

Precious Cargo: The Journey of 2 Steel Trunks from Anini to Itanagar

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Every election we have heart warming stories of Polling Teams reaching Polling Stations in the remote areas especially those that are inaccessible by road and Polling Personnel having to walk for days together carrying the EVMs and other election materials facing various hardships during their movement. This narrative, however, is about the Postal Ballots from Dibang Valley which had to undertake a long journey to reach the CEO's Office Itanagar for exchange with other districts.

The date of Postal Ballot exchange for all the districts was fixed on 26th April 2024 and they were to be brought physically by the Nodal Officers of Postal Ballot of the respective districts to Nirvachan Bhawan, Itanagar. Dibang Valley team was scheduled to leave Anini for Itanagar on 24th April but due to incessant rainfall and landslides along the Anini-Roing Highway there were road blockages since 23rd evening. Many vehicles were stranded on the roads and people had to spend the night in their vehicles. And on 24th April, a major portion of road was washed away on the Anini-Hunli road near Awali village making any vehicular movement along the road impossible. So, the team decided to leave for Itanagar on 25th by crossing the block point on foot and travel onward in the reserve vehicle arranged by the Returning Officer on the other end of the block point.

The weather was clear and sunny on the morning of 25th April and the PB team left Anini in a cheerful mood, determined to reach Itanagar anyhow. However, after crossing Etalin they found debris, rocks, mudslides at various locations and with all communication network down there

was no way to reach the NHIDCL authorities for road clearance. A good Samaritan named Eney Mega of Ryanli Village helped clear many minor roadblocks with his private earthmover and the team was somehow able to reach New Anaya. On reaching New Anaya, a village 20 KMs from the block point at Awali village the vehicles could not move any further as the road had been completely washed off.

Some members of the PB team along with the District Disaster Management Officer and Circle Officer, Arzoo decided to walk on foot to assess the situation of the road ahead and check the feasibility of transporting the PB trunks across the block point. However, it was found that the roads were washed off completely at 5 locations between New Anaya to Awali in addition to several rock slides and mud slides. Therefore, keeping in mind the safety of the PB trunks which contained Postal Ballots for 22 districts, the team decided to head back to Anini before the weather turned bad again.

The Returning Officer on receiving the ground report from the team sent a message to the Chief Election Officer, Itanagar requesting to send a helicopter for the PBs to be lifted from Anini for exchange the next day. On 26th April, a special sortie was arranged for the PB team by the CEO's office and the department of Civil Aviation. The PB team took off from Anini at 12 PM and reached Naharlagun helipad at 3 PM, from where they were escorted by the Naharlagun and Itanagar Police safely to Nirvachan Bhawan for the exchange.

On completion of the PB exchange, Dibang Valley team moved in the convoy with Lower Dibang Val-

ley PB team and were escorted upto the district boundary by the Lower Diang Valley Police. The team under the security of the Dibang Valley Police then moved ahead to Anini on the newly constructed temporary roads by NHIDCL and safely deposited the 61 Postal Ballots in the district strong room in the presence of Returning Officer and representatives of contesting candidates. Thus, ending the long journey they took for the safety of the PB trunks whilst risking their own.

Dibang Valley may be one of the least populated districts and we might have had the least number of PBs casted. However, the measures taken by each stakeholder right from the CEO's office to the district level in order to ensure safe transportation of the casted PB goes on to prove the importance of every single vote in electing our representatives. Also, the cooperation received not only from various Government agencies but also private individuals during the entire movement of the team right from Anini to Itanagar and back to Anini, is in itself a statement of the fact that every organization and individual is responsible for successful conduct of smooth and transparent elections.

The office of District Election Officer and the people of Dibang Valley are grateful in particular to the CEO's office, Nodal Officers (PB) and Police Personnel of Lower Dibang Valley, NHIDCL, Department of Civil Aviation and our Good Samaritan Shri Eney Mega for helping the team successfully accomplish the task on time when it seemed near impossible.

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Workshop on administration and Hindi language held

RONO HILLS, April 1:

The Hindi cell of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here organised an online workshop on 'Administration & official language Hindi in RGU' for the university's section officers and office assistants on April 1.

Addressing the participants, RGU's Hindi Officer Gumpi Nguso Lombi said that "the workshop will highlight the relationship of official language Hindi and administration, new inventions of technology for language, and promotion of the official language through technology."

IIT Kharagpur (WB) Senior Hindi Officer Dr Rajiv Kumar Rawat, who was the resource person of the workshop, drew the participants' attention towards "administrative responsibilities for implementation of official language," and described the tools used for transcription, transliteration, translation, etc," the university informed in a release.

He delivered a presentation on shabdchkosh, anuwadani, and kanthasth softwares, and informed the participants about Google Lens, PDF converter-related software, etc.

RGU Vice-Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha and Registrar Dr NT Rikam also attended the online workshop.

Army assists in infrastructure development of School

TAWANG, April 2:

The Blazing Sword division of the Indian Army, under its Operation Sadbhavana, provided school items, including furniture and stationeries, to the Thupten Choiling Balika Vidyalaya near Yangla Gonpa on April 2.

The items, worth Rs 8.5 lakhs, were handed over to the headmaster of the school by the battalion commander, in the presence of the GB and other important figures of the village.

This project has been undertaken with the aim of improving the standard of education and providing the student in remote areas of the state with quality education

DEO felicitates election icon in Upper Siang

YINGKIONG, April 3:

Everester Kishon Tekseng has been selected as Upper Siang district election icon while, winner of season 3 of the Upper Siang Idol- 2024, Lovely Patuk and runner-up Ogul Langkam have been selected as Tuting-Yingkiong constituency and Geku-Mariyang constituency icons respectively. They have been assigned the duty of carrying out activities under Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme in the district.

While felicitating the election icons at his chamber on

Wednesday, Upper Siang deputy commissioner -cum-district election officer Hage Lailang highlighted the role and responsibilities of election icons in carrying out SVEEP programme.

He advised them to spread voter's awareness and encourage greater participation of new voters in the election process.

SVEEP nodal officer Beru Dulom also explained the objective of selecting icons for SVEEP activities and their responsibilities.

Governor attends the final of Lohit Football Premier League, Tafragam FC lifts the trophy

TEZU, April 3:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) graced the final of Lohit Football Premier League as chief guest at Tezu in Lohit District on April 3, 2024. The Governor presented the winner's trophy to Tafragam Football Club Team and runner up trophy to Pomliang Football Club Team.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor commended the 2 Mountain Division (Dao Division) of Indian Army for their endeavour to strengthen the bonhomie between the local people and the armed forces. He exhorted the Army Division to motivate the local youth to excel in their field of games and sports.

The Governor, while appreciating the Dao Division for organising the first ever premier league in the State, said that other district administrations

and Army Divisions must emulate such excellent conduct of sporting events in different parts of the State. He said that such events will promote leaders, camaraderie and spirit of competitiveness amongst the youth.

The Governor advised the armed forces to take up more welfare activities, which will instil a sense of security amongst the common citizens in the border areas. He also urged them to continue the assistance they provide to the villagers in the remote areas.

The Governor appreciated the troops for the physical and martial art displays on the occasion. He said that such activities will encourage local youth to join the Indian Armed Forces.

The Governor emphasised that Indian Army Units in the State must train abled youth to join the armed forces. He advised the officers to provide pre-recruitment trainings to the selected youth.

The General Officer Commanding, 3 Corps, Lt General Harjeet Singh Sahi, UYSM, AVSM, YSM, SM, General Officer Commanding, 2 Mountain Division, Major General VS Deshpande, Lohit Deputy Commissioner Shri Shashvat Saurabh and SSP Shri Tumme Amo were present on the occasion amongst others.

The Lohit Football Premier League was organised by the 2 Mountain Division (Dao Division) of Indian Army as part of Operation Sadbhavana, with an objective to enhance collaboration and mutual understanding between the local population and the security forces in the State.

32 teams from the districts of Anjaw, Lohit, Nam-

sai and Lower Dibang Valley participated in the tournament. The event aims to promote fitness, camaraderie and resilience among the youth of the region.

The finale of the tournament, witnessed outstanding Pipe Band Display, PT Display, Unarmed Combat and Gatka Displays and Chandra-Kaleri Fusing presentation along with tribal dances by Mishmi and Khamti cultural troupes.

Mopin celebrated Mary Kom attends Mopin Festival at Aalo

ITANAGAR, April 5:

The 58th Mopin festival of the Galo community was celebrated at Gumin Kin in West Siang district with great pomp and gaiety on April 5.

Boxer and Rajya Sabha member MC Mary Kom, who attended the festivity, was welcomed by Central Mopin Celebration Committee (CMCC) general secretary Liduk Padu.

Kom in her speech advised the youths to “take every hurdle in life as a challenge,” and added that “I have crossed every hurdle and challenge in life.”

She appealed to the Galo community to be united, and encouraged the youths to work hard in their chosen spheres in life.

The CMCC felicitated Hogdo Lollen, who played a major role in the creation of Aalo Township.

CMCC president Deba Loya in his address said that “Mopin festival is the identity the Galo people,” and urged all the Galo people to preserve and protect the festival.

More than 35 Popir teams from different sectors participated in the celebration.

Among others, Deputy Commissioner Mamu Hage, the Indian Army brigadier, retired officers, and panchayat leaders took part in the festivity.

In Lower Siang district, the four-day Mopin celebration began in Likabali.

Attending the inaugural day of the festival, Deputy Commissioner Rujjum Rakshap said, “Festival is a way through which we rejoice ourselves, shed our monotonous humdrum of day-to-day life and at the same time appease and invoke the gods and goddesses to ensure bumper harvest of crops and sound health of men and livestock, as well.”

Rakshap further said that “festivals have a strong bearing on the fragile cultural heritage of the denizens and through its proper celebration we can continue to upkeep our culture and tradition in their pristine shape.”

Celebration committee president Modak Taipodia and general secretary Dunyo Taipodia also spoke.

The festivity will continue till 8 April, and feature cultural competitions showcasing the traditional Galo lifestyle in the modern context without moving away from the roots of culture and custom. (

The Mopin festival of the Galo community was celebrated here in Upper Subansiri district with traditional pomp and gaiety.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Talo Potom, who along with SHDO Dr Molar Bui attended the event as guests, expressed hope that the

festivity would bring positivity and a bumper harvest.

"The Galo is one of the gentle and disciplined tribes of the state," he added.

Dr Bui in his address said that "simply advocating preservation of age-old farming technique is not enough, but agriculture farming technique should be adopted in a ritualistic way with the modern scientific method, so as to produce surplus of foodgrains."

"If the land resource is properly used, the agriculture sector has plenty of potential to make people job providers instead of job seekers," he added.

Plantation drive by Hillarian group at JNC held

PASIGHAT, April 5:

A 'plantation-cum-beautification drive', sponsored by the Hillarian Group, comprising senior elite members of the society, was conducted at Jawaharlal Nehru College's (JNC) upper campus here in East Siang district on April 5.

During the drive, saplings of around 40 oriental plants and fruits were planted at the upper campus.

JNC Principal Dr Tasi Taloh, Vice Principal Dr Leki Sitang and Hillarian Group chairman B Jamoh were also present on the occasion

JN College hosts state level lecture series

PASIGHAT, April 5:

The Post Graduate Department of Hindi, JN College, Pasighat had organized a state level lecture series on 4th April at the Conference Hall, Upper Campus.

The title of the day long

lecture series was "Mahakavi Tulsidas and Premchand Aur Kisan Jeevan".

Dr Tasi Taloh, the Principal and Dr Leki Sitang, the Vice-Principal of the host institute addressed the August gathering at the very inaugural session of the programme and congratulated Dr Tokpet Pertin for convening the first lecture series of this academic session.

They also extended their heartfelt gratitude to the resource persons Dr Onek Lego, Professor & Head, Dept. of Hindi, RGU and Dr Arun Kumar Pandey, Associate Professor, Dept. of Hindi, RGU for accepting the invitation wholeheartedly.

Dr D P Panda, the IQAC Coordinator of JNC also delivered a short speech on the importance of organizing such programmes under the banner of the IQAC. The programme was very engaging.

The two academic stalwarts Prof Oken Lego and Prof A K Pandey discussed the length and breadth of the title and engaged the students of the department for a fruitful discussion.

The entire programme was nicely anchored by Dr Banasiri Pertin and her team. Dr Ing Perme, Dr Zebina Taki, Ms Mumne Perme, Dr H N Pandey and other faculty members of the host institution were also present during the academic deliberation.

Governor participates in Mopin festival celebration

ITANAGAR, April 5:

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

along with the First Lady of the State Anagha Parnaik participated in the Mopin festival celebration at Itanagar on 5th April 2024.

The Governor greeted the Galo community on the festive occasion of Mopin. He offered prayers to invoke the blessing of Mopin Goddess Anyi Pinku Pinte for better crops, proliferation of domestic animals and preservation of nature.

The Governor said that Arunachal Pradesh is a blessed land of numerous tribes who have maintained their customs and traditions over the years. He said that they have been zealously preserving their indigenous cultural heritages.

The Governor commended the Popir teams for their excellent cultural presentation during the celebration. He said that the participation brings about community cohesion, language revitalization, reinforces collective identification and encourages the younger generations to learn of their cultural practices, traditions as well as linguistic nuances.

The Governor urged upon the Galo community to contribute in the nation building through concerted effort in the sphere of health, education, infrastructure, communication and empowerment of women and girl child. He suggested them to work at community and village levels to ensure basic education of 10 plus 2 of each child, skilling of youth, basic knowledge on health and hygiene to every mother and cautioned against drug menace.

The Governor suggested that as Mopin is related to agriculture, the people must adopt a holistic approach in the agriculture and allied sectors. He exhorted the people to utilize mod-

ern techniques, explore market avenues and promote self help groups and corporations.

Guest of Honour of the occasion and senior citizen of Galo Community Shri Gumde Karbak recalled the concerted efforts of pioneers of Itanagar and Naharlagun in preservation and promotion of Galo culture including Mopin. President, Mopin Celebration Committee Shri Pebom Bagra and Secretary, Shri Margam Ori also spoke on the occasion.

A cultural presentation, depicting the rich cultural heritage and traditions of Galo society was presented on the occasion. 15 Popir Teams from different parts of the State Capital participated in the celebration led by Head Mopin Priest (Nyibo) Shri Nyago Bagra and Assistant Priest (Bo) Shri Mijo Bagra from Jeyi Bagra Village, West Siang District.

Promoting the spirit of bonhomie among the various Popir parties, the Festival organizing committee conducted Volleyball, Archery and other sporting competition, cultural competition, including Folk dances, Yaan Kaben (Traditional ritualistic narration), Galo Aagam (Galo language speaking), basket making, decorative bamboo flower (Rime) making competition and community local beverages (Poka) and Rice cake (Itti) making competitions.

Crash Course on Elementary Mathematics held

PASIGHAT, April 5:

Under the initiative of Principal, J.N. College, Dr Tasi Taloh and Vice Principal Dr Leki Sitang a 15

Days Crash Course on Elementary Mathematics for Competitive Examinations begins at Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat on April 4.

The objective of the Crash Course is to train the Students to be ready for writing any competitive examinations during their stay at J.N. College in addition to regular undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. It is also a Remedial Course targeted especially for the Social Science Students of all Semesters of Undergraduate as well as Post-Graduate Students of Jawaharlal Nehru College. Altogether 85 (eighty five) Students are taking part in the Crash Course on Elementary Mathematics out of which 12 (twelve) are Post-Graduate Students.

The programme is organised by the Coordinator, Coaching for Entry into Services Cell, Dr Romeo Dupak. Amrit Kr Verma, Trained Graduate Teacher (Maths) of UPS, Ngopok, who has a M.Sc (Maths), B.Ed and MBA in HR & Marketing is the Resource Persons of the 15 Days Crash Course on Elementary Mathematics.

Coordination Meeting held to improve effective delivery of ration through PDS

PALIN, April 6:

A Coordination Meeting was conducted here at Palin, to discuss improvement in the effective delivery of ration through the Public Distribution System (PDS) in the remote circles of the district.

The meeting held under the chairmanship of Sunny K Singh, Deputy Commissioner was attended by the Fair Price Shop Dealers and Nominee Car-

riage Contractors under KraDaadi District.

Issues pertaining to challenges in delivery of ration due to poor road connection, old supply system and outdated rates of transportation were raised and discussed.

The Deputy Commissioner assured that a proposal for an updated ration supply system in the district shall be forwarded to concerned department to ensure delivery of critical ration to the remotest villages under the district.

He also praised the FPS dealers for ensuring delivery of ration throughout the district despite various challenges. He reasserted the importance of ration delivery for the welfare of public and exhorted all the FPS dealersto discharge their duties with a sense of a noble responsibility.

The meeting was attended among others by Joram Sanku, DF&CSO, Tagru Khasa, President, All Arunachal Pradesh Fair Price Shop Dealers' Welfare Association, Nominee Carriage Contractor, who all shared their views and information on the issue.

ICC organizes cross-country Olympic race

ITANAGAR, April 6:

The Itanagar Cycling Club (ICC) organised the Mopin XCO Cup 2024 – the first dedicated cross-country Olympic (XCO) race in Arunachal Pradesh – on the occasion of Mopin festival at IG Trail, Indira Gandhi Park on April 6.

Tajum Dere from Shi-Yomi district won the race in the men's elite category, while Nayu Lapung from East Kameng and Bengia Tebin from

Keyi Panyor district won the second and the third position, respectively.

In the U-19 category, Lijum Ete from West Siang district became the champion, followed by Tame Tarang from Kurung Kumey in second position, and Lobsang Tsering from Upper Siang district in the third position.

Two U-13 riders – Tummil Ramching from Upper Subansiri district and Nabam Lanya from Papum Pare – and female rider Basati Saikia from Assam's North Lakhimpur district were given consolation prizes.

One lap of the IG park trail/track is around 4 kms. The competition was held over six laps, which is equal to 24 kms.

World Health Day observed at Depi village

PASIGHAT, April 7:

On the occasion of "World Health Day" multispecialty Health Camp was conducted at Depi Village on April 7 which was organized jointly by Arunachal Pradesh Doctors Association (APDA), Department of Community Medicine TRIHMS and CHC Ruksin.

Almost as 250 people benefited with complimentary free medicines and diagnostic from the medical camp which was inaugurated by Taking Mibang HGB.

During the inauguration Dr. Moji Jini, Director of TRIHMS explained the gathering the importance of Health Check-up.

He also advised the attending first batch Internof TRIHMS how to extend helping hand to the villagers.

Dr. Komling Perme DMO

East Siang and also the President of APDA briefed the villagers the importance of lifestyle and to avail the golden opportunity and also requested the attending Specialist to make the camp memorable for the villagers.

All specialties under BPGH Pasighat, District Health Society East Siang including Neurologist and Gastroenterologist from TRIHMS attended the camp.

CRPF celebrates Valour Day

NAMSAI, April 9:

Namsai-based 186 Bn CRPF celebrated Valour Day by felicitating its personnel and organising a cultural programme on April 9.

Addressing the gathering of jawans, 186 Bn CRPF Commandant Dharmendra Kumar Singh highlighted the importance of the day.

"The 9th of April is celebrated as Valour Day every year to commemorate the extraordinary bravery, unparalleled courage and heroic deeds of the brave heroes of the CRPF at Sardar Post, located in Rann of Kutch in Gujarat, against a full-fledged brigade attack deceptively orchestrated by the Pakistan Army in the year 1965," the commandant said.

Apart from the cultural programme, personnel of the battalion were felicitated by the commandant for their sincerity and dedication towards their duty.

Among others, Second-in-Command Bipin Kumar Singh, Deputy Commandant Jogender Singh, SMO Chandu Lakshmi Mansa, Assistant Commandant Karpoor Babla, subordinate officers, and 186 Bn CRPF personnel were participated in the event.

Gujrati Yuva Sangam delegates call on the Governor

ITANAGAR, April 10:

A delegation of 50 students from different higher educational institutions of Gujarat called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on April 10, 2024. The delegation is on a tour to Arunachal Pradesh under Yuva Sangam programme of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' (EBSB) initiative.

Interacting with the youth delegation, the Governor highlighted the unique cultural heritage, traditions, beliefs and practices of various tribes of Arunachal Pradesh. He said that Arunachal Pradesh, with its cultural mosaic, is the best example of Unity in Diversity.

Acknowledging the best cultural link between Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat, the Governor talked about Princess Rukmini's marriage to Lord Krishna and mentioned important religious tourist places like Malinithan. He said that women have very high status in Arunachali society and they are excelling in all fields, particularly in education.

The Governor said that due to its unique history, since British rule, the people are ardent nationalists and maintain excellent bonhomie with the security forces. He said that even in remote border villages, the people greet each other with 'Jai Hind'.

The Governor also highlighted the potential sectors of the State, like hydropower, tourism and horticulture. He said that with many projects in the pipeline, infrastructure development at a fast pace, Arunachal Pradesh has a

very bright future. He also shared focus areas like education, health and infrastructure.

To drive forward his vision for prosperous Arunachal, the Governor showed the delegates an audio-visual presentation about Arunachal, its cultural richness and progress. He asked the members of the delegation to visit Arunachal Pradesh again as tourists.

Ms Visakha Shah, B.Tech., Electrical, IITRAM, Ahmedabad, and Shri Saif Rathod, B. Tech, Computer Science, Marwadi university, Rajkot shared their experience of the visit on the occasion. Prof. Sambhu Prasad, Professor & Head, Dept. of Physical Education and Nodal Officer EBSB and Shri Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Hindi of Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh accompanied the delegates.

Central forces deployed to oversee elections: CEO

ITANAGAR, April 12:

While 70 companies of central forces, Special Armed Police battalions and IRBn are stationed in different districts of Arunachal Pradesh, 10 companies of central forces will arrive in the state by next week, and a total of 80 companies will be in position during the general elections in the state, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Pawn Kumar Sain informed in a release.

“The deployment of such a large number of security personnel is the highest ever in the Arunachal Pradesh. The core duties of the paramilitary personnel deployed for election duty is to instill a sense of confi-

dence and security among people to exercise their franchise freely, without any fear.

“The additional responsibilities of the armed forces include maintaining law and order, preventing poll violence, and guarding the electronic voting machines (EVM),” Sain said.

The 10 additional companies of Special Forces have been deployed by the Election Commission of India, in coordination with the home ministry, after assessing the ground reports related to the election process in the state, the release stated, adding that the special forces would “take stern action against those who intervene or interfere in the electoral process in the state.”

The deployment of central forces would help in preventing post-poll violence, booth capturing, damaging of EVMs, and eventually help in eradicating the re-poll culture in the state, it added.

The release further stated that, besides the deployment of the armed forces, webcasting of polling stations will be in place. “Apart from all these, micro-observers have been appointed against the critical polling stations, who would be reporting to the general observers,” it added.

On the poll day, the CAPF will be assigned duties of guarding the polling stations, poll materials, poll personnel and the poll process.

“The CAPF may be deployed in any of the following manners: (i) Static guarding of chosen polling stations solely and exclusively by CAPF; (ii) Static guarding of polling stations as part of a mixed

(composite) team with local state forces;

(iii) Patrolling duty on assigned routes (election sectors) covering a fixed cluster of polling stations; (iv) Patrolling duty as ‘flying squads’ in a defined area with surprise element; (v) Escorting duty of polled EVMs with polling personnel back to the receipt centre/strongroom after polls are over; (vi) Any other work that is necessitated to ensure the purity and fidelity of the election process,” the release informed.

Villagers of Bodak sensitizes various schemes of Small Savings

PASIGHAT, April 12:

Organized by the Office of Small Savings, East Siang District Pasighat, an awareness campaign on rural savings was organized on April 12 at interior Bodak village, few kilometers off the headquarters Pasighat, under East Siang district.

Field Publicity Officer Okep Megu speaking on the occasion apprised the villagers regarding various schemes of small savings and the advantages of becoming a rural savings agent.

The village president who is also a senior citizen Tanggom Tayeng while appreciating the organizers said that more such awareness campaigns should be organized to educate the villagers on small savings.

Treasury Officer cum Ex officio District Small Savings Officer Tigul Megu, President and Secretary of the Bodak village, SHGs and other villager members as a whole joined the campaign.

RGU conducts workshop on visual ethnography

RONO HILLS, April 12:

A photography workshop titled 'Photography in visual ethnography' was organised by the anthropology department of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) on April 12.

The workshop drew a mix of students, research scholars and photography enthusiasts from different disciplines, such as anthropology, sociology, mass communication, history, music & fine arts, tribal studies, forensic sciences, etc, under the guidance of Tirtha Dasgupta, who is the founder director of New Delhi-based School of Fototechnik.

Dasgupta's works have been exhibited in international salons in over 35 countries and he has won more than 1,000 acceptances and awards. He has also received the prestigious Sahitya Kala Parishad Award in 1989 and 1992.

During the workshop, the participants explored diverse genres of photography, including landscape, portrait, and street photography. "Guided by the resource person, each session provided invaluable insights and practical tips, empowering the attendees to capture the essence of their surroundings with finesse and flair," the university informed in a release.

The workshop featured two sessions. In the first session, the participants learned about the application of photography in social sciences and the basics of camera, lenses, exposure and lighting. The second session featured practical demonstrations for shooting small scientific samples

and handling daylight and shooting outdoors.

Later, certificates were distributed to the participants.

Anthropology Department HoD (i/c) Dr Dibyajyoti Das, Social Sciences Dean Dr Radhe Amung, Prof Sarit K Chaudhuri, and anthropology department teaching assistant Millo Pubyang were among those who attended the workshop.

West Siang Police conducts flag march at Aalo

AALO, April 13:

The West Siang district police, along with IRBn, APPBn and ITBP personnel, took out a flag march on April 13 to ensure safety and instill confidence ahead of the simultaneous elections.

The flag march was taken out through the main thoroughfare in the township, from Gumin Kinn to Yomgo Automobile.

Prior to the flag march, police observer Rahul Kakati briefed the police officers and personnel on their roles and responsibilities in ensuring free and fair elections.

He urged them to be vigilant and maintain neutrality during the election. Kakati said that "it is the duty of the police personnel to take care of the EVMs till counting of the votes," adding that "the police personnel should not be involved in political activities."

West Siang SP Abhimanyu Poswal, who led the flag march, urged the police personnel to be dutiful and maintain vigilance during the election. He said that "every voter should be checked carefully before entering into the polling booth."

The SP appealed to all the contesting candidates and the pub-

lic to "cooperate for peaceful, free and fair elections."

Meanwhile, casting votes through postal ballot for the officials engaged in election duties in the district started on 12 April at the government middle school here, and will continue till 14 April. Thousands cast their votes on the second day on Saturday.

The postal ballot voting is being monitored by West Siang DEO Mamu Hage, and the ROs and AROs of Liromoba, Aalo West and Aalo East constituencies.

No poll-related violence has so far been reported from anywhere in the district.

DC inspects School; concern over deteriorating school infrastructure

DAPORIJO, April 13:

Upper Subansiri DC Talo Potom inspected the Govt Rijo Secondary School here and expressed concern over the deteriorating state of the school buildings and classrooms.

Potom directed DDSE Pokpe Rime, who accompanied him, to take immediate steps to "either renovate or reconstruct the damaged school buildings and classrooms without delay."

Emphasising the importance of providing an environment that is conducive to teaching and learning, the DC

stressed the urgency of addressing the infrastructural shortcomings in the school.

He said that the district administration would closely monitor the progress of the renovation or reconstruction efforts.

The DDSE affirmed his commitment to prioritising the matter of repairing the dilapidated school infrastructure.

Index Testing Campaign launched

NAMSAI, April 15:

The Index Testing Campaign in Namsai was launched on April 15 with the rest of the nation by the Deputy Commissioner of Namsai C. R Khampa from the OST Cum FI ART Centre, District Hospital Namsai.

Index testing is the testing of all the contacts of People Living with HIV (PLHIV) such as sexual partners, injecting drug partners, mother and siblings of PLHIV less than 19 years of age and the children less than 19 years of age if Index is a woman.

Speaking on the occasion the Deputy Commissioner asked everyone especially the field level workers to work wholeheartedly in identifying and ensuring that all the eligible contacts are tested. He said that he has full faith in the NGOs working in the district under the leadership of the District AIDS Control Officer (DACO) to achieve the goal of 95% of HIV positive in the district knowing their status and further linking and putting 95% of those detected on treatment. He said that the District Administration will extend all possible help in carrying out this exercise.

Earlier the District AIDS Control Officer Cum District TB Officer, Dr. P. Tala, informed everyone present that the campaign will be carried out in 2 phases, the 1st phase of which is being launched in all the districts with ART Centres all over the country. The 1st phase will be from 15th April 2024 to 30th June 2024. The 2nd phase which will be for the rest of the districts in the country will be from 1st July 2024 to 30th September 2024. After the campaign period

is over, the Index Testing Services will become a routine activity, he informed.

In Arunachal Pradesh, he informed that the campaign is being launched in ICR & Papum Pare and Namsai districts, the two districts with ART Centres. He requested all the stakeholders especially the PHLIVs in the district to cooperate in this campaign.

Longte festival celebrated

ITANAGAR, April 15:

The Nyishi community of the state celebrated Longte festival on April 15.

In the Itanagar Capital Region, the celebration took place at the Nyikum Niya ground in Nirjuli, and at the Nyokum Lapang ground here. The Longte flag was hoisted by Itanagar Municipal Corporation Executive Engineer Yumlam Take, in the presence of a mammoth gathering.

Addressing the gathering, Nyishi Festival Council (NFC) secretary Amith Bengia said that "Longte is the lone unique bloodless festival among all festivals celebrated by numerous Abotani tribes of Arunachal Pradesh."

Highlighting the aims and objectives of the festival, the NFC secretary said that "the main philosophy behind the celebration is to place a barricade between the domains of evil spirits and human beings."

This year's Longte celebration was partially affected by the upcoming simultaneous Lok Sabha and assembly elections. However, people still turned out in good numbers to participate on the ceremonial day at the Nyokum Lapang ground here and the Nyikum Niya ground in Nirjuli.

The NFC secretary appealed to all the participants to "maintain the true spirit of Longte festival by maintaining peace and tranquillity during the ongoing festival of democracy."

He also appealed to one and all to come out and exercise their adult franchise "to elect the best and competent leader(s) to strengthen our democratic process."

Traditional games and sports, food stalls' exhibition and the cultural extravaganza will be held from 24 to 28 April as part of post-Longte celebration, celebration committee chairman Chera Siro informed.

DA, Police carries out Flag March

YUPIA, April 15:

More than 100 men in uniform marched across the entire stretch of Doimukh Township to instil confidence in the electoral process and ensuring that the voters can exercise their franchise without fear or intimidation in the ensuing simultaneous elections.

The flag march led by DEO Papum Pare Jiken Bomjen and SP Papum Pare Taru Gusar was carried out from Doimukh Police Station to RGU Tinali, Saturday market and then Sopo village.

DEO Bomjen urged all the voters to turn out in large number without fear and exercise their adult franchise.

SP Taru Gusar while informing that all necessary security arrangement has been made to ensure a safe environment for voting, urged all the voters to maintain peace during the election process.

"However, any individual trying to create law and order problems and disrupt the peaceful

environment shall be dealt with iron-hands.”

He further informed that there would be certain restrictions on vehicle movement on the Poll Day and appealed all to cooperate for the successful completion of the simultaneous election.

RGU conducts lecture series

RONO HILLS, April 15:

The Centre for Development Studies (CDS) of the economics department of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) hereorganised three special lectures recently as part of its lecture series.

“The 16th special lecture of CDS was delivered by former director of Mumbai (Maharashtra)-based Indira Gandhi Institute for Research & Development, Prof S Mahendra Dev on the topic ‘Regional dimensions: Growth, inclusion and sustainability’,” the university informed in a release.

Prof Dev “highlighted that there has been increase in regional disparity, as indicated by the divergence in per capita income across the states. However, he said that there is convergence in indicators of human development across the states of India,” the release stated, adding that “he showed that important determinants of growth are investment in social and physical infrastructure, human capital, capital expenditure, financial inclusion, and credit deposit ratio.”

The release further quoted Prof Dev as saying that “the challenges of inclusive development are low capital formation in agriculture, incidence of malnourishment, and increase in inequality, and there is a need to expand productive employment, structural transformation, improvement in

women work participation and employment condition, promotion of skills, and training to improve employability of youth employment and promote MSMEs.”

“Prof Dev stated that reducing interpersonal and regional inequality are the key to achieve the status of a developed nation by 2047, and the states have to play an important role as they control 60 percent of the total government expenditure,” the release quoted him as saying.

It said that the 17th lecture was delivered by New Delhi-based Institute for Human Development Director Prof Alakh N Sharma on ‘Growth and employment in India’.

“He presented the employment situation in India and stated that, as per India Employment Report-2024, youth unemployment rate in India is 21 percent, which is very high. However, the overall unemployment rate in the country is only 4 percent,” the release said. “He viewed that the high youth unemployment rate indicates that the country has not been able to capture the benefit of demographic dividend. High youth unemployment is due to lack of decent employment opportunity, as well as due to employability problem,” the release quoted him as saying.

It further said that the professor “argued that it is a matter of serious concern for the country and hence called for policy intervention to generate employment opportunities for the educated youth, as well and promote education and skills.

“He also highlighted the deterioration in employment conditions in some states of India and called for remedial measures,” it added.

The 18th lecture was delivered by former director of Delhi

University’s School of Economics Prof Pulin B Nayak on ‘A brief review of thoughts’, it said.

“In his lecture, he highlighted the progress of economic thoughts since the time of Adam Smith. He mentioned that economic ideas of Smith were highly remarkable and relevant. He pointed out that his idea on division of labour and its impact on labour productivity was a huge contribution to the economic thought.

“Prof Nayak stated that Ricardo also made a significant contribution. The theory of comparative cost advantage on trade was the masterpiece contribution of Ricardo and is highly relevant even today,” it said, adding that the professor also “highlighted the contributions of Robert Malthus, Karl Marx and Keynes, as well as of Indians like Mahatma Gandhi, Dadabhai Naroji, and Amartya Sen to economic thoughts.”

RGU Economics HoD Prof SK Nayak and CDS coordinator Prof Vandana Upadhyay also spoke, it said, adding that the lectures were attended by PG students, scholars and faculty members of the university’s economics and other departments.

Himachal Diwas celebration at Arunachal Raj Bhavan

ITANAGAR, April 15:

In the spirit of ‘Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat’ and promoting the amity amongst the people from different parts of the nation, Himachal Diwas was celebrated at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on April 15, 2024.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) and the First Lady of the State, Anagha Parnaik interacted with the peo-

ple from the State of Himachal Pradesh, who are serving in Arunachal Pradesh in various departments and agencies.

The Governor said that celebrating State foundation day of other States facilitates in meeting and knowing the wellbeing of the people rendering their service in the State. He said that such initiatives promote goodwill amongst the people.

The Governor conveyed Himachal Diwas greetings and expressed gratitude to the Himachali community of the State for their contributions in the developmental progress of Arunachal Pradesh. He cited many similarities of both states, including bordering Tibet, tribal communities, customs and traditions, arts and crafts and treasured biodiversity and tourism.

The Governor said that the 'Vir Bhoomi' is also known for its contributions to national security as every household has at least one member in the armed forces. He said that the first army officer to receive the Param Vir Chakra (Posthumous) was Major Somnath Sharma from Himachal Pradesh.

The Governor and the First Lady of the State hosted a High Tea for the specially invited guests on the occasion of Himachal Diwas.

Index Testing Campaign launched in Papumpare

ITANAGAR, April 15:

The District AIDS Control Society, Papumpare and ICR organised a Launching programme of Index Testing Campaign (ITC) 2024 on April 15 with Support from NACO and APSACS for Papumpare and ICR along with the Nation.

This CAMPAIGN will be in 2 (two) rounds - 1st round from

15th April to 31st June 2024 and 2nd round from 1st July to 30th September 2024.

All the dignitaries present advised the staffs on ways for the successful completion of the campaign.

The DHS had formally launched the CAMPAIGN.

Dr. Anong Borang Joint Director BSD cum Nodal Officer give brief note on technical input regarding the ITC.

The Launching Programme was attended by Director TRIHMS, Director Health Services, Chief Medical Superintendent, Project Director APSACS, District AIDS Control Officer (DACO), Jt Director BSD, staffs of APSACS, DACO, TRIHMS, DTC, NGOs, Metron and Nurses of TRIHMS.

DEO held Press Briefing on Election Preparedness and SOPs

TEZU, April 16:

Shashvat Saurabh, DC District Election Officer Lohit on Tuesday, April 16 briefed all the Sector Magistrate, Presiding officers, Polling officers regarding the various election related preparation, with special focus on dos and don'ts of the polling team. He presented the ideal scenario and approach that should be followed by the polling team; a mock drill was also conducted in this regard.

Also, a briefing of political parties was done by the DEO Shashvat Saurabh with regards to the SOPs that has to be followed in the next 72 hours and during the polling day. He cautioned anyone from violating the SOPs. Then he had a review meeting with FST/SST teams and also discussed the movement plan of the polling team.

Lastly, he gave a press briefing on the various aspects of elec-

tion related preparation, general rules, regulations and the SOPs. He appealed to all the citizens, Political Parties and stakeholders of Lohit to maintain peace, harmony and mutual respect during the process election, he also appealed to each and every electorate to come out and vote.

The meeting was attended by the Sr. SP Tumme Amo, IPS, ADC Kunal Yadav, IAS, Asst. Commissioner, Kamaleswar Rao, IAS and all the other officials engaged in election duties.

General Observer Routay takes stock of MCMC activities

PASIGHAT, April 16:

After attending the fourth and final randomization process, held at the DC's conference hall, the Election General Observer, Dilip Routay on April 16 visited the Media Cell constituted by the East Siang DEO. The GO Routay while interacting with the MCMC members this morning reiterated that it is mandatory for all to take prior approval from the MCMC for posting poll-related advertisement in print media, electronic or on the social media platforms.

Stating that the MCMC plays a crucial role in electoral process, Routay further said the MCMC committee must keeping a close watch on the election-related posts being put up on all the platforms. The committee assigned by the DEO is responsible for keeping check on the poll-related activities and monitoring print as well as electronic media during the electoral process aiming to prevent paid & fake news/information from getting played / published.

The candidates from all political parties and independent candidates are broadcasting election-related advertisements through electronic media including TV channels, radio, print, social media and other audio-visual media outlets are covered by the MCMC and therefore must be pre-certified by MCMC.

Any paid news published in any media comes to the notice of the committee, will have to be informed to the candidate(s) and also the expenditure of the paid news shall be added to the poll expenses of the candidate(s), the GO added. He commended the hard work of the East Siang Media Cell for necessary and wide publicity (related to upcoming elections).

Final Randomization of Polling Officials done in Lower Siang District

LIKABALI, April 16:

The final randomization of officials, who shall officiate as the Presiding and Polling Officers of both Likabali and Nari Koyu Assembly constituencies for the upcoming simultaneous election 2024, has been successfully done in presence of the General Observer Dilip Rautrai on April 16.

The Lower Siang Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Rujum Rakshap and the Returning Officers of both the Assembly Constituencies Mekar Riba and Ainstein Koyu besides others, also had taken part in the proceeding.

With the final randomization process completed, engagement of polling officials for each polling stations of the district is done now.

Delegates from Arunachal visit Gujarat under Yuva Sangam programme

RONO HILLS, April 16:

A 47-member delegation from Arunachal Pradesh toured various places in Gujarat from 8 to 12 April as part of the Yuva Sangam-Phase IV – an initiative of the government of India to strengthen people-to-people contact between youths belonging to different states and UTs.

The tour was aimed at exposing the youths of Arunachal to the growth, development, tourism potential and cultural richness of Gujarat.

They visited Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology (SVNIT) in Surat and its important units; the Hari Krishna Exports Pvt Ltd, which is known for its diamond polishing and exports from Surat to overseas; the Dumas beach and the Surat Fort, the Amul Dairy plant in Anand, Dandi Kutir, the Space Applications Centre in Ahmedabad (a lead centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation), the river front and Atal Bridge in Ahmedabad, and the Statue of Unity in Kedavi village in Ekta Nagar.

They also visited many textile units, food plazas, and temples such as Akshardham temple and Neelkanth Dham Narmada temple in Poicha.

On the return journey, the team visited the India Gate in New Delhi and experienced a metro train ride.

During the valedictory ceremony, SVNIT Students Welfare Dean Dr Sanjay R Patel said that “more such initiative is needed to bring diverse people of the country together, and to stand together in

unity.”

SVNIT Registrar Dr Pramod Mathur expressed appreciation for the efforts of different ministries of the government “for executing such initiatives of bringing youths of different cultures together and for choosing SVNIT Surat to be paired with RGU in Arunachal Pradesh.”

RGU Joint Registrar Dr David Pertin, who escorted the team, expressed appreciation for the SVNIT and the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, for hosting the team.

The participants and the escorts from Arunachal were presented with appreciation certificates by the students welfare dean and the registrar of the institute.

“The valedictory ceremony was a vibrant celebration of cultural exchange, with delegates from Arunachal Pradesh treating their hosts to a mesmerising folk dance, a diversity walk showcasing the rich tapestry of Arunachal’s rich culture through their attires, and also the state song ‘Hamara Arunachal,’” Dr Pertin said.

The Garba dance to the tune of ‘Sanedo Sanedo Lal Sanedo’ by young Gujarati artists mesmerised the Arunachali delegates.

Earlier, on 8 April, the team was welcomed by the SVNIT fraternity, led by its Director Prof Anupam Shukla.

The team had been flagged off by RGU Vice Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha on 5 April.

Police, CRPF and BSF conduct flag march in Pasighat ahead of elections

PASIGHAT, April 17:

As part of the confidence-building measures among voters, the de-

fense personnel including state police, CRPF and BSF personnel had conducted a flag march under supervision of the East Siang SP Dr. SK Singhal, started from the Pasighat Police Station passing through the main town area and was culminated near the IGJ Hr. Sec School ground here on Wednesday, April 17 evening, ahead of the simultaneous Assembly and Lok-Sabha elections slated to be held on April-19.

Led by the DEO Tayi Taggu and SP Dr. SK Singhal, the flag march was also participated by the ASP Pankaj Lamba, DySP, OC and senior police officials.

Addressing the security forces on the occasion, DEO Taggu said that all necessary arrangements have been made to ensure a safe environment for voting, however, any individual trying to create law and order problems or disrupt the peaceful environment should be dealt with iron-hands.

The flag march was conducted to instill confidence in the electoral process and ensuring that the voters could exercise their adult franchise without fear or intimidation, added Taggu.

Meanwhile, Taggu who is also District Magistrate has clamped Section 144 CrPC within the jurisdiction of East Siang district, prohibiting assembly of more than five persons in a group from 7 pm to 6 am from 17 to 21 April.

The order bans carrying of knives, daos, any lethal weapon, firearms, arrow, bow, catapults, explosive materials, etc, within the territorial jurisdiction of the district till the completion of the election process.

General Observer urged to work in coordination

ITANAGAR, April 17:

Amit Dhaka General Observer for Papumpare urged all the sectors Magistrates, Sector Police Officers and Presiding officers to work in coordination with each other for the successful conduct of the election while mentioning that the election preparations till now are proceeding smoothly.

The General Observer highlighted the important role of presiding officers during Poll day beginning from mock poll till the completion of the voting process.

The Deputy Commissioner Capital Itanagar Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta discussed movement plan of the polling team and also held a detailed discussion with the polling team to clear any kind of query or doubt.

SP Capital Rohit Rajbir Singh also highlighted the important role of all the officials associated with election and emphasised on their coordination.

The meeting was held today at the Auditorium of the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly to discuss the movement plan of the Polling teams and to take a final review of the arrangement for the conduct of election under 13- Itanagar Assembly segment.

Among others, SP Naharlung Mihin Gambo, Angad Mehta ASP and SDO cum ARO Datum Gadi attended the meeting.

DC appeals to citizens to vote

ITANAGAR, April 17:

Itanagar Capital Region (ICR) DC Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta has appealed to the citizens of the ICR to

“participate in the largest festival of democracy on 19 April.”

Mehta, who is also the ARO of the Arunachal West parliamentary constituency, appealed to all eligible voters to turn up in large numbers to exercise their adult franchise for the Lok Sabha elections.

Besides EPIC, documents that can be used as proof of identity at polling stations include Aadhaar card, PAN card, unique disability ID card, service identity card, passbook issued by bank/post office with photo, health insurance smart card issued under the scheme of the labour ministry, driving licence, passport, smart card issued by the RGI under the NPR, pension document, official identity card issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs, and MNREGA job card, she said.

The DC has further appealed to the citizens to cooperate with the officials engaged in election duty, and to refrain from accepting bribery in exchange of vote, and “impersonation or obstruction of any kind to the polling team in performing election duties.”

Stating that no mobile phones will be allowed within a 100-metre radius of the polling stations on the poll day, she advised the people to not bring with them their mobile phones when they come for voting.

The ICR administration has declared 17, 18 and 19 April, and 2 and 4 June as dry days.

Governor appeals to the people to cast their vote

ITANAGAR, April 18:

he Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General K.T. Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) has appealed

to the electoral of the State to cast their vote on April 19, 2024 to elect representatives for the eighth State Legislative Assembly and eighteenth Lok Sabha at the Center. He said that the election process is a festival for all and celebrating the festival is the moral, social and practical duty of every citizen. Therefore, it is necessary that we all go to our polling booth on the day of voting and exercise our precious franchise, he emphasised.

The Governor said that India is the largest democracy in the world and all Indians are proud of it. The democratic foundation of our nation is based on elections and we all Indian citizens have the constitutional right to choose our leaders through voting, he said.

The Governor also appealed to all the officials involved in this democratic process to work with dedication, impartiality, transparency, accountability and devotion to duty.

SP Singhal exhorts armed forces to be professional

PASIGHAT, April 18:

East Siang SP Sachin Kumar Singhal exhorted the armed forces deployed for the simultaneous elections in the district to discharge duty with highest degree of professionalism and dedication.

“Be professional and let us feel proud to be a valuable part of the simultaneous elections,” the SP said addressing the security forces here on Thursday.

Singhal informed that after assessing the ground reports,

additional forces from CRPF, BSF and NDRF have been deployed in the district along with the state police and the IRBn.

Singhal stated that the security personnel on duty shall be primarily responsible for protecting the polling stations and regulating the entry inside the polling stations.

“They must ensure that reasonable distances are maintained around the polling booths by the general public, leaders or their workers on the polling day,” he added.

Polling teams dispatched in various districts

ITANAGAR, April 18:

In Yupia, the polling teams for polling stations Habia under Sangdupota circle, 14 Doimukh AC and Kullung under Mengio circle, 15 Sagalee AC were given a warm send off by the DEO Papum Pare Shri Jiken Bomjen in the presence of RO 15 Sagalee Smt. Higio Yame from the Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium Yupia on April 18.

DEO Bomjen wished all the officials for a successful poll and asked them to ensure all the documentations are correctly entered.

Rest of the officials will leave for their respective polling stations tomorrow.

A total of 1,03,989 voters including 51,623 male and 52,366 females will cast their votes in 150 polling stations across Papum Pare on the 19th April.

DEO Bomjen has appealed to all the denizens of Papum Pare to visit their polling stations and exercise their

adult franchise.

In Daporijo, Officials engaged on election duty for P-2 polling stations of different location of district departure along with EVMs and other polling materials on April 17 informed by DEO Talo Potom. Other remaining P-1 of all the polling teams will move on April 18 he added.

In Yingkiong, the District Election Office, Yingkiong dispatched its first batch of Polling parties and Sectors Officers of 3 (three) Polling Stations at Peki Modi, Mossing and Palling (P-2) on 17th April 2024 owing to remoteness of these polling booths and inclement weather.

As per guidelines of ECI Nodal Officer EVM management Beru Dulom along with staffs handed over EVMs, VVPATs and polling materials to polling officials at dispersal center from strong room located at Tourist lodge near DC Office Yingkiong after proper checking by engineers in the presence of ERO (Eln), Election agents of contesting candidates of various political parties and security personnel.

Altogether, 69 Polling Stations have been set up across the district for smooth conduct of polls i.e., 42 at 34- Tuting Yingkiong AC and 27 at 40- Geku Mariyang AC respectively. District has total of 25381 eligible voters which include 12,755 males and 12,626 Female voters.

Meanwhile, Polling parties and Sector Officer for Youth Polling booth at Peki Modi reported that after arduous long hours of foot march despite incessant rain the team reached the Pekimodi safely.

Itanagar Assembly Constituency polling team send off

ITANAGAR, April 18:

The polling teams for polling stations under 13- Itanagar Assembly Constituency were given a warm send off by RO 13- Itanagar AC Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta from the Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium Yupia on April 18 in the presence of ARO Datum Gadi and others.

RO Nagarkoti wished all the officials for a successful poll and asked them to ensure that all the procedures are properly followed and the documentations are correctly entered. She has also appealed the eligible citizens of Capital itanagar to cast their valuable votes.

Polling officials flagged off

LIKABALI, April 18:

Polling teams for the remaining 67 polling stations in the Nari Koyu and Likabali assembly constituencies in Lower Siang district proceeded to their respective polling stations on April 18.

The polling teams were flagged off from the DEO office premises here by general observer Supreet Singh Gulati and deputy commissioner-cum-district election officer Rujjum Rakshap, in the presence of superintendent of police Gothombu Dajangju, returning officers Mokar Riba, Ainstein Koyu and others.

The general observer, the DC-cum-DEO, SP and ROs advised them to perform their assigned duties as per the established practice and procedure of the EC.

The polling teams for the two remotely located polling stations, Hipo in Nari Koyu and Dibe in Likabali assembly constituencies, have already left for their respective polling stations on Wednesday.

'Sanitary pads' as a return gift to the women voters

YUPIA, April 19:

In one of its kind initiative 'sanitary pads' were given as a return gift to all the women voters who casted their votes in all women managed polling stations namely 5-DFO Social Forestry building and 45-KV Building at NERIST under 13 -Itanagar (ST)Assembly Constituency on April 19.

Around 600 women voters benefitted from the initiative.

The beautifully packed packets with a printed note saying "Thank you for your vote, Your vote is the gateway to women empowerment" was very well received by the voters.

The initiative is an effort of District Election Office Yupia in general and RO 13- Itanagar(ST) Assembly constituency Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta, in particular.

The poll day to simultaneous election 2024 under DEO Papumpare went peacefully without any untoward incident. Voters on poll day witnessed participation of first-time voters, women and senior citizens.

Governor, First Lady of the State cast their votes

ITANAGAR, April 19:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM,

UYSM, YSM (Retd.) and the First Lady of the State Smt Anagha Parnaik casted their votes at the Polling Booth in the Government Secondary School building, P-Sector, Itanagar on 19th April 2024.

Along with the other eligible voters of Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor and the First Lady of the State exercised their universal adult suffrage to elect the 1- Arunachal West Parliamentary Constituency representative from Arunachal Pradesh in the eighteenth Lok Sabha. The State Legislative Assembly representative from 13- Itanagar (ST) Assembly Constituency has been elected unopposed.

The Governor, who has been fervently appealing to all Arunachalis to cast their vote, appreciated the people who turned up in large numbers for voting. He said that wholehearted participation of the voters reflects their consciousness and absolute trust in the democratic process in the State.

The Governor and the First Lady of the State, who were in the queue of senior citizens, were pleased with the arrangement. He expressed his hope that voter turnout will be huge and peaceful throughout Arunachal Pradesh.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer Pawan Kumar Sain, Deputy Commissioner Capital Itanagar cum ARO 1- Arunachal West Parliamentary Constituency Smti Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta, SP, Itanagar Shri Rohit Rajbir Singh and Sector Magistrate Er. Debia Padang, EE, PHED were present at the Polling booth.

Despite inclement weather East Siang registers good turnout

PASIGHAT, April 19:

The voter turnout in East Siang

for the simultaneous elections on April-19 sealed the fate of one Lok Sabha seat and three candidates of Assembly constituencies.

Long queues were seen outside all the booths since Friday, April 19 morning and women were seen queuing up before polling stations from 4 am. Most of them said they wanted to cast their votes early so that they could return home and continue with their daily chores.

Women were higher compared to men voters. According to data released by the East Siang DEO, Tayi Taggu, polling recorded good turnout despite inclement weather. 38-Pasighat East polled the lowest votes 78.57%, 37-Pasighat West 88.47% was a bit better while the 39-Mebo was highest at 90.64%.

Reportedly polling was taken highest time in GUPS Ayeng Polling Station which was completed on next morning at 4.20 am Saturday. All polling teams returned safely and deposited polled EVMs to the receiving center, set up at DC's office.

The DEO informed that polling remained largely peaceful with voters from various walks participating enthusiastically in a dazzling display of civic responsibility and pride.

Long queues seen outside booths on polling day

PASIGHAT, April 19:

Long queues were seen outside all the booths since April 19 morning as polling was underway for three assembly seats and one Lok Sabha seat in the district.

Polling station under three assembly constituencies i.e. Pasighat East, Pasighat West and Mebo in which 48,946 vot-

ers are eligible to vote.

Altogether, there are 78 polling stations in the district out of which 18 are critical and 33 are vulnerable in nature. One Pink and one Youth Polling Stations were set up for every constituency by the election department.

East Siang DC cum DEO Tayi Taggu visited many critical and vulnerable polling stations and observed that people were coming out in a large number. People's spontaneous participation will strengthen democracy, opined the DEO.

He also informed that the day was peaceful and no untoward incident from any corner of the district is reported so far. Till filing of this report at 7.30 pm, polling percentage was very encouraging.

In 37-Pasighat West 76.31%, 38-Pasighat East 71.26% and in 39-Mebo recorded 61.39 %

General Observer Dilip Routrai and Expenditure Observer NK Jaiman also visited many polling stations and took stock of the prevailing situation.

Polling official, IRBn personnel die due to cardiac arrest during Arunachal elections

ITANAGAR, April 19:

A polling official and a constable of the Indian Reserve Battalion (IRBn) died due to cardiac arrest during simultaneous assembly and Lok Sabha elections in Arunachal Pradesh on April 19, a top poll official said.

Three others have been admitted to hospitals after suffering heart attack, he said.

Polling Officer Changdam

Yangchang, deployed at Balupothar polling station in Bordumsa in Changlang district, died while being taken to a hospital after suffering a heart attack during polling, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Pawan Kumar Sain told reporters on April 20.

Passang Dondup, a constable in the fourth IRBn, died at Tamen in Kamle district while on naka duty, he said.

Three other polling personnel also suffered cardiac arrest and have been hospitalised.

S.K Paul, a presiding officer deployed in Upper Siang district, suffered a heart attack during polling and was admitted to a hospital in Dibrugarh in Assam, the CEO said adding that his condition is stable.

"Dinesh Kumar Panda, central police force personnel from Odisha, who was deployed in Kurung Kumey district on election duty, also suffered a heart attack and was admitted to Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS), where he is in ventilation," Sain said.

The CEO said that Kesang Goiba, returning officer of Rumgong in Siang district, also suffered a heart attack and is presently undergoing treatment at a hospital in East Siang district.

"An amount of Rs.15 lakh will be paid as ex-gratia to the next of kin of the deceased, while others will be paid as per the prescribed norms of the Election Commission," Sain said.

Polling for simultaneous elections to two Lok Sabha seats and 50 assembly constituencies in the northeastern state was held on Friday. The ruling BJP has already won 10 seats in the 60-member assembly unopposed.

Stations under scrutiny for re-poll

ITANAGAR, April 20:

Few other districts such as East Kameng, West Siang and Upper Siang will first undergo scrutiny to determine whether there will be a need for a re-poll, said the Chief Electoral Officer Pawan Kumar Sain on April 20.

Meanwhile, the state unit of BJP has sought re-poll in 5 polling stations of which, four will see a re-poll.

As reported earlier, re-poll will be conducted in Longte Loth in the Nyapin assembly constituency in Kurung Kumey district and Bogia-Siyum, Dingsar and Lengi under the Nacho assembly constituency in Upper Subansiri district. In all these four polling stations attempts were made to destroy EVMs.

A total of 2212 polling officers have returned to their stations, while 14 are yet to return. This simultaneous election featured three PwD-managed polling stations, 36 youth-managed polling stations for remote areas, and a remarkable 162 women-managed polling stations.

There were a total of four model polling stations including, Neepto Colony Doimukh in Papum Pare, Abotani Middle School in West Siang district and two polling stations in Lohit district.

Sain informed that overall, 72.7 percent of voters cast their ballots for the parliamentary seats, with 76.37 percent in the eastern parliamentary seats and 70.11 percent in the western parliamentary seats.

In the assembly constituency seats, 76.44 percent of voters turned out.

BRO to speed up double-lane highway work in Shi-Yomi

MECHUKHA, April 20:

Legislative Assembly speaker P.D Sona on April 20 urged the BRO to expedite the double-lane work in the Shi-Yomi district.

Sona made the request during a meeting with BRO DG Lt. Gen. Raghu Srinivasan here.

Expressing serious concern over the 'inordinate' delay in construction of the double-lane highway in the district, particularly from Tato to Mechukha, the speaker told Srinivasan that driving along the said stretch of the road is becoming a nightmare for everyone due to the horrible condition of the road. He said that due to the bad road condition, tourists are unwilling to come to Mechukha.

"The need of the hour is to immediately improve the existing road and expedite the double-lane work," he said.

Meanwhile, acknowledging the bad road condition, the BRO DG assured to improve the same. He stated that Mechukha, being a very important destination for civilians as well as defense, needs serious attention, and the BRO will not rest until the road construction work is completed.

"We will construct not only a good road but also an aesthetically pleasing one for the commuters," the DGBR said. He also informed that the Pene-Tato double-lane road will start in May as the survey work is already completed.

The DGBR was accompanied by Brahmanik CE A.K Mishra.

General Observer holds post-poll meeting

LIKABALI, April 20:

With the reporting of the polling teams of Hipo and Richerite polling stations to the retrieving centre here this afternoon, the retrieving process of polling teams of all polling stations in Nari Koyu and Likabali assembly constituencies of Lower Siang district have been completed on April 20.

The General Observers for Likabali and Nari Koyu assembly constituencies Supreet Singh Gulati and Dilip Rautrai have convened a mandatory post-poll scrutiny meeting with the District Election Officer, Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers in presence of the respective Presiding Officers of all the polling stations and election agents of all the contesting candidates.

Meanwhile, the polled EVMs and VVPATs along with important papers have been securely and safely kept in the properly sealed strong room.

Lohit youth library movement wins new friends in IIT Gandhinagar & IIT Bombay

ITANAGAR, April 21:

Lohit youth libraries and the reading movement in Arunachal Pradesh won new admirers and friends at IIT Gandhinagar and IIT Bombay as the library coordinator S. Mundayoor went on a five-week series of talks and lectures at the invitation of the two IITs from 18 March to 19 April.

The coordinator's one month scholar-in-residence programme at IIT Gandhinagar was facilitated by prof. Ambika Aiyar.

durai, associate professor at the department of HSS along with Dr. TS Kumbar, chief librarian, IITGN, while his three-day visit to IIT Bombay was coordinated by prof. Parag Bhargava, professor at department of Metallurgical Engineering & Material Science.

During his stay at IIT Gandhinagar, Mundayoor gave three public talks and three 'joy of reading' sessions for the young readers.

A public talk "Let's spread the Joy of Reading" organised by the chief librarian, IITGN Central Library saw active interactions by several faculty and parents, while the visiting CBSE principals actively participated in the talk and discussion session on "Principals & the Reading habits of their school students."

The public talk "Creative Writing for script-less minor languages" organised by prof. Jooyoung Kim for IIT students and faculty brought enthusiastic participation, with listeners showing keen interest in the reading challenges faced by speakers of minor languages.

The 'Joy of Reading' sessions for young readers was conducted by the coordinator along with senior library volunteer Nishanlu Kri, an MA student in Gandhinagar.

While two sessions were held in the IITGN Central Library, the third one facilitated by NYAASA, IITGN was held in the Govt Middle School, Basan village near Gandhinagar.

Giving her impressions of the coordinator's programmes in IITGN prof. Ambika Aiyadurai said, "Uncle Moosa's second visit to IITGN, as his previous visit, brought in new energy

and enthusiasms among faculty and students. He organised several activities on campus, along with senior library volunteer Nishanlu Kri, an MA student in Gandhinagar. He gave public lectures on education sharing his experience of organizing reading campaigns in remote tribal areas of Arunachal. Most importantly, he left a lasting impression on us about our connections with books and reading."

The three days visit to IIT Bombay consisted of a public talk and interactions with several faculty interested in reading and challenges of youth as well as visits to various departments and projects working on 'Technology for public welfare.'

This included the Centre BETIC (Bio-medical Engg & Technology Innovation Centre), which has produced several highly useful, indigenous, low cost medical devices highly useful for rural and tribal areas, like Arunachal. BETIC has offered to extend their professional expertise for the medical fraternity of Arunachal. The coordinator also visited the C-TARA (The Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas) that works on public health, and rural development challenges & the Dept of Aerospace Engineering.

The public talk by Mundayoor at IIT Bombay "Promoting Joyful Education & Reading in Arunachal – Stories (reflections) from a social Movement" was organised by the department of Met Engg & Material Science and saw the participation of several faculty and scholars and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, prof. Parag Bhargava said, "It was inspirational to hear from Uncle Moosa about the li-

brary movement and how it has touched lives of many children and youth in towns and villages of Arunachal. It was heartening to note that the library movement has found support from various segments of the society including government officials. Also, the impact it has created is visible in several beneficiaries of the library movement now volunteering to help sustain and grow the library movement."

Thanking his hosts at both IITs, Mundayoor expressed his joy in the successful visits and conveyed the heartfelt gratitude of the volunteers and mentors of the Library Network to the director and faculty of both institutions for providing valuable learning experiences to library activists from remote Arunachal.

8 polling stations in state for Re-polling

ITANAGAR, April 22:

Re-polling will take place at eight polling stations in Kurung Kumey, Upper Subansiri, Siang, and East Kameng districts.

The voting will take place on 24 April, and the timing of voting will be from 6 am to 2 pm.

State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Pawan Kumar Sain informed that the re-polling will be conducted in Sario Sara in Bameng assembly constituency, Dingser, Bogia Siyum and Lengi polling stations in Nacho assembly constituency, Langte Loth in Nyapin assembly constituency, and Bogne and Molom in Rumgong constituency.

He informed that elaborate security arrangements have been made for the re-polling.

IGP (Law & Order) Chukhu Apa is stationed at Daporijo to monitor the re-polling in Upper Subansiri district.

“SP rank officers will be in charge of all eight polling stations. Heavy deployments of central paramilitary forces are being done. We will not tolerate violence or attempt to derail the voting process,” the CEO said.

The re-polling has been necessitated in Upper Subansiri, Kurung Kumey, and East Kameng districts following poll-related violence, including destruction of EVMs and physical assault on election agents.

The re-polling in Bogne and Molom in Rumgong assembly constituency has been necessitated after allegation of polling agents entering the polling booth.

“Besides polling agents entering polling booths, there were also complaints of voters not getting a chance to cast votes after 5 pm. Taking all into consideration, the Election Commission of India ordered re-polling in Bogne and Molom,” Sain informed.

He also clarified that, even though the voting timing is from 6 am to 2 pm during the re-polling day, “the eligible voters will be allowed to cast votes after issuing slips if voting is not completed on time.”

On the request of the Arunachal Democratic Party candidate seeking re-polling in Saku, Sipu, Tabiripo, Kakki, and Potte in Nari-Koyu assembly constituency in Lower Siang district, the matter will be examined by the returning officer.

Also, the final voting percentage in Arunachal is 77.51 for the parliament and 82.71 for the assembly elections.

International Earth Day celebrated

ITANAGAR, April 22:

The forestry department of the NERIST here celebrated the International Earth Day, in collaboration with the NERIST Forestry Society (NFOS), on April 22.

“This year, the focus is on actively contributing to the health of our planet through the simple yet profound act of planting trees and protecting the Earth from plastic,” the institute informed in a release, adding that “a plantation drive was organised under the leadership of NERIST Director Prof Narendranath S,” who urged every citizen to “conduct massive tree-planting programmes to tackle climate change in the era of global warming.”

“The challenges facing our planet are immense, and the outpouring of support for tree planting on this day demonstrated that when we come together with determination and purpose, we can create a brighter, greener future for generations to come,” the release quoted him as saying.

NERIST Registrar Dr MK Camder, Academics Dean Prof M Chandrashekarn, P&D Dean Prof S Mishra, R&D Dean Prof MB Sharma, S&A Dean Prof PR Gajurel, Forestry HoD Prof Awadhesh Kumar and other faculty members of the forestry and other departments, along with students participated in the plantation programme, it added.

“The seedlings were developed by the final and pre-final BSc forestry students under an experiential learning course,” the release said.

Dr Camder emphasised that “these kinds of programmes should be organised regularly to educate students as well as the society about their responsibility towards the beautiful Earth and nature,” it said, adding that NFOS leaders Thiaijabela Nampui and Metung Pabing spoke on the intangible and intangible benefits of trees.

Forestry department member Dr Govinda Panggindaministered a pledge to protect the Earth and nature “by taking part in reducing climate change and protecting our natural resources for the next generation,” the release stated.

In Namsai district, the Centre for Earth Sciences & Himalayan Studies (CESHS) observed Earth Day, themed ‘Planet vs Plastic’, at the Arunachal University of Studies (AUS) from 21-22 April, “which witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and guests with a renewed resolution to combat plastic pollution and safeguard the planet’s health,” the university informed in a release.

The celebration featured essay writing and drawing competitions, distribution of T-shirts and caps, a resolution to ‘Reduce, reuse and recycle’ plastic, and plantation drives in the university campus and at the district hospital.

Speakers included AUS vice-chancellor Prof DS Hernwal, CESHS Director Tana Tage, and Botanical Survey of India Scientist D Dr Krishna Chowlu.

The event concluded with felicitation and distribution of cash prizes to the winners of the essay writing and the drawing competitions, it said.

Governor congratulates Yanung Jamoh Lego who was honoured with Padma Shri Award

ITANAGAR, April 22:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) congratulated Yanung Jamoh Lego on being conferred with

Padma Shri Award. He said that it is a proud moment for all Arunachalis.

The Governor said that the prestigious award to Lego is an honour to our indigenous herbal medicine experts, whose healing practices are safe, effective and ethically practiced. He said that the award will go a long way in the revival of traditional herbal treatment practices, which have been passed down by our forebears.

During a civil investiture ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on April 22 the President of India honoured Yanung Jamoh Lego with the prestigious Padma Shri Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the field of herbal medicine and agriculture.

A renowned herbalist, Lego has been distinguished for her lifesaving treatments and her advocacy for traditional healing practices.

Born in 1963 in Sika Tode village in East Siang district, Lego has been a beacon of hope for over 3,00,000 patients suffering from life-threatening illnesses such as various types of cancer, diabetes, hypertension, and more.

Lego's journey began under the guidance of her father, a respected folk healer, which

led her to pursue education in agriculture from the Assam Agricultural University. Post her education, she joined the agriculture department in Arunachal Pradesh in 1988, and served until her retirement in 2023.

With a professional start as an agriculture inspector, Lego's true calling was in herbal medicine, which she practiced intensively after a 15-year apprenticeship with her father. Her treatments, based on traditional knowledge and local herbs, have not only cured but also prevented many diseases, restoring faith in traditional medicine systems.

Lego founded the Indigenous Herbal Heritage in 2009 – a pioneering organisation that promotes the cultivation and knowledge of medicinal plants. Through her efforts, over 1,00,000 individuals have been educated on the benefits of herbal medicines, with the organisation planting approximately 5,000 medicinal plants annually to ensure sustainability.

Her exceptional service has previously been recognised with several accolades, including the Arunachal Pradesh State Award in 2019, the SRISTI Samman Award in 2007, and the Paramparika Vaidya Ratna Award in 2013.

Lego's influence in the field of herbal medicine continues to inspire countless others to explore and respect traditional healing practices. Her dedication and results have positioned her not only as a healer but as a visionary in integrating traditional knowledge with modern applications for health.

The Padma Shri Award acknowledges her decades of dedication and impact, underscoring the importance of tradi-

tional medicine in contemporary health discourse and celebrating her significant contributions to the field.

Lego was accorded a warm reception at the Ruksin gate in East Siang district upon her return from New Delhi on Tuesday. Hundreds of people of Ruksin area, including members of the 90s Hero Sporting Club, the Adi Bane Kebang (women) and villagers of Sika Tode received Lego at the Ruksin gate and proceeded with her to Sika Tode in East Siang district.

Lego was also felicitated by the local societies at Sika Tode and Pasighat.

Puroik child rescued

SEPPA, April 22:

A minor daughter of a Puroik woman was rescued after her mother reported to East Kameng DC Sachin Rana on April 22 that her daughter was being held in captivity by another Puroik woman.

The woman informed that her 9-year-old younger daughter had been taken by the other woman, who was refusing to return the child.

At the DC's direction, Seppa CDPO Ashok Tajo, the police station OC and others reached the house of the woman who had taken the child. The team found that the victim was being kept there in a locked, dark and dingy room, without food and water.

The team broke into the room and rescued the child and later handed her over to the East Kameng Child Welfare Committee, as required by law.

The DC appealed to all the citizens of the district to

“stop such derogatory practices which are not only inhuman but also illegal.”

Men trapped in 50 Mtrs depth well rescued after 4 hours

PASIGHAT, April 22:

Two persons, identified as Md Alauddin Ali (58) and Khem Bahadur Chetry (26), who were trapped inside a 50-mtr deep well in Gumin Nagar area here in East Siang district were taken out after a gruelling rescue operation, spanning over four hours, on April 22.

DDMO Tsangpa Tashi informed that they were fortunate enough to have been successful in bringing the duo out of the well.

“We had to fight a lot to reach the men, who were trapped unconscious by poisonous gas while cleaning the well,” Tashi said.

Sharing details about the incident, he said: “As soon as we received a call from the OC Pasighat in this regard, an SDRF team was pressed into rescue operation, but the hole of the well was narrow, and the SDRF members were unable to go inside carrying oxygen cylinders. Fortunately, one AAPDA mitra, George Pazing, arrived at the spot and voluntarily climbed into the well with the help and guidance of the SDRF personnel and the police.

“After a breathtaking rescue operation, Pazing ultimately brought out both the labourers from the well,” the DDMO said.

Reportedly, both the persons have been admitted at BPGH here in a critical condi-

tion for medical treatment.

East Siang DC Tayi Taggu commended Pazing’s courage, and said that he would be rewarded suitably.

Taggu, who is also the DDMA chairman, congratulated the entire rescue team, including the police and SDRF members, for saving the two lives.

Dr Jamuna Bini conferred Yuva Katha Samman

ITANAGAR, April 22:

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) Hindi Department Assistant Professor Dr Jamuna Bini has been awarded the prestigious Yuva Katha Samman this year.

The Yuva Katha Samman is conferred annually in memory of renowned Hindi short story writer and critic, Dr Vijaymohan Singh.

The award ceremony took place at the Rotary Club of Shimla in Himachal Pradesh on Sunday evening, and was attended by literary enthusiasts, writers and dignitaries who lauded Dr Bini’s achievement and applauded her for “enriching the literary landscape with her compelling narratives.”

Dr Bini was honoured for her exceptional collection of short stories titled *Ayachit Atithi Aur Anya Kahaniyan*, a press release informed.

The award recognises her outstanding contribution to Hindi literature and her innovative storytelling prowess.

The Yuva Katha Samman, instituted to encourage young talent in the field of Hindi literature, has been a significant platform for emerging writers.

“The selection of Dr Bi-

ni’s work underscores the depth and diversity of storytelling in contemporary Hindi literature,” the release stated.

Dr Bini expressed gratitude for the recognition, and emphasised the importance of storytelling in reflecting society’s nuances and complexities.

Army develops infrastructure in Tuting

TUTING, April 22:

The Indian Army under its Operation Sadbhavana developed multiple infrastructure and healthcare projects in vibrant village Tuting in Upper Siang district recently.

The Spear Corps, along with the civil administration, under the aegis of the Siang brigade of the Army, dedicated multiple infrastructure and community projects to the people of Tuting and Bishing.

The projects in Tuting include a fully equipped ambulance for sustained emergency medical services, upgradation of an anganwadi centre and the veterinary hospital, and a children’s park-cum-open gym.

In Bishing village, a community hall has been constructed, and the upgrading of the government primary school has been undertaken.

Governor, First Lady of the State visit Ram Mandir

ITANAGAR, April 23:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), who is on a two-day tour to Uttar Pradesh, visited the world famed

Ram Mandir on 23rd April 2024. Accompanied by the First Lady of the State Anagha Parnaik, he paid obeisance at the temple and prayed for the peace, tranquillity and progress of the State and well-being of all.

The Governor said that Ayodhya Ram Mandir is not just a temple, but a symbol of faith, unity, and cultural heritage. He urged upon the people to visit the Mandir as it is a testimony to the enduring spirit of the Hindu community and their unwavering devotion to Lord Ram.

The Governor said that Lord Ram is the embodiment of righteousness, devotion, and sacrifice and is renowned for his courage, loyalty and devotion. Lord Ram is a symbol of perseverance and justice and a role model of perfection in every human being, he said.

The Ayodhya Ram Mandir is a grand temple built in the Nagara style of temple architecture, characterized by its towering spires or shikharas. The temple is built using pink sandstone and is spread across an area of 2.77 acres. The temple is surrounded by a large courtyard and has several smaller shrines dedicated to other Hindu deities. The most striking feature of the temple is the giant Shaligram stone, a black stone believed to represent Lord Ram and brought from the Gandaki River in Nepal.

Pasighatians accords warm reception to Padma Shri Yanung Jamoh Lego

PASIGHAT, April 23:

Rousing reception was extended to Yanung Jamoh Lego on her

arrival to Pasighat this evening by Pasighatians. Lego received the prestigious Padma Shri award from President of India, Draupadi Murmu for Traditional healthcare contributions. She is the second Padma Shri recipient after Mamang Dai from Adi community.

During media briefing this evening held at Siang Guest House, Pasighat, Padma Lego expressed her gratitude to everyone present and admitted that being conferred with such a high recognition puts immense pressure on her shoulders but at the same motivates her to work even harder.

Lego, a former Deputy Director of the State Agriculture Department, had completed her studies from Assam Agriculture University. She got into herbal medicines and traditional healing at an early age, motivated by her parents and now practicing extensively more than three decades and healing the people across NE region in particular and the nation as a whole. It is also reported that many patients from foreign countries also have been taking her traditional herbal medicines.

Lego Erang Kebang President Atop Lego, ABK East Siang General Secretary Kalen Komut, Anggong Society District Unit President Takiam Goi and Adi Ba:né Aane Kébang (ABAK) President Oming Jamoh Pertin also spoke on the occasion.

East Siang Deputy Commissioner, Tayi Taggu while congratulating Smti Lego for her rewarding and successful career, overcoming three challenging decades, stated that “You are a dedicated healer having tested yourself”.

Meeting held on monsoon preparedness

CHANGLANG, April 24:

Changlang deputy commissioner Vishal Sah held a meeting on monsoon preparedness with the administrative officers and the heads of various departments on April 24.

The DC after reviewing the preparedness asked the departments to enhance measures to deal with any eventuality during monsoon.

He asked the departments to keep sufficient stock of essential medicines, buffer stock of food grains, clear the clogged drains, constitute rapid response teams, identify and cut/trim old and vulnerable trees, keep all channels of communication open 24×7 and identify vulnerable areas to tackle the situation that arise during monsoon.

74 per cent turnout in Arunachal Pradesh re-polling

ITANAGAR, April 24:

An estimated 74 per cent voter turnout was recorded in the re-polling at eight polling stations across four assembly constituencies of Arunachal Pradesh conducted on April 24 amid elaborate security arrangements, an election official said.

The poll percentage, however, is likely to go up as hundreds of voters stood in queues to exercise their franchise even after the scheduled time for voting was over.

The total number of registered voters was 4,469 in the eight polling stations where voting began at 6 am and ended at 2 pm.

The re-polling was necessitated following reports of violence, including damage to electronic voting machines (EVMs), during the simultaneous Lok Sabha and assembly elections in the state on April 19, the official said.

The Election Commission had ordered re-polling in Sario under the Bameng assembly constituency in East Kameng district, Longte Loth in the Nyapin segment in Kurung Kumey, and Bogne and Molom booths under the Rumgong seat in Siang. Dingser, Bogiya Siyum, Jimbari and Lengi under the Nacho constituency in Upper Subansiri were also on the list of booths where re-polling was carried out, Chief Electoral Officer Pawan Kumar Sain said.

Elaborate security arrangements were made for the re-polling.

“For these eight polling stations, we had extensive deployment of security personnel and we will ensure that this time, if something happens or if anybody tries to snatch or touch the EVMs unlawfully, strict action will be initiated,” he said.

An estimated 82.71 per cent of the total 8,92,694 voters had exercised their franchise on April 19 to elect 50 MLAs for the 60-member assembly in the northeastern state.

The ruling BJP has already won ten assembly seats unopposed. The turnout in the Lok Sabha polls in the state was recorded at 77.51 per cent.

Counting of votes for assembly elections would be held on June 2, while that of Lok Sabha polls would be on June 4.

DHS observes World Malaria day

PASIGHAT, April 25:

World Malaria Day was observed by the District Health Society (DHS), East Siang today at Bakin Pertin General Hospital (BPGH) Pasighat with the theme accelerating the fight against Malaria for a more equitable world. The world Malaria day is an annual event to raise awareness about preventive measures against Malaria so that people do not fall victim of the disease.

In East Siang district for the last three years not a single case of malaria was detected hence technically the district is eligible to be declared as Malaria free district. The occasion was marked by a rally by the students BSC Nursing students from Government Nursing College Pasighat and ANM Students from HTRC Pasighat which was flagged off by BPGH Medical Superintendent Dr. YR Darang and East Siang DMO Dr. Komling Perme.

Earlier, the DVBD CPO Dr. Keni Lego briefed the gathering epidemiology of Malaria. An oath taking ceremony was also undertaken to keep the surrounding clean, “Machhar-dani lagao Malaria se bacho, Pani jama hone mat do, Malaria se bacho”.

DC bid adieu to retired officer

LIKABALI, April 25:

The staff of the Lower Siang DC office, led by DC Rujjum Rakhap, bade farewell to industries deputy director Tuli Basar on Thursday, who was posted in

Lower Siang and retired after attaining superannuation on 31 March, 2024.

He had joined government service in 1987 in the industries department and served the state in various capacities.

Rakhap praised the retired officer for “having a clean service career and a good health status.”

The staffers wished the retiree a happy, contented and healthy retired life, and urged him to continue the spirit of service for the people as he used to do with his job.

Basar advised the officers and officials to “maintain a team spirit to overcome challenges of life and render invaluable services to the people and the state.”

Re-polling at 8 stations completed

ITANAGAR, April 26:

Fresh polling at all eight polling stations in East Kameng district (40-Sario, Bameng AC), Kurung Kumey (13-Longte-Loth, Nyapin AC), Upper Subansiri (22-Dingser, 33-Bogia Siyum, 34-Jimbari, and 45-Lengi, Nacho AC), and Siang (19-Bogne and 22-Molom, Rumgong AC) were completed on 24 April as per the schedule of the Election Commission of India (ECI), Deputy Chief Electoral Officer Shania Kayem Mize informed in a release on Friday, April 26.

The ECI had on 21 April declared the polls held on 19 April at the aforesaid polling stations void under Section 58(2) and 58A(2) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and fixed 24 April as the date of the re-polling.

“All the polled EVMs and election materials were brought to the receiving centres in convoys. Scrutiny of Form 17A and other related documents was completed in the presence of the returning officer, the general observer, the candidates, and their election agents.

“After scrutiny, the strongroom of all the four assembly constituencies (AC) were sealed in the presence of the aforesaid representatives,” the release said.

“The chief electoral officer congratulated all the polling teams and security personnel for conducting free, fair and peaceful fresh polls at the eight polling stations.

“The voter turnout percentage of the abovementioned eight polling stations is 79.80, and the total voter turnout in the state stands at: PC – 77.7 percent, and AC- 82.95 percent,” it added.

RGU hosts lecture workshop on chemical sciences

RONO HILLS, April 26:

A three-day science academies lecture workshop on ‘Contemporary topics in chemical sciences’ organised by the chemistry department of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) concluded here on Friday, April 26.

The workshop was organised in association with a joint science education panel comprising members of three science academies – the Indian Academy of Sciences (IASc), Bengaluru; the Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi; and The National Academy of Sciences India (NASI),

Allahabad.

Held from 24 to 26 April, the event served as a platform for the students, research scholars and young faculty members to interact with some of the most eminent academy fellows from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, the Indian Association for Cultivation of Science (IACS), Kolkata, and IIT Bombay, who are actively involved in teaching and research in chemical sciences.

In his inaugural address, panel chairperson Prof Pushpendu K Das from IISc Bengaluru said that “the workshop will invigorate the advancement of chemical science in Arunachal Pradesh,” and encouraged students, particularly students of Arunachal, to take advantage of the various summer intern fellowships offered by the science academies.

RGU Vice-Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha said that “the workshop is aimed at reaching out to the less privileged but bright young minds of our society who have the zeal to learn and know key scientific concepts through the wonderful and magical world of chemistry.”

He encouraged the participating students of the North-east region to “make the best of this opportunity to interact with distinguished academy fellows from leading institutions in India and enrich your understanding of science.”

RGU Registrar Dr NT Rikam said that “the RGU, despite its geographical and infrastructural disadvantages, has been trying to mark its footprint in the field of teaching and research in diverse areas of science education.

“The university is now at

an inflection point and there are several enabling initiatives that have been taken in recent years, such as setting up of a central instrumentation facility in RGU to fuel and accelerate research on Arunachal Pradesh in particular and Northeast India in general,” he said.

Kolkata-based Indian Association for Cultivation of Science Prof Suhrit Ghosh said that “the workshop will serve as a platform not only for sharing knowledge but also for nurturing the next generation of innovators and leaders in chemical sciences.” He encouraged the students, research scholars and young faculty members from RGU and other institutes to “seize this opportunity to engage, learn, and grow as you embark on your journey of academic pursuit.”

RGU Chemistry HoD Dr Rajesh Chakrabarty highlighted the steps taken by his department for promotion of science education in Arunachal.

The inaugural session of the event was attended by deans of faculties, besides heads and the directors of various departments and institutes of RGU.

Subsequent sessions delved into multifaceted topics catering to diverse interests and specialties.

Prof Uday Maitra, FNA, FASc, from IISc Bengaluru delivered a lecture on “molecules that seem to defy rules,” while Prof Somobrata Acharya, FNA-Sc, FASc, from IACS Kolkata deliberated on the world of nanotechnology and its transformative impact on modern science.

Prof Ruchi Anand, FNA from IIT Bombay engaged the students with her insights into “understanding enzymes and

their journey from laboratory to the devices,” while Prof Suhrit Ghosh, FASc from IACS Kolkata discussed the field of antimicrobial materials and their potential in healthcare.

Dr Anindita Das, an associate INSA fellow from IACS Kolkata delivered a lecture on “biopolymers and supramolecular polymers,” and Prof Pushpendu K Das, FASc from IISc Bengaluru discussed “the chemical reaction rates and their application in understanding chemical reaction mechanisms.”

One of the highlights of the workshop was a hands-on laboratory session on the third day, conducted by Prof Uday Maitra, during which the participants engaged in experimental demonstrations and gained practical insights into chemical reactions and phenomena.

More than 120 undergraduate and postgraduate students, research scholars, and faculty members from various colleges, universities and institutes of Arunachal and Assam participated in the event.

Nyukmadung set to get cultural & heritage museum

DIRANG, April 26:

The 16th Madras Regiment, the 46th Infantry Brigade, and the Indian Institute of Heritage (IIH) are collaborating on establishing a cultural and heritage museum in Nyukmadung.

A discussion in this regard was held at Sapper Camp here in West Kameng district on Friday, April 26.

Colonel Asish Tondon said that the museum’s objective would be to preserve and

promote the region’s cultural heritage, traditions, religion and biodiversity.

Emphasising the pivotal role of museums in bolstering the local economy through tourism, the colonel appealed to the stakeholders to “contribute to enriching the museum’s diverse collection.”

Members of the IIH shared their successful experiences in establishing community museums across the country, highlighting their economic impact on tourism and cultural preservation. They urged the entire community to actively participate in the museum’s establishment.

Dirang ADC Hage Tarung commended the Nyukmadung-based 16th Madras Regiment, the 46th Infantry Brigade, and the IIH for the initiative, and outlined areas where the public and villagers

could contribute, encouraging them to donate local traditional items.

Various speakers, including Army officials, PRI leaders, GBs, ex-servicemen, and heads of departments shared insights and ideas during the meeting.

World Veterinary Day

ITANAGAR, April 27:

At Yingkiong, the Upper Siang district animal husbandry & veterinary department celebrated the World Veterinary Day here on Saturday, April 27 with the theme ‘Veterinarians are essential health workers’, emphasising their crucial role in animal healthcare.

District Veterinary Officer Dr Emo Lego, along with his team of doctors and staff-

ers, created awareness on animal health among pet lovers and about availability of lifesaving services at all veterinary centers in the district.

A free anti-rabies vaccination drive for dogs and cats was organised at the district veterinary hospital here to mark the day.

At Tezu (Lohit) unit of the Arunachal Pradesh Veterinarians’ Association, in collaboration with the animal husbandry & veterinary department, observed World Veterinary Day at the district veterinary hospital by organising a livestock awareness event and a free anti-rabies vaccination campaign.

At Likabali, comprehensive free Anti-Rabies Vaccination cum Awareness programme was held in the district headquarter, Likabali on World Veterinary Day.

Dr. Gungte Radhe, the District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Officer appealed everyone to bring their dogs and cats above 3 months of age at the Likabali Dispensary on the occasion for proper treatment on the occasion.

Bwsi-Ayu and Gangu-Ellu competitions mark Dree festival celebration

PAPU NALLAH, April 27:

Bwsi-Ayu and Gangu-Ellu competitions organised online by the Daminda Committee of the Golden Jubilee Capital Complex Dree Festival Committee-2024 at the Dree ground here on Saturday, April 27 marked the beginning of the golden jubilee celebration of the Dree festival in Itanagar.

Millo Halley Yanye

emerged the winner in the Bwsi competition, while Dani Riku Bunyi and Tilling Tadii Puihi were the first and second runner-up, respectively.

In the Ayu competition, Koj Laling bagged the first position. Hage Tado and Habung Tade secured the second and third position, respectively.

In the Gangu (musical instrument) competition, Racho Yakang Yassing stood first. Tanyang Kani Yapi and Tilling Dullei Yattung came second and third, respectively, the festival organising committee informed in a release.

The result of the Ellu competition had not been announced at the time of filing this report.

A total of 51 participants of different age groups enthusiastically participated in the competitions.

The event was attended by, among others, Tage Talin and Kago Tabyo, the chairman and general secretary of the Dree Ground Management Committee, along with GJ CCDFC-2024 chairman Dani Sulu.

“Bwsi is a romantic lyrical folksong dedicated towards each other’s lovers. It is an expression of love towards each other by both genders.”

“Ayu is a unique recitation of descendants and ancestors of the Apatani community by the Apatani menfolk. Gangu Elu is an instrumental music played by the Apatani ladies. The musical instruments used are made by a simple rice straw/hay and a lean bamboo stick,” the release said.

Ex-servicemen rally organised

TAWANG, April 28:

More than 150 veterans veer naris, and next of kin of veterans

from all over Tawang district participated in an ‘Ex-servicemen rally’ organised by the Indian Army at the military station here on Sunday, April 28.

The event began with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tawang War Memorial, where the veterans paid homage to the martyrs of the 1962 war.

The host formation and station headquarters here provisioned staff from the record offices of various regiments to resolve

the veterans’ pension-related issues. Other facilities at the venues included suvidha kendras established by banks holding pension accounts, an Aadhaar biometric updation centre, a veterans suvidha kendra, medical aid, an ECHS polyclinic, agriculture assistance, an NCC guidance centre, and an Army awareness & motivation centre.

The event culminated with felicitation of the guests by the station commander and CO Balban Kamlo (on behalf of the deputy commissioner).

Governor condoles the demise of Lokayukta Chairman

ITANAGAR, April 28:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) has condoled the sudden demise of the State Lokayukta Chairman, Justice (Retd.) P.K. Saikia, former Judge of Gauhati High Court. He said that in the sudden passing away of Justice Saikia, the State of Arunachal Pradesh lost a conscientious ombudsman and a crusader against corruption.

The Governor, on behalf of the people of Arunachal Pradesh conveyed sincere and heartfelt condolence and prayed to Almighty God for eternal peace of the departed soul.

Tage delivers presentation on harnessing geothermal energy

HYDERABAD, April 29:

Centre for Earth Sciences & Himalayan Studies (CESHS) Director Tana Tage delivered a presentation on action plans and progress made towards harnessing geothermal energy from the Arunachal Himalayas during a brainstorming session on geothermal energy organised by the CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute here recently.

“Arunachal Pradesh offers huge potential for tapping geothermal energy as more than 100 hotspots sites have been identified during a survey conducted jointly by the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute, Oslo and Geotropy, Iceland,” Tage informed.

He added that geochemical tests were successfully carried out at IIT Roorkee, and are being cross-verified by the central instrumentation laboratory of Bhatinda (Punjab)-based Central University.

Earlier, Dr Ravichandran from the union earth sciences ministry stressed on developing a “resource potential map for geothermal energy” in order to enhance survey activities for geothermal exploration and initiate a pilot project to showcase the effectiveness of geothermal potential in the country.

“There is a need to evaluate technical feasibility and eco-

conomic viability for the proposed work,” he said, and called for “robust collaborations among various entities, including national research institutes, state organisations, industries, and other relevant stakeholders.”

Oil India Chairman and Managing Director Ranjith Rath advocated reviving the existing deep bore wells originally drilled for hydrocarbon exploration to harness geothermal energy.

He informed also that the CESHS and Oil India Limited would carry out research studies on the abundant deep and shallow oil wells in Arunachal and Assam.

ONGC Energy Centre Director General Ravi shared insights into recent endeavours in Ladakh, and explained the ambitious plans to construct deep bores of 1 MW energy-generating wells.

The meeting was organised at the behest of the NITI Aayog to constitute a “consortium of geothermal energy towards harnessing 10 MW geothermal energy by 2030.”

Interactive outreach programme held

TAWANG, April 29:

The Guwahati (Assam)-based Northeast region (NER) income tax principal chief commissioner’s office, in coordination with the Tawang district administration, organised an interactive outreach programme as part of ‘NER Converse’ at the DC office here on Monday, April 29.

More than 150 stakeholders attended the programme, which was inaugurated by NER Income Tax Chief Commission-

er Chaitali Panmei.

Resource persons from the department spoke on various topics, such as income tax e-filing portal, TDS compliance, e-verification scheme, grievance redressing month, income tax exemption provisions for scheduled tribes, etc.

Panmei presented an overall view of the country’s income tax collection system and the contribution of the NE states in it. She lauded Arunachal Pradesh “for its rich resources, beautiful cultures, and law-abiding, peace-loving and progressive people.”

Income Tax Principal Commissioner N Longvah and Tawang ADC Sang Khandu also spoke.

Programme on ‘Cancer Awareness and its Prevention’ held

ROING, April 29:

A Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme on ‘Cancer Awareness and its Prevention’ was organized by the Department of Health & Family Welfare, LDV, Roing at the Conference Hall of the District Hospital, Roing.

Inaugurating the CME, Deputy Commissioner Soumya Saurabh suggested for regular cancer awareness programmes to be organised in the district.

Professor & Head (Department of Pathology, Patna Medical College and Hospital, Patna) Dr. Dilip Kumar and Associate Professor & Head (Department of Pathology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Bhagalpur, Bihar) Dr. Deepak Kumar delivered lectures on Cancer awareness and its pre-

vention.

Specialists, Medical Officers, Nursing Officers, other Paramedical staff of Health Department and the officials from WCD/ICDS also attended the programme where causes of cancer and its preventive measures were explained in length. As per the latest report, Tobacco is the main cause of cancer in India and the world and almost 50% of the cases of cancer can be prevented by quitting or stopping taking of tobacco.

Uttar Pradesh CS visits temples at Malinithan

MALINITHAN, April 29:

Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra, along with his spouse visited the Malini temple and the Radha Krishna Rukmini temple here in Lower Siang district on Monday, April 29 to offer prayers.

Mishra was all praise for the temple, its upkeep, and also the relevance it has with the puranas.

Talking to mediaper-sons, he said, “The mandir and its surroundings have strong evidence to tell us about the true stories of lord Krishna and princess Rukmini, and scholars and other visitors must come and explore these hidden treasures.”

He assured to see to it that all possible endeavours are made to transform the site into a popular tourist destination.

The CS and his wife also visited the District Archaeological Museum.

Five days Yoga classes for elders concludes

PASIGHAT, April 29:

Five days free yoga classes for fifty

years and above, organized by the Ayi Ke Ekum Society concluded on Monday, April 29 at the Engo Takar Dere, Pasighat.

The said society is 'a home and a day care center for elders' and was formed last year with a vision to provide recreational activities to elders. More than 40 men and women were imparted Yoga classes for lower back pain and easier mobility.

Aini Taloh, founder Chairperson of Voluntary Blood Donation AYANG gracing the occasion as Chief Guest emphasized that it was very important to keep oneself fit and mobile whatever may be the age. She appreciated the Ayi ke Ekum Society for the imparting free yoga classes to the Elders for organizing the Yoga classes for elders with missionary zeal and enthusiasm.

Yoga mats were presented to two oldest members. Tigul Megu, Secretary Ayi ke Ekum informed that such classes would be organized from time to time and further urged the elders to avail the opportunity.

Autism awareness and parental training held

PASIGHAT, April 29:

Many parents and children with special needs participated in one day Autism awareness-cum-parental training and interactive programme held on Monday, April 29 at Spring Centre for child development at the Diking village, Pasighat.

The programme was led by Dr. Oimang Megu, founder and Chairperson of the Spring Centre. The function started with welcoming group dance by the children of the centre and

was taken over by the 'Occupational Therapist' Joji Verghese who highlighted about Autism, the symptoms, assessment and various therapies required.

The Spring Centre for child development is dedicated to children with special needs. The centre provides Occupational therapy, speech therapy, behavioural therapy and special education. At present children from East Siang, West Siang, Upper Siang, Siang, Lower Siang and Lower Dibang valley are benefitting from the centre.

After the formal sessions, queries by parents were cleared and answered by the Occupational Therapist. This was followed by games for both parents and children. The function was concluded with prize distribution to all the participants.

MSJA under PMMSY organised

SHERGAON, April 29:

The West Kameng district fisheries department organised a 'Matsya Sampada Jagrukta Abhiyan (MSJA)', under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), in Shergaon village on Friday, April 26 with sponsorship from the National Fisheries Development Board.

Besides fish farmers of the district, the programme, which was inaugurated by DC Akriti Sagar, was attended by Shergaon CO Anjali Siga, members of KVK Dirang, GBs, the Shergaon Village Council chairman, and other villagers.

The attendees also visited the fisheries stall where value-added products of fish were displayed, and other fisheries activities related to fish farming were

showcased.

DFDO MC Adak said that the programme was aimed at raising awareness about the ongoing activities under the PMMSY "and disseminating information about the benefits of the scheme at the grassroots level."

The DC offered words of encouragement to the fish farmers, "especially those engaged in trout farming and promotion of tourism in the village." She encouraged the villagers to conserve indigenous fish fauna, especially during the breeding season.

KVK fisheries expert Sattyendra Kumar provided information on integrating fishes with other livestock animals to boost the economy of fish farmers.

NGO Garung Thuk deputy chairman DK Thungon requested the administration to "help the department in developing the infrastructure of the government trout farm in Shergaon, as it attracts tourists from all over India throughout the year."

DK Khrimy, the most successful fish farmer of Jigaon village, spoke on his journey of success in trout farming, and screened a video for the benefit of the other fish farmers.

Bomdila Fishery Officer PK Thungon, Shergaon ZPM Tsering Wangmu Lama, and GB DK Lama also spoke.

SRSAC briefs Governor on State PM Gati Shakti Data Centre, LiDAR Survey and MIS, Arunachal Pradesh

ITANAGAR, April 30:

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

called upon the officers and scientists of the Departments of Science & Technology and Information Technology to ensure that technologies available must be used on the ground. He emphasized that the data and information with the departments must be accessible to the farmers, construction agencies and other people in need, while interacting with the Secretaries of the Departments of Planning, Science & Technology and Information Technology at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 30th April 2024.

The Governor, who is technology savvy, said that the State will benefit when the State's decision makers make informed decisions with the help of the scientific data in their planning and governance. He advised the officers to make it usable to all departments as use of scientific data will make any project permanent, sustainable and increase its longevity.

The Governor stressed that the district offices must directly get information from the Science & Technology and Information Technology Departments in real time or near real time for their planning and execution. For this, he said the district offices must automate their data.

The Governor said that our scientists and IT officers must be futuristic in thinking and analysis and forewarn any challenges and disasters, while referring to road in Anini and flash flood in Sikkim. He suggested a data based facility in the Planning Department for monitoring and analyzing.

The Governor said that with optimum use of scientific data, it will have a positive im-

pact on agricultural products, enhance tourist footfalls and improve the monitoring system. He said that monitoring is very important and critical for progress and prosperity of any State and today it is more important for Arunachal Pradesh as large numbers of infrastructure projects are in the pipeline.

Earlier, Dr. H. Dutta, Director, State Remote Sensing Application Centre (SRSAC), Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the State Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti Data Centre, Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) Survey and Management information systems (MIS), Arunachal Pradesh.

Repo Ronya, Secretary, Science and Technology, R.K. Sharma, Secretary, Planning, Anirudh Saran Singh, Secretary IT and CK Manglong, Deputy Director, APSAC were present in the meeting amongst others.

DC takes stock of monsoon preparedness

PASIGHAT, April 30:

In view of the South West Monsoon hitting soon, East Siang DC Tayi Taggu, took stock of the monsoon preparedness of all departments during a disaster preparedness meeting held at DC Conference Hall here on Tuesday, April 30, wherein he asked for timely submission of department wise emergency plan so that District Disaster Management Plan (DDMP) of the district can be updated for prevention and timely mitigation.

One of the main concerns of water logging and

flooding during monsoon season was also taken up and discussed thoroughly, wherein the DC asked the UD department and concerned agency to clear up stagnant / waterlogged city drainages of Pasighat city to prevent flooding and spread of waterborne and vector-borne diseases during monsoon season and for daily water level monitoring with increasing rainfall.

Availability of essential medicines, food stock, relief shelters, emergency plan of essential services like fire services, PHE, Power, Transport, WRD, Highways, PWD and manpower, machineries and equipments, communication plan, public awareness etc under were also reviewed during the meeting on monsoon disaster preparedness meeting.

DC also asked WRD department for daily water level monitoring of Siang River and timely sharing of hydrological data & daily flood report of the district and coordination with CWC. He also stressed on coordination & support of BRO, Army, Paramilitary and other stakeholders.

DDMO T. Tashi earlier briefed on the roles of Nodal Officers of respective departments under DDMA under the Command of DC as Responsible Officer, Incident Commander ADC (Hq) and Safety Officer SP.

The meeting was attended by ADC (Hq) Tatling Pertin, ASP Pankaj Lamba, Joint DHS Dr. T. Tali, representatives from Army, BRO, CRPF, Admin officers, HoOs and HoDs attended.

GOC Johar inaugurates VSK at Pasighat

PASIGHAT, April 30:

Likabali (L/Siang)-based 56 Infantry Division GOC, Maj Gen Akaash Johar on Tuesday, April 30 inaugurated a Veterans Service Kendra (VSK) for veterans, veer matas and veer naris at the outdoor stadium here in East Siang district.

The Spear Corps of the Indian Army has established this second VSK in Arunachal.

“Our ex-servicemen and veer naris and veer matas got a permanent office (single point grievance redressal cell) close to them, from where they can register and follow up on their grievances and anomalies in documentation, avail facilities of CSD, Aadhaar authentication, SPARSH, library and internet facilities,” Maj Gen Johar said.

The VSK will also provide them information about post-retirement benefits, government welfare schemes for them, and details of various entries in the Army, including Agniveer recruitment training, etc, the GOC said.

“The VSK stands as a testament to the unwavering support of the Indian Army to

its veterans,” he said, adding that “it embodies the spirit of camaraderie and solidarity that defines the ethos of the Indian armed forces.”

He also interacted with veterans and veer naris on the occasion.

Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu and retired IAF group captain Mohonto Panging also spoke.

Indo-Pak (1971) war veterans Tonkesor Gogoi and Loknath Gogoi, 56 Artillery Brigade Commander Brig Himanshu Bhatnagar, SP Pankaj Lamba, ADC (HQ) Tatling Pertin, and senior Army officials from the Sigar military station also attended the programme.

Outgoing Students honors with Certificate Distribution

ITANAGAR, April 30:

The Arts Club of Dera Natung Government College (DNGC), Itanagar hosted an event on Tuesday, April 30, as it bid farewell to its graduating members while recognizing their outstanding contributions.

The event began with a warm welcome extended Dr.

Bige Yomgam, Co-convenor of the Arts Club emphasizing the pivotal role of student involvement in nurturing creativity and talent within the institution while welcoming

The highlight of the event was a motivational speech by Dr. Helina Mantaw, inspiring the outgoing students to pursue their artistic passions with fervor and determination. Subsequently, certificates were presented to 20 outstanding students for their dedication and achievements in the activities of the Arts Club.

Dr. Tage Ampa, Convenor of the Arts Club, in a brief address, commended the students for their exemplary performance and encouraged them to remain actively engaged in artistic endeavors beyond their academic journey.

The farewell programme was attended by thirty-six enthusiastic members of the Arts Club marking a poignant conclusion to a chapter filled with creativity, camaraderie, and artistic excellence.

The event celebrated the accomplishments of the outgoing students but also focused on the enduring spirit of creativity and unity fostered by the Arts Club at DNGCI.

NEWS IN PICTURE



Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) and the First Lady of the State Anaghab Parnaik attending celebration of The State Foundation Day of the State of Odisha at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on April 1, 2024.



The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) along with the First Lady of the State Anagha Parnaik participating in the Mopin festival celebration at Itanagar on April 5, 2024.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra, along with his spouse visiting the Malini temple and the Radha Krishna Rukmini temple here in Lower Siang district on April 29' 2024.



A delegation of 50 students from different higher educational institutions of Gujarat called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on April 10, 2024.



Election Expenditure Observer for Papum Pare, Praveen Kataraki, IRAS convening a meeting with the candidates of 13 Itanagar, 14 Doimukh and 15 Sagalee, the Election Expenditure Monitoring team and the accounting team at the DC Conference Hall, Yupia on April 2 2024.



Boxer and Rajya Sabha member MC Mary Kom attending 58th Mopin festival of the Galo community at Gumin Kin in West Siang district on April 5 2024.