Electric Vehicle Policy 2023 which is currently in the draft stage, he urged all the stakeholders to diligently work towards implementing the policy once it is finalized in letter and spirit.

On behalf of District Administration, Khampa assured to extend full cooperation in taking and implementing this initiative and fulfilling its desired outcomes.

The workshop was attended by H.N Dubey, Director, AUS, EE & AE, Department of Power, Urban & H, DHO, AE PHED, Assistant Director, Textile and Handicraft, AE, PWD, officers from DTO, Panchayat leaders, Oil Refueling Station owners and representatives, officers & officials of APEDA, Tezu, Roing, Kharsang, and officers from Power Grid, Namsai.

The e-scooty team (Neo-ecoventures), OJA Hyundai & Tata dealers from Guwahati also attended and displayed of their e-Vehicles.

APEDA organizes training on Biogas Technology and Vermicompost

PASIGHAT, June 22:

As desired by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Govt. of India, one day user's and awareness Training Programme on Biogas Technology and Vermicompost was organized by APEDA East Siang District on June 22 at Pasighat.

In his Key note address APEDA Project Officer Er. Kape Badak informed that the concept of the said training programme was to rise of awareness and publicity about the benefits of Biogas Plant Operation and Maintenance of Plants and also to give exposure to officials and other stakeholders about the benefits and practical aspects of Biogas Technology.

He also highlighted the important and a concept of biogas in the part of Energy Conservation as the Biogas is a renewable, as well as a clean source of energy. Gas generated through indigestion is biogas is a renewable as well as clean source of energy which is also nonpolluting which reduces the greenhouse effect.

He appealed all the participants to gain knowledge on the programme to spread the awareness to the people of East Siang district. He informed that names of 98 beneficiaries has been selected and will be benefited of scheme during this financial year 2023-24.

Jon Mani Kalita, Project Manager BDTC IIT Guhawati and Anup Dutta, Senior Project Assistant BDTC IIT Guhawati were the resource persons of the programme. The programme also was attended by the Biogas Beneficiaries and of-

ficers and officials of APEDA East Siang district.

FPG opens sale of organic vegetables

TAWANG, June 23:

The farmers-producers group (FPG) of Tawang opened the sale of organic vegetables at the Sunday weekly market on June 23.

The event was aimed at uniting the local farmers growing organic produces under one convenient roof for both customers and farmers.

Local MLA Namgey Tsering, who attended the function as a guest, emphasised the importance of supporting local farmers in cultivating organic vegetables, and strongly discouraged the use of harmful chemicals and fertilisers in agricultural practices.

The MLA expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Pema Khandu and former Tawang DC Sang Phuntsok for establishing the Sunday market in 2021. He encouraged the farmers to “continue participating in the weekly market,” and assured them of his support in expanding organic farming.

Brigadier VS Rajput of the Indian Army, who along with Deputy Commissioner (i/c) Sang Khandu also attended the function, assured the local organic vegetable farmers that the Army would “provide a platform for your products,” and highlighted the strong civil-military relationship in Tawang.

The DC in his address reiterated the administration’s commitment to supporting the local farmers. He encouraged the farmers to focus on cultivating traditional and locally-grown

vegetables, and urged them to “seek advice from agricultural experts to enhance production.”

FPG chairman Nawang Chonzom also spoke.

The function was attended also by, among others, SP DW Thongo

Minister visits the Department of Information & Public Relations and Printing Reviews operations and future initiatives

NAHARLAGUN, June 24:

“Having content staff propels to a more productive outcome of the department” informed Nyato Dukam, Minister Information & Public Relations and Printing while on his maiden visit to the Directorates of both the department’s on June 24 to assess ongoing operations and discuss future initiatives aimed at enhancing the department’s efficiency and public engagement.

The tour included a comprehensive overview of the department’s facilities, including the printing press, media monitoring units, and Public Relations office.

The Minister commended the departments for its dedication to disseminating accurate and timely information to the public. “The role of the Department of IPR and Printing is crucial in ensuring transparency and effective communication between the government and the citizens. I am impressed with the technological advancements and the professionalism demonstrated by the team here,” stated Dukam.

The Minister expressed confidence in the department’s ability to adapt to the changing

media landscape and continue providing valuable services to the government and the public.

Key highlights of the visit included review of printing operations, media monitoring & analysis, public relations strategies and future initiatives.

The Minister observed the printing process, from design to distribution, and praised the efficiency and quality of work being produced. Discussions were held on upgrading equipment to stay current with technological advancements.

The Minister emphasized the importance of proactive media engagement and the need for accurate information dissemination.

Emphasis was placed on transparent and responsive communication with the public.

Secretary IPR & Printing, Nyali Ete apprised the Minister on the various achievements, issues and new projects that are being taken up by the departments. And also he hoped that under the able guidance and immense support of the minister the department would do wonders for the state.

All the officers and staff of both the directorates were present in the programme.

CM concern over road damages due to heavy rain

ITANAGAR June 24:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has expressed total dismay over the pace of progress in construction of the Package B of NH-415 Four Lane Highway, which covers the stretch from Papu Nallah to Nirjuli.

Chairing a review meeting to take stock of the damages caused to the highway between Itanagar-

Naharlagun and other damages in the state capital due to heavy rains on Sunday, Khandu took exception to the 'dismally slow' construction process of the four-lane highway stretch causing extreme inconvenience to commuters.

Instructing the Highway departmental officials to immediately expedite the work without compromising on quality, Khandu said, "The delay is causing immense harassment to the public and directed that swift action is required to address the issue."

"Ensuring timely completion and maintenance of our infrastructure projects is crucial for the benefit of our citizens and the state's development," the Chief Minister emphasized.

Expressing concern over the damages caused by heavy rains in the state capital and adjoining areas, Khandu instructed the departments concerned to immediately undertake repair works, especially on the highway to ensure smooth flow of traffic and to prevent any disruption to people's routines.

Advisor to PWD Minister Phurpa Tsering, Principal Secretary Kaling Tayeng and top PWD Highway officials were present in the review meeting.

Sensitization program on JJ Act, POCSO and sexual harassment of Women at workplace held

YUPIA, June 24:

In a continued effort to strengthen the legal frameworks and ensure the safety and protection of children and women, the Department of Women and Child Development, Papum Pare conducted a one

Orientation and sensitization program on Juvenile Justice Act and Rules, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences, Adoption Regulations under Mission Vatsalaya and Sexual Harassment of women at workplace at the ZPC conference, Yupia on June 24.

The programme aimed to create a cohesive team in protecting women and child rights was attended by all medical officers of PHCs and CHCs of Papum Pare, Circle Officers and Judicial Magistrates, Child Welfare Committee members, members of Special Juvenile Police units (SJPU) and Child Welfare Police Officers (CWPOs) and the Presiding Officers of the Internal Complaints Committee constituted under various departments.

Papum Pare DC Jiken Bomjen while attending the inaugural program expressed displeasure over the rising number of offences committed against the children.

He said that, "Offences against children is a widespread and deeply felt sentiment. A unified societal effort to combat such offenses including raising awareness, strictly implementing preventive measures, providing support for affected children and their families can minimise the offences."

He exhorted all the officials attending the program to pledge to support the protective services and advocacy groups vigorously.

DC Bomjen while calling for intensifying awareness activities against adolescent marriages and pregnancies which are significant issues with far-reaching consequences for young individuals, particularly girls; suggested for a multi-faceted approach involving government, NGOs, Communities and organisations working together to protect and empower adoles-

cents.

Also attending the inaugural program SP Papum Pare Shri Taru Gusar said that "The (POCSO) Act, the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act, and the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act are pivotal in ensuring justice and protection for children and women across the nation from abuse and exploitation.

Explaining in a nutshell, the aspects of the POCSO Act, JJ Act, Protection of women against sexual harassment at work place SP Gusar added that "Amendments including stricter penalties for offenses to ensure justice and deterrence, speedy trials, improved guidelines for child-friendly court procedures and the establishment of special courts for POCSO cases have been initiated to ensure care, protection, and rehabilitation of children in conflict with the law and those in need of care and protection."

"Regular training and awareness programs for all employees to foster a safe and respectful workplace culture, increased accountability for employers to ensure compliance with PoSH regulations and prompt reporting of abuse and exploitation cases can create a safer environment," SP Gusar added while appealing all for prompt reporting of any cases of abuse.

Later in the technical sessions that followed Adv. Kani Nada Maling whose is also the President Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society deliberated on the Juvenile Justice Act and Rules and Adoption regulations.

Resource persons Adv Oyam Binngap and Smt. Tana Chammo, CDPO, Nirjuli spoke about the POCSO Act and Rules and the POSH Act respectively.

Earlier as a part of the program awareness videos on

WCD, POCSO and Adoption was screened.

School building inaugurated

LONGDING, June 24:

Longding DC Bekir Nyorak on Monday inaugurated a four-room school building of Govt Primary School, Pamnu under Longchan circle.

The school building was sanctioned and constructed under ISSE 2014-15, and since then it was lying defunct.

With the inauguration of school building, it will start functioning with a total enrolment of 53 students under a lone teacher.

The DC assured all possible help and co-operation to the authorities concerned for smooth functioning of the school.

DDSE Jongge Yirang, circle officer Khamjat Ajang, Longchan ZPM, village chief, GPC and GPMs attended the programme.

MLA emphases on better inter-departmental coordination

TEZU, June 24:

MLA Mohesh Chai emphasized on the need to maintain a better inter-departmental coordination for overall development of Lohit district.

Chai, who attended a district-level monitoring committee meeting here on Monday, June 24 urged the executing agencies to avoid any kind of duplicity and use funds efficiently.

He also spoke on the issues related to hospital, MNREGA job cards and issues of drainage etc.

Lohit deputy commissioner Shashvat Saurabh, who chaired the

meeting, has taken stock of various ongoing and completed schemes and projects being carried out by various departments in the district.

He emphasized on the importance of generating accurate data to gauge the level of actual progress of the projects and schemes.

Shashvat urged the departments to work efficiently and avoid unnecessary delays in implementation of the projects, as it would be against public interest.

The DC asked the departments to work meticulously to achieve the targets that are being set by the government.

During the meeting, the officials of the participating departments highlighted the physical and financial positions of the central and state flagship projects.

The meeting was attended by Wakro ADC A.J Lungphi, ZPC, ZPMs, administrative officers and HoDs.

MLA, DC flags off School bus

ROING, June 24:

MLA (Dambuk) Puinnyo Apum and DC Soumya Saurabh flagged off a bus donated by NHPC under its CSR & SD initiative, 2880 MW Dibang Multipurpose Project to the Government Higher Secondary School, Dambuk on June 24.

MLA Puinnyo Apum, addressing the gathering, appreciated the initiative of NHPC and the District Administration and called it a 'beacon of hope and tool for progresses. This donation shows the commitment of NHPC to educate the young minds ensuring their brighter future and the responsibility undertaken of bridging the gap between corporate resources and social responsibility towards the community, he added.

The MLA advised the students to attend school regularly, study diligently and make their dreams come true. We have invested in your future and now it is your responsibility to make the most out of this opportunity, which ensures a means to reach school safely while also reducing the challenges of travelling long distances, he said.

Present during the occasion were Executive Director (Dibang Multipurpose project) L. K. Tripathy, ADC (Dambuk) T. R. Tapu, ZPMs, heads of departments, Gaon Burahs, students and public of the area.

Indian Army conducts Plantation Drive

LIKHABALI, June 25:

25,000 saplings was planted awareness about conservation of the nature held on the occasion of 75th vanmahotsava Week 2024 by Spearhead Division of the Indian Army and the lower Siang district administration at the Likabali Military on June 25.

Col. Sandeep Singh while calling out for fight against global warming has reiterated the extent of damage human beings have done to the nature and said, "It is a small act for a big cause and for protecting our planet each one of us should plant atleast one sapling at a time."

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed across state

ITANAGAR, June 26:

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was

observed across the state with various programmes on June 26.

The day is celebrated on 26 June every year to raise public awareness about the consequences of drug use and strengthen initiatives and improve coordination among various stakeholders to tackle the drug problem.

The ICR Naharlagun police in collaboration with health services directorate observed the day by organizing a drawing competition and awareness campaign on drug abuse and its ill effects on the society among the students at Govt Higher Secondary School, Nirjuli, Naharlagun SP Mihin Gambo informed.

The SP informed that a total 19 cases under the NDPS Act were registered and 44 drug peddlers and addicts arrested, so far this year under Operation Dawn, Gambo informed.

Anti-drugs awareness rallies were also organized here and Nirjuli, where more than 500 students participated.

Capital Itanagar DC Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta, who flagged off the rallies, said that the theme for this year "The evidence is clear: invest in prevention," highlights the urgent need to address the complex challenges posed by drug abuse and illicit trafficking.

She stressed on the importance of preventive measures to eradicate such evils.

The DC said that "the day provides us an opportunity to educate the public about the dangers of drug abuse and the impact of illicit drug trafficking."

"By increasing awareness, we can reduce stigma, encourage healthy behaviors, and support those affected by substance use disorders," she said.

As part of efforts to generate awareness on drug abuse, Nuk-

kad Natak was performed by NCC students of Mallo Tarin GHSS, Itanagar at Akashdeep Market Itanagar and near NERIST Market area in Nirjuli.

At Hayuliang, the Drug De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Centre (DDAC), Anjaw observed the day at the Govt. Middle School, Swamy Camp.

The medical officer of the DDAC emphasized on creating awareness amongst the youths especially, the school going children to prevent drug addiction. He emphasized on the need of an effective strategy to root out drug addiction in the Mishmi society, especially in the hills of Lohit valley gripped by opium addiction and cultivation.

Around 200 students and staff of DDAC attended the programme.

The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was also observed across major educational institutions in Tawang district.

The international day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking was observed at Drug De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Center, Pasighat in East Siang district on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, East Siang ASP Pankaj Lamba said that one should not stigmatize the addiction issue. Lamba said the purpose for de-addiction will serve only if one can say no to any pressure for addiction. He advised the incumbents of the Center to come out with certain goals and timelines to keep themselves away from drugs.

DMO Dr. K. Perme said that the mantra behind de-addiction is strong will power.

MO in-charge Dr. Oson Borang, SMO Dr. L. Moyong and WASE president Yamik Dulom Darang also spoke.

The day was also observed in all government offices, institutions, angwadi centres by taking oath for a drug free district.

The Upper Siang district police also observed the day by organizing a rally to raise awareness on drug abuse and illicit trafficking at Yingkiong town.

The rally was joined by all the rank & file of district police, Adi Baane Kebang (apex, women wing & youths), the VKV school, Yingkiong and officers and staff of the district hospital, Yingkiong Drug De-addiction Centre.

The DC office here and various other departments also observed the day by taking pledge and to fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking.

In Tirap district, the Care Me Home Drug De-addiction-cum-Rehabilitation Centre (CMH-DDAC), Charju in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh Drug De-Addiction Society and the directorate of health services, organized a mini marathon titled 'Run for Drug Free Tirap' for both male and female from Old petrol pump tiniali at Khonsa to veterinary farm and culminated at starting point covering 4kms.

In the male category, Wangnam Wangsu and Khunwang Wangsu of Chasa village won the 1st and 2nd prize of Rs. 5000 and 3000 respectively. Wangrin Hak-hun of Dadam village secured the 3rd position and awarded with Rs. 1500.

In female category, 1st prize was won by Angap Wangsa of Pongchau village and awarded with cash prize of Rs. 5000.

Wikhap Tekwa of Chinkoi village and Wilit Nokbi of Kapu village secured 2nd and 3rd position and awarded with Rs. 3000 and Rs. 1500 respectively.

Earlier, Tirap DC Ira Sin-

ghal, in her address, appealed to all walks of life to choose a drug free life and to co-operate with the administration and security agencies to eradicate all kinds of drug from the region.

SP Singjatla Singpho and Care Me Home Welfare Society chairperson S.L Bangsia also spoke.

An awareness-cum-sensitization programme on drug abuse was organized under the initiatives of Mebo BEO Kangkep Perme and BRCC in-charge Genom Yirang at the Government Upper Primary School (GUPS) here under Mebo block in East Siang on Wednesday.

Students and staff of Ngopok GUP, Kiyit KGBV and other nearby schools attended the programme, which aimed at creating drug awareness among the elementary level students.

Speaking on the occasion, resource person and Borguli PHC MO Dr. James K. Tayeng stated that use of drugs or substances may lead to addiction, serious ailments or psychological problem like memory loss.

"In addition to causing death, substance abuse is also responsible for significant morbidity and the treatment of drug addiction creates a tremendous burden on society," Tayeng said.

KGBV headmaster Mone Jamoh gave a power-point presentation, highlighted different drug related issues including ill effects of drugs, preventive measures and the devastating impact of drug abuse on society. Earlier, general secretary of the Women Against Social Evils (WASE) Jaya Tasung Moyong appealed to all the students to stay away from all kinds of drugs.

DC stress on robust IEC activities for Rabies prevention & control

PASIGHAT, June 26:

The Review meeting of the District Level Coordination Committee of District Tobacco Control Cell under National Tobacco Control Programme and District level Zoonotic Committee of National Rabies Control Programme was held at Conference Hall of DC Office Pasighat on June 26.

DC East Siang Tayi Taggu opined that robust IEC activities will be the backbone for the success of the programmes. He advised the DMO to make an action plan for resource mobilization so that IEC activities are carried out at grassroots level for both COTPA Act 2003 and Rabies.

He also advised the DVO to issue notice to all dog owners to vaccinate their pet dogs and also to make a rough survey of stray dogs. DC East Siang DC Tayi Taggu has asked for the strict implementation of the COTPA 2003 in public spaces and for tobacco free educational.

Earlier Dr. Komling Perme DMO while welcoming the stake holders briefed the members the objectives of the meeting. Dr. Kato Lego i/c DSO gave a detail presentation on the subject. All members from stakeholder departments and NGOs also presented their valuable inputs.

Meanwhile, on the occasion of International day against Drug Abuse and illicit trafficking the meeting concluded with Oath taking ceremony to keep the District drug free.

Yachuli MLA chairs maiden meeting with KP HoD's

ZIRO, June 26:

The newly elected Member of Legislative Assembly from 16th Yachuli (AC) Toko Tatung chaired a maiden meeting with the Heads of Departments of Keyi Panyor District at Golden Jubilee Hall of District Secretariat on June 26.

During the interaction meeting, Tatung stressed on 'transparency' and 'timely meeting of the deadlines' of the various centrally sponsored flagship programmes and schemes devised by the Central Govt. for welfare of the people. 'I am a result oriented and time bound person who wish to see the developmental works percolating down to the grassroots level in a transparent and time bound manner, said the NCP (Ajit Pawar) elected MLA.

Urging gathering pool of authentic data-based system to achieve the targets and deliverables for the newly created Keyi Panyor District, the St. Stephen's College graduate and state's famed entrepreneur turned MLA Tatung said 'it will be an uphill task to nurture and bring up the young Keyi Panyor District upto the people's expectations in a quick manner. But the target is achievable provided all the HoD's particularly the work departments pool in together and cooperate with me in delivering the deliverables to the people of Keyi Panyor District', said the young MLA.

Lower Subansiri and Keyi Panyor District Deputy Commissioner Vivek H.P urged the HoD's of Lower Subansiri District to cooperate with the

District Administration in carrying out the official works of Keyi Panyor District as well. 'Keyi Panyor is the immediate bordering District of Lower Subansiri and carved out of it. Hence, there is no harm in HoD's of Lower Subansiri performing the duties of Keyi Panyor District also till regular officials are posted against their vacancies', the DC said.

The daylong interaction meeting was arranged and coordinated by Yachuli Additional Deputy Commissioner Suraj Gurung and attended by Lower Subansiri SP Keni Bagra and all the HoD's of Keyi Panyor and Lower Subansiri District.

Darang visits offices, assures visible development

PASIGHAT, June 26:

Pasighat East MLA Tapi Darang said that his priorities are to bring positive changes in the health and education sectors, improve the water supply and road network in the town.

The newly elected MLA, accompanied by party functionaries on June 26 visited several offices in the DC's office complex here, and heard the grievances and challenges being faced by the officers in implementing public welfare schemes and projects in the city.

The legislator assured them to provide his full cooperation for visible development.

Darang said that the flood protection measures at Sibokorong and Siang would be taken up on priority, while the road construction from Mirmir Charali to Balek Bridge would be taken up within a short notice.

Governor condoles the demise of Leki Zangmu

ITANAGAR, June 26:

Arunachal Pradesh Governor K.T. Parnaik has condoled the demise of Leki Zangmu with the other well wishers.

Laying a wreath on the mortal remains of late Zangmu at the residence of the Chief Minister, the Governor said that she was a remarkable woman.

"I join the people of Arunachal Pradesh in praying to Lord Buddha to give eternal peace to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss," the Governor said in his message to Khandu.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu's mother Leki Zangmu passed away on Wednesday afternoon June 26 at Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS), Naharlagun after prolonged illness. She was around 75 years old.

She is survived by two sons and eight grand children and two daughters-in-law. Her husband, the late Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu had a passed away in 2011.

Born to late Sangey Norbu and late Sangey Tosumu at Dharamkang village in the outskirts of Tawang in 1950, she was the youngest child of her parent's thirteen children. Her father was a reputed traditional architect and contributed arts and design in various Monpa houses and monasteries of Tawang region.

Late Leki Zangmu also worked as labourer with GREF and BRO in her tender age with Rs. 30 per month as salary.

Wangsu attends IDF Regional Dairy Conference Asia Pacific at Kochi

KOCHI (Kerela), June 26:

The 3-day long international conference of the International Dairy Federation shall provide platform where the scientific minds across the globe would be involved in finding solutions to factors critically affecting the dairy sector, said Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Minister Gabriel D. Wangsu, while thanking the organizer giving opportunity to experts across the globe to be a part of this knowledge sharing exercise.

The First IDF Regional Dairy Conference Asia Pacific 2024, organized by the National Dairy Development Board, Govt. of India at Kochi, Kerala today, was formally inaugurated by Ms J. Chinchurani, Minister for Animal Husbandry, Govt. of Kerela.

"Over a period of time, the dairy sector has developed by leaps and bounds; the use of new technologies, innovations and equipment had replaced almost all the traditional methods of livestock & dairying. This evolution not only contributed to the growth of the dairy but also of the other associated sectors of the country', Wangsu observed at his inaugural speech.

Dairy is one of the major contributors to the GDP and the national income of the country. The sector is envisaged to be tool for employment generation, economic sustenance and ensuring the food chain supply in consonance with the various goals set up by the U N under SDG, the minister remarked.

Milk is one of the highest selling components, the production of which is growing at a steady rate, the minister said while pointing out that per animal yield and productivity remain the key concern. And this can be addressed only through technical intervention, scientific innovations and hard work of the farming community, he added.

“Since, I come from the easternmost part of the country, I am witness to the facts that dairying is a major contributor to the rural economy in our country that not only provides employment but also enhances the sustainable development. And most importantly it also empowers our women folk for self sustaining employment”, he further said.

The deliberations at the Conference will hopefully not only emphasize on topic that are critical and vital for the growth and support of the industry but also provide platform for knowledge dissemination. Dairy sustainability framework, climate action on dairying, women and dairying, support for innovation and marketing etc are some of the critical issues that are being discussed during the course of the conference. This will certainly fetch new innovations and revolutionize the dairy industry in the days to come, Wangsu further maintained.

Ms Alka Upadhyaya, Secretary, GoI; Varsha Joshi, Jt. Secretary, GoI and Dr Meenesh Shah, chairman, National Dairy Development Board also addressed the gathering. Pierchristiano Brazzle, president of IDF president; Laurence Rycken secretary general of IDF and Takayuki Hagiwara, FAO India besides a host of dignitaries from various countries, industrial partners and officials from Govt.

of India and state governments also attended the function.

The Minister was accompanied by Hage Tari, Secretary, Veterinary & Animal Husbandry & Fisheries, Director and other officers of Veterinary & Animal Husbandry department.

DG BRO calls on the Governor

ITANAGAR, June 27:

The Director General, Border Roads Lt. General Raghu Sriniwasan, VSM called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on June 27.

They discussed strategic roads to border areas, regular maintenance of roads and immediate response to any blockage in the road communication.

The Governor commended the Border Roads Organization for taking a leading role in the infrastructure development in Arunachal Pradesh. He said that the projects implemented have ensured the territorial integrity and the rapid development of the State.

The Governor, while sharing his concerns about the people in border villages, emphasized upgrading and building new roads toward the border areas to ensure the support of the armed forces to the civilian population at any time. He said the national security and socio-economic development of the people in border areas rely on the BRO road networks.

The Border Roads Director General briefed the Governor regarding strategic road projects and challenges, while assuring the best quality roads and infrastructure for Arunachal Pradesh.

Awareness campaign on Oil-Palm Oil cultivation held

TEZU, June 27:

District Level Training cum Awareness Campaign on Oil-Palm Oil cultivation for farmer and extension field functionaries under NMEO-OP was organized by District Agriculture Office Lohit on June 27.

Ld Commissioner (Agriculture), Bidol Tayeng while speaking at the occasion said, “Lohit has huge potential for Oli Palm Cultivation in terms of geographical location, climate and topography”.

He further, clarified on the various criticisms leveled against the Oil Palm Cultivation and told the participants that it's totally safe to cultivate oil palm.

Informing that oil palm cultivation would ameliorate the economic status of the farmers, Tayeng asked the DAO Lohit to arrange exposure tours for the farmers so that they can have a first-hand understanding of the nuances and benefits of cultivation of Oil Palm.

DC Shashvat Saurabh, said that there is a need to increase the area under oil palm cultivation in the district. He urged the farmers to take full benefit of the training program and clear all their doubts related to the Oil palm cultivation.

SNO (Oil Palm) T D Nekhom presented a brief overview of the status of oil palm cultivation in Arunachal Pradesh. District Agriculture Officer N Sumyan also spoke on the occasion.

Various technical sessions on importance and prospects of oil palm cultivation; packaging; and experience sharing was organized as a part of the training program.

The program was attended by ZPC Dasalu Krisikro, ZPM Tezu Balong Tindya, ZPM Sunpura Angenlu Minin Chaitom; officers from various districts, HoOs, progressive farmers etc.

Governor visits Donyi Polo Mission School for Hearing and Visually Impaired

ITANAGAR, June 28:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) visited Donyi Polo Mission School for Hearing and Visually Impaired, Chimpu on 28th June 2024. The Governor, who was accompanied by the First Lady of the State Smt Anagha Parnaik celebrated his 71st birthday with the children and officials of the institute. Chairman Donyi Polo Mission Shri Gegong Apang, former Chief Minister was also present amongst others.

The Governor and the First Lady of the State spent quality time with the children and interacted with them through special educators. The children conveyed their good wishes to the first couple and shared about their future hopes and aspirations.

Interacting with the students, whom he called the 'Shining Stars of Arunachal Pradesh', the Governor assured assistance from the State Government and the Raj Bhavan in providing all possible opportunities to the students to participate and excel in various fields at the State and national level. He said that the children exhibited the spirit of learning and human endurance, in the way they were trained and cared for by the Donyi Polo Mission School.

The Governor promised to invite the students to Raj Bhavan on the occasion of 'Children's

Day' and other functions being held therein. He also promised better equipment and study materials for learning, training and therapy for students with hearing and visual challenges.

As a token of love, they presented a colourful cultural programme and Yoga demonstration in honour of the Governor and the First Lady of the State. Chairman, Donyi Polo Mission Shri Apang and Principal, DPMSHVI Shri Arbinda Dey also spoke on the occasion and expressed gratitude for patronizing the institute and providing necessary furniture for the hostels.

A high tea was organized for the students, officials and staff of the institute in its campus.

MLA attends meeting to discuss ongoing state sponsored projects

SAGALEE, June 28:

A Departmental Coordination meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Er Ratu Techhi, MLA 15-Sagalee (ST) Assembly Constituency here at the Conference Hall, ADC Secretariat, Sagalee on June 28.

The meeting was held with to interact with HoDs and review the ongoing projects sponsored by the State as well as central government in 15-Sagalee Assembly Constituency.

All HoDs through Power Point Presentation showed the physical, financial Status and also shared the issues related to ongoing Projects of their respective department.

Chairing the maiden coordination meeting MLA Ratu called for coordinated and concerted ef-

forts from all Departments to accelerate the socio-economic transformation of the Sub-Division.

The first time legislator further asked all Officers/Officials to focus on performance for effective service delivery to ensure a holistic development of the constituency.

Yame Higio, ADC Sagalee requested all HoDs under Sagalee administrative Sub-Division to present at station and supervise development work for benefit of the society.

The meeting was attended by all administrative officers under Sagalee administrative Sub-Division, Health, Education, Agriculture, Horticulture, PWD, PHED, RWD, WRD, Electrical, Forest and other Line Departments.

HDMT tournaments get underway

BOMDILA, June 28:

West Kameng DC Akriti Sagar kicked off the 7th district-level edition of the U-16 Hangpan Dada Memorial Trophy (HDMT) football and volleyball (boys and girls) tournaments at the Buddha Stadium on June 28.

The DC apprised the teams of the background of the tournament, which commemorates the sacrifice of martyr Havildar Hangpan Dada. She also emphasised the importance of sports in one's life.

Among others, District Sports Officer DT Dinglow, DSP K Lingo, and HoDs were present at the inaugural ceremony.

Eye screening camp organised

LAZU, June 28:

A total of 226 patients benefitted from a free 'eye screening-cum-

general health camp', organised by the Tirap unit of the Arunachal Vikas Parishad, in collaboration with the Tirap district administration, at the EAC headquarters on June 28.

A team of doctors, including eye specialist Dr Vivek Vinaykumar Khapli and Dr Priyanka Vivek Khapli (homoeopathy) from Akola, Maharashtra, along with medicine specialist Dr RB Mishra offered treatment to the villagers during the camp.

Deputy Commissioner Ira Singhal visited the camp, and urged the villagers to "maintain a hygienic lifestyle to promote good health." She also urged the health staff and anganwadi workers to raise awareness at the grassroots level about the importance of hand-washing before and after meals, among other hygiene practices.

Training programme for fish farmers

PAMPOLI, June 28:

The East Kameng Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) here organised an on-campus training programme for fish farmers from various parts of the district on June 28.

The KVK's fishery scientist Dr VK Mishra apprised the participants of 'Composite fish culture technology, package and practices for improved aquaculture production', and presented details regarding "the technology for improved aquaculture production with minimisation of input cost through utilising natural resources."

He also dwelt on "the methodical preparation before seed stocking and care during the stocking of fish seed to minimise the mortality."

Soil science specialist

Anil Pandey delivered a lecture on 'Role and importance of quality soil for improved fish production'. He apprised the farmers of how the soil plays an important role in "pond biological (natural food) productivity and of the steps to be taken during site selection for pond construction.

The KVK assured the fish farmers that it would help them through technical support as and when required.

Carp fish seed successfully produced in portable hatchery

ROING, June 28:

Carp fish seed production using portable hatchery was successfully done for the first time in Lower Dibang Valley district during a 3 days hands on training cum demonstration programme on fish seed production and culture of carps which commenced on 26th June 2024 at KVK Balek and Rukmo Village in LDV.

During the demonstration of induced breeding of Indian Major Carp Rohu, around 8 lakh spawn was produced using the portable hatchery. This initiative makes Lower Dibang Valley district "Atmanirbhar" in carp seed production and would meet up the seed demand of over 250 farmers of the district.

Progressive farmer Oling Modi, participating in the training, appreciated the activities undertaken by ICAR-CIFE for the welfare of the farming community and urged the participant farmers to adopt scientific fish farming practices to enhance productivity and improve their livelihood.

Principal Scientist (ICAR-CIFE), Kolkata Centre

Dr. G. Biswas, delivered various classes on composite fish culture, breeding and hatchery management of fish. He demonstrated the induced breeding technique practically to the farmers. He recommended the use of quality, uniform and bigger size fish seeds in multiple stocking and multiple harvesting farming system to increase the fish productivity. He also stressed that the successful hatchery model can be propagated at various places of the state for the benefit of farmers.

Scientist (ICAR-CIFE), Kolkata Centre Dr. Dilip Kumar Singh covered the topics of design and construction of fish hatchery, nursery management, broodstock and larval nutrition, importance of farm made aqua-feed utilizing locally available cheap feed ingredients to reduce the feed cost.

Senior Scientist and Head (KVK Balek) Dr. Deepanjali Deori expressed that the training programme, establishment and running of the hatchery would immensely benefit fish farmers who lack knowledge on scientific fish farming and meet up the fish seed demand to improve their livelihood by adopting modern methods of aquaculture.

Jimmy Mize (SMS, Fishery Science) briefed about various activities and services of KVK for the benefit of farmers. Okili Linggi, the Farmers group leader and the hatchery operator from Rukmo Village shared his happiness on the establishment and initiation of operation of the hatchery at his farm which will help in meeting up the fish seed requirement in the area and increase the fish production of the district and the state.

With an objective to meet

up the local fish seed demand, an FRP made carp eco-hatchery with a holding capacity of 25 kg broodfish and one million fish seed production per cycle was established at Rukmo Village in Lower Dibang Valley district by Kolkata Centre of ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai with the assistance of KVK, Balek.

The portable fish hatchery is used for imparting hands-on skill development on induced breeding of carps, hatchery operation, seed production and culture to the fish farmers.

20 fish farmers participated and received critical inputs for fish farming such as lime, fish feed and study materials from the organizers.

National Statistics Day Celebrated in Tawang District

TAWANG, June 29:

The office of the Assistant Director of Economics and Statistics in Tawang celebrated National Statistics Day with great fervor on June 29.

Addressing the gathering, Addl. DC Tawang highlighted the significant contributions of Professor PC Mahalanobis, an eminent Indian scientist and statistician, particularly noting his development of the Mahalanobis Distance and his role as a member of India's first Planning Commission. Stressing the importance of accurate statistical data, he emphasized its crucial role in achieving developmental goals.

Earlier, I/C ADES Tawang, Tenzin Phuntso, explained the significance of National Statistics Day, commemorated annually on 29th June in honor of Professor PC

Mahalanobis. He expressed plans to expand future celebrations of this day in the district.

During the ceremony, senior Statistical Investigator Nawang Dorjee announced the winners of an essay writing competition among students, who were honored with cash prizes and certificates by the ADC. The event also included felicitations for teachers and guests, with Statistical Investigator TP Yati underscoring the importance of reliable statistical data in decision-making processes.

The event concluded with a commitment from officials to ensure error-free publication of the annual Statistical Data Information Book, which provides comprehensive insights into Tawang district.

DA conducts refresher course to implement criminal law

ITANAGAR, June 29:

As the state government prepares to implement three new criminal laws, the District Administration Capital Itanagar conducted a refresher course for all Executive Magistrates, Special Magistrates, and Judicial Branch staff in the Conference Hall of the DC office on June 29.

DC Capital Itanagar, Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta, encouraged all officers and staff to take full advantage of this opportunity to familiarize themselves with the new criminal laws.

She commended EAC Khoda Lasa, the resource person for the session, for his detailed presentation and in-depth explanation of the new laws.

The training session in-

cluded group discussions and a question-and-answer round, providing a comprehensive understanding of the changes.

Legal Officer Janyak Karlo also served as a resource person, contributing to the informative session. The three new criminal laws—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam—will replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively and will come into effect from July 1 this year.

RGU tops IIRF ranking in NE

RONO HILLS, June 29:

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here has been ranked 13th in the list of central universities released by the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF), topping in the Northeast region.

Mizoram University secured the 15th position, followed by Tezpur University (Assam), and NEHU, Shillong (Meghalaya) at the 16th and 18th positions among the list of 50 other central varsities in the country.

The IIRF employs a meticulous evaluation process, considering multiple parameters to determine the ranking of an institution. These parameters encompass distinct facets of academic excellence and overall institution performance. The key parameters considered by the IIRF in determining rankings of the institutions includes placement performance, teaching learning resources & pedagogy, research, industry income and integration, placement strategies and support, future orienta-

tion, and external perception and international outlook.

RGU Vice-Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha congratulated the university fraternity on the ranking by the IIRF. He said that “this is a testimony to the university’s pursuits to excel and we are here to fare better.”

The VC termed it a “watermark achievement, considering its location in the remote border state of Arunachal Pradesh with so many challenges.”

“With this, now RGU will definitely participate in the other international rankings, such as the QS World University Rankings,” he said.

Terming the achievement “a milestone,” RGU Registrar Dr NT Rikam said that “the university community attributes this achievement as an outcome of the persistent efforts of Team RGU, including its students, teachers, academic administrators and non-teaching fraternity for the improvement in teaching and research environment of the university.”

RGU Joint Registrar Dr David Pertin, who is also a member of the university’s Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) divulged that “the inability to admit foreign students joining the varsity, due to RAP and PAP restrictions, is a point of concern.”

Stating that he was not surprised by the ranking, Dr Pertin said that “the university’s patient and persistent toiling is paying off.”

“Good to see that RGU is leaping further to the higher position of 13th as, during last year’s ranking, RGU secured the 16th rank (overall) among the central universities across the nation in the IIRF,” Dr Pertin said.

CDFC Ziro Football Tourney concludes

ZIRO, June 29:

Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Vivek H.P said games and sports particularly team events like football galvanizes the people for a positive reason which is good for the society, sport and sportsmen.

While gracing the closing ceremony of the 57th Central Dree Festival Celebration, Ziro Football Tournament as the chief guest at Padi Yubbe Outdoor Stadium on June 29, the DC said the unprecedented huge turnout of people from every walk of life to witness the final soccer match, the most loved game of the valley speak volumes for itself. ‘Such crowd gathering numbering in thousands is never witnessed at Padi Yubbe Outdoor Stadium during Independence and Republic Day celebrations. This is a testimony of the promotion of football, professionalism involved in it, and the energy level of the footballers and the football lovers of the plateau’, remarked the DC.

While congratulating team CDFFC, Ziro for successful conduct of the tournament, the DC wished advanced ‘Happy Dree’ to all Apatani denizens of the District.

Guest of Honour and Managing Director of PH Constructions Puna Hinda said football is the nerve center of attraction at the valley which attracts people from every village and the twin townships of Old Ziro and Hapoli. ‘The Dree football fever grips everyone at the valley and the game is equally loved both by the players and non-players’, explained Hinda.

CDFFC Ziro chairman Nani Tani informed alongwith football and volleyball; badminton would also be an annual calendar event from next season onwards. He also

further informed that a running trophy would be kept for team events of football and volleyball in which a team winning the trophy consecutively for three years in a row would keep the trophy permanently.

CDFFC Ziro general secretary Mudang Tage Taki welcomed the guests including Commandant ITBP Ziro Shailendra Nagarkoti, representatives of Tani Supung Dukung (Apex Body of Apatani), Apatani Women Association Ziro, Heads of Departments, ZPM’s, prize sponsors of the tournament and general public.

In the final match of the tournament played today, All Hija Sports Club defeated Diibo Sports Club by a solitary goal. The all-important goal was scored by Kago Duyu during 30th minute of the first-half of play.

In other individual prize winner categories, Tage Niitin of DSC was awarded the best player of the tournament, Landi Millo of HSC the highest scorer, Pura Rakesh of AHSA the best goalkeeper, Pura Dukhung of AHSA the best defender, Nada Tupe of AHSA the best coach, Hibu Tagia of ZFC the best team manager and Tage Kobing of DSC the emerging player of the tournament.

NEWS IN PICTURE



Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) addressing the first session of the eighth Legislative Assembly of the State in the State Legislative Assembly, Itanagar on June 15' 2024.



Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) attending the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi at the forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on June 9' 2024.



The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participating in the World Environment Day celebration at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on June 5' 2024.



Chief Minister Pema Khandu called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 2nd June 2024



Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein, inaugurating the District Emporium in presence of MP Lok Sabha (Arunachal East), Tapir Gao, Advisor cum MLA Namsai, Zingnu Namchoom at Namsai on June 20' 2024.



DC Capital, Shweta Nagarkoti conveys a review meeting on preparedness for the Southwest Monsoon in the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner, Capital Itanagar, on June 25' 2024.