

Packaging and Practices of Speciality Type Corn: Pop Corn

C.K.Singh, SMS (Agronomy)

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tawang (Arunachal Pradesh)

Corn (*Zea Mays*) is one of the important cereal crop in the world. It play a vital role in agricultural economy both as food for men and feed for animals, because of its higher yield potential compared to other cereals so it is called as "Queen of Cereals". In India 49% of corn is used in poultry feed industry, 12% as animal feed and 25% as food in various forms. Currently in India depending upon its type, corn is used in various forms. Pop corn (*Zea Mays* var. *evarta*) is perhaps the most primitive of the surviving race of corn. It is a most popular foodstuff in peri-urban areas in big cities of all over the world. This corn type is characterized by a very hard, corneous endosperm containing only a small portion of soft starch. Pop corn is essentially small-kernelled flint type. In pop corn several grain colours are grown viz., white, yellow, red etc. However, yellow types are more common. When kernels of popcorn are heated, they explode and produce large puffed flakes (popping). Once popped, pop corn has two basic shapes:

Packaging and practices of pop corn:

Climate:-

Pop corn requires considerable moisture and warmth from germination to flowering. The most suitable temperature for germination is 21°C and for growth 32°C. Extremely high temperature and low humidity

during flowering period damage the foliage desiccate the pollen and interfere with proper pollination, resulting in poor grain formation

Soil:-

Any type soil suitable for produce a good pop corn. Soil pH should be in the range of 6.5 to 7.5 to get a good crop. Pop corn seeds germinate more slowly than dent corn, and the seedlings grow at slower rate. Thus, medium to coarse textured soils, which warm slightly faster than fine-textured soils, should improve germination, emergence and seedling establishment. The pop corn root system is less extensive than that of normal corn. Therefore, high clay soils and or poorly drained soils will weaken the roots, increase lodging and ultimately reduce corn yield.

Land Preparation:-

Land preparation for pop corn is similar to that of normal corn. To ensure the optimum moisture for germination, pre-sowing irrigation should be applied. After reaching the field to tilth condition, two cross ploughings with disc plough and one ploughing with cultivator followed by planking were done for good seedbed preparation. If needed, a spike-tooth harrow or other finishing tools can be used with the last pass over the field to smooth the seedbed.

Sowing time:-

Optimum time of sowing is depends on type of variety,

weather condition, soil type and irrigation facility etc. However, most appropriate time of sowing is the last week of May to the first fortnight of July. Planting later than 15th July often results in a reduction of yield. Early planting permits the crop to mature and reach the desired harvesting moisture of 15-18% by early to mid-October. Rabi sowing preferably is completed in between October end and middle of November so that the crop can establish itself before the onset of winter.

Seed and sowing method:-

Seed rate for popcorn is lower than for normal corn because of its smaller kernel size. Seed was dibbled on the side of the ridges at a spacing of 15-20 cm keeping 3-4 cm seed depth. With irrigation facility the population should be from 80,000 to 83,000 plants/ha. A slightly lower population is used for dry land areas. Thus recommended seed rate of popcorn varieties is 12-14 kg/ha.

Seed treatment:-

Before sowing of the pop corn, the kernel/seed should be treated with Imidacloprid @ 2ml/kg seed, to avoid the insect attack.

Varieties:-

Amber Pop, Jawahar Pop corn-11, pearl Pop, VL Amber

Fertilizer management:-

Fertilizer requirements for pop corn are similar to normal corn. Fertilizer doses should be

decided on the basis of soil test. In general the recommended doses of fertilizers are 120: 60: 40 kg/ha each of N, P₂O₅ and K₂O. In common the efficiency of nitrogen utilization during Rabi season is better than kharif season. Nitrogen requirements are based on expected yield. The nitrogen should be applied into three split (1/3 each as basal, teaselling and grain formation stage) doses. As pop corn seedlings grow slower than normal corn, a starter dose is more important than subsequent split doses. However, it must be kept in mind that high nitrogen rates can cause lodging, especially when less than the recommended rate of potash is used while, full dose of P₂O₅ and K₂O should be applied at the time of sowing with a uniform application of 25 kg/ha zinc sulphate once in three seasons.

Intercropping:-

Pop corn being a snack items can successfully be cultivated in peri-urban areas in world wide. Though, instead of cultivating pop corn as sole crop it may be intercropped with other highly remunerative crops like cabbage, cauliflower, radish, spinach, coriander, potato, marigold, garlic, tuberose, gladiolus, spices and pea etc. It provides additional income to the farmers from unit area and makes agriculture more productive, profitable and sustainable.

Irrigation:-

Irrigation of pop corn is the same as that for normal corns. Some growers like to delay early irrigation to stimulate better rooting of the developing plants. However, the value of this practice has not been determined. Irrigation during pollen shed is not recommended. Ir-

rigation, should continue until the black-layer has formed in the developing kernels.

Weed Control:-

Two hand-weeding are sufficient at 25 and 50 days stage after sowing to check weed growth. Tractor or bull-oek drawn cultivator is usually undertaken once at knee-high stage if weed situation requires. For chemical weed control, application of Atrazine or Simazine @ 1 kg a.i. per hectare at the time of sowing or before emergence of plants is used. This gives weed protection up to 30-35 days after sowing.-

Insect and Disease Control:

Pop corn is more susceptible than field corns to diseases especially stalk rots and ear rots, and blue eye disease caused by three types of moulds *Penicillium viridicatum*, *P. cyclopium* and *Aspergillus glaucus*. These pathogens not only affect the crop in the field but may also affect stored grains leads to low popping volume, low germination and sometimes a high level of toxicity. This disease is best controlled by proper aeration during storage. However, application of Bavistin @ 1 g a.i. per litre takes care of most of the foliar diseases.

Maturity:-

Pop corn matures in 85-90 days in kharif and 95-105 days in Rabi. Since kernels are the monetary product, harvest should necessarily be done on the attainment of physiological maturity, which is evidenced by the formation of a black polyphenol layer at the base of the kernels. For optimum popping expansion the pop corn should be dried to 14-15% grain moisture. The harvested and shelled

pop corn is stored in moisture-proof sealed containers.

Harvesting and Storage:-

Either ear or shelled pop-corn may be harvested. Moisture at harvesting for ear corn should be 18-20% and for shelled corn 16-18%. Harvesting equipment should be adjusted accurately and carefully so that kernel damage is prevented. Damaged kernels do not pop properly and will cause a discount on the grain market. Depending on the proximity of the processing plant, the grain may be delivered directly at harvest or stored on the farm until delivery is requested. If on-farm storage is required, storage facilities must be clean and good aeration must be provided. Aeration is essential for extended storage. Generally, the delivery of the grain is taken at 14-15% moisture, so the storage and aeration facilities must be able to remove some grain moisture. Relative humidity of 70% will maintain the grain at the proper moisture. Kernels that are too dry will not pop properly. Dirt, cob remnants and other foreign material at harvest must be cleaned before storage. Proper moisture level is the reason to store pop corn properly. For day-to-day use pop corns are to be stored in airtight container and in cool cupboard. Pop corn should not be stored in refrigerator. Air inside a refrigerator contains very little moisture and can cause the pop corn to dry out.

Marketing:

Pop corn is mainly produced under contract farming, which specifies the varieties and the acreages to be planted. The grower usually buys the seed through the contracting

company. Pop corn seed grown without sales contract is difficult to market and is risky for farmers who do not have appropriate storage facility with good aeration.

Popping Quality:-

The quality of pop corn is expressed as popped volume, shape of the popped kernels, tenderness, and flavour. Only volume can be measured easily. The popped volume is perhaps most important because the commercial buyers buy on weight basis but sell the popped pop corn by volume. The conventional oil popping methods are still most common. However, air popping and microwave popping are becoming increasingly important in the retail market. Popping expansion of the commercially occupied pop corn varieties in USA is 40: 1, while that in India is just 20: 1. Problems associated with low expansion volume, the high number of unopposed kernels and scorching of popped kernels make conventional popping superior to microwave popping.

Popcorn variety, the moisture content of the kernels, storage conditions, type of package, and microwave oven wattage influence the quality of microwave popping.

Value Addition:-

Pop corn while being popped can be coated with salt or sugar or cheese. Sometimes coating with chocolate, enhances the market value and consumer acceptance. The manufacturers prefer butterfly type of popping due to increased volume since pop corn after popping is sold on a volume basis but consumers prefer mushroom types.

Future Strategies for Pop corn in India-

Till date in India no hybrid of pop corn is available. Thus the produce has less uniformity, which in turn affects their market acceptance, particularly in international market. Therefore, there is a need to develop pop corn hybrids in India. Second problem associated with Indian pop corn cultivars is less popping ratio. Best pop corn variety has popping ratio of 20: 1 as against 40: 1 in

USA and they group in medium size only. Thus there is scope to breed for pop corn cultivars with enhanced popping ratio and with soft texture and bigger volume. During breeding, scheme selection is to be made towards kernels with thick pericarp, hard coating with soft starch cavity inside. For this purpose efforts may be made in screening of germplasm and their utilization in breeding schemes. Popping ratio of pop corn is very much dependent on storage as well as popping temperature and moisture. Therefore, appropriate drying and storage of pop corn grains are very much essential. In USA and other developed countries food industries are involved in packaging pop corn with appropriate oil, butter and salts in popping bags. These bags are ready to pop in microwave. As a result such packings are very handy for end users and they fetch very good market price. Such entrepreneurship is very much essential in India. This is possible only with support from food industry and policy makers.



Team IPR meets Lt Governor Ladakh

LEH, October 1:

The team IPR from Arunachal Pradesh lead by Secretary, IPR Nyali Ete made a courtesy call on the Lt. Governor of Ladakh Brigadier (Rtd) Dr.B.D. Mishra on October 1.

The team is on a visit to Ladakh to attend the Himalayan Film Festival on invitation by the Ladakh Government.

Other members of the team Included, Under Secretary IPR B. Goswami, DDIPR, Marbang Ezing, PGO Manoj Bhattacharjee and renowned film maker from Arunachal Pradesh Kombong Darang.

Assam Rifles conducts Sainik School counseling cum Interactive Session

KHONSA, October 1:

Assam Rifles conducted a counseling cum interactive session for Sainik School Aspirants at Assam Rifles Public School, Khonsa on October 1.

The counseling cum interactive session was conducted for the students who were short listed after the series of exams conducted by Assam Rifles in various schools within the Tirap district earlier in August, this year.

A total of 40 students along with their parents and guardians attended the session. The counseling was conducted primarily to motivate the students and enlighten them about various aspects pertinent to being enrolled in the prestigious Sainik Schools.

The counseling session was a prelude to the coaching classes that are being imparted to the students from October 3, 2023 at Assam Rifles Public School, Khonsa. The classes are conducted under the tutelage of experienced teaching staff who would conduct lectures in consonance with a meticulously crafted curriculum.

This initiative by Assam Rifles will pave way for the future of the youth of Tirap district. The number of students who had enrolled for the test that was conducted previously was enormous and indicates the favor of the masses in support of this initiative. The students & their parents were grateful and extended their gratitude for this thoughtful gesture by the Assam Rifles.

CM flags off first ever high-altitude Tawang Marathon

TAWANG, October 1:

The first ever high-altitude Tawang Marathon kicked off here on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at Tsangyang-Galwa High Altitude Stadium.

The event comprising of 42kms, 21kms, 10kms and 5kms category race was flagged off by Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, Sports Minister Mama Natung and MP Tapir Gao respectively.

More than 2500 participants registered for the event to test their physical endurance at about 10000 feet.

Speaking on the event, Chief Minister called the moment historic and thanked the Indian Army for organizing the national level event successfully with support from Govt of Arunachal Pradesh. He also thanked all the participants for having made it to the event.

Chief Minister announced that Tawang Marathon will be made annual event and declared it will be go international by next year by making the competition open for foreign national as well. He also said although the event is being held for the first time, its popularity has reached far and wide with various MNCs and organizations willing to sponsor it.

With support from PM Narendra Modi, the State is witnessing fast paced development in the field of sports as well speedy improvement in sports infrastructure. Due to which, the CM said, the State in the last seven years has been able to host various national and international sporting events - national river rafting, national women football, national boxing, Southeast Asian Table Tennis, national curling, national marathon and national tug of war.

Also present on the occasion were MLA Tawang Tsering Tashi and GoC 4 Corps Lt Gen Manish Erry.

Swacchhata Hi Seva organized at Ziro

ZIRO, October 1:

The Ziro Highway Division in collaboration with Regional Office Itanagar, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways organized a garbage cleanup operation at the Ziro-Hapoli TAH stretch under the Swacchhata Hi Seva cleanliness drive here on Sunday, October 1.

Participants included local MLA and Minister Agriculture and Allied Er. Tage Taki, PWD Highway Chief Engineer Nani Robin, Regional Officer Itanagar, Ministry of Road Transport and Highway Govt. of India Er. Subhash Chandra, Chief Engineer Arunank Project Brigadier Yogesh Nair, Commander 756 BRTF Pinegrove Col. Archana Sood and her team, PWD Superintending Engineer Er. Gyati Anda, PWD Ziro Division Executive Engineer Er. Hage Tachang and his team, Managing Director of Puna Hinda Constructions and renowned Highway contractor Puna Hinda, state BJP youth leader Nani Opo, members of Apatani Women association Ziro (AWAZ), Old Ziro Market Committee, All Hija Youth Association, All Dutta Association and students of Ziro Valley School.

Later, Er. Subhash Chandra, Regional Officer, Ministry of Road Transport and Highway Govt. of India explained that the programme was part of the central Govt's policy of 100 hours cleanliness drive with minimum two hours per week under the Swachhata Hi Seva cleanliness drive programme. He further added that the Ministry of Road Transport had been instructed by central Govt. to generate awareness of the policy starting from 1st of this month and appealed public of the district to cooperate and take active part in Swachhata Hi Seva cleanliness drive to keep their surroundings neat and clean.

200 participants cleaned up the garbage of 10 kms stretch Ziro-Hapoli TAH frequented by the visitors to recent Ziro Festival of Music and the public alike.

42 Kms 'Clean & Garbage Free' awareness Cyclothon flagged off

PASIGHAT, October 2:

A 42 Kms 'Clean & Garbage Free' awareness Cyclothon was flagged off by Tayi Taggu, DC, East Siang, Pasighat on October 2, 2023 on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

The event was conducted by Pasighat Smart City in collaboration with District Administration and Pasighat Municipal Council to mark the Swachh Bharat Diwas.

It took off from Silluk Village (The Cleanest Village of East Siang District) Pasighat and culminated at Raneghat bridge.

DC Taggu, on the occasion, applauded the effort of Swachh Silluk Abhiyan & villagers and appealed to everybody to have such mindset and help in keeping the district clean, which in turn help in keeping the nation clean. Citing the example of Indore City in Madhya Pradesh for being the cleanest city for six consecutive years, which has a population of 33 lakhs, he said, 'If the people of East Siang determine with much lesser population, it won't be a herculean task for us to keep our district clean'.

He also appreciated and thanked the people of Silluk for hosting the event and also thanked SportBox for proactive step to sponsor the event, and also the Medical and Police Department for the constant support.

More than 40 people took part in the Cyclothon. CEO Dr. Manjuli Komut, MEO Pandov Perme and TP Tani Taloh also participated in the Cyclothon.

Gandhi Jayanti celebrated across the State

Governor calls upon people to imbibe the ideals of Mahatma

Gandhi

ITANAGAR, October 2:

Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated across the state in a befitting manner. Along with the rest of the Nation, the Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on October 2, 2023.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) along with the First Lady of the State Smt Anagha Parnaik led the participants in paying floral tribute to the Father of the Nation on his 154th birth anniversary. Mahatma Gandhi's favourite bhajan, 'Vaishnav Jan To' was played on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor called upon the people to imbibe the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, particularly his virtue of simplicity. He said that Gandhi ji believed in 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' and advocated for love for all living things.

The Governor said that Gandhi ji was a very secular person, honest to the core, lived a simple life, he had high ideals and was firm in his decision. He was disciplined and always promoted it in all his activities.

The Governor recalled the contributions of Gandhi ji in the India Independence movement on the occasion. He said that his idea of 'non-violence' facilitated in achieving our freedom.

The Governor also paid tribute to former Prime Minister of India Late Lal Bahadur Shastri on his birth anniversary. He said that Late Shastri was known for his honesty and humility throughout

his life and his popular slogan 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan'.

Secretary to Governor Shri Darade Sharad Bhaskar also spoke on the occasion. The officers and staff of Raj Bhavan along with special invitees participated in the celebration.

At Ziro, the granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the nation, Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee said, she was privileged to visit Arunachal Pradesh, the land of the rising sun unlike her grandfather who did not have that opportunity. She also urged the people of Arunachal Pradesh to initiate a new movement of Sarvodaya championing the ideals of Gandhi -Truth, Love, Kindness and Bravery for a better and more human society.

Inaugurating a series of centres at Mahatma Gandhi Centre at Hong village in Ziro during the Gandhi Jayanti celebration here yesterday, the 94-year-old Gandhi shared her heartfelt inspirational connections with her iconic grandfather Mahatma Gandhi.

Tara Gandhi informed that she had been associated with Mahatma Gandhi till the age of 14 and remembers meeting him in jails and railway journeys. She described Gandhi as a man of the moment who spoke about the future, emphasizing his ability to resolve disagreements and turn adversaries into friends. She encouraged children to remember Gandhi for his simplicity and infectious smile, portraying him as a spiritual sage (Rishi) who lived a disciplined and uncomplicated life.

Tara Gandhi also spoke about her maternal grandfather, C. Raja Gopalachari and underscored his significant role in the Gandhian movement.

Praising the local handicrafts of Ziro, Tara Gandhi urged to promote them globally through the

Gandhi Sangralaya. She also acknowledged the warm hospitality of the people of Arunachal Pradesh and their role as hosts during her stay. She further emphasized the need for sustainable development in Ziro Valley and stressed the importance of nurturing the growth of both mind and thoughts, particularly among the women of the Himalayan region.

Tara Gandhi also highlighted the importance of responsible citizenship and reminded the people of their duty to society while also underscoring the important role of language in connecting people and fostering unity.

On the occasion, Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee unveiled the life-sized bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi funded through the philanthropic contributions of Aditya Ghosh, Entrepreneur & Co-founder, Akasa Air and inaugurated the Mahatma Gandhi Centre housing a Library, Digital Career Guidance Centre, Children's Activities Centre, Citizen Services Centre, Farmer's Sales Hub and a Health Clinic initiated by Helping Hands.

An exhibition organised by the National Gandhi Museum, Delhi depicting the "life and works" of Mahatma Gandhi was also inaugurated jointly by Tara Gandhi and Dr. Annamalai, Director, National Gandhi Museum, Delhi.

Applauding the Helping Hands for their yeomen humanitarian services which had won the hearts of the people of the country, local MLA and Minister Agriculture and Allied Er. Tage Taki cited the example of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who had also won the hearts of people world-wide through Ahimsa or Non-violence. Ahimsa had been followed in India right from Gautam Buddha to Mahatma Gandhi and our young generations should also follow and

imbibe the principle, he said, while adding there was no place for violence in the modern day world.

Deeply appreciating the proposal of Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee to physically travel to Arunachal Pradesh and inaugurate the Mahatma Gandhi Centre instead of doing it 'online', President, Helping Hands Robin Hibu said the centre has been dedicated to the people of Ziro valley for their unflinching faith and belief in Ahimsa since time immemorial. The world knows Apatani people for their peace loving nature and non-violence or Ahimsa remains as their traditional hallmark, he said. Hibu also said the Mahatma Gandhi Centre is sort of a 'pay back to society' where facilities are available to both students and farmers. Our young generation students and farmers can both use the centre for their benefits, he explained.

A 'Pride of Ziro' gold medal with certificate was also awarded to nine distinguished Apatani individuals who excelled in their chosen fields of expertise and contributed in making Ziro a better place to live.

The awardees comprised Apatani music lyricist and composer Late Nani Challa, founder of modern Dree festival celebration Lod Kojee, owner of 'Mother's Home', a home to the destitute Taiyang Santi, retired star footballer Lod Tabyo, famed Apatani singer and composer Hage Tade, chairman of Puna Hinda Constructions and renowned highway contractor Puna Hinda, General Secretary Tani Supun Dukun Taku Chatung and engineer Tapi Tai. Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime was also awarded with 'Excellence in Public Administration' award.

Later, Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin

Nime, Aditya Ghosh, Co-founder, Akasa Air, Bhanu Pratap Singh, Founder-Director, NE Farm Sales Promotion Ltd, Prof. Rihan Khan, Director, Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Jamia Milia Islamia University, Phursat Vajpayee, Initiator Atal Bihari Vajpayee Seva Kendra, Dr. A. Annamalai, Director Gandhi Museum, Delhi, Gaurav Vats, COO Pay2ment Software Technologies Pvt.Ltd and Armstrong Pame, IAS and Chief Advisor Helping Hands also spoke on the occasion.

Prizes were also awarded to students for essay writing and painting competitions organized during the Gandhi Jayanti celebration.

At PASIGHAT : Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated here on October 2 last marking the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Karamchand Gandhi in a befitting manner at Gandhi Chowk, Pasighat main market.

Local MLA Kaling Moyong and Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu felicitated the Crusaders of Cleanliness (Safai Karamcharis) of Pasighat Municipal Council (PMC) for their dedicated efforts, tireless and unparallel services in city cleanliness. All faith prayers, recitation of Bhajan "Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram", were also organized as part of the Gandhi Jayanti celebration.

Along with others, the Pasighat East MLA, DC, PMC Chief Councillor Okiam Moyong Borang, ADC (Hq), Oli Perme, CEO Pasighat Smart City Dr. Manjuli Komut, DDSE Odhuk Tabin, MEO (PMC) Pandov Perme also paid floral tributes to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi. Officers and officials, teachers and students from various schools, members of Pasighat market association & NGOs and common masses also actively

took part in the celebration with zeal and enthusiasm.

In his brief address on the occasion, MLA Moyong said that the Gandhiji's message of cleanliness (Swachhta), unity and harmony among fellow Indians is our guiding light for all of us.

Flagged off by the DC Tayi Taggu, the District Administration in collaboration with the Pasighat Smart City Development Corp. Ltd. (PSCDCL), Pasighat Municipal Council (PMC) & Swachh Silluk Abhiyan & Sports, Pasighat had organized a Cyclothon spanning Silluk- Ngopok-Mebo-Raneghat today as part of Swachh Bharat Diwas.

Reports of extensive celebrations under Ruksin and Mebo subdivisions including all the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and schools/institutions also received.

PALIN: To mark the 154th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a massive cleanliness drive cum social service was held across the Kra Daadi District.

DC i/c Yame Higio led the proceedings at DC office premises. She along with office staffs paid their homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary. On the occasion, she exhorted the gathering present to follow the path set by Mahatma Gandhi.

Similar programs were held in other circles of the district. In Tali, PHED led the social service under Swachhata hi Seva campaign. Palin Forest Range office, DHO office, BDO office, Byabang Heri Govt Hr secondary school among others observed the day with pomp and gaiety.

Special Gram Sabhas were held in Tebital GP segment under Chambang Circle and Gangte GP segment under Gangte Circle. A unique example of cooperation and coordination among common

public was seen in Karpu Kenye colony where denizens came together to clean their colony road.

RONO HILLS: The International Centre for Gandhian and Peace Studies (ICGPS), Department of History, Rajiv Gandhi University organised a one day National Workshop on "Gandhi and World Order: Reflecting Messages from his Life" on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti in the University Campus here on the day.

Chairperson of the programme, Dr. J. Suresh Babu, IAS (Retd.) and Chancellor of the University in his speech highlighted the developmental status mentioning North eastern region. Regarding Gandhiji's ideal of truth and non-violence should come from the heart. Non-violence requires self-development. He also talked about Gandhiji's concept of Sarvodaya which implies upliftment of all the people and equal access to all. Through it rural-urban disparities and poverty can be tackled. He further said that our souls after death find peace when we have followed an honest life by doing good deeds and service to the society rather than spending huge amount on rituals performed in death ceremony. Supporting Gandhiji's concept of Swaraj, he said that villages should grow independently without much aid from the centre instead of present-day industrialization which results in accumulation of wealth by few. Lastly, in relation to Northeastern states, he said that human beings and culture have to live together.

Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor of the university described that the Charkha is not just a tool but it symbolizes AatmaNirbhar Bharat (self-reliance). He also emphasised that one need to understand self before understanding Gandhiji. Besides Gan-

dhiji he also highlighted on the life of Lal Bahadur Shastri, and other great soul of India and who also shared the birthday with Gandhiji. He talked about the humility and down to earth persona of Lal Bahadur Shastri which people need to emulate in their life.

Prof. P. K Nayak, Coordinator of the programme and HoD, History welcomed the dignitaries and participants, introduced the theme of the Workshop, and highlighted the relevance of the Gandhian ideals in the present day world. The programme was followed by Spinning of Charkha by the students of the Department and prize distribution to the winners of Essay, Debate, Painting and Bhajan competitions from the Government Secondary School, RGU Campus and Department of Fine Arts and Music. The audience also witnessed a short film on Gandhi.

Resource Person of the workshop, Prof. (Retd.) S.N. Singh said that the theme of the Workshop Gandhi and World Order is appropriately chosen because of contemporary developments happening in the world around us whether it is Ukraine War in Europe or Nagorno Karabakh conflict in Caucasus region and elsewhere. This choice has to be non-violence and Satyagraha, so passionately experimented, espoused, and advocated by Mahatma Gandhi.

Dr. Prasad Gollanapalli, Managing Trustee, GKF, Hyderabad spoke on the topic promoting global peace, harmony through non-violence- a Gandhian approach. World is looking to Gandhi for its problem. Gandhiji organized people for a universal purpose such as caring for the weak, downtrodden, and oppressed. Gandhiji's patriotism was based on peace, freedom, and equality for all. For bringing

peace in the world, he emphasised on upbringing children who are disciplined and obedient who will later make the world a better place. For promotion of peace, nonviolence should be the way of life. Non violence in every aspect of human endeavour- non-violent agriculture, non-violent technology, non-violent food, non-violent behaviour, non-violent communication is the need of hour.

Dr. N.T. Rikam, Registrar, Prof. Otem Padung, Finance Officer, Prof. S.K. Chaudhuri, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Dean, Prof. P.K. Panigrahi and Dr. Tajen Dabi, Deputy Coordinator, ICGPS, RGU.

At Koloriang, the serene town of Koloriang in the Kurung Kumey district came alive as it celebrated the 154th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi with immense fervour and enthusiasm. The occasion was marked by an array of events, with active participation from various sectors of the community.

The centre piece of the celebration was the culmination of a two-week-long 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 15, 2023, with the theme of a "Garbage-Free India." The program saw enthusiastic involvement from Heads of Offices (HoOs), civil societies, school children, student/youth associations, and women's groups.

Speaking on the occasion, Ibom Tao, Deputy Commissioner extended his heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all the HoDs for their tireless efforts in organizing and successfully executing the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign. Since its launch on September 15 last, various awareness programs and cleanliness drives had been carried out across villages and

blocks in the district, aligning with the campaign's mission.

On this momentous day, the DC called upon everyone present to take a solemn pledge to strive relentlessly towards realizing the dream of a "Garbage-Free India," echoing the ideals of cleanliness and sustainability championed by the Father of the Nation.

Following the cleanliness drive, participants from all walks of life gathered at the General Ground in Koloriang to pay their heartfelt floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi, commemorating his enduring legacy of peace, non-violence, and his unwavering commitment to the betterment of India.

The celebration of Gandhi Jayanti in Koloriang served as a remarkable testament to the community's dedication to the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, as well as their collective resolve to make India cleaner and more sustainable.

At Aalo, the 154th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was observed at Aalo DC office complex in grand way. Gandhi Jayanti was organised by Sarva Dharam Prathana Sabha, prabhat pherry of students of various school.

During the programme floral tribute to the portrait of Father of Nation. All religion from central Kargu Gamgi Aalo, St. Mary Parish, Shiv Mandir Kirtan Group and Jama Masjid Aalo were performed prayer song.

Deputy Commissioner West Siang Penga Tato in his speech appealed the public of West Siang to maintain the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. He urged the people to follow the principle of Mahatma Gandhi also to maintain the religion harmony among various religion.

West Siang ZPC Sri Tumpe Ete also spoke on the occasion.

On 1st October mass cleanliness drive of Aalo township was

organised in various sectors and markets area.

During the program admin officers, HoD's, Officials and Indian Army were attended the celebration.

At KHONSA, hundreds of citizens from various walks of life including student's unions, women's associations undertook a peace walk from Khonsa Taxi Stand to Nehru Stadium, Khonsa.

The walk was aimed to create conducive atmosphere in Tirap district in the ensuing 2024 Election.

While leading the Walk for Peace - Organizing President cum All Tutsa Students Union President Khuntick Khuisia enlightened the significance of Gandhi Jayanti Celebration in which he said that Gandhi ji was a man of Principles that Gandhiji followed and taught throughout his life are Ahimsa (Non-Violence). Khuntick further said that the problems of TCL region including Tirap district is unlike other parts of the districts of Arunachal Pradesh and is known to all for many reasons. So we must also follow and adopt the Gandhiji's principles for non-violence, as peace is the pre-requisite for all round development, economic growth and day to day life.

The program was attended by students from All Tirap District Students Union, All Nocte Students Union, All Tutsa Students Union, All Ollo Students Union, Nocte Mothers Federation, Nocte Women Association, Tutsa Women Association and Women Association of Khonsa town.

At TEZU, Lohit District Administration celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with great gaiety and prompt at Gandhi Chowk, Tezu.

MLA Karikho Kri, DC Lohit Shashvat Saurabh, ZPM Sunpura, ZPM Tezu, SP Lohit, HoDs

and public paid floral tribute to the Father of the Nation on the occasion of his birth anniversary.

District Administration with support of young talented students from GHSS No. 1, Tezu organized Nukkad Natak to sensitize and spread awareness among the people regarding SWACHHATA HI SEVA under Swachh Bharat Diwas. Following the captivating Flash Mob, the Nukkad Natak took center stage, delivering a powerful and thought-provoking message. The talented volunteers skilfully portrayed the devastating effects of waste mismanagement on our environment, while highlighting the urgent need for adopting plastic free and Garbage free India principle.

As a part of Swachhata Hi Seva, rally and Mega cleanliness drive across the district was also conducted to disseminate the importance of a Sampurna Swachh, to reinforce the concept of sanitation as everyone's business and to mobilize publics for active participation in making "Garbage free India."

People of Lohit District lauded/appreciated the District Administration for the beautification of Gandhi Chowk initiated by the Learned DC Lohit. This is going to create awareness and interest amongst the people in keeping Tezu town clean and green.

Other highlights of the celebration included Prabhat Pherry, Sarva Dharma Prathana Sabha, and Bhajan Kirtan Session.

HoDs, CBOs, NGOs, Bazaar Committee, PRI members, public leaders, Students and public among others participated actively in the activities conducted by the District Administration under Swachhata Hi Seva.

Union MoS for Panchayati Raj calls on the Governor

ITANAGAR, October 3:

Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj Kapil Moreshwar Patil called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on October 3, 2023.

They discussed strengthening of Panchayat Raj institutions in the state through participatory local self-government.

The Governor said that Panchayati Raj lies in grassroots democracy, local governance, inclusive and economic development, transparency and accountability. He said that the state government has empowered the institute and given responsibilities to make democracy functional at the local level, and driven by citizens' needs and participation.

The Union Minister of State assured the Governor to provide all assistance to the state government to make Panchayati Raj Institutions in the state vibrant and effective.

Policeman convicted for sexually assaulting house help

PASIGHAT, October 4:

The District and Sessions Court Pasighat convicted one Brinar Pait, a retired sub-inspector of the Arunachal Pradesh Police and sentenced him to 3 years of imprisonment under section 8 of the Protection of Child against Sexual Offences for sexually assaulting his domestic help on various occasions.

The convict Brinar Pait has been molesting and sexually as-

saulting the victim-survivor since 2012.

he victim-survivor has been staying with the convict since her childhood after the death of her parents as a domestic help. The convict threatened her with a pistol on one occasion and asked her not to disclose the incidents to his wife or anyone. The victim-survivor made several attempts to free herself from the convict. The matter came to light when the victim-survivor out of frustration on 29th June, 2022 fled from Brinar Pait's house and was later on discovered by police on 30th June 2022 and subsequently an FIR was lodged.

Prof. Kushwaha to continue as VC till appointment of new RGU, VC

ITANAGAR, October 4:

The Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Government of India, New Delhi has allowed continuation of Prof. Saket Kushwaha, the present Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, whose tenure as Vice Chancellor of the University has expired on October 4, 2023 as VC of RGU.

The continuation in office of the VC after expiry of the tenure is given till his successor is appointed and enters upon the office in terms of first proviso of Clause 4 of Statute 2 of the Statutes of RGU Act, 2006.

District level monitoring committee meeting held

PALIN, October 4:

A District Level Monitoring Committee meeting to monitor the ongoing and completed projects under the Kra Daadi district was

held under the chairmanship of DC incharge Yame Higio here recently.

In her address, the DC i/c, while welcoming all the departments to the meeting, exhorted them to work diligently for public welfare.

All the HoDs presented power point presentation of their respective departments. On the occasion, the ZPMs of the district took stock of the various developmental activities and shared their inputs.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao launched in Papum Pare

YUPIA, October 4:

Papum Pare DC Cheechung Chukhu called for data mapping of various girl child welfare schemes in Education, WCD and Health departments to get an overview of the implementation of the schemes and its reach to the beneficiaries in the last mile.

He said this, while launching the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign for Papum Pare district from the DC Conference Hall, Yupia on Tuesday last.

"This exercise will provide us a ready reference and facilitate necessary interventions wherever the indicators such as enrollment and dropout rates in the schools, registrations under Dulari Kanya, Vidya scheme etc are low," he added.

The DC also called for intensified IEC activities on government initiatives to improve the girl child sex ratio and exhorted the health, WCD, Education and Panchayat Raj departments for convergence on IEC related activities.

Deputy Director ICDS, Smti Aroty Tayeng, while highlighting the objectives of the campaign informed that the campaign seeks to prevent 'gender biased sex selection, ensure survival and protection of the girl child and to ensure education for the girl child.' She further informed that the District Task Force for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao with DC as Chairman, SP, DMO, DDSE, DLSA, AD (Economics and Statistics), DPDO as members will monitor the implementation of the scheme at the circle level.

DMO Dr. Komlin Perme and DDSE T. T. Tara highlighted the girl child oriented schemes under Health and Education department respectively.

DDSE Tara also informed that Papum Pare with four Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Vidyalaya girl's residential schools, one each at Yupia, Nonpu, Sagalee and Mengio have improved the girl's enrollment to schools.

PD cum DPDO Bengia Yakar, representative from DLSA also attended the meeting.

Rashtriya Poshan Maah concluded

OID TUPI, October 4:

The month-long celebration of Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2023 under Poshan Abhiyaan winded up here on Saturday at Community Hall, Old Tupi wherein Anganwadi Workers/Helpers from various AWCs, Women folks and village community attended the program organized by Khonsa ICDS Project, WCD Tirap.

The program was graced by Hakresha Kri, ADC (HQ) as Chief Guest and Dr. N. Lowang, DMO Khonsa as Guest of Honour. The program began with a welcome

song by Anganwadi Workers. Poshan Maah pledged was also administered by all on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, ADC Kri lauded the front-line workers of WCD Dept. for their tireless effort in carrying out activities under Poshan Abhiyaan throughout the nutrition month. He urged the Anganwadi Workers to keep on working with utmost sincerity as they have full of responsibilities to perform at grassroot level. Besides this, he also spoke on drugs abuse urging the general public of Tupi village to refrain from drugs.

DMO also spoke at length on exclusive breast feeding and health & hygiene. She thanked the WCD dept for always being so supportive to the department of H&FW whenever in need.

Smt. H. Bangsia, DD (WCD) highlighted on Poshan Abhiyaan in general and Rashtriya Poshan Maah in particular, while Smt. N. Matey, CDPO Khonsa ICDS Project in her welcome address highlighted the aims & objectives of the program.

Recipe competition of millet amongst Anganwadi Workers was arranged to mark the concluding program of Poshan Maah. Later, prizes for Best Performing Anganwadi Worker, Healthy Baby Competition and Recipe competition were given away by the Chief Guest.

6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah

At SEPPA, the WCD East Kameng District organized a closing ceremony on the last day of the 6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah celebration at the District Hqs Seppa. The program was graced by Dr. Rebeka Borang, CO as the chief guest and Smt. Fema Taku CO as Guest of Honour.

Recipe competition and

felicitation to best performing AWWs, Supervisors and Poshan Coordinators from various projects of East Kameng district was held during the program.

At DOIMUKH, the members from 73 Anganwadi centres and 25 SHGs under Doimukh circle participated in a HaatBazaar organised by the CDPO, Doimukh ICDS Cell as a culmination event of the month-long 6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah observance.

An initiative of CDPO Doimukh Smt. Maya Murtem, the Haat Bazaar witnessed participation of womenfolk from all the sections of the society. Locally grown organic vegetables, millet food items, other edible and handicraft products by the SHGs were displayed. All the guests attending the Haat were provided a millet-based breakfast, to encourage and promote millet as staple food item.

Inaugurating the Haat, Papum Pare Deputy Commissioner Cheechung Chukhu congratulated the WCD and the PRI members of Doimukh for organising such a huge event despite restricted funding from government. He encouraged the women to be at par with the men in all the spheres of life.

Further suggesting for organising such Haat/markets once in a month, which will be 'exclusively for local and organic products', he asked the Trade Development Officer Tai Arun to work out the modalities.

CDPO Doimukh, Smt. Maya Murtem, while highlighting the activities carried out during the 6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah (1st Sep-30th Sep) informed that, 657 Anganwadi workers were sensitized on the role of Ayush for a healthy lifestyle through webinars. Cleanliness drives were carried out by the Anganwadi workers in the catchment's areas, online yoga

classes and awareness activities on anaemia were organised for the targeted groups. She further informed that a photo exhibition on "Poshan maah" was also organised which witnessed participation from ZPMs, admin officers, Anganwadi workers and public.

DD, ICDS Smt. Aroty Tayeng also spoke on the importance of the Poshan Maah.

Among others DMO Dr. Komlin Perme, DDSE TT Tara, DACO TM Tara, RFO Dupit, SDO Smt. Tana Yaho, Admin officers, HoDs, GBs attended the program.

CLMC meeting for Longo & Bari Basip Circles held

KHONSA, October 5:

Circle Level Monitoring Committee meeting for Longo and Bari-Basip Circles for the quarter of the 2nd quarter of Sept/Oct/November for FY, 2023-24 was presided over by CO Bari-Basip & Longo Dr. Ripi Doni as Chairperson in presence of ZPM Kapu Block Smt. Wiram Matey to review the latest status of the Centrally/State Sponsored Schemes like SPA, SADA, SIDF, CRF, NLCPR, NEC, RIDF, BADP/PMJVK, MPLAD, CMDICF, Deposit Works, etc.

CO Dr. Doni briefed the house and told that this is the highest forum at block level to review the progress of the projects and to resolve the issues in implementation if any. The CO also requested all the line departments to highlight the latest status of all the CSS/SSS programme through PPT. The progress of the projects of various departments including health status of the district was reviewed through the Power Point Presentation.

During the meeting - some issues observed by GPCs at their respective village were raised specially regarding PMG-SY roads, electricity connection at newly constructed houses in their villages and water supply connection at schools. Respective departments noted the points to further discuss with their HoDs which shall be reviewed in CLMC of next quarter to resolve the issue raised by GPCs at grassroots level.

After thorough review of the Power Point Presentation of all departments, the CO instructed the executing agencies to complete the projects within stipulated time without compromising with the quality of the works. The report of which will be discussed at DLMC and observation sent to secretary planning and directorate of monitoring at state level.

The meeting was attended by officer in charge of respective circle.

DC inaugurates training on competency assessment of Maths

KHONSA, October 5:

Tirap Deputy Commissioner Hento Karga graced a 3 day-long training programme on competency-based assessment of mathematics conducted from October 4 at DIET Khonsa in presence of ADC Hqs Hakresha Kri.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Karga appealed to the teachers and participants to attend the 3 days long training whole heartedly and acquired the technique of teaching effectively to impart quality education. The role of teacher is important to build desirable society, he said.

ADC Kri, in his address,

alerted the teachersto do theirduty with missionary zeal as the role of teacher is very important.

The formal inauguration program concluded with vote of thanks from Principal DIET Poro Rangjang in which he appreciated DC and ADC for attending the program to grace the program despite of their busy schedules.

Spear Corps Warriors voluntarily donate remarkable 104 units blood

PASIGHAT, October 5:

Troops of Spear Corps from Rayang in collaboration with the-BakinPertin General Hospital (BPGH), Pasighat, AAUN Foundation and AYANG organized a voluntary blood donation camp, marking the National Blood Donation Day at the Rayang Military Station in East Siang district on Sunday and donated remarkable 104 units blood.

During the camp, Hemoglobin testing and medical screening of the blood donors was also thoroughly carried out and benefits of blood donation were communicated to the donors. On the occasion, Army Officers informed that the event was organized as part of “continued community responsibility and nation building”.

The Army officials opined that lifestyle changes were the root cause of diseases. Lack of proper care on health management, changes in food habits, not paying attention to warning signs from the body were leading to various chronic diseases, adding that people should adopt healthy practices like yoga, morning walk, good eating habits and avoid junk food to minimize health risks. They further assured that Indian Army would

remain committed to the wellbeing of its citizens and would participate in such activities in future too to save precious lives.

Motivate & guide students to aspire for academic and all round growth - DC

PASIGHAT, October 5:

East Siang DC Tayi Taggu during a meeting on ‘School Mentorship Program’ held in the DC’s conference hall here on October 5, on adoption of schools by HoDs and Administrative Officers of the district, asked the officers to go the extra miles and take upon their responsibility with zeal and enthusiasm to contribute in boosting the academic performance of the district, towards building a bright future for the future generations.

As guardians of their respective schools, the DC asked the officers to visit their respective schools, take monthly review and also submit monthly report. He also asked them to motivate and guide the students and teachers of the schools under their care to boost up the academic performances and all round development of the students and also understand the intervention needed for their schools.

The DC adopted the UPS Town, UPS Boying and SP Sumit Kumar Jha, ADC (Hq) Oli Perme, ADC Mebo Aeinstein Koyu and Ruksin ADC Taging Jonnom, JDHS (BPGH) Dr. T. Tali, CEO Smart City Dr. Manjuli Komut and HoDs of government departments and Administrative Officers had also come forward to adopt schools.

DDSE O. Tabing, who is the Nodal Officer of the district for the School Mentorship programme of the GoAP, shared the aims and

objectives of the mentorship for quality education. He also asked for diligent monthly submission of reports and thanked the support and keen interest of the officers in the education sector.

Namsai DLTF meeting held

NAMSAI, October 5:

The District Level Task Force (DLTF) meeting under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) chaired by DC, Namsai was held at conference Hall Namsai recently.

The meeting was attended by DMO, DRCHO, DySP, CDPOs, staffs of WCD department.

The DC called upon the officers of WCD and Health department to facilitate convergence and run the program with diligence and determination. He exhorted that in order for the program to be successful, strengthening of activities at grass root level by ASHAs and Anganwadi workers is the need of the hour. During the discussion the importance of creating awareness and providing essential support and guidance to the girl child was emphasised.

CDPO, Namsai, provided a comprehensive overview of all activities envisaged under the program. She informed the house that the number of females per 1000 male in Namsai district is below the national average. A district plan of the mandated activities under BBBP was chalked out.

10th edition of ZBM officially launched

ZIRO, October 5:

The 10th edition of Ziro Butterfly Meet (ZBM) was officially launched at the old DC conference hall here on October 5.

The inaugural function was graced by ZBM patron Er. Tage Taki, Minister Agriculture and Allied and chief guest Bamin Nime, Deputy Commissioner Lower Subansiri District.

DC Bamin Nime underscored the critical role of butterflies as environmental indicators, highlighting they thrive in clean environments. He stressed the importance of protecting the environment to conserve biodiversity, acknowledging the heritage of the Apatani people of Ziro, who have long been stewards of their natural resources.

As a symbol of commitment to a cleaner environment, the DC distributed paper bags to promote a garbage-free environment and to uphold the dignity of labor. This gesture encapsulates the ethos of ZBM, which places a strong emphasis on sustainable practices and environmental conservation in Ziro.

The ZBM has attracted a diverse array of participants including enthusiastic young attendees eager to partake in the two-day camp nestled in the scenic Pange Valley. Accompanying them are expert scientists specializing in the study of butterflies and birds, as well as prominent NGO's such as the Apatani Youth Association and Apatani Women Association of Ziro. Additionally, the Gaon Bura-Gaon Buri Association has also lent their support to event. ZBM has been an annual tradition since its inception in 2014, organized by Ngunu Ziro in collaboration with the Forest Department.

ZBM holds a special place in the region, as it was the pioneering butterfly meet in Arunachal Pradesh, serving as an inspiration for similar events in Pasighat and Namdapha. The core objective of this event is to inspire and educate local youth about the rich biodi-

versity and the importance of conservation. Notably, ZBM places a strong emphasis on sustainability, with cloth banners replacing traditional plastic ones, and a commitment to avoid single-use plastic water bottles throughout the event.

The event also featured an informative presentation about Tale Valley, established as a Wildlife Sanctuary in 1995 by converting a Reserve Forest. Encompassing 337 square kilometers and spanning altitudes from 1700 to 2700 meters, Tale Valley boasts a diverse flora and fauna. It is often referred as the "Floral Paradise" due to its abundant presence of over 100 medicinal plant species, 200 fern species, and 100 orchids and rhododendrons. Its fauna includes 409 different species of birds and various animals like the clouded leopard, black bear, and elephants.

During the meet, attendees were treated to a presentation on Ngunu Ziro and its impactful journey. The NGO has been actively involved in sustainable development and environmental conservation, implementing various initiatives aimed at preserving the region's ecology.

The historical significance of ZBM was also highlighted during the event, with participants recounting the discovery of the 'Kaser-i-Hind' butterfly during the very first meet in 2014. This discovery marked the first-ever photograph of this butterfly species. Subsequently, the team succeeded in identifying a new butterfly species called the 'Apatani Glory'.

ZBM's mission is to continue engaging youth in building local resources for ongoing conservation efforts. Expert scientists also delivered valuable talks during the meet, focusing on butterfly and environmental conservation.

RGU, Agri Sciences faculty shines at Megha Start Up Expo 2023

RONOHILLS, October 5:

In a remarkable display of expertise and innovation, the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, RGU made a significant impact at the recently concluded Megha Start-Up Expo 2023 organized by North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Meghalaya.

The expo, held from October 3 to 5, 2023 at NEHU, Meghalaya was inaugurated by Education Minister of Meghalaya, Rakkam A Sangma and was attended by hosts of distinguished participants from across India. The event kicked off with a visit to the diverse stalls, bringing together agripreneurs, entrepreneurs, and innovative minds from academia across India.

The team led by Dr. Arindam Barman, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Horticulture was attended by Dr. Ashim Debnath, Assistant Professor and Head (I/c), Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Dr. Samikhya Bhuyan, Assistant Professor and Head (I/c), Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Dr. Yashi Umbrey, Head (I/c) Department of Plant Pathology, and Ms. Neha M Sangma, Project Assistant, Bio-Resources Development Hub and showcased their prowess in the event. The team was guided and supported by Prof. Sumpam Tangjang, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.

During the three-day program, the attendees and participants were engaged in panel discussions, a Students' Ideathon, and an Entrepreneurs Pitchathon. The expo also featured captivating cultural performances.

The Faculty of Agricultural

Sciences, RGU, received a prestigious award on being adjudged as the best Stall Exhibitor category during the valedictory session.

RGU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Saket Kushwaha lauded the team's exceptional achievements and encouraged them to continue to bring laurels to the faculty in particular and RGU in general.

DC presides 4th Lohit DTFI meeting

TEZU, October 5:

Lohit DC Shashvat Saurabh, chaired the 4th DTFI meeting at District Secretariat, Tezu recently.

The chairman welcomed all the members who were present in the meeting.

The District program manager and concerned medical officers presented Power Point presentation on the progress of the routine immunization under IMI 5.0.

The chairman had a comprehensive review on the progress of 1st & 2nd round of routine immunization under IMI 5.0.

The DC lauded the efforts of all MOs to ensure effective coordination to ensure enhancement of routine inoculation across the district. The medical department was also advised for conducting Ayushman Sabhas and Melas as per guidelines under Ayushman Bhav campaign.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the chair.

Arunachal Pradesh Governor meets Uttarakhand Governor

ITANAGAR, October 6:

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

General Gurmit Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Dehradun on October 6, 2023.

They discussed developmental progress in both Himalayan States.

The Governor shared the cultural richness of Arunachal Pradesh and its tourism potential with his counterpart. He also proposed an exchange programme for students and government officials in the horticulture sector between the two States.

The First Lady of Arunachal Pradesh Smt Anagha Parnaik and the First Lady of Uttarakhand Smt Gurmeet Kaur were present on the occasion.

Space on Wheels organised at DNGC

ITANAGAR, October 6:

The IQAC unit of Dear Natung Govt. College (DNGC), in collaboration with VIBHA and NESAC, Shillong, organized a program called "Space on Wheels" on October 5-6, 2023.

Over 300 participants, including students, faculty members, NSS volunteers, and NCC cadets, enthusiastically took part in this significant event.

The Director cum Member Secretary, C.D Mungyak, Arunachal Pradesh State Council for Science and Technology, inaugurated the program by flagging off the bus.

Addressing the occasion, Dr. M.Q. Khan, Principal of DNGC, Itanagar, shared the importance of the program and encouraged the students to pursue their interest in the field of space and technology.

Dr. Vivek Kumar, Curator of the Science and Technology Centre, highlighted the contribu-

tions of the Itanagar Science and Technology Centre and motivated students to participate in such activities to broaden their knowledge in space technology.

Scientist SD Rosley B Lyngdoh from NESAC, Shillong, also encouraged students from various disciplines to get involved in the field of space technology, while another Scientist, Rahul Pratap, also contributed to this important event.

Earlier, Dr. Bandana Gogoi, the head of the Department of Physics, welcomed the gathering and facilitated the chief guest and other dignitaries, while vote of thanks was given by Dr. Priyanka Dutta, Co-convenor of the program and Assistant Professor in the Department of Botany.

The highlights of the event were the display of models related to the initiatives and achievements of ISRO on the bus.

SEC announces By-Election to vacant PRI seats on Nov 6

ITANAGAR, October 6:

Arunachal Pradesh State Election Commission announced By-Elections to 54 (Fifty-Four) vacancies of Gram Panchayat Constituencies and 2(Two) Zilla Parishad Constituencies spread over to 23 (Twenty-Three) districts to be conducted on November 6, 2023.

The vacancies came up due to various reasons like death, resignation or otherwise etc have occurred as on date, informed State Election Commissioner Rinchin Tashi during a press conference here on October 6 last.

The By Election schedule has been fixed as – issue of Public Notice by State Election Commission and Returning Officers on

09/10/2023 (Monday), last date of filing nomination on 16/10/2023 (Monday), date of scrutiny is on 18/10/2023 (Wednesday), last date of withdrawal of nomination is on 21/10/23 (Saturday), while date of poll is fixed on 6/11/2023 (Monday) and counting will be held on 8/11/2023 (Wednesday) and the date by which election is to be completed is on 10/11/2023 (Friday).

The General Election to Panchayati Raj Institutions was held in December 2020 followed by 1st By-elections in the month of July 2022.

The Special Summary Revision of the Electoral Rolls of the concerned vacant Panchayat Constituencies which is a prerequisite to any By-elections has been done with respect to 01/01/2023 as the qualifying date and the final publication of E/Rolls has also been completed on 25.9.2023.

73 (Seventy-Three) Polling Stations would be involved during the By elections of 2 (two) ZP Constituencies and 54 (Fifty Four) GP Constituencies and more than 500 (Five Hundred) election officials are expected to be involved during the By-election excluding the security personnel, the SEC Tashi informed, adding that with regards to the security assessment, it shall be done by the concerned District Election Officers (DEOs)/DMs as per the prevailing situations and inputs given by the Superintendent of Police of concerned districts.

With a view to ensure holding of free, fair and peaceful By-elections to all the Gram Panchayat and Zilla Parishad Constituencies in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and Section 104 of the Arunachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1997, the State Election Commissioner also

issued the Model Code of Conduct for the guidance and adherence by all concerned.

It shall apply to Political Parties, Contesting Candidates, MPs/Ministers/Advisors/MLAs, Employees of the State/Central Government, Central and State Government Public Undertakings, Government approved private projects including Hydropower Projects, Local bodies' functionaries and other public servants. Since, By-election has now been announced, the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) of the Commission shall come into force with immediate effect in the jurisdiction of respective ZP Constituencies or GP Constituencies concerned.

Hence, in order to ensure free, fair and peaceful By-election across the state, the State Election Commission appealed to all stake holders - electors, candidates, political parties and the public at large to extend their full support and cooperation to the State election machineries during the entire By-election process.

Youth Convention on “Secret of Success” at RKM, Narottam Nagar

DEOMALI, October 6:

In a vibrant display of enthusiasm and intellectual exchange, the Youth Convention on the theme “The Secret of Success” unfolded at Ramakrishna Mission Narottam Nagar on October 6.

The event, which drew participation from around 150 youths representing various colleges as well as higher secondary students in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, was inaugurated by Miss Vishakha Yadav, ADC, Deomali.

The convention kicked off with enlightening addresses by

Dr. Watsen Bangsia and Chayon Bangyang, faculties of Wangcha Rajkumar Government College, Deomali. Their speeches delved deep into developing leadership qualities and shaping character, providing the attending youth with valuable insights and perspectives.

Adding a spiritual touch to the event, Swami Achyuteshananda, Secretary of the institution, and Swami Vedarasananda, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Dibrugarh, delivered inspiring addresses that resonated with the participants. Their words served as a guiding light, encouraging the youth to embark on paths of self-discovery and personal development.

The convention was not just a passive listening experience; it engaged the participants actively through group discussions on various topics of interest. These discussions provided a platform for the youth to exchange ideas, challenge perspectives, and broaden their understanding of the world around them.

A dynamic question-answer session further fuelled intellectual curiosity, allowing the attendees to interact directly with the speakers and clarify their doubts. This interactive segment not only enriched the learning experience but also fostered a sense of community and collaboration among the diverse group of participants.

The cultural dimension of the convention was brought to life through captivating cultural shows. These performances, ranging from traditional dances to contemporary expressions of art, added a touch of creativity and entertainment to the event. The cultural shows not only showcased the diverse talents of the youth but also celebrated the rich cultural heritage of the region.

As the convention un-

folded, it became more than just a gathering of young minds; it transformed into a melting pot of ideas, experiences, and aspirations. The participants left with a sense of empowerment, armed with new knowledge, and inspired to embark on their journeys towards success.

The participants expressed their gratitude to the organizers, and speakers for making the convention a resounding success. The guests too highlighted the importance of such platforms in nurturing the potential of the youth and fostering a sense of responsibility towards society.

The Youth Convention organised as a part of the 125th Anniversary Celebrations of Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, the headquarters of Ramakrishna Mission Narottam Nagar on "The Secret of Success" at Ramakrishna Mission Narottam Nagar not only provided a platform for intellectual discourse, but also created lasting memories for the participants. It was a celebration of diversity, ideas, and the collective spirit of the youth, leaving an indelible mark on the journey of personal and communal growth.

Field visits for monitoring & horticulture awareness in villages

TAWANG, October 7:

Tawang DHO, Safior Rahman along with SDHO, Koncho Gyatso and other horticulture field staff organised a daylong field visit for monitoring and horticulture awareness programmes in the different villages in the district, namely - Gormang, Gridar Gonpa, Gyada, Tsaikhar, Jamyang Choikorling Gonpa, Kangteng and Kegorohteng on October 7 as a part of Vibrant Village Programmes (VVP).

The officials visited walnut garden of Fresher Self-Help Group established under Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojana (ANBY) during 2022-23 followed by Kiwi Garden and Green House of a farmer Lama Norbu established under the schemes- Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and Rastriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY) during 2022-23 at Gormang village.

The DHO interacted with SHGs and the individual farmers and explained in details about the different state sponsored and centrally sponsored horticulture schemes.

The team monitored apple orchard of farmer Nawang Tashi at Kangteng Village, Kiwi Garden of Thutan Gyatso at Kegorohteng village and visited Gridar Gonpa, Tsaikhar and Gyada villages.

The DHO and SDHO attended the Horticulture Awareness Programme organised by the farmers of Tsaikhar, Gomkang and Gyada at Tsaikhar Monastery premises. Rahman explained the gatherings, consisting of women SHGs and Individual farmers about the various government sponsored Farmer's Welfare Schemes, their pattern of assistance and the documents required to avail the benefit of such schemes.

A total of 53 farmers were benefited from the daylong visit-cum-awareness programme. Finally, the team visited Jamyang Choikorling Gonpa and interacted with the Secretary of the Monastery and encouraged for vegetable cultivation in the protected house as homestead garden for nutritional supplements to the Monks of the Monastery.

69th National Wildlife Week 2023 observed

AALO, October 7:

The 69th National Wildlife Week was observed in GHSS, Aalo by Aalo Forest Division in collaboration with NGO, 'Clean and Green Aalo' on October 7 with a theme, "Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation".

The event was graced by Deputy Commissioner Penga Tato as Chief guest and ZPC West Siang Tumpe Ete as Guest of Honour, The Commandant Army and Commandant ITBP as special guest.

In his speech, the DC praised the Forest Department and Clean Green Aalo for initiating the campaign for protection of wildlife for posterity and spreading awareness regarding human-wildlife conflict. In his address he focused on drug abuse and drug menace and laid stress on sustainable development.

Expressing concern over rampant degradation of forests and wildlife, ZPC Aalo advised Forest Department to organize more such events and awareness programme in rural areas and assured his full support for protecting and preserving wildlife and forests.

Applauding the Forest Department, the Commandant Army & Commandant ITBP informed that Aalo is blessed with nature and wildlife, and requested publics and youth to preserve it for future generation.

Chairman 'Clean and Green Aalo' and Principal GHSS in their speeches stressed on equal importance for wildlife and forests on this mother earth.

Earlier, welcoming the

gathering, DFO Gopin Padu expressed gratitude to Indian Army and ITBP Jawans for their support and emphasized on safeguarding wildlife and forests which plays pivotal role for human existence. He said "it is not possible for forest department alone to protect the forest resources and environment" and sought cooperation of all section of the society in protection of wildlife.

An awareness rally was carried out in the entire town, where more than 400 participants including students, Govt officials, Army and ITBP took part. There were distribution of certificates and prizes for various events by the chief guest.

Around 200 benefitted from Siluk health camp

PASIGHAT, October 7:

As part of outreach healthcare services to rural areas of the district, the Health & Sanitation cell, JN College, Pasighat in collaboration with Bakin Pertin General Hospital (BPGH), Pasighat successfully organized a one-day health camp in Siluk village under Mebo-sub-division on October 7.

Around 200 patients and other beneficiaries including senior citizens, mothers and children and the members of the village community availed the OPD services in the one-day health camp, namely - Medicine, Paediatrics, Gynaecology, Surgery, ENT & Ophthalmology held at Government Upper Primary School, Siluk.

The team of Specialists was led by joint DHS (T & R), BPGH, Dr. T. Tali and BPGH Medical Superintendent, Dr. YR Darang, comprising Eye Specialist, Dr. BB Perme, Medicine Specialist Dr. D.

Ratan, Child Specialist, Dr. G. Dai, Gynaecologist, Dr. Mary Koyu, Surgeon, Dr. M. Mibang, ENT, YT Talom, besides the NSS Volunteers extended their service for registration the names of the patients in helpdesk counter.

Earlier, during a brief inaugural session, JNC Vice-Principal, Dr. Leki Sitang extended his gratitude to the team BPGH and Chairman Swachh Siluk Abhiyan (SSA) Nong Borang and his SSA team members, HGB A Yirang, GB Nobang Borang and Headmaster Govt. UPS Siluk, Ninong Tayeng and teachers among others for their support in the extension programme undertaken by JNC.

Joint DHS Dr. T. Tali also spoke on the need for such collaborative efforts to bring health services at the doorstep of the needy patients. HGB Asik Yirang also expressed his gratitude for organising the much needed health camp in Siluk.

Coordinator, Health & Sanitation cell, JN College Pasighat, Dr. Dutem Siboh also spoke on the occasion.

Governor calls on the Prime Minister

NEW DELHI, October 7:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) called on the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi at New Delhi on October 7, 2023.

He conveyed good wishes of the people of Arunachal Pradesh to the Prime Minister and apprised him of the developmental progress of the State.

The Governor, who has toured a number of vibrant border villages, selected under Vibrant Village Programme shared his ob-

servation with the Prime Minister. He said that the people in the remote border villages were immensely grateful for the support they were getting.

The Governor briefed the Prime Minister about the developmental programmes and schemes in the State, which he had reviewed during the district tours. He said that all weather road connectivity, strong and reliable internet connectivity and augmentation of health and education infrastructure are the top priority areas, which are being pursued by the State.

The Governor also briefed the Prime Minister on implementation of new education policy, health and initiatives being taken for participation of the population to make the Yojanas successful. He also opined on the need of automation of Data and use of technology to enhance the monitoring and accomplishment of objectives.

The Governor briefed the Prime Minister on the progress of settlement of border issues with Assam and other coordination issues being undertaken to ensure security of Tirap, Changlang and Longding Districts. The Governor also highlighted the efforts being made to enhance the output of agriculture, horticulture and service sectors in the State.

Indian Army conducts free medical camp

DEOMALI, October 9:

In a compassionate effort to address the healthcare needs of residents in the remote areas of Arunachal Pradesh, Spear Corps of the Indian Army organised a free medical camp at Makat Village in Deomali on October 9.

This initiative aimed to extend crucial medical services to the

underprivileged communities, fostering health and well-being.

The camp offered free consultations, basic health check-ups and distribution of essential medicines. The Indian Army is committed in ensuring that residents in these remote areas have access to quality healthcare, promoting a healthier and stronger community. The initiative aligns with the Indian Army's ongoing commitment to serve the nation beyond defences, exemplifying their dedication to the well-being of citizens.

A total of 150 locals attended the camp and were provided with proper medicare and free medicines by the doctors from the Indian Army. The free medical camp underscores the Army's ethos of solidarity and support, showcasing the positive impact that collaborative efforts can have on the health.

Commissioner (Agri & AHV) reviews works in Upper Subansiri

DAPORIJO, October 9:

In the light of Seva Maah on November next, the Mentor Secretary, Bidol Tayeng, who is also the Commissioner (Agri & AHV), Govt of Arunachal Pradesh took a review meeting over the various project works with DC and HoDS of Upper Subansiri District here in Conference hall of Circuit House, Daporijo on October 9.

Taking the review meeting, the mentor Secretary, Tayeng asked the concerned departments to propose the new innovative schemes which have not been proposed earlier, so that he could place the proposals before the government for further consideration.

Further, he informed that his tour would continue by visiting

districts, blocks and villages levels to take the ground reality of works.

Upper Subansiri DC, Mika Nyori briefly explained the achievement and progress of project works under various central and state flagship programmes.

All the HoDs attended the meeting with detailed status reports of the project works.

Inter school under-17 Football tournament kicked off

DOIMUKH, October 9:

DLR&SO Nanne Yowa kicked off the First Inter School under-17 football tournament for government school children from the Rono Ground, Doimukh here on Monday, October 9.

The tournament is being conducted under the aegis of Samagra Shiksha (ISSE), Department of Education, GoAP.

Altogether, 09 teams from different Govt. Higher Secondary and Secondary Schools of Papum Pare district are participating in the tournament.

While addressing the participating schools, Nanne Yowa urged the youths to adopt physical activities for a healthy life, apart from studies. "Such activities discipline the mind and helps stay away from unhealthy practices such as drug, tobacco and alcohol abuses", he added.

Mrs. Moromi Tang, DPC (ISSE) also advised the students to display sportsmanship spirit during the course of the tournament.

The opening match was played between GHSS Balijan and GHSS Doimukh (Boys), where Doimukh defeated Balijan by 6:1 goals and in Girls category GHSS Balijan beat GSS RGU by 1 goal.

The Tournament, organised by the Deputy Director of School Education, Papum Pare, Yupia, was attended by the Principals, Headmasters of all participating schools, officers/officials of DDSE office, teachers and students to witness the kicked off programme.

Master class on “Customer Value Creation organised

RONO HILLS, October 9:

The Department of Management in collaboration with the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Rajiv Gandhi University had organised a One-day Master Class on “Customer Value Creation: Wasteful or Sustainable? An Inclusive Designed Road Map” on October 9.

Prof. Venkatesh Umashankar, Director PGPM, Great Lake Institutes of Management, Gurgaon, and a learned TED Speaker, delivered a comprehensive talk emphasising on ‘sustainable and inclusive product design that are meant to create value for consumers. He highlighted the problems of ‘unabashed consumerism’ leading to an unsustainable consumption pattern in the Indian market. He laid impetus on targeting the underserved consumers as a novel business idea.

The deliberation pressed that it is high time now for an end-to-end ecosystem that promotes inclusive business models. The young aspiring minds must study the impending dynamic business situations meticulously and target the niche entrepreneurial ideas.

The Faculty members, research scholars and students attended the class.

Prof. Ranjit Tamuli, Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Man-

agement, Prof. Sumpam Tangjang, Coordinator and Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, and Dr. Sanakar Thappa, Head, Department of Management also spoke.

"Space on Wheels" inspires students

PASIGHAT, October 10:

In a momentous event held at the JN College Auditorium in Pasighat, the "Space on Wheels" program was officially inaugurated here on October 10.

This groundbreaking initiative, which features a mobile exhibition vehicle showcasing sophisticated models of satellites, launching vehicles, and communication systems, aims to bring the wonders of space exploration to the doorstep of students and enthusiasts across the region.

The Space on Wheels program is a collaborative effort between Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA) and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), in association with the Science Club at JN College. The program's mission is to share the achievements and endeavors of ISRO with the young minds of India and to inspire future scientists and engineers.

This state-level program will run on Oct-10 & 11 in the district. On Wednesday, the exhibition bus will be stationed at IGJGHSS and DEMGHSS, where students and the public will have the opportunity to explore the vehicle's exhibits.

To enrich the experience, two eminent scientists from the North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC), Shillong are accompanying the touring bus. They will be on hand to inspire and answer the queries of students, fos-

tering a greater understanding of India's space endeavors.

The primary objective of the "Space on Wheels" program is to provide valuable insights into ISRO's activities and India's space missions to school and college students. Additionally, it aims to sensitize the youth about the exciting and rewarding career opportunities in the field of space science.

As the "Space on Wheels" program embarks on its journey through Arunachal Pradesh, it is poised to ignite the imaginations of young minds and contribute to the advancement of space science education in the region.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Prof. Tomo Riba, Vice Chancellor of Arunachal Pradesh University. He was joined by Dr. Tasi Taloh, Principal of JN College, Pasighat, Akash Pandey, National Coordinator of the Space on Wheels Program, and District Coordinator Eruk Libang.

More than 800 students from various schools and colleges participated, who were eagerly waiting the unveiling of the impressive Space on Wheels Vehicle.

Workshop cum Refresher Training on CM's Dashboard held

BOMDILA, October 10:

A two-day Workshop cum Refresher Training on CM's Dashboard including newly developed e-pragati module, with CSS Tracker, for the three districts of West Kameng, East Kameng, and Pakke Kesang concluded at GHSS School auditorium, Bomdila here on October 10.

The workshop began with an inaugural address by ADC(Hqs), Sang Khandu. He encouraged the trainees to upload and update the

accurate data in the portals and emphasized the importance of using the portal as 84 parameters are mapped with the SDGs goals to attend the sustainable development goals.

The day one focused on the CM Dashboard and e-pragati module application and CSS tracker. The second day featured hands-on training on the add-on module Phase-II of satellite-based monitoring and geo-tagging.

Resource persons from Arunachal Pradesh Space Application Centre (APSAC) highlighted the newly developed features and functionalities of the Arunachal Monitoring System.

The workshop cum training event aimed to equip participants with the skills and knowledge needed for the effective utilization of above Applications for improving governance and better monitoring in the region.

The refresher training saw the participation of ADC (Hqs), DPOs, Executive Engineers, and Junior Engineers from the three districts, along with other officials.

44th APWWS Foundation Day celebrated

YINGKIONG, October 10:

The 44th Foundation Day of Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society was celebrated in a befitting manner at Bandu Ritek Hall, Yingkiong with theme – ‘Be the Change’ on Tuesday, October 10.

Smti Onam Darang Pertin, President Adi Bane Ane Kebang and first Woman Gaon Buri of Yingkiong Smti Oyiti Siboh from Pugging Village graced the occasion as chief guest and guest of honour respectively.

While addressing the wom-

en folk on occasion, Smti Pertin spoke on importance of education and exhorted the women and girl to know their duties and responsibility to become independent and responsible person in the society. She also appealed other women to be role model and take out time to devote themselves to create awareness as a part of pay back to the society thereby contributing for its holistic development.

She also informed the gathering about featuring of Adi Male traditional Ornament (Dudap) in special cover of India Post and spoke about its traditional aspects of ornament which is considered as priceless possession of men in Adi Society, however, she acknowledged that nowadays it is observed that women are also adorning Dudap which is totally wrong and such practices should not be encouraged further and it has to be stopped immediately once and for all to protect its sanctity. She further said that Adi Bane Ane Kebang will always support and stand with APWWS in demanding tabling of Monogamy Election Eligibility Bill 2023 in the state assembly.

Guest of Honour, Oyiti Siboh, first Gaon Buri from Upper Siang who also spoke on the occasion congratulated the women folk on the auspicious occasion of 44th Foundation day and expressed her happiness for being part of celebration. She spoke on challenging role of women as a GB and said that more women should try to become GB to strengthen the role of women at grassroot level.

Chief Advisor APWWS, Yingkiong Branch Dr. Mity Jopir also spoke and highlighted on Monogamy Election Eligibility Bill 2023 and key objectives of the bill and said that we are strongly in support of the bill for better future

of coming generation and women-folk in general.

Vice-President APWWS, Yingkiong Branch Kasimang Jopir, on the occasion remembered the visionary women leaders who pioneered women empowerment in the state and founded the APWWS for the better cause of women of the state and appealed all women folk to stand up for their own rights and strongly advocated APWWS Yingkiong full support for MEEB'2023.

Many women former APWWS leaders also spoke. To mark the day plantation drive and colorful cultural items were presented by women groups. Former APWWS members, SHGs, APWWS members and women from all walks of life participated in the celebration.

The day was also observed at Jengging, Mariyang and Tuting. At Tuting new APWWS office was inaugurated by ADC Tuting in the presence of ZPM J. Danggen, APWWS President Dichen Apang, GS Ticheng Duggong and all ranks and files of APWWS, Tuting and SHGs.

Preliminary meeting held for conduct of Tawang Festival 2023

TAWANG, October 11:

A preliminary meeting to discuss the preparations for Tawang Festival 2023 was held at DC's Office Conference Hall on October 9 under the chairmanship of DC Tawang, Kanki Darang.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC expressed his appreciation and obligations to all for successful conduct of recently held 1st Edition of Tawang Marathon and the 36th National Tug-of-War Championship held at Tawang. He articulated for the same enthusiasm and

coordination from all the Officers, NGO/CBOs, public for successful conduct of Tawang Festival which is proposed to be conducted in the first week of November 2023.

The DC further advocated for judicious use of the funds allocated based on previous year's familiarity and suggested for engagement of HoDs/ Admin Officers/Officers in the various sub-committees for better management and accountability. He also read out the roles and responsibilities of the Various Sub- Committees that were formed in the previous edition of Tawang Festival and called for active support and coordination from all the members of the Sub-Committees.

Earlier, DTO Tawang, Tsering Dekey gave a detailed statement of the previous year's accounts of Tawang Festival and called for conducting of the festival so as to boost the tourism potential of the district.

Namgey Tsering Secy. General MMT, Pema Chowang, President, MMT Tawang Unit, All Head of Offices, Prominent NGOs/CBOs, public leaders, representatives of Students' Union and Bazaar secretaries were among others attending the meeting.

Coordination meeting discusses prevailing issues

YINGKIONG, October 11:

Upper Siang District Administration convened a coordination meeting of officers and public under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Hage Lailang to discuss the prevailing issues of Upper Siang and Yingkiong township in particular at Multipurpose Hall, Yingkiong here on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

Addressing the meeting, the DC said that main objective of the meeting was to discuss and finding a solution to issues prevailing in the district by involving all stakeholders. He expressed satisfaction that meeting was fruitful and all ideas and suggestions put forward by officers and public will be taken into account for better development of Upper Siang and Yingkiong township in particular.

Wide range of issues pertaining to civic amenities like electricity, water supply, roads, public health and hygiene, cleanliness, drug menaces and security were discussed in details. Head of Departments like Executive Engineer, Yingkiong Electrical Division, PWD, PHE & WS, UD & H, Hydropower etc highlighted activities done by their respective departments and all together asserted that coordination between the departments and public cooperation is needed everywhere for smooth execution of works be it related to electricity, water supply, roads or cleanliness drives in the process of developmental works.

ABK President Tadum Libang and ZPC Lumgeng Litin also spoke.

Senior women social workers and formers members of APWWS Yingkiong Smti Oma Tamuk Pertin, Smti Nutek Jongkey and Smti Mekem Nopi also spoke on need for early solution to power supply problem in the district, water supply, education and cleanliness etc and requested the Deputy Commissioner to issue a strict order to keep Yingkiong township clean and green and assured their whole hearted support to the District Administration in its proper implementation.

The meeting was attended by SP T. Saring, ABK President Tadum Libang, ZPC Lumgeng Li-

tin, all Head of Departments, Yingkiong Market Welfare Committee, APWWS, NGOs and public of Yingkiong.

DC stresses on skill training at DSC meet

SEPPA, October 11:

The District Skill Committee (DSC) meeting, convened at the DC office, Seppa was presided over by the Chairman of DSC and Deputy Commissioner of East Kameng Sachin Rana and attended by all Heads of Offices (HODs) recently.

The primary agenda of the meeting was to initiate and elucidate the purpose of the DSC within the district, along with defining the roles and responsibilities of the different departments involved.

Addressing the meeting, the DC underscored the importance of skill training and highlighted the need for collaboration and convergence among various line departments to achieve the objective. He proposed creation of a dedicated portal for Skill and Entrepreneurship Development within the district and to facilitate this, all line departments were requested to furnish data to the District Information Officer (DIO) regarding their annual training plans and suggest potential training programs aligned with the district's evolving sectors. It was suggested that a database of interested candidates be established on the portal, effectively bridging the Skill Gap in the district.

DC Rana also stressed the issuance of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) certificates by line departments, acknowledging the training imparted by them to benefit the trainees. Furthermore, it was suggested to include a section

on the portal dedicated to student requests in different trades, with a particular focus on counselling students about suitable training choices.

Earlier, the proceedings commenced with a welcome address, followed by an insightful presentation by Meemansa Singh, the MGN Fellow for East Kameng. Her presentation set the tone for the rest of the discussions.

During her presentation, Meemansa Singh placed significant emphasis on the 5-step District Skill Development Roadmap. This included a comprehensive overview of the skilling activities that have been undertaken thus far and outlined a concrete plan to fortify the district's skilling ecosystem.

The meeting delved into promoting sustainable trades concerning skill development, with specific emphasis placed on the emerging sectors of Drone Technology and Hospitality Management. Line departments were encouraged to prioritize these areas and focus on them during the Vibrant Village Programs.

In summary, the DSC meeting was marked by productive discussions and a commitment to fostering skill development in East Kameng District, with a strong emphasis on collaboration, data sharing, and adaptability to evolving sectors.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao launched in Tirap

KHONSA, October 11:

On the occasion of International Girl Child Day, the Dept of Women & Child Development, Tirap district launched the programme of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme, which was graced by the Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman

(BBBP) on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at DCs Conference Hall, Khonsa.

Addressing the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman (BBBP) informed the house that the programme was launched to address the ongoing discrimination against female children, improve the status of girl children and gender imbalance prevailing in the society.

Smti H. Bangsia, DD (WCD) & Member Secy (BBBP), highlighted about the scheme through Power Point Presentation and informed the house regarding the roles of the District Task Force for implementation of the scheme.

Threadbare discussion on the District Action Plan for the year 2023 was held during the meeting.

Earlier, Smti N. Matey, CDPO addressed the house with a welcome note, which was followed by taking pledge of "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao", administered by DC-cum-Chairman. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Smti N. Shin, CDPO, Lazu.

SLSA felicitates 3 qualifying Wushu Players

CHIMPU, October 11:

The Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy, Chimpu, Itanagar, was filled with pride as it felicitated its remarkable Wushu players, Onilu Tega, Nyeman Wangsu, and Mepung Lamgu, who earned the prestigious opportunity to participate in the 19th Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China.

The felicitation event was organised on October 6 last in presence of the Director of Sports, Officers of the Sports Dept and

Principal of Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy, along with faculty members and students.

Director of Sports, Tadar Appa, expressed immense pride in the accomplishment, highlighting that it is a momentous occasion for the Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy. He expressed his hope that more students from various disciplines at the academy would follow the footsteps of these outstanding athletes, shining at both the national and international levels. He aspires for the academy to become one of the premier sports institutions not only in Arunachal but also in the entire North East region.

Likha Vida, Principal of Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy, applauded the extraordinary efforts of these athletes and encouraged not only them but also all students of the academy to wholeheartedly devote themselves to their training and coaching in their respective sports disciplines.

The three talented athletes, under the expert and able guidance of their dedicated coach, M. Premchandra Singh, have been diligently honing their skills since their admission to Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy in the year 2013. Their selection for the Asian Games was a testament to their unwavering commitment to their sport and their relentless pursuit of excellence.

Despite the challenges posed by accreditation card (Visa dispute) by the host Nation, the athletes shared their heartfelt thoughts on the honor of being selected to represent their nation on the prestigious event.

The felicitation ceremony was attended by dignitaries from the Directorate of Sports, dedicated coaches, instructors, teachers, and the enthusiastic students of Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy.

First batch of Tawang kiwis sent to Guwahati

TAWANG, October 11:

Tawang Deputy Commissioner, Kanki Darang, oversaw the commencement of a significant milestone as the first batch of Tawang kiwis was sent to Guwahati on the evening of October 11.

These Tawang kiwis, representing collaboration between M/S Tawang Fresh and Assam's Pasoli Agro Industries, received technical guidance from the Department of Horticulture, Tawang.

This marks the inaugural shipment of one metric ton of kiwis to Guwahati, with plans to explore markets in neighboring states.

The event was graced by the presence of various officials, including District Agriculture Officer Toli Bam, District Horticulture Officer Saifur Rahman, SDHO Koncho Gyatso, entomologist KB Kayastha, and Nawang Chonzom, the proprietor of Tawang Fresh.

Notably, Nawang Chonzom shared her inspiring journey, having left her government job to support local farmers and promote locally grown produce. Her dedication has been evident in the successful marketing of local organic vegetables from May to July 2023, with a remarkable turnover of Rs. 25 lakhs. Furthermore, her mission has attracted over 400 farmers to join this endeavor.

1251 persons screened at Cancer Detection & Awareness Camp

ZIRO, October 12:

Altogether 1251 persons were screened for cancer detection test of which the biopsies of 10 doubtful patients were sent to Dr. B. Barroah Cancer Institute, Guwahati

for analysis and confirmation at the maiden three days Cancer Detection and Awareness Camp organized at Ziro recently.

Inaugurated by Health Minister Alo Libang, the camp was organized by State Cancer Society of Arunachal Pradesh, Dr. B. Barroah Cancer Institute, Guwahati, under Department of Atomic Energy and a unit of TMC Mumbai, and Council of Baptist Churches in Northeast in collaboration with District Health Society Ziro and District Administration Lower Subansiri District.

The team of oncologists and doctors who attended the three days Cancer Detection and Awareness Camp were given a warm farewell here on October 9 last.

Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime and District Medical officer Dr. Nani Rika thanked the team for their whole-hearted support in making the camp successful.

Young Talent shines in Dettol Hygiene Olympiad 2.0

NAMSAI, October 12:

In a remarkable achievement that shows the spirit of determination, Roshan Panika, a student at Kendriya Vidyalaya School in Namsai, secured the second position in Level One of the Dettol Hygiene Olympiad 2.0.

The Dettol Hygiene Olympiad was conducted in various govt and private schools of Namsai by the NGO - The Birds and Bees Talk, Plan India from 4th September to 15th September in order to create health & hygiene awareness among the adolescents. Around 3000 students of Namsai district participated in it and Roshan Panika

brought home laurels by securing the 2nd position.

Roshan was felicitated at the launch of NDTV Dettol Banega Swasth India Season 10 recently for his win that entailed a prize of Rs 35,000. DHO 2.0 aligns with the Dettol School Hygiene Curriculum, reinforcing Reckitt's commitment to addressing hygiene gaps for a healthier India.

Supported by over 100 partners, including Plan India, MAMTA HIMC, Gramalaya, Jagran Pehel, AJYS, FICCI ISC, ASSOCHAM Foundation, Apollo Total Health, SARDS, and CARPED, the Dettol Hygiene Olympiad 2.0 aims to empower children aged 6 to 16 years to understand the importance of hygiene, health, and family well-being.

Building on the success of its debut last year, the Dettol Hygiene Olympiad 2.0 expanded its reach, spanning all 28 states and 8 union territories, and reaching over 30 million children. As the ongoing pandemic underscores the critical importance of hygiene, Dettol Banega Swasth India remains dedicated to educating children about six pivotal handwashing occasions through the Dettol Hygiene curriculum program. These include washing hands after defecation and the use of toilets, before eating, before preparing and serving food, before feeding infants/children, after cleaning a child's bottom, and after coughing/sneezing during illness.

The Dettol Hygiene Olympiad's engaging approach undoubtedly encourages children nationwide to embrace healthy habits, fostering a healthier and brighter future for India and reaching last mile

villages. Roshan and his family's story to fulfil their dreams through education is an excellent example of the struggle and the determination they have. They believe that through education their child will be able to achieve which his parents were not able to and also contribute towards the society.

SSB Battalion handed over Amrit Kalash to DC

TAWANG, October 12:

The 38th Battalion of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Tawang under the programme Meri Metti Mera Desh on Wednesday handed over the Kalash containing metti and grains collected from various villages near SSB Border outposts of Tawang district to Tawang Deputy Commissioner, Kanki Darang.

Earlier the officers, Jawans and family members of the battalion took out Amrit Kalash Yatra procession from battalion headquarters to DC office Tawang.

DC, Darang and Battalion Commandant, Rajan Kumar Srivastava received the Kalash from the family members of SSB jawans in the DC office and kept the Kalash with other Kalashes containing soils collected from various veer bhumis of Tawang district earlier in the month of August 2023.

While receiving the Amrit Kalash, the DC said, 'We have been collecting soils from all the veer bhumis of Tawang and these Kalash containing soils and grains collected from villagers will together be sent with a delegation to State Capital and National Capital for inclusion in national level culmination function

of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava'. He expressed his gratitude to the officers, Jawans and family members for participating in the Amrit Kalash Yatra and also for collecting soil and grains from all the villages nearby SSB Bops in the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the Battalion Commandant informed that the soil collected from every nook and corner of the country will further be carried to state capitals and ultimately to the culmination function of the year long programme of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava, proposed in the National Capital later in first week of the following month.

The soils and grains will be used in making of Amrit Vastika, a national monument at National Capital as a tribute to the martyrs who made supreme sacrifice for the country.

Commissioner (Agri & Horti) reviews progress of department schemes

ZIRO, October 12:

Commissioner Agriculture, Horticulture Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Bidol Tayeng paid a one-day visit to Lower Subansiri district here on Wednesday and reviewed the progress made in implementation of the schemes of the departments at the District.

The Commissioner particularly took note of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and the State Plan Schemes (SPS) of Agriculture, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry departments and directed the Heads of Offices concerned to achieve the allocated targets optimally and timely.

Tayeng also took an incisive review of the agriculture department's Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana (ANKY) and Veterinary Department's Atma Nirbhar Pasu Palan Yojana (ANPPY) and interacted with Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime and concerned Heads of Offices to get latest updates of the implementation of these schemes at the District.

Later, the Commissioner also visited the Bio Fertilizer Production Units, Govt. Pig-gery Farm and the veterinary complex at Siiro village. He expressed satisfaction on the overall progress made by the Agriculture, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry departments at the district.

During the field visit the Commissioner was accompanied by District Agriculture Officer Tasso Butung and District Veterinary Officer Dr. Hano Tama.

Meeting held to discuss modalities for Seva Maah

NAMSAI, October 12:

A coordination meeting was held on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Namsai C.R Khampa to discuss the modalities for conducting 'Seva Maah' in the month of November.

Addressing the meeting, the DC explained the genesis and concept behind the conduct of "Seva Maah" and elaborated the timeline of activities to be carried out by the departments. He stated that "our aim should not be confined to output alone but also focus on outcome oriented work".

He also highlighted the importance of IEC activities to be un-

dertaken ahead of the programme to ensure that the benefits of the programme reach the grass root level.

Department wise suggestive activities were discussed and a total of 8 camps were proposed to be set up circle wise.

The meeting was attended by all the admin officers, HoDs, Bank managers and officials of Ar-SRLM & Piramal foundation.

Millet Threshers demonstration & distribution programme held

TAWANG, October 12:

ICAR-Vivekananda Parvatiya Kishi Anusandhan, based in Almora, Uttarakhand, in collaboration with KVK Tawang, organized a Millet Threshers Demonstration & Distribution and Farmer-Scientist Interaction programme at KVK, Tawang on October 12.

The initiative, conducted under the NEH Programme of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), commemorates the International Year of Millets 2023.

The event, attended by 20 farmers from villages Bleting, Buri, Gipsu, Kharteng, Kitpi, Lumtsang, Namet, Shakti, and Shernup was graced by Tawang DC, Kanki Darang as the chief guest.

DC, in his address commended the initiatives of ICAR-VPKAS Almora and KVK Tawang and pledged support from the district administration. He encouraged the farmers to adopt new crop varieties and agricultural technologies to lower production costs and increase the agricultural income.

Dr. Lakshmi Kant, Director of ICAR-VPKAS, shared insights into the efforts undertaken by ICAR-VPKAS to promote finger millet in the district. He high-

lighted the successful adoption of the early maturing and high-yielding finger millet variety VL Mandua 376 and the ongoing endeavors for farmer participatory seed production. Dr. Kant also shed light on the inefficiencies of traditional millet threshing methods and the benefits of the VL Millet Thresher-cum-Pearler, which saves time and labor, reducing drudgery. He urged the DC to consider including the millet thresher in state government subsidy schemes to benefit more farmers. Furthermore, he discussed the steps taken to facilitate organic certification for finger millet producers, enabling them to command higher prices for their produce.

District Agriculture Officer, Toli Bam, offered departmental assistance to make new agricultural technologies accessible to farmers and address their agricultural challenges.

The working of the VL Millet Thresher-cum - Pearler was demonstrated to the farmers, and subsequently, 13 threshers were distributed by DC Darang and Dr. Kant for community use. Dr. Kant also expressed his gratitude to CK Singh, SMS Agronomy, KVK, Tawang for his pivotal role in disseminating these improved technologies.

The VL Millet Thresher-cum-Pearler, developed by ICAR-VPKAS, Almora, is designed to reduce drudgery, save time, and decrease labor requirements for hill farmers. This machine received the Meritorious Invention Award from the National Research and Development Corporation in 2006.

Among others, the event was attended by ICAR-VPKAS scientists Dr. NK Hedau, Dr. RK Khulbe, Dr. DC Joshi, and Dr. Hitesh Bijarniya, as well as SDO KB Kayastha and scientists from KVK Tawang.

SRFTI Director assures preference for locals in Job recruitment in FTI, Jote

ITANAGAR, October 12:

A review meeting regarding the status of Film and Television Institute, Jote was held in the office chamber of Secretary Information & Public Relations, Nyali Ete at State Civil Secretariat here on October 12.

In the meeting, the Director Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute, Kolkata, Hemansu S. Khatua assured that the locals would be preferred in job recruitment in the FTI, Jote. He also informed that short term courses for the locals would be held soon to impart technical training in the state which would later benefit the locals during technical staff recruitment so that most of the technical and functional positions would be preferably filled with the locals. He added that since the Institute is in Arunachal it should benefit the state and its people.

Khatua also remarked that through FTI, Jote the locals would reap abundant benefit and it would also boost tourism in the state.

Secretary IPR, Nyali Ete, in his address requested the officials from the Central Public Works Department, which is the executing agency to take the locals in confidence for smooth completion of the construction work. He also requested the District Administration, Papum Pare to identify a source of water so that the CPWD can carry on with the water connection works in the campus.

Papum Pare Deputy Commissioner, Cheechung Chukhu assured every possible help to the executing agency and urged the Director SRFTI to give preference

to the locals during job recruitments.

Earlier, Executive Engineer CPWD informed that two main works that is identification of water source and electrification were left and gave a commitment to complete the entire work by March 2024.

FTI, Jote is the only third (3rd) such Institute in the country, the others being the Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute, Kolkata and FTI Pune.

The meeting was also attended by Director FTI, Pune, Sound Expert SRFTI, Kolkata, Director IPR, Deputy Director, IPR, Under Secretary IPR, Engineers of CPWD, DLRSO Papum Pare, and other officers from IPR.

International Day for Girls observed

BORUM, October 12:

The International Day for Girl child was observed at Govt. Middle School at Borum on October 12.

Organized by the WCD department, Papum Pare the day-long event included awareness program on the mental health issues, protecting boys from norms of toxic masculinity and plantation of fruit bearing trees in school campus.

Aroti Tayeng DD, ICDS, while welcoming the resource persons and the participants, spoke about why the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme has to become the corner stone for all schemes and programmes for the safety, protection and empowerment of the girl child's life continuum.

She urged the stake holders to come forward together and join hands for the best interest of the girl child.

Miss Poona Baja, Psychiatric Social Worker, Midpu Mental

hospital spoke on mental health issues and protecting boys from norms of toxic masculinity, while Advocate Tarh Nagu, LO spoke about POCSO Act and encouraged the children to be brave and report to the authorities whenever offenses against children are witnessed.

Resource person Miss Neringanga also spoke about good and bad touch.

Smti Yapi Kodak, Head Master of the school exhorted the children to inculcate good habits and disseminate the information deliberated by the resource persons to family members and friends.

Officials from WCD department, teachers and students participated in the program.

1st ISSE sports meet concludes

PASIGHAT, October 12:

The 1st ISSE (Integrated Scheme for School Education) annual sports meet under 17 (boys and girls) concluded yesterday at the DDSE ground at Gumin Nagar Pasighat.

Gracing the valedictory function as Chief Guest, East Siang Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu addressed the finalists (boys and girls) and the spectators. In his brief address Taggu said that positive effects from sports are achieved primarily through physical activity and ultimately bring many health benefits such as psychosocial and personality development and helps to refrain from bad habits like alcoholism and drug menace etc.

Giving "no to drugs and yes to life" mantra, he stated that physical activity and exercise have significant positive effects in prevailing or alleviating mental illness, including depressive symptoms and anxiety. The DC further

highlighted about the development of sports and rankings of Arunachal Pradesh at North-East level adding the performance of India in the recently concluded Asian Games.

Altogether eleven schools (boys) participated and the GSS Motum and GHSS DEM emerged as winner and Runners up respectively. Out of eight schools (girls) IGJGHSS secured their position as winner and DEMGHSS was the runners up.

Organizing chairman DDSE Odhuk Tabing highlighted the recent achievement of Arunachal sports persons particularly of East Siang and spoke about of magnitude of school going children in nation building and advocated against drug menace and its ill effects.

The District Sports Coordinator (DSC) Tanya Padung delivered tournament summary and briefed about all upcoming sport curriculum (events) of the district.

International Girl Child Day celebrated

PASIGHAT, October 12:

International Girl Child Day celebrated with theme "Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well Being" in the divisional level ICDS Cell, under Women & Child Development Department at the SEEDS Humane Academy Auditorium, Yapgo, Pasighat here on Wednesday.

Ustad Bismillah Khan Award recipient Delong Padung graced the occasion as Chief Guest. In his speech Padung advised the children to achieve their goal by maintaining proper discipline and hard work.

The Deputy Director (ICDS) Machi Gao highlighted all

the details of the Programme under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme and the importance of celebration of "International Girl Child Day". In her address Gao also briefed about observation of Girl child Day to recognize the rights of girls and acknowledge the challenges being faced by the girls. Today's girls may be the leaders of tomorrow and their Journey may be filled with opportunities, equality and endless possibilities and wishes, she added.

Advocate Mary Tatak, CA One Stop Center spoke regarding the rights of girl child. The Participants students perform some cultural program and Chief Guest Delong Padung also performed one solo song. The entire participating students were awarded cash incentives.

DA carries out eviction of unauthorized constructions

ITANAGAR, October 12:

On the basis of complaints as received from Raj Bhavan and DDK authorities, the team of District Administration led by CO, Itanagar M Kato on Wednesday carried out eviction of a SP type structure constructed within the demarcated land of Raj Bhawan complex and 2 kutcha structures and 1 OBT structure constructed in front of the Staff quarters of DDK, Itanagar at D-Sector, Itanagar.

Deputy Commissioner Capital Itanagar Talo Potom has time and again appealed the denizens of capital to refrain from such illegal activities.

RTI Week observed

ITANAGAR, October 12:

The RTI Week Celebration, 2023 was observed in a befitting manner

at the Jarbom Gamlin Government Law College, Jote on October 12.

The programme was organized by the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission in association with the Jarbom Gamlin Government Law College, Jote.

The programme was formally inaugurated by the State Chief Information Commissioner, Rinchen Dorjee in presence of Information Commissioners Genom Tekseng and Gumjum Haider, APIC Registrar, Taro Mize, Principal JGGLC, J. George, all officer/officials of APIC, teachers and students of JGGLC, Jote.

Addressing the occasion, State Chief Information Commissioner, Dorjee, appreciated the students and faculty members of JGGLC, Jote for attending the programme enthusiastically and appealed them to acquaint with the various provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 for proper application of the people friendly Act. He called upon the people not to misuse the RTI Act, 2005. Dorjee further informed that the APIC is delivering its best to perform its quasi-judicial function as mandated in the RTI Act.

On the occasion, Information Commissioners Genom Tekseng and Gumjum Haider presented awareness programme on various provisions of RTI Act, 2005.

Earlier, the Principal, JGGLC George welcomed all to the programme, followed by introductory and keynote address by Registrar Mize.

The RTI Week is celebrated every year throughout the country during October 5 to 12 to commemorate the RTI Act, 2005 which came into force w.e.f. October 12, 2005. The aim of the RTI Week celebration is to evolve a strategy to do the advocacy and disseminate the message of transparency and accountability and to keep the

citizenry informed by exchange of ideas and spread of information.

Smti Maman Padung, Dy. Registrar, APIC also spoke in the day-long programme.

DC launches BBBP scheme

PASIGHAT, October 12:

East Siang Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu formally launched Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme in the district in his office conference hall on October 12 last in presence of SP Sumit Kr Jha, PD (DRDA) Taging Padung, DD (ICDS) Machi Gao, DMO Dr. Radesh Tatan, DDSE Odhuk Taging, DSO (Sports) A Sitek, OSC Administrator Adv. M. Tatak and MGNF Sumegha Shaw.

Addressing on the occasion, DC Taggu informed that the BBBP scheme was launched on 22nd January, 2015 at Panipat, Haryana by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address the issue of decline in Child Sex Ratio (CSR) in the country along with related issues of empowerment of girls and women, over a life cycle continuum. 'It gives us the scope to do a lot of regulatory and enforcement related things for holistic development and empowerment of girl children. It will be implemented through a national campaign and focused multi-sectoral action and is a joint initiative of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Among the core objectives of BBBP scheme are to prevent gender biased sex survival and protection and ensuring increased enrollment in schools and skill development for livelihood of girl children', added the DC. As part

of the core strategy, the district administration has chalked out a plan for implementation of a sustained social mobilization and communication campaign to create equal value for the girl child and promote her education and also to mobilize local bodies, NGOs and grass-root workers, local community, women and youth groups in partnership. He approved the District Action Plan (DAP) proposed by the WCD and committee members.

East Siang SP Sumit Kr Jha in his brief address emphasized the vital importance of creating awareness and providing essential support and guidance to the girl children. He highlighted the need for mobilization of the community to make BBBP a collective effort in order to sustain the programme over a long term basis and called upon the officers to facilitate seamless coordination with all line departments with an assurance the police department will always be ready extend all logistic supports and cooperation in the implementation process.

DD (ICDS) Machi Gao provided a comprehensive overview of all activities conducted by her department and also presented a status report on upcoming activities, highlighting the commitment of the district to the cause.

MHA Jt Secretary visits Tawang to oversee VVP

TAWANG, October 12:

Pausami Basu, Joint Secretary (BM-II) of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, commenced a three-day official visit to Tawang from October 12.

During discussion with the heads of offices of the district, Joint Secretary Basu highlighted the formal approval of the Vibrant

Village Programme in February of this year. She informed that over the past six months, Tawang has proactively undertaken numerous activities, resulting in heightened public awareness of this new tourist destination and the village action plans submitted by the state government are under consideration and will soon be sanctioned for further implementation.

Deputy Commissioner Kanki Darang, in his address emphasized that the Vibrant Village Programme is progressing and every effort will be made to ensure its success. The initiative is not only poised to boost the economy of border villages but also to discourage migration from border areas to urban cities, he said.

A comprehensive presentation on the activities carried out under the Vibrant Village Programme was delivered by Choiki Dondup, EAC cum District Planning Officer, in the form of a PowerPoint presentation.

Earlier, the Jt Secretary was accorded a warm reception at the Urgyen Tsangpo helipad on her arrival by DC Tawang, Kanki Darang, SP DW Thongon, and other officials.

In the course of her visit, Joint Secretary Basu toured Tawang Monastery, Bramdungchung Ani Gonpa, Tawang Emporium and Vibrant Village Jemeithang.

Tirap DLMC meeting held

KHONSA, October 12:

Tirap DC, Hento Karga presided the monthly District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) meeting held in DC's Conference Hall here on October 12 last to review the Centrally / State Sponsored Schemes

like SPA, NESIDS, SADA, SIDF, CRF, NLCPR, NEC, RIDF, BADP, MSDP / PMJVK, MPLAD, CM-DICF, Deposit Works, PMGSY PM / CM flagship programmes.

Welcoming all, the DC, who is also the chairman of the DLMC told that the committee has been constituted by the government for evaluation and monitoring of the progress of all the developmental activities in the district and submit its report to the government on monthly basis. He outlined the main objective of the committee, which is to pave the path of good governance and to see that the developmental projects are implemented as per the specification and scope of work in the sanctioned DPRs without any duplicity with any other projects.

Informing that the district is doing well in all sectors except in soil health card, the DC called for co-ordination among various departments for proper implementation of developmental projects and asked all the implementing agencies to maintain quality of the works and not to compromise with the quality during implementation. He further asked them to submit the status/ progress report well in advance and also share their difficulties in implementation of the projects.

Tirap ZPC, Miss Chathong Lowang, in her speech expressed her concern over poor performance of the district in soil health card. She requested the concerned department to create awareness among the people about the importance of the soil testing by involving the PRIs. She told that the ANBY, ANKY schemes of the government will only be successful if the soil is properly tested and the crops are selected as per the feasibility. Appreciating the work of line departments, the ZPC asked

them to complete all ongoing projects as per specification within Mar/2023.

The progress of ongoing projects in the district was reviewed through power point presentations during the meeting.

Mentor Secretary tours Lower Subansiri district

ZIRO, October 12:

Commissioner-cum-Mentor Secretary for Lower Subansiri District Vivek Pandey accompanied by Shashank Tripathi, a young IAS officer from 2015 batch recently assigned to Arunachal Pradesh from Lakshadweep was on a three-day tour to the district from October 12 last.

During the first day of the tour, the mentor secretary took a comprehensive review meeting involving all the work and allied departmental heads at the District Secretariat.

On behalf of the people of the District, Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime welcomed the mentor secretary and introduced all the heads of offices to the mentor secretary.

Spelling out the purpose of his visit to the district, the mentor secretary emphasized his role in providing guidance to District Administration to help them attain necessary developmental benchmarks. He encouraged the officials to commit themselves with dedication and hard work towards transformation of the district.

District Planning Officer Joram Tatum presented a detailed overview of the accomplishments of each department. The meeting agenda encompassed three primary components which included an overview of each department's

work, the district's performance on 14 saturation parameters, and planning for the upcoming Seva Maah as part of the Seva AapkeDwar outreach program.

During the four-hour long meeting, the mentor secretary conducted a thorough examination of each department's schemes, motivating officials to elevate their goals, and meet the desired targets. There was a meticulous assessment of key initiatives within the district as each department outlined their schemes and achievements. The deputy commissioner provided the mentor secretary with updates on various ongoing programs and initiatives in the district.

After an in-depth review, the mentor secretary offered valuable insights and words of motivation to the officials. He encouraged officers to develop and execute exemplary projects for personal satisfaction, emphasizing the importance of various infrastructure projects and the efficiency of schemes. He also suggested the implementation of 'third party monitoring' and 'review' to ensure the validation and verification of scheme delivery to the intended beneficiaries, stressing the need for departments to ensure delivery to the remotest villages.

The mentor secretary also lauded the deputy commissioner and his team for their enthusiasm and encouraged them to strive for the district to be an 'aspirational' and top-performing district in the state.

While extending his appreciation for the warm welcome and hospitality of the people of the district, commissioner Vivek Pandey also appreciated the natural beauty of Ziro and commended for its tremendous tourism potential. With an ALG and completion of the TAH, Ziro is poised to become

a prominent tourist destination in the state, he remarked.

Meanwhile, DC Bamin Nime expressed gratitude to the mentor secretary for his valuable insights and urged his officers to take note of the mentor secretary's key requirements and suggestions seriously.

The DC further informed that Seva Maah is scheduled from the month of November this year and it will be conducted similar to Seva AapkeDwar outreach program across all circles in the district. The DC further informed the District Administration has already initiated preparations to ensure successful execution of the program with beneficiaries from various schemes actively involved, and all departments dedicated to making it a success.

During the second day at the District Hq, the mentor secretary accompanied by DC and his team inspected the various ongoing developmental projects and sites including that of upcoming Gyati Takka Zonal Hospital, the Integrated Aqua Park at Tarin, Water Treatment Plant at Pare Ami, District Pig Breeding Farm, Siiro, Siikhe Lake, Seeh Amrit Sarovar and the State Transport Office, Old Ziro. The mentor secretary also visited few kiwi orchards of progressive farmers.

On his way back to Itanagar tomorrow, the mentor secretary would also be visiting the 'Development of Wayside Amenities at Tago Putu'.

Meri Mati Mera Desh Campaign in RGU

DOIMUKH, October 13:

NSS volunteers of Rajiv Gandhi University, organized a mass pledge and tree plantation programme un-

der Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign flagship programme as a part of the culmination event of the institution for the 75th year of Azadi ka Amrit Mahatsov as per the directives of the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India here on October 13 last.

The University also carried out a tree plantation programme to mark the day with planting of various fruit bearing and timber tree saplings at the NSS Park of the university.

The day-long programme started from University's main gate to the Wall of Heroes point with the slogan 'Anek Bhasa Anek Pradesh, Meri Maati Mera Desh' followed by taking of Panch Pran pledge in bilingual mode.

Chief Guest Prof. Saket Kushwaha, RGU Vice-Chancellor, who led the tree plantation drive in his speech, said that Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and to commemorate the 75 years of independence of India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements and threw light on the journey of the independence of the country. He emphasised on the importance of respecting motherland, following the system as well the importance of loving the nation with an earnest feeling of nationalism. He further opined that, the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav with the "Meri Mati Mera Desh" campaign gives true value to it is tagline 'Mitti ko naman, veeron ka vandan' in the honour and appreciation to the martyred brave hearts and thus it had become an embodiment of all that is progressive about India's socio-cultural, political and economic identity and said that as an Indian one should do anything and everything to upkeep its dignity.

The Dean of the faculty of Education & Sports Sciences, Prof. T. Lhungdim, as Guest of Honour in his short speech emphasised on the national integrity and its importance, skill India and promotion of peace.

University's Joint Registrar Dr. David Pertin, who joined the observation as a Special Guest, while appreciating the efforts of all the NSS volunteers spoke on the need to inculcate the patriotism and informed that "Meri Mati Mera Desh" campaign was launched in RGU two months back on 14th August 2023, when a "Tiranaga on bike rally" was organised for promotion of "janbhagidari" in all such noble acts where people of all walks of life may come together and celebrates India's pious soil and valour. He further said, by bringing in a handful of soil (mitti) we should remember the contribution of the freedom fighters who sacrificed themselves for earning the freedom in a simple yet emphatic way to show our love for our country and to celebrate our independence and pay tribute to the martyred soldiers in the line of action.

Programme Officers of NSS, RGU unit Gomar Basar, Dr. Manju Tage, President of RGUEA Biro Taba, over all incharges of NSS-RGU unit Raja Bos, Mintu Kuli and Marina Panyang also spoke.

The events was participated by faculty members, officers and 260 NSS volunteers of the university.

IGSSB completes inspection of 67 BN

LUNGLA, October 13:

Inspector General (SSB) Binod Nayak from Frontier Hqs, Tezpur,

completed a comprehensive and fruitful formal inspection of the 67 BN Lungla from October 11 to 13 last.

The event was marked by a series of significant interactions and assessments aimed at enhancing the operational efficiency and morale of the battalion.

Throughout his visit, the Inspector General actively engaged with the troops, taking time to listen to their concerns and offering guidance and motivation and the troops responded with enthusiasm, expressing their contentment and motivation to work in the best interest of the organization.

Earlier, on his arrival at the 67 BN Headquarters, Nayak was accorded a warm welcome by the Commandant and all officers at the Officers Mess and the occasion was celebrated with a get-together held in his honour.

The next day commenced with a Guard of Honor presented to the IG, followed by detailed briefings including PPT presentations and a sand model briefing. He toured the campus for an insightful overview of the battalion's operations and subsequently, the inspection of branches and records was diligently conducted. He also actively participated in a Badakhana event with the dedicated personnel of 67 BN. The IG also visited the Company Hqs at Bleteng and presided over a Sainik Sammelan, besides visiting BOP Samtsekhong, new Gonpa at Bleteng village and offered prayers reflecting the battalion's commitment to tradition and spirituality. He further toured to BOP Marme, where he supervised the ongoing construction work of new infrastructure, emphasizing the importance of operational readiness.

Upon returning to the 67 BN Headquarters, the IG contin-

ued the inspection of the remaining branches. His tour concluded with the imparting of valuable guidance to the battalion. Nayak's visit has undoubtedly strengthened the spirit and operational readiness of 67 BN, which is now better equipped to carry out its critical duties in the service of the nation.

Doimukh College NSS Unit organizes Amrit Kalash Yatra

DOIMUKH, October 13:

The NSS Unit of Government College Doimukh organized Amrit Kalash Yatra under the “MeriMaati, Mera Desh” campaign at the college campus on October 13.

Chief Guest, Dr M.A Salam, HoD, Economics highlighted that every individual is the product of the society and education is a method of making a person's self being i.e developing the personality. He said that every development is initiated by individuals in society, and hence every individual has to deliver in his/her capacity and this aspect is highlighted in the NSS Motto-‘Not Me, but You’. This attitude to deliver makes an individual ‘Amrit’ which is the substance of Azadi, he said, adding, ‘every small delivery together makes the nation, a great nation’.

Guest of honour, Dr Taw Azu, Principal of the college also spoke on the occasion.

Resource person of the event, Dr Anil Kumar, HoD Geography appraised its significance and objectives to inculcate the national values of nationalism, patriotism, oneness, belongingness, unity in diversity among the citizens of our country and also to encourage people to pay their tribute to the veers and veeranganas who dedicated and sacrificed their lives for the na-

tion. He also highlighted India as a nation, its salient features and vastness of the country so that we take pride in being an Indian.

NSS Programme officer, Dr Eva Dupak, HoD, History administered the Paanch Pran Pledge to the gathering holding rice/soil brought from individual houses which was later collected in the Amrit Kalash to be handed over to the district administration.

Later, a procession was carried out within the college campus by the teaching and non-teaching staff, NSS volunteers and students of the college who participated in large numbers.

SAKD 2.0 held at Ozakho village

KANUBARI, October 13:

The second Seva Apke Dwar 2.0 (SAD 2.0) in Longding district was organized at Chubam circle in Ozakho village in Kanubarion October 13.

The programme, inaugurated by Wangjem Wangsu, GPC of Ozakho village and Miss Janan-koTingwa, CO Chubam was participated by all the Heads of the Departments of the district.

The GPC, while addressing the people urged them to take advantage of programs like that of SAD 2.0, where the government officials come to the doorsteps of the people with the available services.

Various major departments provided different types of services in the program for the benefit of the common masses.

Seva AapkeDwar is an initiative of the state government to deliver information and services to the citizens and improve ease of living for a self-reliant Arunachal Pradesh. Services are made avail-

able for every eligible beneficiary at their doorsteps so that saturation is ensured by 2023.

Year-long vocational training to inmates of JSH held

PASIGHAT, October 14:

One-year vocational training (in Weaving, Cane & Bamboo) to impart traditional skills in inmates of the Juvenile Special Home (JSH) at the 2-Mile area, Pasighat began here on October 14.

The programme is an initiative of the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, aimed to provide livelihood and income generation opportunities to the trainees. The yearlong training program is being conducted by the Textile & Handicrafts department in collaboration with the District Administration, Police and Woman & Child Development departments.

The training program was formally inaugurated by the East Siang Deputy Commissioner, Tayi Taggu in presence of SP Sumit Kr. Jha, DD (ICDS) Machi Gao, DDI Matsam Jamoh, ADTH Libang Perme and others.

Taking privilege, DC Taggu advised the inmates for realization of their mistakes and not to repeat in future adding that the trainees should maintain discipline and be attentive during the learning process and use these skills to upgrade their livelihood. He further said that during the yearlong training the inmates would be aligned with the standardized skills to enhance their skills, and technical knowledge so that they could design and ideate new products independently. Traditional techniques of craft and artwork were a significant part of Arunachal's rich heritage and

there was an urgent need to preserve these skills.

Stating that it was observed that the heritage and traditional skill clusters require skilled artisans to meet the demand for traditional crafts in the state and outside, he appreciated the Textile and Handicrafts department for organizing the training. Taggu opined that such training would help the youths in career building and enable them to prove themselves as worthy citizens of the nation.

SP Sumit Kumar Jha advised the inmates to devotedly learn the skill in weaving and making various handicrafts items to make their mind healthy and strong. He stated that this place was not a jail and so it is called a "HOME" wherein the inmates would be treated with love and care as like in their real homes. The SP also encouraged them to become "Acchha Aadmi" again. He also informed that products made by the inmates would be shown to their parents and relatives.

DD (ICDS) Machi Gao also spoke on the occasion. She advised the inmates to seriously learn weaving and making handicraft items which could also be sold during important functions like Republic Day and Independence Day exhibitions.

Governor, First Lady participate in DPM Foundation Day celebration

ITANAGAR, October 15:

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

participated in the Foundation Day celebration of Donyi Polo Mission School for the Hearing and Visually Impaired, Chimpu, Itanagar on October 15, 2023.

The Governor, who was impressed by the students, assured to strengthen their aspirations. He said that with better grooming and upbringing, the students can compete with other children as they have huge potential.

The Governor exhorted the students to work hard and do well in life. He said that Raj Bhavan will take initiatives to provide the children better exposure and life experience to make them proud citizens of the country.

The Governor assured furniture, including study tables and chairs for the students on the occasion.

The Governor commended former Chief Minister and Chairman of DPM Gegong Apang and Donyi Polo Mission for the humane service to humanity, which he said, is parallel to none. He appreciated all the people associated with the school for their noble task.

The Governor conferred excellence in academic awards to Master Bengia Rajput and Miss Biri Aja of Class IX, Miss Jyoti Kumari of Class V and Master Susanth Boro of Class I on the occasion. He also conferred the awards for excellence in vocational training to Miss Challick Wangsu (Weaving) and Miss Hobi Yal (Tailoring). For excellence in extracurricular activities, the Governor conferred awards to Miss Angel Diven (Dancing), Master Jhon Tachang (Music), Master Mebo Medo (Singing), Master Lindum Tana and Miss Khoda Yana (So-

cial Service), Master Jame Tawe and Miss Viki Rachael (Games & Sports) and Miss Ome Minam Tamut (Painting).

The Governor also felicitated Ms M. Mishra, daughter of late Prem Kumar Mishra, Founder Principal, on behalf of her father who served as head of the institute from 15th October 1990 to 1st October 2006.

Chairman and former CM Gegong Apang, also spoke on the occasion. Principal, Donyi Polo Mission School for Hearing and Visually Impaired, Chimpu, H. Sharma, briefed about the institute and its achievements.

Principal Secretary, Finance, Planning & Investment, Health & Family Welfare etc. cum Chairman, APSSB, Dr. Sharat Chauhan, former MLA Nima Tsering, Vice Chairman, Donyi Polo Mission, Dr. Oken-gApang and special guests and invitees along with teachers, instructors, tutors, alumni of the school and students participated in the celebration. The differently abled students of the institute presented a cultural programme, which included patriotic song and dance and pantomime.

In their maiden visit to the institute, the Governor and the First Lady of the State interacted with the students, both hearing and visually impaired. They also interacted with the alumni of the school. The Governor and the First Lady of the State saw the various special activities, including the products of the Waste Paper Recycling Vocational Unit run by the students of the school as part of their vocational training programme. The school has 124 students including 24 visually impaired.

APU hosts its 7th convocation

Commissioner Edn urges students to bring positive changes to society

PASIGHAT, October 15:

The seventh Convocation of Apex Professional University (APU), Pasighat was held on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at the Shruti Hall, Science block of the University.

The Chief Guest of the event, state's Education Commissioner Amjad Tak congratulated the student achievers and emphasized the vital role universities play in the overall development of society. He called upon the students for pursuing excellence with a futuristic mindset in their chosen fields. Peace, order and discipline were essential in every educational campus. Tak asked the students to work hard and realize their social responsibilities in life and congratulated the awardees, degree recipients and distinction holders. The Commissioner urged the students to carry forward knowledge and wisdom to bring positive changes to society.

The Chief Guest, in his address further said that the university must have proper academic calendar and that it must be implemented in letter and spirit. He complemented the Chancellor for his pragmatic work and expressed hope that the APU would continue to provide education among the youths.

In his speech, Chancellor Acharya Dhanwant Singh emphasized on the University has been identified and recognized by AICTE, Ministry of Education, and Govt. of India as Center OF Excellence in Indian Knowledge System to foster the education, re-

search and development in Indian Knowledge system.

The VC Prof NA Khan conveyed message of Honorable Visitor of the APU Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt Gen KT Parnaik. He also narrated different new development of the University like state of the art laboratory facilities, good library, strong Research and Development Cell, quality conscious IQAC, achievement of research project grants etc and presented the university's annual report, and expressed appreciation for the "cooperation extended by teaching faculties and non-teaching staff for bringing transformation in delivery of education to the students".

The convocation ceremony was attended by other dignitaries including Pro-VC Dr. Somnath Roy Choudhury, Registrar Vijay Kumar Tilak, faculties, staff members and students of the university.

APSCTE 8th General Body meeting held

Technical education plays vital role in development of the country – Er. Tedir

ITANAGAR, October 16:

Education Minister Er. Taba Tedir, who is also the Chairman APSCTE chaired the 8th General Body meeting of the Arunachal Pradesh State Council for Technical Education (APSCTE) at the Conference Hall of the Council here on Monday, October 16, 2023.

Addressing the meeting, the Education Minister emphasized that technical education plays a vital role in development of the country by creating skilled manpower, enhancing industrial productivity and improving the quality of life and ease of living. He said that state government with its limited

resources is trying to achieve some improvements in the status of access, equity and parity in technical education along with quality and introduction of plethora of reforms in line with New Education Policy 2020.

Earlier, while welcoming all, Alik Jongkey, Director (H&TE) cum Member Secretary, APSCTE informed that APSCTE is mandated to advise the state government on various matters related to technical education in the state, to conduct academics, examinations, administration and faculty training besides, conducting counseling for nomination of students in various diploma and degree technical and professional courses.

Quoting David Warlik, "We need technology in every classroom and in every student and teacher's hand, because it is the pen and paper of our time, and it is the lens through which we experience much of our world", he said that the APSCTE is striving judiciously to upgrade curricula in line with today's requirements and equipping students with latest know-how for their better employability.

After detailed deliberations on the various agenda items, the Council approved for granting class XII pass equivalency to the diploma holder for the purpose of higher education and for employment where the entry level qualification is class X1 and will be notified after the formal approval from the state govt in this regard even though diploma is a way higher than class XII as it is 10+3.

The Council also approved the proposal for registration of APSCTE with NCVET as assessment & awarding body for skill certification in the state.

Commissioner (Education), Jt. Secretary (Finance), Director Secondary Education along with

academicians from RGU, NERIST, NIT, representatives from Planning Department, PWD (WZ), RWD, Power (WZ), UD, Skill Development, Textile & Handicrafts, Industry, Principal RGGP, faculty representatives of Polytechnics including officers of Directorate and the Council participated in the meeting.

Review meeting on JJM programme held

AALO, October 17:

The review meeting of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) programme and discussion on joint survey on providing water supply at all institution was conducted under the chairmanship of Smti Mabi Jini Taipodia, ADC West Siang District at DC Chamber here in Aalo on October 17.

In the meeting, the review was taken on the JJM programme and water supply status of schools and Angwandi centers as per the Joint survey report of concerned department.

The meeting was attended by the Committee members of the District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSW), DPO (Planning), DMO (Medical), DFO (Forest), DDSE (School) and DD (ICDS).

Bati Bachao Beti Padhao scheme launched in Lohit

TEZU, October 17:

Launching of Bati Bachao Beti Padhao(BBBP) Scheme in Lohit District for the year 2023-24 was held at District Secretariat here on Tuesday, October 17 under the chairperson of Lohit DC i/c, Ms. Lui Shiba.

Addressing the meeting, the DC i/c gave her valuable speech to all the stake holders and urged all

to join hands in disseminating information about the scheme. She also discussed various issues and solutions with all the stakeholders for effective implementation of the scheme.

Assistant Commissioner, Kamaleshwar Rao. S also spoke on the launching program and urged the members present to lend a helping hand folding in eliminating anti social activities from the district.

Earlier, the Deputy Director (ICDS) cum Nodal Officer (BBBP), Lohit district welcomed the members and briefed on BBB through presentation of PPT and called for effective implementation of the scheme in the district with the line departments, namely - Planning (DO), Health, Education, Department of Economics & Statistic, BDO, Child Welfare Committee, DCPU, Special Juvenil Police Unit, Industries, UD & Housing, CDPOS, NGOS, PRI members.

DC reviews progress of government sponsored schemes during DLMC meeting

PASIGHAT, October 17:

East Siang Deputy Commissioner i/c Oli Perme, (ADC, Hqs) on Tuesday, October 17 reviewed the status of all ongoing Central and State sponsored schemes being implemented by the government departments in the district and also chaired the review meeting of Seva Maah journey towards saturation 2.0 cum E-Pragati review meeting held here at the DC conference hall.

During the District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) meeting, Perme asked the officers to submit their reports of achieve-

ments and challenges being faced by the respective departments during ground level implementations. She also stressed for 100 percent saturation of CSS and SSS within target timeline ensuring quality works adding that efforts should be made to go the extra mile to help out the beneficiaries particularly in availing subsidy schemes.

The DC also asked to step up awareness and mobilize the community in generating awareness on all government sponsored beneficial schemes.

Earlier, DPO Tatak Mibang informed the house that government has given timeline to organize SAKD 2.0 from October 31 to November 30 next.

The HoDs in their PPT presentations highlighted the physical and financial achievements under their respective sectors.

State Cabinet makes decisions for state's all-round development

ITANAGAR, October 18:

The State Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 made important decisions for all round development of the state of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Cabinet approved the Amendment of Arunachal Pradesh State Industrial and Investment Policy 2020. The amendment Policy includes to make Arunachal Pradesh a favored destination for investment, driven by state-of-art infrastructure, imparting skills of latest technology and providing a conducive ecosystem for generating employment and balanced regional development.

The policy also includes special incentive in the form of amended Power subsidy, among

others to large scale industries and attract investors to boost up the State economy and provide opportunities for generating large number of employments. The policy further includes tax incentives with Single Window clearance for all mandatory licenses.

Taking health sector into priority, the Cabinet approved Transfer and Posting Policy of General Duty Medical Officers and Specialists so that their deployment is made in a rational and equitable manner. This decision will ensure that all health facilities in the state could deliver assured health care services to the community.

The Cabinet approved framing of Arunachal Pradesh Home Guard Rules 2023.

Strengthening District Administration for administrative convenience for the people of Arunachal Pradesh, the Council of Ministers approved creation of 414 (Four hundred fourteen) contingency posts for various administrative units in Arunachal Pradesh. Cabinet gave nod for creation of 293 (Two hundred ninety-three) Group "C" and "MTS" posts for various administrative centres in Arunachal Pradesh and further approved creation of 60 (Sixty) posts for various administrative centres in Arunachal Pradesh.

State Cabinet created 2 (Two) new circles Paye circle with its Headquarter at Rikmum-Riangio and ii) Nyoriq circle bifurcating Tali Administrative centre. The Circle Office, Pip-sorang has been upgraded to Sub Divisional Office and Circle Office Chambang has been up-graded to SDO for administrative convenience.

The Cabinet, approved three important byelaws for the proper management of solid waste

in the State, namely-Arunachal Pradesh Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Byelaws 2023, Plastic Waste Management Byelaws 2023 and Construction & Demolition Waste Management Byelaws 2023.

Proposal for amendment of "The Arunachal Pradesh Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Rules 2020" got a positive nod from the Cabinet paving way for early establishment of Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) and Real Estate Appellate Tribunal (REAT) under the provisions of Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 of Govt. of India.

Cabinet further approved Operation and Maintenance Policy for rural and urban water supply system aimed at ensuring sustainable management of water supply system across the state.

The State Cabinet, approved the constitution of Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) in the State of Arunachal Pradesh as per the guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for three Tiger Reserves of the State – Namdapha, Pakke and Kamlang with creation of 336 regular posts.

The creation of STPF will lead to protection of Tigers and their habitats, protection of wildlife habitats, prevention of smuggling of wildlife articles, protection and safeguarding the assets of the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change including those of Tiger Reserves and assisting in scientific management of Forests.

The STPF will be a dedicated and specialized Force with its own structure and composition as required for Tiger Reserves. The Force would comprise of one company of 112 personnel each for

3 Tiger Reserves in the State and each company would be distributed into 3 Platoons and 18 Sections.

In order to preserve and promote own dialect and language of different tribes of Arunachal Pradesh, the State Cabinet approved to provide a lump-sum honorarium to all the Third Language Teachers of various tribes who have developed their own scripts @ Rs 1000/- per month for 10 (Ten) months in a year. There are 1043 Language teachers engaged presently and this decision of the cabinet will encourage third language subject of respective tribes right from elementary level onwards.

NSS Cell, RGU & TRIHMS collaborate for successful blood donation camp

RONO HILLS, October 18:

In a powerful demonstration of unity and compassion, Rajiv Gandhi University, in partnership with the Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS) Naharlagun, organized a one-day voluntary blood donation camp here on October 18.

RGU Registrar, Dr. N.T. Rikam, visited the camp, bearing witness to the ongoing processes. He got engaged with medical professionals and nursing officers from TRIHMS and discussed the persistent challenges faced by hospitals due to blood shortages. He praised the dedicated work of the NSS Cell, RGU and expressed his strong support for conducting such events within the RGU campus to encourage greater community involvement in this noble cause.

Controller of Examination, Dr. Bijay Raji oversaw the program to ensure its seamless operation.

tion. He also shared his thoughts on the paramount importance of blood donation and offered inspiring words to the donors. He highlighted the extensive journey of coordination between TRIHMS and RGU in their joint mission to promote blood donation.

NSS Programme Officer, Gomar Basar, took a moment to express gratitude to the donors for their selfless acts of blood donation. He recognized their indispensable role in saving lives and extended his appreciation to TRIHMS for their unwavering commitment to this noble cause.

Assistant Professor and NSS Programme Officer, Dr. Tage Monju Burman, reported that the event drew active participation from 108 individuals, encompassing students, volunteers, working professionals, teachers, and even police constables.

Notably, 74 donors were deemed fit to donate blood, significantly bolstering the region's blood supply.

After the conclusion of the Blood Donation Camp, Dr. Tashi Paleng, MD and in charge of the Blood Bank, TRIHMS, shed light on the urgent need to raise awareness about blood donation across every corner of Arunachal Pradesh. He emphasized the scarcity of blood in local blood banks, primarily due to a lack of awareness among potential donors and the general public, especially during emergencies. He revealed the stark disparity between the 18,000 blood units required annually to meet patients' basic medical needs and the annual donation figure of just 8,000 units. This alarming shortage often leaves hospitals struggling to meet critical blood demands, with direct consequences for patient care.

The blood donation camp not only highlighted the power of

community service but also underscored the essential role of blood donation in saving lives. The event served as a compelling call to action, urging communities to unite, raise awareness, and contribute to building a healthier and more compassionate society.

Single use plastic bag seized

AALO, October 18:

The West Siang District Administration led by Maryom Karlo, EAC cum Town Magistrate along with officials from UD & Housing Department Aalo, members from APWS Aalo Unit, GWS Women Wing District Unit and members from GYO and PAYWA conducted surprised raids on the shops and various other business establishments in Nehru Chowk Area, Sipu Colony and PI Colony in Aalo Township recently.

During the raids, a large quantity of plastic carry bags and other plastic materials were seized from the shopkeepers and penalties were imposed worth of 24,500/- (Twenty four thousand five hundred only).

Later, the seized plastic carry bag and other plastic material were disposed off and burnt down.

Free medical camp offers vital healthcare services to local community

LONGDING, October 18:

In a dedicated effort to promote community health and wellness, the Assam Rifles has conducted a two-day medical camp for the villages of Lawnu and Mopakhat in Kanubari in Longding district recently.

This initiative aimed to provide vital healthcare services to residents of the local area, ensuring access to essential medical care through offering of a wide range of services, including - general health check-ups by experienced healthcare professionals to assess various aspects of participants' well-being, eye examinations and distribution of medicines for those in need by Optometrists, dedicated medical armed forces officers providing diagnosis and medication, blood pressure and blood sugar screenings through monitoring and advice for maintaining healthy blood pressure and blood sugar levels and health educational sessions to provide valuable information on preventive healthcare, nutrition and healthy living.

The medical camp was opened to all members of the community, regardless of age or income. The Assam Rifles encourages residents to take advantage of these services to ensure their well-being and gain valuable health insights.

DCM attends Chindang festival at Nafra

Mein urges all to protect and celebrate one's indigenous traditions

NAFRA, October 18:

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein graced the Chindang Festival at the Chindang Festival Hall in Nafra in West Kameng district as chief guest on Sunday along with Union Minister of Earth Sciences Kiren Rijiju as Chief Patron of the Festival Committee.

The event was marked by a spirit of unity and celebration, as the Sajolang community came together to organize a grand cultural extravaganza.

Addressing the occasion, the DCM commended the Sajolang Community for their exceptional efforts in preserving the traditional folk songs, local cuisines, and local cultures. He also emphasized the importance of embracing modernization while safeguarding the rich heritage of our indigenous tribes and urged everyone to protect and celebrate our indigenous traditions. Chindang festival itself was highlighted as an example of Arunachal Pradesh's rich cultural tapestry, celebrating the state's heritage and traditions and emphasized the importance of preserving and promoting these cultural treasures.

Highlighting the government's commitment to preserving indigenous traditions and culture, Mein mentioned that significant efforts are underway to formulate policies that ensure the protection and promotion of these invaluable cultural assets. Arunachal Pradesh, often touted as a cultural paradise for researchers, offers a wealth of cultural diversity that needs to be cherished and safeguarded for future generations, he added.

On the occasion, he commended the elders for their pivotal role in preserving our rich cultural heritage and bestowing these traditions upon us. The younger generation should embrace the responsibility of carrying forward this legacy and ensuring the longevity of our cultures. Safeguarding and promoting our cultural traditions should be the collective obligation of our society. Arunachal Pradesh boasts an immense cultural diversity, making it a haven for researchers worldwide. He also urged artists, singers, and music composers to create songs using local lyrics and traditional music, thereby ensuring their continued vitality.

In his speech by reminiscing about his transformative first visit to Nafra in 2011, where he witnessed the immense potential and natural beauty of the region, the DCM also highlighted Prime Minister Modi's vision of a Developed India by 2047, encapsulated in the Panch Pran of Amrit Kaal. He further stressed the state's commitment to achieving this vision and elaborated on the remarkable progress in various sectors, including highways, railways, airways, telecom, riverways, and electricity. These developments are critical for fostering economic growth and connectivity within the state.

Furthermore, Mein underlined the importance of development in border areas. Initiatives such as Frontier Highways, Vibrant Village Program, Golden Jubilee Border Illumination Program, and the transformation of border villages into model villages are indicative of the State's commitment to enhancing border security and development.

Agriculture and horticulture were acknowledged as vital sectors, with a focus on boosting production and supporting farmers who play a crucial role in feeding the nation. He also highlighted the commitment to improving educational infrastructure and opportunities, ensuring access to quality healthcare and actively participating in financial reforms to boost economic growth and prosperity.

In addition to the cultural significance, he also shared some remarkable economic achievements of Arunachal Pradesh; Over the last seven years, from 2016-17 to 2023-24, the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Arunachal Pradesh has witnessed an impressive growth from Rs.22,100.00 Crore to Rs.48,028.00 Crore, representing a substantial increase of Rs.25,928.00 Crore or 117%.

Furthermore, he highlighted that the State's Own Resource (SOR) has experienced a remarkable surge from Rs.1253.61 Crore to Rs.3,412.81 Crore during the same period, denoting a significant increase of Rs.2,159.20 Crore or 172%. During the same period, the state's Annual Budget too witnessed a substantial rise, from Rs.11,535.65 Crore to Rs.29,512.82 Crore, representing a 156% increase. This growth in resources has allowed Arunachal Pradesh to allocate more funds towards various developmental initiatives, added the DCM.

Mein appreciated and acknowledged the immense contribution of the Union Minister of Earth Sciences, Kiren Rijiju to the development of Arunachal Pradesh and the nation.

Union Minister Rijiju, stated that most of the indigenous culture in the world have vanished but people of Arunachal Pradesh are fortunate that majority of the land's indigenous cultures are still flourishing. In this context, he congratulated the Sajolang community for keeping their traditions alive in the form of cultural celebrations, such as the Chindang Festival and exhorted to continue to do so. He also expressed his thankfulness to the elders of the community for preserving and passing down the cultural heritage to the younger generations.

During the event, Sajolang folktale movie title "Narsang - A tales of two realms and the audio album titled "Sajolang Gudang Muguniu" was released.

The event was attended by MLA Bomdila, Dongru Siongju, former minister, Japu Deru, Former Member of Pradesh Council, Rinchin Kharu Rijiju, DC & SP West Kameng, PRI Leaders, GBs and others.

World Food Day, 2023 observed

RONO HILLS, October 19:

The Department of Food Technology under the aegis of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) organised and observed the World Food Day, 2023 here on Monday.

Speaking at a brief programme organised to mark the occasion at the Mini-Academic Hall, RGU Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Saket Kushwaha conveyed his message stressing on the importance of water, prevailing water crisis and how little things at our level can help in saving every drop of water for future generation, reaching sustainable developmental goals.

In his message, Dr. Sandeep Janghu, Associate Professor and Head, Dept of Food Technology, linked the importance of food technology and agriculture,

Prof. Sumpam Tangjang, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences in his speech stressed on the importance of saving water and shared his past personal experiences. He also stressed on 'Zero Hunger', one of the agendas of the 'Agenda 2030' and urged the audience not to waste food.

The participants also took pledged to save water and to stop food wastage hosted by Dr. Duyi Samyor, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Food Technology.

Earlier, the participants proceeded with an awareness walk with the theme "Water is Life, Water is Food, Leave No One Behind" around the campus and various halls of men and women residences on the campus.

The program saw wide participation of the students, faculty members and other staff of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.

Union MoS reviews development works

TAWANG, October 19:

Som Parkash, Minister of State (MoS) for Commerce and Industry, GoI on Monday, arrived on official tour to Tawang district.

While chairing a comprehensive review meeting with the head of offices of the district after his arrival, the MoS highlighted the directives of the Prime Minister, stating that under the guidance of the Prime Minister, each north-eastern state will have a visit of union minister every 15 days, adding that after the visit, he is obligated to submit a report on his visit to the PMO.

The union MoS expressed his appreciation for the sincere and dedicated efforts of the officers and officials in their work towards achieving the goals of flagship programmes. He stressed the importance of these initiatives in promoting economic growth and development in the region and commended the commitment of the district's administration in their successful implementation.

In the meeting, MoS Parkash also provided valuable guidance and advices to the officers, encouraging them, to keep up the good work and dedication in their endeavours.

Tawang DC, Kanki Darang on the occasion, while highlighting the significance of the visit of the union minister for the district's development, expressed his gratitude to the minister for the visit.

District Planning Officer, Tawang Choiki Dondup gave a comprehensive power point presentation on various ongoing flagship programmes in the district, providing a detailed overview of progress and challenges.

Earlier, the DC along with SP Dr. D.W Thongon and officers

accorded a warm reception to the MoS at the Ugyen Sangpo Civil Helipad at Changprong, Tawang.

Jt Secy (PMGSY) inspects vibrant village connectivity

ANINI, October 19:

Amit Shukla, Joint Secretary, PMGSY, Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India along with Director (RC) accompanied by Technical Advisor to CM, (GoAP) and Chief Engineer (PMGSY) inspected the proposed road alignments to vibrant villages namely New Emali & Ahungo in Etalin-Malinye and Anini-Mipi blocks of Dibang Valley districts here recently.

During his two day tour, the Joint Secretary interacted with the local MLA, District Administration & villagers and discussed all proposed programme in vibrant village programme as per action plan prepared by the district administration including connectivity proposals in details with all the field engineers at Anini.

A review meeting on PMGSY projects was also convened by the Joint Secretary, wherein, he suggested expediting implementation so as to complete all ongoing projects with extended deadline of March, 2024, besides giving important suggestions for effective implementation of the VVP in the district.

In all, 12 habitations on Indo-China border are to be connected under Vibrant Village Programme in Dibang Valley district. All the habitations are located in complex hilly terrain at high altitude and snow bound area. Once connected, the habitations would improve overall socio-economic condition in the district.

It would be worth mentioning here that, there are 125 habitations to be connected in the state under vibrant village programme launched by the Govt. of India recently. The Rural Works Department has already prepared 1.05 Detailed Project Reports for a length of 1022 kms with 94 long span bridges to provide connectivity to habitations identified under VVP on Indo-China border.

District TB Forum cum TB co-morbidity meeting held

KHONSA, October 19:

DTC Deomali conducted the District TB Forum cum TB cum TB Co-morbidity meeting at District Mini Secretariat Conference Hall DC's office, Khonsa under the chairmanship of Tirap DC, Hento Karga here on Tuesday.

Addressing the meeting, the DC cum Chairman shared his concern on rise of TB cases globally specially in South East Asia, despite global strategic efforts financially and logistically. He stressed that Tirap also need to work on the same direction to eradicate TB from the district.

In her keynote address, DMO Dr. N. Lowang expressed her appreciation and satisfaction on the hard-work and pragmatic activities undertaken by NTEP vertical program to work in the direction of eliminating TB from the society. She appealed all the Tirap based NGOs and CBOs to work in coordination with NTEP official and to update necessary development to DMO's office, DRCHO and DTO. She also suggested presenting the data in graph and percentile enable to have comparative understanding.

DTO Dr. Jayanti Thingnok, enlightened the gathering by presenting power point about the activities and achievements of last six months undertaken by NTEP.

NGOs representative of Care me home Welfare Society, Patkai hills Welfare society, Piramal Foundation also shared their welfare activities undertaken by them in the field of health care and helping hands.

Earlier, the meeting started with welcome address by Dr. P. Monwangham, MOTCTU, Deomali in which he briefed the significance of the meeting.

The meeting was attended by DMO, DRCHO, nodal officers of different vertical programs and 3 registered Tirap based NGOs attended the meeting.

Management of Bio- Medical Waste discussed

ITANAGAR, October 19:

A meeting regarding management of Bio- Medical waste was held with all the stakeholders at the Conference Hall of the ICR Deputy Commissioner, Talo Potom here on Monday.

Addressing the meeting, the DC stressed on the need for a proper Bio-Medical Waste disposal system for the Capital region as it has the most number of Hospitals and Health Care facilities in the state.

Dr Anong Borang, Nodal Officer Bio- Waste, Capital Itanagar informed about the installed Incinerator facility at Waste disposal ground Chimpu which once becomes functional, can address the current demand of the entire Capital Region. He also briefed about the upcoming project- Common Bio-Medical Waste and Treatment

Plant at Toru Circle which will cater to the needs of three districts viz. Papumpare, Lower Subansiri and Capital Capital Itanagar once completed.

N. Meji, Scientist-B, APSPCB briefed about the guidelines issued by the National Green Tribunal with regards to the Effluent Treatment Plants and the Bio- Medical Waste management system. He requested all the stakeholders to strictly adhere to the guidelines.

Datum Gadi Assistant Commissioner, Itanagar Municipal Corporation briefed on the current system of waste disposal within Capital Itanagar. He also urged on the immediate need to make the incinerator installed at Chimpu operational.

Swami Jyotinanda, Assistant Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Dr Kesang MS Heema Hospital Itanagar, Mudang Ommo, GM- BTM Hospital and representatives of other hospitals of Capital briefed about the waste management system of their respective hospitals while stressing on the need to have proper bio waste disposal system in the Capital region.

Block level orientation cum sensitization for ASHAs & Anganwadi workers held

NAMSAI, October 20:

Block level Orientation cum sensitization program for ASHAs and Anganwadi workers on 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' Scheme was conducted in presence of Deputy Commissioner Namsai C.R Khampa here on October 20.

During his address, DC appreciated the work of AWWs and ASHAs at grassroots level and

said that they are actually working for the betterment of condition of women and children. He exhorted the importance of counseling of mothers and other care givers for giving equal care to a girl child in the family as well as in all wakes of life. He shed light on PC, PNDDT Act, 1994 and urged all to report to the authorities in case any violation of the Act was being done so that action can be initiated as per law.

BBBP Scheme initiated by the Govt. of India will provide every opportunity for the upliftment of Girl child across all sectors of Education, health, sports etc, he said.

DRCHO Namsai was the resource person for Health component. He emphasized the need for early registration of pregnancy during the 1st trimester and spoke about the importance of ANC/PNCs, timely immunization of pregnant women and children at birth.

CDPO, Namsai elaborated and explained the BBBP Scheme and its objectives. She mentioned that along with online uploading of beneficiaries in Poshan tracker it is mandatory to attend queries on PMMVY. She further informed that lists of activities are lined up to be conducted under the program.

DC kicks off Inter school competitions

ITANAGAR, October 20:

Deputy Commissioner Capital Itanagar Talo Potom kicked off the Inter school Science Exhibition /Science/ Congress/ Maths Olympiad /Quiz Competition under Rashtriya Aaviskar Abhiyan (RAA) for both Elementary and Secondary level at the Conference Hall of the DDSE Office

at Pappu Nallah, Naharlagun on October 20.

The program was organized by the office of DDSE-cum-DPO, ISSE Itanagar Capital for the students of the Govt. Schools of Capital Itanagar.

The DC while interacting with the Students asked them to give their best and to utilize such platforms that provide an opportunity to actively participate in the Co-Curricular activities apart from the Academic Calendar. He also emphasized on the importance of discipline, good moral character and how relation between Teacher and Students should be.

DDSE S.T. Zara highlighted that the aim of the programme is to provide the students of Government school a platform to showcase their talents in such fields.

Kipa Kechak, DPC informed that the Competition witnessed more than 230 students from various govt. schools of ICR.

Later, the DC felicitated the winner, 1st runner up & 2nd Runner Up of the competition with Cash Prize along with Memento and Certificate.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' sensitization programme held

NAMSAI, October 20:

Block level Orientation cum sensitization program for ASHAs and Anganwadi workers on 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' Scheme was conducted on October 20 in presence of Deputy commissioner Namsai C.R.Khampa.

During his address, DC appreciated the work of AWWs and ASHAs at grassroots level and

said that they are actually working for the betterment of condition of women and children. He exhorted the importance of counselling of mothers and other care givers for giving equal care to a girl child in the family as well as in all wakes of life. He shed light on PC, PNDDT Act, 1994 and urged all to report to the authorities in case any violation of the Act was being done so that action can be initiated as per law.

BBBP Scheme initiated by the Govt. of India will provide every opportunity for the upliftment of Girl child across all sectors of Education, health, sports etc.

DRCHO Namsai was the resource person for Health component. He emphasised the need for early registration of pregnancy during the 1st trimester and spoke about the importance of ANC/PNCs, timely immunisation of pregnant women and children at birth.

CDPO, Namsai elaborated and explained the BBBP Scheme and its objectives. She mentioned that along with online uploading of beneficiaries in Poshan tracker it is mandatory to attend queries on PMMVY.

She further informed that a list of activities is lined up to be conducted under the program.

Governor visits Vibrant Border Village Tuting

TUTING, October 20:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) visited the vibrant border village of Tuting in Upper Siang District on October 20, 2023.

He interacted with Goan Burahs, Panchayat members, villagers and government officials during his visit. Tuting in Upper Siang District is one of the selected

border villages under Vibrant Village Pilot programme in Arunachal Pradesh.

Interacting with the people, the Governor said that Indian armed forces are there to maintain the security in the border but they need the cooperation of local people. In turn the armed forces and paramilitary forces will go out to assist the border villages in any possible way, he said.

The Governor, who has been visiting vibrant border villages, said that the Government of India has initiated the Vibrant Village Programme for holistic development of the border areas. He said that it must be collaborative in nature, wherein armed forces and local people share their facilities and resources.

The Governor urged upon the villagers to harness the potential of their areas by focusing on tourism, poultry, animal husbandry and horticulture. He said by supplying fresh vegetables and poultry items to the armed forces stationed near the villages, the villagers can earn a good livelihood, become self-reliant and capable, while the security forces will get fresh food items.

The Governor suggested that the elected members of the State, secretaries and officers from various departments must visit the border and remote villages in line with regular visits being made by the Union Ministers and the secretaries to the Government of India to our State. He said that such a proactive role of elected members and officers of the State can usher in a sea change in making our village vibrant.

Highlighting the importance of healthcare and education in the villages, the Governor called upon the villagers to cooperate and assist the health department

in eradication of drugs, tuberculosis and cancer and encourage the youth to acquire minimum a higher secondary education. He said a literate, disciplined and motivated population can make Arunachal Pradesh a vibrant and prosperous State, while stressing on use of technology in addressing the challenges.

Responding to a one-point memorandum, the Governor assured the vibrant border village population to take up the electricity power issue along with road connectivity with the State Government and Border Roads Organization, which was received with huge applause. He also shared his vision for developing the remote villages by skilling the volunteers in health, hygiene and sanitation with incentives.

Local MLA and Minister for Health and Family Welfare Alo Libang also spoke on the occasion, while Upper Siang Deputy Commissioner Hage Lailang briefed the Governor about the Vibrant Village Programme in the district.

Director General of Police Shri Anand Mohan, Secretary to Governor Darade Sharad Bhaskar, Superintendent of Police Token Saring and Starlie Jamoh, Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Tuting along with district officials were present in the meeting.

BBBP launched in Longding

LONGDING, October 20:

The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme was launched by Deputy Commissioner, Longding Bani Lego on October 20.

The launch program was organized by the Women and Child Development Department, Longding at DC's Conference Hall

with a befitting programme.

In the keynote address, the DC said that the main goal of BBBP scheme was to celebrate the 'Girl Child', ensure her protection, education and participation in the society.

Smti H Bangsia, in her Power Point presentation, highlighted the role of District Task Force and stressed on Action Plan for 2023-24 with the convergence department.

The program was attended by DMO, DDSE, DSO, DDI, CDPO Pongchau and Kanubari.

Mentor Secy reviews scheme implementations in DLMC meeting

LIKABALI, October 20:

The 3rd District Level Monitoring Committees meeting was organized at Conference Hall, DCs office, Likabali in Lower Siang District on October 20.

The meeting was chaired by Mentor Secretary Hage Tari, Secretary, Industries and Trade & Commerce, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Mentor Secretary of Lower Siang reviewed the progress in implementation of various schemes in the district and advised all HoDS to ensure provision of the maximum benefits to the people.

He said that many new schemes have been introduced by central and state government, adding that as the Lower Siang district is located in strategic location with well connected to Railways, Roads, and Near to Airports, this advantage position can be utilized to boost the agro-allied sector industries in the region. He was amazed with Turmeric-Megha-6 production of the district and suggested exploring the production of

international markets after quality checking & grading. He further urged the HoDS to promote and share successes stories in upcoming Seva Apke Dwar 2.0 on October 31, 2023 at Silli village.

Earlier, the meeting started with welcome address by DC Marto Riba. He advised all the HoDs to ensure quality of work in all the projects undertaken in the districts. He also highlighted the practical difficulties faced in implementing some newly projects and schemes particularly in dealing with subsidy and loan issues with banking sectors.

Various Departments/Agencies presented the progress of projects through PPT presentation undertaken under CSS and State Sponsored Schemes and central and state flagship programme were reviewed and monitored.

Raja dedicates Dari-Chambang Road to people of Chambang

CHAMBANG, October 20:

A development meeting-cum-inaugural ceremony was conducted at Chambang Circle Hqs in Kra Daadi district on October 20.

The programme was graced by MLA-cum-Advisor to Minister (Power & Hydropower), Balo Raja and attended by Kra Daadi DC i/c, ZPC Kra Daadi, ADC Pania and other Administrative Officers, ZPMs Palin-East, Gangte, Yangte, HoDs, Panchayat leaders, HGBs/GBs, prominent elders and general public of Chambang Circle.

On the occasion, MLA Raja, dedicated the Dari-Chambang Road to the people of Chambang Circle and inaugurated various works under PHED Palin Division.

Addressing the people, the MLA announced the cabinet decision to upgrade CO Hq to SDO Hq and assured to establish new electrical sub-division at Chambang Hqs, besides other development initiatives. He exhorted all the HoDs to work for the welfare of the people.

DFTI review meeting held

YINGKIONG, October 20:

The District Health Society, Upper Siang Yingkiong organised District Task Force Immunization cum Quarterly RI Exclusive Meeting at DC conference Hall Yingkiong on October 20.

Presiding over the meeting, DC i/c Rajib Chiduni, requested all the stakeholder present in the meeting to provide awareness and mobilized at grassroot level to avail the benefit of immunization.

Dr Sarungbam Victoria, Surveillance Medical Officer WHO-NPSN, Namsai unit presented a ppt on Importance of Immunization emphasizing on Measles Rubella elimination. She explained that it is through diseases like smallpox, polio etc has been eliminated.

Dr Nabho Borang, MORI, presented PPT on routine immunization (RI) performance till 2nd Quarter & IMI 1st, 2nd, 3rd round target and achievement of district which is 75% in child immunization (9-11 month)- measles & Rubella/ measles containing vaccine (MCV)-1st dose and 67% in child immunization – Measles & Rubella (MR) 2nd dose.

Meeting was attended by DRCHO DR Andeng Sitek, all MO incharges, member of ABK, member of APWWS and other stakeholders.

Governor interacts with security forces at the border post

Instil 'Zero Notice' reaction time: Governor to troops

TUTING, October 20:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) interacted with the officers and personnel of Indian armed forces stationed near Line of Actual Control at Tuting in Upper Siang District on October 20, 2023.

The Governor exhorted the troops to be alert, vigilant and mentally and physically fit. He said that the international border of Arunachal Pradesh is sensitive and a very important sector in context to national security.

The Governor exhorted the officers and soldiers to prepare themselves in the proud traditions of the Indian Army to uphold the values and principles of the Indian armed forces.

The Governor, while sharing his experience in the sector, advised the security personnel to instil 'Zero Notice' reaction time and be watchful. He also shared finer points of border management and future warfare. The Governor emphasized the importance of the armed forces fostering positive relationships with the civilian population. He called for reinforcing goodwill for mutual trust and understanding between the military and civilians, while highlighting the vital role the armed forces play in maintaining public safety and security in the border area.

Local MLA and Minister for Health and Family Welfare Alo Libang and Director General of Police Anand Mohan were present during the interaction.

Large numbers of security personnel from Infantry Battalions, including Maratha Regiment, Gorkha Regiment, Dogra Regiment, Army Supply Corps, Engineers and Artillery Brigade along with Indo Tibetan Border Police were present on the occasion.

First Lady of State interacts with VBV women SHGs & NGOs

TUTING, October 20:

The First Lady of Arunachal Pradesh Smt Anagha Parnaik, who accompanied the Governor during his visit to the Vibrant Border Village in Upper Siang District, interacted with women self-help groups and non-governmental organizations at Tuting on October 20.

The First Lady of the state exhorted the womenfolk to be self-reliant and economically empowered by organizing themselves as a group. She commended the women for maintaining the age-old traditions of the tribal community.

The First Lady of the state advised them to preserve their cultural ethos and good traditional practices. Large number of women self-help groups and non-governmental organizations from Tuting and its nearby villages displayed their loin loom weaved products, including traditional items, art and crafts products. They also shared their challenges and other issues related to their activities with the First lady of the state.

Later, the First lady of the state visited Donyi Polo Gangging, Tuting and interacted with the local priest and members of the Gangging. She also visited the Tuting Monastery and Monastery school and interacted with the monks and students.

“Meri Maati Mera Desh” campaign held

KHONSA, October 20:

36Bn CRPF in collaboration with District Administration, Tirap and 6 Assam Rifles conducted “Meri Maati Mera Desh” Commemorate final “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” at Hangpan Dada Recreation Park, Khonsa in presence of Veer Nari Chasan Dada, wife of Martyr Hangpan Dada, Ashok Chakra (Posthumous).

ADC H/Q Hakresha Kri informed that this is the 2nd phase Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign undertaken by para military forces viz : 36Bn CRPF and 6 Assam Rifles in collaboration with District Administration, he added that earlier the first phase celebration of Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign in Arunachal Pradesh was successfully completed across the state.

Earlier, while addressing the mammoth gathering - Commandant 36Bn CRPF Lamkhokam Lhoujem pay homage to all those Veers and Virangans who have made the supreme sacrifice for the Country. He also informed that 36Bn CRPF in collaboration with Assam Rifles, village Chiefs, Panchayat members - the Kalash Yatra programme was carried out with effect from 23rd Sept, 2023 to 1st October, 2023 from different Panchayat Blocks of Tirap district for collecting Mitti from each household of Villagers/wards of Village, Tirap District, Arunachal Pradesh. He said that the Kalash Mitti collected from different blocks of Tirap district has been handed over to representative of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan will be taken to state headquarter, Itanagar and from Itanagar to Delhi.

In his exclusive message - Tirap SP Rahul Gupta, IPS said that the Meri Maati Mera Desh

campaign serves as a great approach to remembering and recognizing the selflessness of India's many valiant soldiers. He added that Participation from the Tirap District showcases that the catchphrase not only honors past heroes but also inspires future generations to serve the country selflessly.

The “Kalash” was formally handed over by Commndt 36Bn CRPF to representative of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan viz : Shri Ropong Kitnya and Miss Chatey Wangsa in presence of ADC H/Q Hakresha Kri, SP Tirap Rahul Gupta, Veer Nari Chasan Dada and officers from District administration and Assam rifles.

The program was attended by ADC H/Q Hakresha Kri, SP Tirap Rahul Gupta, IPS, CO 36Bn CRPF, 2 I C 36Bn L.Kipgen, 2 I C 6 Assam Rifles, CO Borduria Lim Modi, CO Lazu D.K. Thungdok, CO Dadam Pik Tayom, DSO(Sports) Noah Mongku, HoDs and students.

Induction-cum-Orientation programme of DNGC, NCC Unit held

ITANAGAR, October 21:

An Induction-cum-Orientation programme was organized by NSS Unit of Dera Natung Government College (DNGC), Itanagar on October 21 last in the college Auditorium.

The event was graced by the presence of Dr. M.Q Khan, Principal, DNGC, and three NSS Programme Officers namely- Botem Moyong, Assistant Professor Mathematics, Dr. Chello Lima, Assistant Professor Commerce and Phuntso Gombu, Assistant Professor Chemistry.

Addressing the occasion, Principal Dr. M.Q. Khan, advised

the students to become a torch bearer of the society. He suggested the members present to keep awareness, parameters and documentation of every successful event organized by NSS Unit DNGC which can lead the college's reputation up to the next higher level including NAAC Accreditation, etc. He urged emphatically and warned against misuse of college name and college logo in creating social media groups and pages by unauthorized persons.

He further exhorted the volunteers to create awareness among other students of the college to imbibe belongingness to college and to inculcate power of positivity and discipline without which success in life is impossible. He strictly suggested the people to follow only the official website/page of DNGC like www.dngc.ac.in, DNGC-SMC Facebook page, etc. He requested the people to refrain from posting/doing malicious post/activities in social media which may tarnish the hard-earned reputation and image of the college. Lastly, he concluded his speech with a beautiful and powerful slogan "Bhanwar se darkar Kashti Kabhi Paar Nahi Hoti, Kossish Karne Walon ki Kabhi Haar Nahi Hoti".

Dr. Chello Lima, Assistant Professor -cum- Programme Officer, NSS Unit DNGC presented the technical session of event via power point presentation wherein she elaborated the motto, terms, working rule, functions, activities and importance of NSS to the newly inducted NSS volunteers of DNGC. In her lecture, she added that the meaning of NSS is very vast and unexplainable which includes social transformation and upliftment, a platform to expose hidden talent of the students, personality development, knowledge and confidence which makes the

person remain invincible in every sphere of life. Further, she highlighted the NSS activities viz. Regular activities and special camping. She talked about importance of NSS certificate and informed that the NSS Certificate is being issued only after completing 2 years of volunteerism.

Earlier, the event started with NSS Anthem which was followed by welcome speech from Phuntso Gombu, Assistant Professor Chemistry, who is also a Programme Officer of NSS Unit DNGC. In his speech, he talked about the meaning and importance of NSS and its role in our society. He motivated the students to remain proactive and come forward in doing noble job as an NSS volunteer.

Sangha Apo, one of the senior NSS volunteers of DNGC, presented a slide show displaying the summary of past activities organized/conducted by NSS Unit of DNGC during the session 2022-23.

While extending vote of thanks to all, Botem Moyong, Assistant Professor Mathematics-cum-Programme Officer, NSS Unit DNGC, lauded the volunteers of NSS Unit DNGC, which is one of the best Units in Arunachal Pradesh. He also advised the students to stay positive, energetic and optimistic in life. He informed that NSS Unit DNGC is the back bone of the college and, nothing is impossible until and unless the support of NSS volunteers is there.

The programme was attended by around 400 NSS volunteers including 200 newly inducted NSS volunteers and 200 senior volunteers. The NSS Unit DNGC organizes such event every year in the college to enlighten the newly inducted NSS volunteers towards all round development and moral responsibility of NSS volunteers.

2nd Edition of Ziro Private School Festival held

ZIRO, October 21:

Fulfilling the aspirations of both the students and parents by providing wholesome quality education is the key to transform Ziro into an educational hub, said Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bam-in Nime at Hey Paka Futsol ground on Saturday, October 21.

Giving away the prizes of the second edition of the four-day Ziro Private Schools Festival, the DC urged the principals of the 26 private schools of the valley to provide quality education in terms of both academic and moral education. I am told more than 7000 students were enrolled at the private schools of Ziro last year and it is the duty of the schools to not disappoint the students and parents who have chosen Ziro to shape the careers of their children, the DC said.

While cautioning against any sort of ragging or physical abuse at the schools, the DC advised the students to develop strong moral character by respecting their parents, teachers and elders. Students are the pillars of a nation and no nation can be strong without moral values and ethos in our students, the DC said.

The DC further said with good roads, air connectivity, pleasant mild weather and the welcoming attitude of Apatani people, Ziro is poised to be an 'educational hub' of the state.

The President of Arunachal Pradesh Private School and Children Welfare Association, Ziro Unit, Taru Abin said the Ziro Private Schools Festival is a platform for thousands of students studying at Ziro to showcase their latent tal-

ents. Different students have different hidden talents in literary, sports or culture. We have tried to create a platform where there is healthy competition among the students of different schools which motivates not only the competing students but also inspires the younger students to perform well in the coming years and bring laurels for themselves and the schools, Abin explained.

Abin further informed that the participants to the competitions were divided into three groups comprising primary, junior and senior categories. The four-day festival witnessed intense competitions in the fields of sports, literary and cultural by 2500 participating students from 22 schools of the valley, informed Abin.

Likha Disum of Midland Education Centre, Ziro was declared as 'Student of the Year' while Kids Quest School won the 'School of the Year' award for the second consecutive year in a row.

Among others, the closing ceremony was also attended by Colonel Archana Sood, Commander 756 BRTF Pinegrove, Dr. Sidharth Shukla, Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi Technical and Medical Science University, Shailendra Singh, Commandant ITBP, DSP Ojing Lego, DIPRO Gyati Kacho and former Minister Padi Richo.

MLA inaugurates power line at Chambang Circle

PALIN, October 21:

MLA Balo Raja, who is also advisor to power minister, has on Saturday, October 21 inaugurated an 11 KV electricity line from Gong to Tudu bath village under Chambang circle in Kra Daadi district.

The MLA stated that with the inauguration of the power line, the long-felt need of the local people for improved power supply has been finally fulfilled. He appealed to the villagers to cooperate with the power department in maintaining power connectivity.

ZPC Charu Menia lauded the dedicated efforts of MLA for making the much needed project a reality.

Government officers including Chambang circle officer Riba Gyadi, PRI members, gaonburahs and general public were present on the occasion

CEO visits Ziro to oversee preliminary poll preparedness

ZIRO, October 22:

The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Pawan Kr.Sain along with Joint Chief Electoral officer Liken Koyu visited Ziro to review the First Level Checking (FLC) of Electronic Voting Machines on October 22.

The state election officers took a review meeting with Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime, Electoral Registration Officer-cum-EAC Tame Yajum and Assistant Electoral Registration Officer-cum-circle officer Amina Nabam at the District Secretariat.

In course of the meeting, the Chief Electoral Officer Pawan Kr.Sain suggested several measures to ensure a smooth and seamless election at the District. Among others the CEO suggested appointment of sufficient supervisors at polling stations, rationalization of polling stations, contingency plans for rescue and evacuation, avoidable polling dates and expenditure manage-

ment. The CEO further advised to have regular meetings with the political parties to root out any lacunae in the election process.

The CEO and the joint CEO accompanied by DC and the District Electoral officers also visited the venue of the FLC and the strong room of the EVM's and VVPAT's and the CEO suggested necessary instructions for their safe keeping.

Earlier during the day, first level checking of EVM's and VVPAT's was successfully conducted along with mock exercises at the District Secretariat attended by representatives from various political parties of INC, BJP, PPA, NPP and AAP. FLC observer and Election Commission of India officer Shivam Arora supervised the entire FLC process.

Surprise checking of IMFL selling conducted

CHANGLANG, October 22:

The Department of Tax, Excise & Narcotics, Police personals and All Tangsa Women Welfare Society, Changlang conducted surprise checking recently on October 22 last and seized huge quantity of illegal selling of IMFL / Beers / Breezers from hotels / restaurants and shops of the town.

Later, the seized liquor have been destroyed after a few days in presence of District Administration led by EAC, Dr. M.N Taloh, Changlang Superintendent (T,E & N), N. Changmi, District, Insp. C. Yanchang, OC PS Changlang and Smti Anem Younja, President ATWWS, Changlang.

The cost of seized liquor item in market price is estimated as Rs. 2 lakhs (Approx).

Training on Mushroom Cultivation Technology conducted

PASIGHAT, October 22:

A three-day training and demonstration program on “Mushroom Cultivation Technology” was conducted by the Mushroom Development Centre, G.T.C, Pasighat, Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh from October 20 to 22, 2023.

Members from the various Self-Help Groups and more than 50 individual farmers of the district participated in the program. The program was attended Miss Ayi Remi Ering, DHO Pasighat, OyinTayeng, SDHO Pasighat, Dr. RC Shakywar Associate professor Depart of Plant pathology CHF Pasighat, Dr. Aido Taloh, HDO Ruksin, Miss Nuka Dai, HDO MDC in-charge Pasighat and all other staffs of the District Horticulture department.

Speaking on the occasion Miss Ayi Remi Ering, DHO Pasighat welcomed all the participants and highlighted about the aims and objective of the three days long program. She briefed on the scope and importance of mushroom cultivation in the district and urged the trainees to make the best use of the training program.

Earlier, Oyin Tayeng, SDHO Pasighat, while encouraging the farmers on mushroom production also laid emphasis on women empowerment through its cultivation. He briefed on schemes like ANBY taken up by the department wherein farmers can apply for mushroom cultivation.

The training was aimed to impart basic knowledge on cultivation of mushrooms and spawn production technology, to provide practical experience on mushroom

cultivation with special emphasis to oyster and button mushroom cultivation and to promote self-employment. Various topics like Scope and importance of mushroom cultivation, its nutritional and medicinal value, small scale mushroom production technology, popular cultivated mushroom and their production technology, Spawn Production etc, were covered in the training. During the program, practical demonstration on cultivation of oyster mushroom, quality substrate and spawn selection was also shown by the technical staffs of MDC office, Pasighat.

Resource person Dr. R.C. Shakywar, Associate Professor, Department of Plant Pathology College of Horticulture and Forestry Pasighat, gave a detailed presentation on cultivation aspect of Button mushrooms and talked on Spawn production technology. Dr. Aido Taloh, HDO Ruksin, delivered a lecture on Commercial cultivation of Oyster mushrooms. Miss Nuka Dai, HDO, MDC in-charge Pasighat, highlighted about Trichoderma (Green mold fungus), a mushroom growers' enemy and how to prevent it.

To encourage the trainees, free spawn and informative pamphlets were distributed. Later, all the trainees were felicitated with certificates.

APIC organizes RTI awareness campaign at Longding

LONGDING, October 22:

An RTI awareness campaign was organized at Longding District Hqs by Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission in collaboration with District Administration and AAPSU on October 22.

The resource person of the program was Ms Sonam Yudron, State Information Commissioner.

Longding DC, Bani Lego, while addressing the gathering said RTI is an important tool to promote transparency and accountability on the part of the government thereby giving true meaning to the democracy. He suggested the PIOs/APIOs to perform their responsibilities effectively furnish necessary information to the appellants in timely manner. Then he requested appellant to use the rights under RTI in public interest.

Speaking on the occasion Ms Yudron spoke about the genesis of the RTI and discussed various powers and duties of the PIOs/APIOs. She also delineated on the responsibilities of the information seekers. She cautioned people from filing bogus and frivolous RTIs for parochial gains.

She also said that the RTI applicant should avoid seeking unrealistic information, “some people ask information for 10 to 15 years which creates unnecessary burden” she said. “The commission has now decided to entertain application for furnishing information for one financial year, one block and one project”, she added. She further urged that public authorities should maintain all the information in a proper manner so as to make information easily accessible. Also, she urged the officials to disclose information in a voluntary manner on various official platforms and in the office so that people readily get information without needing to file an RTI application.

If used properly, RTI will ensure transparency and accountability and aid in the process of development, Ms Yudron told.

The program was attended by Techu Aran ADC Kanubari, Mirpe Tato ADC Longding, All HoDs, officials RTI Activists, student leaders and other stakeholders.

Khandu dedicates St Vairotsana Academy in Dirang to state's people

DIRANG, October 23:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu had dedicated the St Vairotsana Academy, situated at the picturesque Chug Valley in Dirang, West Kameng district, to the people of the state here on October 23.

St Vairotsana Academy, a residential school for underprivileged run by His Eminence Kyabje Ugyen Choephel Rinpoche, was established in 2016 with donations from philanthropists, especially from Vietnam and Malaysia.

Expressing gratitude on behalf of the people of Arunachal Pradesh, particularly of West Kameng and Tawang districts, to His Eminence Kyabje Ugyen Choephel Rinpoche and the donors, who were present on the occasion, Khandu said that 'their gift' to people will be cherished forever.

He said that opening a school with the objective to impart quality education to the downtrodden is one of the most pious and noble philanthropic acts.

"I am grateful to His Eminence Kyabje Ugyen Choephel Rinpoche for choosing Chug Valley of all places that he surveyed for establishing the school despite the fact that he is not native to Arunachal Pradesh," Khandu said.

He said that the best part is that the school, along with contemporary education, will also impart customary and religious values of

the Mon region to its students.

"Modernity is necessary but not at the cost of our traditional values. We must ensure that along with modern education our children should also be aware of our traditional values," he said.

Emphasizing on quality education at the pre-primary level, Khandu said that kids in pre-primary level should be taken utmost care as this stage forms the foundation of their educational career.

He urged every member of the society to support the school administration and school management committees especially of government schools to be pro-active and ensure discipline.

To a request for government support in form of a corpus fund for the school, Khandu assured that the same will be provided at the soonest. He also assured government support in other requirements of the school.

"Constructing buildings is the easiest task but using these building to impart quality education to the students is the hardest. The onus now lies on the principal and faculty members. I believe they will live up to our expectations," Khandu added. Meanwhile, the chief minister also inaugurated a 150 capacity new hostel building of the school.

Also present were local legislator Phurpa Tsering, Kalaktang MLA Dorjee Wangdi Kharmu, district administration officials, representatives of ITBP and SSB and Buddhist monks from various states and countries.

ITBP celebrates Raising Day

AALO, October 24:

20Bn and 57 Bn ITBP, Aalo celebrated 62nd Raising Day of ITBP in Unit campus here on October 24, 2023.

Gaurav Prasad, 2nd In Command, Officer Commanding unfurled the 'Colour' of the force on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, he congratulated the himveers & veeranganayan and their families for their esteemed contribution to the ITBP and the nation.

Various sports activities organized on this occasion.

Raksha Mantri visits forward posts in Arunachal Pradesh

TAWANG, October 24:

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, on October 24, 2023, visited the forward posts in Arunachal Pradesh and carried out first-hand on-ground assessment of the operational preparedness of the armed forces there.

The Minister interacted with the troops deployed in the frontline locations along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and celebrated Dussehra with them and expressed gratitude to the unyielding spirit, unwavering commitment and unparalleled courage of the troops, who are deployed on the borders in tough conditions, but always ensure that the nation and its people are safe. The entire nation is proud of the armed forces and is standing with them, he said.

On the occasion, Singh performed Shashtra Puja with the troops at Tawang, where he reiterated that Dussehra signifies the victory of good over evil. In his address, he described the righteousness and dharma of the brave armed forces personnel as the living testament to the ethos of the festival of Vijayadashmi.

The Raksha Mantri pointed out that the valour and commitment of the armed forces is one of

the main reasons that India's stature has grown on the international stage and it is now among the most powerful nations. Citing his recent tour to Italy, he stated that he paid a visit to Montone Memorial (Perugia Province) which has been built to honour the contribution of Naik Yaswant Ghadge and other Indian soldiers who fought in the Italian Campaign to liberate Montone in World War II. He added that not just Indians, but even Italian people pay their respects at the memorial, which is proof that the bravery of Indian soldiers is recognized globally.

In view of the current global scenario, Singh asserted that there is no option but to bolster the country's security apparatus, underlining that all efforts are being made by the government to strengthen the nation's military prowess through indigenous production of defence equipment. "Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, giant strides have been made towards 'Aatmanirbharta' in defence. Earlier, we used to rely on imports to upgrade our military, but today, a number of major weapons & platforms are being manufactured within the country, he said, adding foreign companies are being encouraged to share their technology and produce the equipment in India with domestic industry. The Minister further informed that in 2014, the value of defence exports was about Rs 1,000 crore, but today we are exporting defence equipment worth thousands of crores".

The Defence Minister also visited the Tawang War Memorial, where he laid a wreath and offered tributes to the brave hearts who made the supreme sacrifice during the 1962 war. He was accompanied by Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Pande; General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GoC-in-C)

Eastern Command IT Gen RP Kalita; GoC, 4 Corps IT Gen Manish Erry and other senior officers of the Indian Army.

Singh also visited the 4 corps headquarters at Tezpur in Assam, where he reviewed the operational readiness of the formation, which is deployed in one of the easternmost parts of the country. On the occasion the Raksha Mantri was briefed on the infrastructure development along the LAC and the employment of cutting-edge military equipment and technology to enhance the operational efficiency of the troops deployed in the frontline. He commended the stellar work and yeoman services being rendered by all ranks of the Corps under challenging conditions.

CRPF distributes sewing machines to BPL women under CAP

LAPNAN, October 26:

36Bn CRPF conducted Civic Action Program(CAP) at Lapnan village in Tirap district recently in which 8(eight) Nos of sewing machines were distributed to BPL women beneficiaries by Comdt 36Bn CRPF Lamkhokam Lhoujem in presence of SP Tirap Rahul Gupta, 2IC L. Kipgen, Khunkam Chimyang, GB and Panghu Suyang, GPC.

While handing over the sewing machines, Comdt Lamkhokam Lhoujem said that the 36Bn CRPF have conducted series of Civic Action Programs in outreach region of various parts of Tirap district which included - providing of solar lantern to students, solar street light and tailoring machine etc. He added that the concept of conducting Civic

Action Program aimed to create closer relations and understanding between Security forces and civil society.

SP, Rahul Gupta, on the occasion said that security forces irrespective of CRPF, Police and Para Military Forces are being deployed/posted by government for well being of the civil societies and peaceful co-existence, but uniformed personnel should not be considered as harassment to the general public. He sought co-operation from all walks of life for peaceful and successful conduct of upcoming 2024 Election.

Women beneficiaries, GB and GPC of Lapnan village appreciated the 36Bn CRPF for choosing Lapnan village for conducting Civic Action Program.

The program concluded with vote of thanks from Leng Kipgen Second-in-Command 36Bn CRPF.

Platinum Jubilee celebration of Govt Secondary School, Balek held

Govt schools established before Independence will be declared as 'Heritage School' - CM

PASIGHAT, October 26:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Wednesday announced that all government schools of the state established before Independence will be declared as 'Heritage School' and given special attention for infrastructure development along with a museum within the premises.

This came in response to a request by organizers of the Platinum Jubilee celebration of the Government Secondary School, Balek near here, for declaring the school as a Heritage School.

Established as a Lower Primary school in 1946, the Government Secondary School, Balek, is celebrating its Platinum Jubilee, which was declared open by the Chief Minister today.

“This is one of the best requests that I have come across. Not only this school but all pre-Independence government schools in the state will be declared as Heritage Schools with a museum showcasing its rich history,” he said.

To another request, Khandu directed the Deputy Director of School Education (DDSE) of East Siang to submit a formal proposal to the government to expedite the process of upgrading the school to a higher secondary school.

“This is a historic occasion. The school’s journey of 75 years is a big milestone given the fact that Arunachal Pradesh was born as union territory in 1972 and became a full-fledged state only in 1987,” Khandu observed.

Hailing the school for producing many luminaries in its long journey of 75 years, he paid rich tributes to those who have passed away and congratulated those who are serving in various capacities and those who have retired.

Khandu said that from 3-4 schools established before Independence, Arunachal Pradesh today has more than 3000 government schools across the state.

“We have faced immense challenges particularly in the education sector but we have kept our progress steadfast,” he said.

He, however, emphasized on quality rather than quantity.

“We have focused more on establishing schools after schools without keeping an eye on quality of education being imparted in these schools,” he pointed.

Khandu blamed the huge number of schools without proper

infrastructure and manpower in the state on ‘politics of appeasement’. He asserted that his government does not believe in political appeasement but on quality of schemes and projects.

“We have taken education very seriously. In fact we have shut down about 400 government schools having zero attendance. The process is still on. We don’t need more schools but we need quality education from the existing schools for which government is extending all support,” he said.

He informed that he has already given direction to the Education department for mapping of all government-run schools in the state so that the government can keep a tag on each school.

Reiterating the importance of School Management Committees (SMC) in proper functioning and development of schools. He advised the SMC members of every school in the state to regularly visit and interact with teachers, students and parents and then submit reports to concerned DDSEs for fulfilment of the requirements if any.

Referring to the 3-day Platinum Jubilee celebration, Khandu urged the alumni of the school to raise the topic of quality education in their discussions.

“Alumni of this school, who have gathered here for the 3-day celebration, are well educated and knowledgeable persons with vast experiences. Please discuss on how we can improve the quality of education in government schools and pass on your suggestions to the government,” he appealed.

Earlier in the day, Khandu unveiled the bust of late KetemYomso, who donated the land for establishment of the Balek school, inaugurated the retrofitted and

beautified school gate by a local NGO - GiidangAngong Society and joined a tree plantation drive at school campus besides felicitating 10 meritorious alumni of the school.

He also inaugurated 5 development projects and laid the foundations for 13 more projects at Pasighat besides announcing a new market on the land donated by locals.

Also present were MP Tappir Gao, MLAs KalingMoyong, NinongEring, LomboTayeng, Gum Tayeng, TalemTaboh, Ojing Tasing and KanggongTaku and officials of the district administration.

Experts from various fields deliver talks at ‘GSSB Alumni Special & Experts Session’

PASIGHAT, October 26:

Proponent of Tani Lipi (script), writer & former MD APIDFC, Tony Koyu, while addressing the students, alumni and community members on the occasion of “Government Secondary School Balek (GSSB) Alumni Special and Experts Session on Important topics” held on October 26, said ‘today’s youths and students face many distractions in this age of social media and as such parents, elders, community and society have a vital role to help them steer towards building a better future’. Follow the footsteps of your illustrious Alumni, he exhorted and stressed on discipline and hard work for success.

He also felicitated 10 meritorious Alumni of GSSB.

Director IPR, Onyok Pertin also spoke on the theme of “community awareness” adding sensitizing the community on education, health & hygiene, global warming,

pollution, self-employment avenues etc will create an enabling environment for the community to participate and contribute whole hearted in the society and for success of the policies and programmes of the State and Central Government. Community awareness help bring the desired behavior change in society, he added.

Dr. Tajom Tasung, also addressed the students, parents & community members on ‘Social Ethics & Scientific Temperament’ for a progressive, harmonious and fostering social cooperation and value-based society, while DHO Oter spoke on “Horticulture as Occupation”. Annu Moyong, an alumna, spoke on the role of youth and its role in society.

Chairman, Platinum Jubilee Celebration Committee, GSS Balek, Oyem Dai, thanked all the stakeholders for the support extended adding that such sessions will benefit students, alumni, parents, community members & society as a whole. Organizing Secretary, Tobom Dai, Headmaster GSSB, Kalom Ering, former ZPC, Kaling Dai were among other present on the occasion.

Experts from various fields roped in to interact and deliver on their respective subject matters ranging from career counselling, NEP 2020, Mental health, community awareness, social media, environment & conservation and wide range of themes, agri-entrepreneurship as part of parent-teacher-student special session & Alumni-student-youth feature during the three-day Platinum Jubilee celebrations of Govt, Sec. School Balek including cultural events.

Governor lays foundation stone for a Regional Faunal Repository

ITANAGAR, October 26:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) laid the foundation stone of Eastern Himalayas Faunal Repository Building at Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Arunachal Pradesh Regional Centre, Itanagar on October 26, 2023.

The Governor said that the Repository Building should not only be a place to store faunal collections, but also to educate the public in the North Eastern Region, residents or visitors about the faunal wealth and the enormous variety of fauna and rich biodiversity. He suggested the use of technology in highlighting the fauna and flora that abounds in Arunachal Pradesh through niche documentary and photography. Our natural environmental biodiversity resources must be marketed to attract tourists, he emphasized.

Commending the Zoological Survey of India for its environmental protection related activities, particularly the ‘Green skilling of volunteers’, the Governor advised the organization to train tribal communities in scientifically protecting the fauna and flora resources. He said that environmental consciousness and preservation must be included in the school curriculum by the State Government, with the help of ZSI.

The Governor suggested the ZSI can contribute to promotion of ecology cum adventure tourism in the State in coordination with the State Environment and Forests Department and all stakeholders. He said that it will facilitate in creating awareness, protection and sus-

tenance of the environment in its natural form.

Pointing to the imbalanced ratio of scientists and non-scientists officials in scientific institutions, the Governor advised training local scientists to meet the requirements of ZSI.

The Governor called upon the people and all stakeholders to put in concerted effort to curb the illegal wildlife trade, encroachment of forest areas, and uncontrolled expansion of industries near forest land.

The Governor released a book, titled ‘Amphibians of Arunachal Pradesh’ authored by Bhaskar Saikia, Bikramjit Sinha and Kirty Prosad Nath. He also released posters on Sela macaque (*Macaca selai*), a new primate, White bellied heron and new fish species discovered from Arunachal Pradesh from 1839 to 2022, which stands at 65 species.

State Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Forces Shri Jitendra Kumar, IFS, Dr. Dhriti Banerjee, Director, ZSI, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, GoI, Kolkata and Dr. C. Raghunathan, Additional Director, ZSI, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, GoI, Kolkata and Scientist-E & Officer-in-Charge of ZSI, Itanagar Dr. S.D. Gurumayum also spoke on the occasion. They highlighted the presence of rich fauna in the Eastern Himalayas, especially in Arunachal Pradesh, including rare species which is a matter of National Pride.

Large numbers of zoologists, researchers and officials from different educational institutions and organizations including Govind Ballabh Pant ‘National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Itanagar, Botanical Survey of India and Geological Survey of India attended the function.

Arunachal Pradesh Regional Centre, ZSI, Itanagar, is the 15th Regional Centre of the 108 year old ZSI, a premier research organization under the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC).

ZSI, Itanagar is tasked with the exploration, survey, inventorying and monitoring of the faunal diversity of the Eastern Himalayas that encompasses the entire State of Arunachal Pradesh, covering all ecosystems and Protected Areas. It carries out taxonomic studies of all faunal components collected from the State, besides undertaking periodic review of the status of Threatened and Endemic species, preparation of Red Data Book and database for recorded species and documentation of the fauna of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Regional Centre maintains and develops the National Zoological Collections (NZC) that houses the voucher specimens collected from different parts of Arunachal Pradesh since its inception. To house the present and future additions to the NZC and its further development, Rs. 29.78 Cr. faunal building's foundation stone was laid on the day.

APLS reformation meeting held

AALO, October 26:

The Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS) of central executive meet was held at West Siang in NEFTU Conference Hall on October 26.

The APLS delegation was led by Y.D Thongchi, President, Mukul Pathak, General Secretary and Batem Pertin, Executive President, Henkar Rokom Bado, Vice President APLS. At the meeting, Dr. Tejum Padu, a renowned writer

cum Vice Chancellor NEFTU Aalo, welcomed all the dignitaries, while Batem Pertin, Executive President narrated the journey of journey of APLS and Mukul Pathak, General Secretary highlighted the objective of APLS to the participants.

During the open mic session budding writer, poets etc presented their poems and articles. Marnya Ete, former IAS, Dr. Tomi Ete, Dean Engineering wing NEFTU also spoke on the occasion.

APLS is doing the best to encourage literary activities of the state. APLS executive members also appealed all the parents of the state to inculcate reading and writing habited to their children.

The newly appointed APLS Executive members of district unit of West Siang are Dr. Tejum Padu, Jumsi Sirm and Miss T Siram as vice President and General Secretary respectively.

The meeting was attended by all the executive members of APLS, Dr. Jommin Loyi, Principal Govt Model College Basar, Dr. Gindu Borang, Principal DPGC Kamki, Dr. Limo Ete, Teachers and Students from various schools and colleges participated during the day.

Padma awardee addresses Mussoorie Academy officer trainees

WAKRO, October 26:

Lohit Youth Library Network won warm appreciation at the Lal Bahadur Sastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) this week, as Coordinator, Sathyanarayanan Mundayoor presented the library Movement's efforts to stimulate the joy of reading among the reading deprived in eastern Arunachal recently.

The talk was part of an interaction series with Padma awardees at the 98th Foundation Course, the flagship training programme for young entrants into India's prestigious civil services. 500 odd newly inducted officer trainees from India and Bhutan from the Indian Administrative Service, Indian Police Service, Indian Foreign Service, Indian Forest Service, Indian Revenue Services, and eleven other central civil services attended these sessions.

Presenting his talk on "Promoting education through joyful reading in script-less language communities", the Coordinator, Lohit Youth Libraries, Mundayoor elaborated on the vital importance of hand-holding of Govt agencies with NGOs and youth groups. Outlining the enthusiastic support and encouragement received by library volunteers from enlightened administrators and committed public leaders, he pointed out that such support can generate faith in youth to become volunteers for serving selflessly their less-fortunate brethren.

Shining examples of such generous backing are library patrons like former DC Lohit Prashant Lokhande and Dy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and several others across the country who are conscious of the importance of volunteers in ensuring the benefits of reading movement reaching remote pockets. "As Arunachali communities have a long tradition of honesty, cooperation and team-work, these values need to be enriched and transferred to public service arenas like Govt school education."

Pointing out that the library network model can be adapted in any part of the country, the Coordinator was confident that with mass participation, Arunachal will develop 100% reading societies by 2032.

Expressing his happiness that several officer-trainees were keenly interested in discussing finer details of the youth library movement, he recorded his profound thanks to the Academy Course Director Ms Chhavi Bhardwaj IAS., and other faculty at LBSNAA, for this unique honour to social activists and for the meticulous care and courtesy extended to the guest speakers.

Apart from the Coordinator, Lohit Youth Library Network, the eminent Padma awardee social workers who spoke were Sunitha Krishnan, (Founder, Prajwala Trust, Andhra Pradesh), Dr Sruti Mohapatra, Disability rights activist from Orissa and Dr Anil Prakash Joshi, environmentalist (HESCO, Uttarakhand).

Sunitha Krishnan, who spear-heads the Anti-trafficking movement, vividly presented the acute hardships and exploitation of women, girls and children trapped, deceived or kidnapped by the mafia. She appealed to the officers to work for educating the common people against such atrocities against women and children, while Dr Sruti Mohapatra, who herself became a disabled after a road accident, narrated her mighty struggle to bring in disabled-friendly reforms in Govt planning systems and initiate disabled-friendly facilities in public places. She appealed to the officers to be leaders in working towards a sensitive world, conscious about all types of disabilities.

Recalling the recent climate tragedies in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand & Sikkim, Dr Anil Joshi, a champion of environmental activism in the Himalayas, highlighted how economic development can go hand in hand with ecological conservation, for building a progressive India.

Essay writing winners awarded prizes

ZIRO, October 26:

The winners of the essay writing competition organized to commemorate the Gandhi Jayanti celebration were awarded prizes during the birth anniversary of Lt.Dr.ABJ Abdul Kalam at Subansiri Sadan here recently.

The winners were awarded cash prizes along with certificates.

In the competition for the Secondary level students, Raha Angki of Dani Kunia Govt. Higher Secondary School and Nangram Oma Oya from Blue Pine Residential School won the first and second prizes respectively for writing on the topic 'Organic Farming', while Puma Yanu from Skylark Residential School won the third prize for 'Importance of Water Conservation'.

In the Higher Secondary level competition, Taku Ribya of Skylark Residential School, Yowa Yajor of Dani Kunia Govt. Higher Secondary School and Nido Showenn of Bumer Memorial School won the first, second and third prizes respectively for writing on the topic 'Social Media: Boon or Bane'.

In the college level competition, Riju Das of Indira Gandhi Technological and Medical Sciences University, Hage Tumpi and Rajshree Awasti of St.Claret College won the first, second and third prizes respectively for writing on the topic 'Garbage Management and Segregation'.

The essay writing competition was organized by the District Administration and the secondary school winners were awarded Rs 5000, 3000 and 2000, higher secondary school winners Rs 7000, 5000 and 3000, while college student winners were awarded Rs 10000, 7000 and 5000 cash prizes respectively.

Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime awarded the winners at Subansiri Sadan in presence of circle officer Amina Nabam.

Advising the young students, the DC urged them to upkeep their flair for writing, which he said, will be of great help not only in their professional career but also in their personal lives.

The essays were judged by a panel of officers comprising circle officer Amina Nabam, Dipro i/c Gyati Kacho and Tax and Excise Inspector Takhe Rinyo Nani.

Seva Aapke Dwar conducted

SEPPA, October 26:

Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 camp has been successfully conducted here at Nere village of East Kameng by District Administration here recently.

During the camp many people benefitted from free testing for sugar, Blood Pressure, TB test, also enrolled in various schemes like CMAAY, PM-JAY, ABHA ID etc. which were carried out by Health department. Department of Fire service and Traffic Cell demonstrated various safety measures. Besides, Textile & Handicraft, CD Block, SBI, Apex Bank, ICDS Unit, W&CD Department, Horticulture, Agriculture, Planning Department, ArSRLM, Legal Metrology Department, Economic and statistics etc. imparted knowledge as well as provided free services to the people of Debeyar Circle under East Kameng.

During the program, East Kameng DC, Sachin Rana encouraged the public to avail the services brought by the departments to its fullest. While providing voluntary service during the program, the Debeyar Social and Cultural Welfare organization (DSCWO) also ap-

prised the DC of the self-funded renovation done by the organization in the school with the motto of “giving back to society”. The organization received much appreciation for their selfless work.

The camp was hosted by Dr. Rebeka Borang, Circle Officer Debeyar and was graced by likes of Kamku Jomoh DPO, Ashok Tajo PD, FemaTaku CO, Tai Tach DDSE, Nirmal Nath DVO, Jaya Taba DD ICDS, Dr. Kopi Gyadi, DH&FWO etc. The District have scheduled SAKD camps in the pipeline to be conducted in the months to come.

Block Level Literary Competition held in Lumla & Zemithang

ZEMITHANG, October 26:

A two-day Block Level Literary Competition organized by the Lumla Sub-Divisional Administration & Department of Education, Tawang and supported by Gorsam Stupa Culture Centre, Zemithang kicked off with much enthusiasm near the historic Gorsam Chorten in Zemithang, showcasing the literary talents of students from Lumla, Zemithang, and Dudungkhar blocks here recently.

The event was graced by many dignitaries, including Chief Guest Smti Tsering Yangzom, wife of the ZPM of Zemithang-Dudungkhar and Guest of Honor ADC Lumla Tashi Dondup, besides other notable figures, including Circle Office Zemithang, Deewan Mara, PRI members and other officers, further enhancing the cultural and literary vibrancy of the occasion.

The Block Level Literary Competition is expected to be a platform for the budding talents of Lumla, Zemithang, and Dutongkhar, where they can exhibit their literary skills, share their knowledge, and

engage in healthy competition. This event not only promotes education and literature but also strengthens the cultural ties in this region.

As the competition progresses over the next two days, it brought forth the literary prowess of the local youth and foster a sense of community spirit. The event showcases the commitment of the local administration and community leaders to nurturing the intellectual growth of the region.

The brain child behind this inspiring literary program, ADC Lumla Tashi Dondup, received appreciation for his significant role in fostering literary activities in the region. The organizers of the event expressed their gratitude to all participants, sponsors, and volunteers who have contributed to the success of this literary endeavor.

Governor participates in Infantry Day celebration

ITANAGAR, October 27:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participated in the 77th Infantry Day celebration at 4 Corps, Tezpur, Assam on October 27, 2023.

The Governor laid a wreath at the Gajraj War Memorial to honour the heroes of Infantry, who made the supreme sacrifice in service of the Nation.

This day has a unique significance for the Nation, as it was on this day in 1947 that Infantry-men from the Indian Army became the first troops to land at Srinagar airport, an act which turned back the invaders from the outskirts of Srinagar and saved the state of Jammu and Kashmir from a Pakistan backed tribal invasion.

In his message to all Infantry troops stationed in Arunachal Pradesh on the momentous occasion, the Governor exhorted them to rededicate themselves to the core value of Indian Army and proud traditions of bravery, sacrifice, selfless devotion to duty, professionalism and resolve to defend the integrity and sovereignty of the Nation.

The Governor, who is on a two-day visit to the Corps Headquarters, which he commanded in 2009, interacted with the Principal Staff Officers and all ranks, including Kangto Expedition Team.

Lt. General Manish Erry, AVSM, SM, General Officer Commanding, 4 Corps briefed the Governor about the initiatives and areas responsibilities, which includes the western part of Arunachal Pradesh.

Mentor Secretary for Lohit inspects projects under various schemes

TEZU, October 27:

Mentor Secretary for Seva Maah under SAD 2.0 of Lohit District Ms Koj Rinya, Secretary (Horticulture), Government of Arunachal Pradesh reviewed and personally visited various schemes undertaken by the Agri-allied Departments, PHED, RD and ICDS at Tezu recently on October 27.

The Secretary also monitored and assessed actual scheme successful implementation of various schemes under different departments in the district and suggested the concerned heads of officers to achieve saturation point.

While inspecting the projects, she interacted with the beneficiaries and encouraged them to be a role model and avail all the benefits in best possible way. She further urged the concerned de-

partment head of offices to make it a revolutionary movement in mission mode so that the goals can be achieved.

Ms Rinya was accompanied by the AC Lohit, head of officers and field staffs for inspection of respective departmental schemes, projects in the field and achievement of saturation point thereof.

Earlier, the Mentor Secretary, besides reviewing the implementation of developmental schemes, also discussed on preparation for the ensuing Seva Maah in the district in presence of DC Lohit, Director of Horticulture, SDO (HQ), SDO Wakro, EAC Sunpura, Head of offices and officials of other departments at District Secretariat, Tezu.

She discussed the issues and gave suggestions as regard to ensuring effective and time bound implementation of the schemes. Taking stock of the activities undertaken by the concerned departments for successful conduct of Seva Maah under SAD 2.0 scheduled from 31st October to November 2023 in the district, the Secretary issued necessary directions to all head of offices for attaining the objective.

While welcoming the Mentor Secretary, Director, DoH, GoAP and members, DC Lohit, Shashvat Saurabh presented a power point presentation on the preparedness of Seva Maah (journey towards saturation) under SAD 2.0 and status on the various developmental schemes in the district. He urged the members present to actively join hands together in felicitating the services to the public at their doorstep and directed the concerned head of offices to ensure the preparedness for Seva Maah under SAD 2.0 camp to be held at various proposed locations in the district respectively.

The Platform- Avenues, Opportunities & Self Employment' workshop held

ITANAGAR, October 27:

A three-day workshop under Mission Youth called, 'The Platform: Avenues, Opportunities & Self Employment' was organized by Arunachal Photography Club in collaboration with Department of Youth Affairs was kicked off on October 27 at D.K. Auditorium, Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Itanagar.

More than 100+ participants attended the Day 1 technical session where there were discussions and interactions on different topics by various panelists in sections.

The topics covered on the day one were Panel Discussion on 'Agri & Allied sectors including Bamboo Resource Development: Sustainable Livelihood & beyond' by Agriculture Department, Gunu Linggi; Agripreneur and Dr G. Murtem; SFRI, panel discussion on Film making: An art, a passion and profession with Tai Gungte, Film-maker and How to become a successful blogger? with Lily Maying (MNO).

Ojing Tasing, while attending the programme as the Chief Guest, highlighted the various schemes of the present BJP Govt under the leadership of CM Pema Khandu and appealed the students to lead a productive, self-sustainable life towards Atmanribhar Pradesh at large.

Earlier, while lauding the initiative of the photography club, Shweta Nagarkoti, ADC ICR urged the youths to take advantage of the platform for a sustainable livelihood.

Secretary SYA, SJETA Abu Tayeng along with Special

Secretary AP Legislative Assembly Pema Norbu Thongchi was also present among others on the occasion.

One-day legal awareness on Domestic Violence, Drugs and Substance Abuse at Mebo

PASIGHAT, October 27:

A one-day legal awareness on Domestic Violence, Drugs and Substances abuses was organized under the aegis of APSCW by the Tayeng Welfare Society Women Wing (TWSWW) in collaboration with District legal Services Authority (DLSA), East Siang and Mebo Sub-Divisional Administration at Govt. Higher Secondary School, Mebo on October 27.

APSCW Chairperson, Kenjum Pakam addressing a large gathering of students, women among others, said that such dissemination of the various rights and provisions for protection of women and children at the grass-root level will truly empower them by creating an enabling and supportive environment for them to seek redressal and support system adding the APSCW is committed such outreach efforts by stakeholders. She also dwelt on protection of women from sexual Harassment at Workplace and provisions like internal Complaint Committee.

On the burning issue of drugs abuse in society, the APSCW Chairperson said that our sustained collective efforts of parents, NGOs and all stakeholders for the future of our children will continue and lauded the TWSWW led by President Yamen Panyang Tayeng and GS and former APSCW member Oter Tayeng for the initiative.

Mebo ADC, Ainstein Koyu in his address said that Mebo Sub-divisional administration will take initiative with school authorities & Voluntary organizations to conduct workshops on “anti drug campaign” in every school by roping in experts and inspiring figures.

Member Secretary, AP-SCW, Sangeeta Yirang also highlighted the roles and responsibilities and the functions of the statutory body, Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women in empowering and uplifting the status of women of the state.

WASE President, Yamik Dulom Darrang, WASE GS Joya Tasung Moyong, Adi Bane Ane Kebang, President, Onam Darrang Pertin also delivered inspiring speeches.

The WASE Leaders said the mission of WASE Mothers to safeguard our sons and daughters and our fight against Drug abuse and Alcohol to protect our youth will be carried out and they urged to keep and shun from the destructive grip of Drug abuse and urged all mothers and society to join in the fight.

Dr. Kaling Jerang, Senior pathologist in his PPT on “Tobacco, Alcohol, Drugs and substance abuse, he informed the audience not only on diseases caused by use of these substances, but also on the mental and social costs the addict, the family and the whole society has to pay because of addiction. He also explained how all addictions start as experimentations, finally leading to addictions and exhorted the audience, special schoolchildren to refuse the offer of taking substances, right the first time and spend time in positive activities.

Advocate, Nyambi Dabi enlightened the house on the legal matters, Domestic Violence Act,

Marriage Registration & Narcotics Act. She also highlighted on the importance of Compulsory Registration of Marriage under Arunachal Pradesh Recording of Marriage Act, 2008 and also urged to avail free legal services and support in these matters from free legal clinic from competent Advocate and paralegal volunteers under District legal Services Authority (DLSA).

Yamem Panyang Tayeng, President (TWSWW) said that the successful conduct of the one day legal awareness has motivated them to carry out more such outreach programmes.

Secretary TWSWW, Binomoti Modi Tayeng, extended the vote of thanks.

District malaria elimination task force meeting held

KHONSA, October 27:

District malaria elimination task force constitution meeting was held in Tirap District under the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hakresha Kri on October 27 at DC conference hall, Khonsa.

ADC Hqs Hakresha Kri, who is also the DMETF Chairman spoke about the success of NVBDCP activities at district level and encourages all the participatory members for their co-operation and supports for the future endeavors, the chairman also encourages the DVBDCP society to work harder & sincerely to achieve its target set by SVBDCP & NVBDCP under the given time frame. The DMETF chairman also congratulated District health society for successfully entering in the list of category-I district from category-II district.

The Chairman appreciated the recent improvement and development of programme indicators and also extended the help of District Administration whenever in times of need.

Earlier, in her keynote address, Dr. N. Lowang, DMO, Khonsa, Tirap District highlighted on the working Activities and achievements of the District Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (DVBDCP), Tirap Unit, under District health Society. Wherein, the DMO has pointed out the achievement and the improving trends of programme indicators and also encourages all the Participatory members for their Contribution, supports and innovative ideas, to tackle the vector borne disease and make the district Malaria free by 2025, as per the target set by Government of India, in their ‘National Strategy for Malaria Elimination Plan (2016-2030)’.

District Vector Borne Disease Control programme Officer, Dr. Obang Taggu, presented PPT on DVBDCP Activities and its achievement, to review the NVBDCP activities to the DMETF Members.

The presentation begins with the glance at the Nomenclature of NVBDCP Offices, since the Indian independence to till date and the steps and journey the programme has taken. He also summarized in brief about the diseases under NVBDCP, the programme indicators like Annual Parasite Incidence (API) and Annual/Monthly Blood Slide Examination Rate (ABER/MBER), Malaria Positive cases since 2020 up to date, the activities to control and curtail vectors and parasite causing the diseases, Long Lasting Insecticidal net i.e., LLIN (bed net) usage, Importance of source reduction and IRS acceptance, IEC/BCC, etc.

In interactive open session, the participatory members have shared their thoughts and Ideas towards programme activities where the participatory members discussed about the ways to tackle the programme activities in future and to reach the goal set by the SVB-DCP and NVBDCP as a whole.

'Momentum of development in Pasighat must continue' - DCM *Mein graces Platinum Jubilee Celebration of GSS, Balek*

PASIGHAT, October 27:

Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein along with Minister of Urban Development & Housing and Civil Supplies, etc, Kamlung Mosang graced the third day of Platinum Jubilee Celebration of Government Secondary School, Balek as a Chief Guest and Guest of Honour on October 27.

Mein, in his address to the gathering called to upgrade Arunachal State University, Pasighat into a premier higher educational institution of the State. He assured Govt's support for the up gradation of the University into a full-fledged University.

Citing the immense potential of the centenary township, he said that from his college days to the present time, the township has advanced immensely, as today it has an Air Port, Railways are coming up and it has become a smart city and many big companies like Mahindra's are willing to invest in the township due to its development potential. He said that this momentum of development must continue and assured his continued support for the development of the township.

Paying his homage to the forefathers of Balek area for their

farsightedness for allowing establishment of School in their area, he said, people of Balek have had the privilege of receiving formal education prior to independence with the establishment of a Lower Primary School in the year 1946. He said that the School since its inception has been providing quality education to the students and the school has produced many notable personalities likes Jamat Matin Tangu, IAS who retired in the rank of Commissioner, Obang Dai, IAS, retired as Divisional Commissioner (East Zone), Ogam Apum, retired as Chief Engineer, Dept of Power, Omem Moyong Deori, recipient of Padmashree for Social Work and Former MP(Rajya Sabha) and former MLA Lekang, Sutem Tayeng, First MLA of Pasighat, Tani Ering, IAS, retired as Secretary, Veterinary & Animal Husbandry and many.

Mein lauded the Organizing Committee of Platinum Jubilee Celebration Committee for organizing the event in a grand manner and for honouring the contributions of the forefathers, land donors and the first tribal teacher, Late Tosing Ering and first batch achievers and to continue the legacy. He further exhorted the youths to make optimum use of latest technology and promote digitalization. He said the govt is facilitating our youths to excel in every field - in arts, sports, etc and advised them to avail such facilities.

On the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister also paid floral tribute to the bust of the land donor of the School, Ketem Yomso, who donated 3.6053 hectares of land for the establishment of Govt Secondary School and also paid homage to the Anglo-Abor War Veers (martyrs), Seltum Yomso, Jorin Perme and Basing Moyong who laid their lives while fighting the

Britishers on 27th February 1859.

The DCM also inaugurated several projects at the programme namely, construction of a Hostel block at ANM Nursing school, Road from Takilalung to Rani under CRF scheme, Development of Raneghat to Tourist attraction place, Library building of Polytechnic college, C.C Road from Diking to Napit, Rejuvenation of Ponds and SE office of Hydro-power Dept and laid the foundation stones for a few other projects namely, Convention Hall at JNC, Smart car parking at BPGH, 01 unit Rain water Harvesting Plant near Engo Takar Hall in Pasighat, Establishment of Critical Care Block in Pasighat, Miracle Ground Stadium, Recreation centre, and Footover Pedestrian bridge.

The dignitaries also planted saplings in the vicinity of the school and felicitated the notable personalities belonging to the school's first batch.

On the occasion, Minister Kamlung Mosang, Information Commissioner, Gumjum Haider, MLA Pasighat AC cum Chief Patron of the Celebration Committee, Kaling Moyong, PJCC Organizing Chairman, Oyem Dai, Organizing Secretary, Tobom Dai and SMC Chairman, Bani Perme also spoke.

Among others, MP Lok Sabha (Arunachal East), Tapir Gao, MLAs Ninong Ering, Gum Tayeng, Kento Rina, Kanggong Taku and DC Pasighat, Tayi Taggu were also present.

CM declares National Chess Championship 2023-24 open

NAHARLAGUN, October 27:

Trying his hands at Chess against a school student Kumari Geetika

Kasera, Chief Minister Pema Khandu got outfoxed and lost the game in mere 15 seconds.

Khandu, who declared the National Chess Championship, a part of 34th National Sports Fest 2023-24 open at the Abotani Vidya Niketan School at Pachin Colony near here in the morning of October 27, said that, Chess is a beautiful game of strategy, intellect and competition and hailed the participants from across the country for taking up the game.

The championship for boys and girls for U-14, U-17 and U-19 categories was being organized by the Arunachal Shiksha Vikas Samiti (ASVS) under the aegis of the Vidya Bharti Sports Council, affiliated to the School Games Federation of India (SGFI).

Over 350 school students, 100 officials and escorts of Vidya Bharati affiliated schools from across the country are participating in the championship being held for the first time in Arunachal Pradesh, representing 11 zones (kshetras). Four students of schools in Arunachal Pradesh are in the competitions representing Purvottar Kshetra, the NE Zone of Vidya Bharati.

Vidya Bharati Sports Council (VBSC), the Sports Wing of Vidya Bharati Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Sansthan, organizes sports competitions in 35 events/disciplines every year, under the aegis of SGFI. The champions of these disciplines take part in the National School Games Competitions conducted by SGFI at national level, representing Vidya Bharati as state.

Welcoming the young participants and officials to Arunachal Pradesh, Khandu elaborated on the geographical and cultural uniqueness of the state and urged them to visit the state once they complete their education and get settled.

Appreciating the Vidya Bharati Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Sansthan for organizing national level sporting events for its schools in 34 different disciplines, Khandu suggested the VBSC to select few disciplines with potential so that students can be groomed in that particular discipline to participate in international level events representing India.

He informed that the Arunachal Pradesh government through its department of sports is working in the same line keeping in sight the next Asian Games.

Khandu said that India has emerged as a major sporting nation going by the medal hauls during the recent Asian Games and Olympics and credited the sports policy adapted by the central government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Under Modi's Khelo India program, he said that Arunachal Pradesh has immensely benefitted and today can boast of several state-of-the-art sporting facilities across the state and many more are coming up.

"With these facilities we are able to host national level events in our state. Infact, we have already hosted several such events and several are on pipeline," he said.

Khandu appreciated the role of Arunachal Shiksha Vikas Samiti, the state chapter of Vidya Bharati established in 1994, in contributing in the growth of the education sector. The Samiti runs 27 schools in 10 districts of the state including the Abotani Vidya Niketan at Pachin. It also runs 9(nine) Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVS) under PPP mode with the state government.

"Vidya Niketan Schools are doing excellent job for holistic development of children. I am told that the Abotani Vidya Niketan, Pachin, the first school established by the

Samiti in Arunachal, is proposed to be upgraded from its present secondary level to higher secondary level. I assure government assistance in filling up infrastructural gaps for this upgradation. I also assure assistance and cooperation of the state government in other sectors for development of the school as required from time to time," he announced.

Currently, 567 students are studying in the school from Nursery to Class X.

Earlier, the Chief Minister inaugurated and laid foundation for various infra projects of the school including one Abotani Institute of Integrated Community Services (AI-ICS) in presence of local legislator Techi Kaso, Itanagar Mayor Tame Phassang, Arunachal Shiksha Vikas Samiti President Bodong Yirang, Vidya Bharati North East Region Organizing Secretary Dr Pawan Tiwari, Organizing Committee Chairman Tai Taga and Corporators.

Lowangdong graces DBS, Kheti at its Silver Jubilee Celebration

KHETI, October 28:

The Silver Jubilee Celebration of Don Bosco School, Kheti, in Tirap District, Arunachal Pradesh, was graced by the MLA Borduria-Bogapani, Wanglin Lowangdong, on October 28.

In commemoration of the remarkable 25-year journey of DBS, Kheti, Lowangdong, applauded the Don Bosco Educational Institutions for their outstanding dedication, which led to the establishment of 53 Schools and a college under Miao Diocese in Eastern Arunachal. He emphasized the crucial need for a University in Tirap district to elevate the educational standards in the region.

Expressing his support for the cause, Lowangdong pledged a significant contribution of Rs. 10 lakhs towards the development of DBS, Kheti's infrastructure and assured the provision of further assistance as needed. He also shed light on the historical significance of Don Bosco School in Borduria, acknowledging its position as one of the oldest DBS schools in Tirap district and the state of Arunachal Pradesh.

Fr. Rector, Chinnaparaj, while extending a heartfelt welcome to Lowangdong, expressed gratitude for his presence and appreciated his commitment towards improvement of the school's infrastructure.

The event reached new heights with the enthralling presentations of various cultural performances by the talented students of Don Bosco School, Kheti, leaving an indelible mark on the memory of all attendees.

A Souvenir of Silver Jubilee Celebration of DBS, Kheti was released by Lowangdong on the occasion.

Mein conferred with Bengmora Samanway Award 2023 in Assam

TINSUKIA, October 28:

The All Assam Matak Yuva-Chatra Sanmilan (AAMYCS) presented the prestigious Bengmora Samanway Award 2023 to Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein, at the 83rd Central Foundation Day event held at Dirak, Kakopothar in Tinsukia on October 28.

The award recognizes his outstanding contribution towards promoting brotherhood, cultural harmony and preserving indigenous heritage between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

In his acceptance speech, the Deputy Chief Minister expressed his deep gratitude upon receiving the esteemed award, which is an affirmation of the people's love and appreciation for his work. As a member of the Tai Khamti clan, Mein talked about the strong bond of friendship between the Khamtis and the Matak community, dating back to ancient times.

Emphasizing on the friendly association, Mein further talked about the long-standing neighborly bond between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, where many Arunachalee people including those belonging to the Khamti clan grew up learning about the art & culture of Assam. He stated that majority of people in Eastern Arunachal are very familiar with the Assamese language and emphasized on the prevalence of more than 100 Namghars in Arunachal Pradesh, where candles are lit every day and cultural activities like Bhaonas, Ras, etc are also conducted on a regular basis, being kept alive by the Assamese diaspora in the state.

Assam and Arunachal Pradesh share an ancient bond which dates back to historic times, much before the Independence of India, Mein said and recalled on how the brave warrior, Chaupha Planglu alias Ranua Gohain of the Khamti clan fought against the Britishers to safeguard Sadiya in the Anglo-Khamti War of 1839. These historic episodes remained missing from the chapters of Indian history for far too long, he said, adding that as such, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh undertook the mammoth task of identifying and documenting the tales of unsung heroes of Arunachal Pradesh as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Throughout the process, a detailed collection of data was recorded

from the British Museum, revealing many unknown facts about the Anglo Khamti War. One of such facts included a letter sent by Pi-yoli Phukan to Ranua Gohain for fighting against the Britishers. Through these archives, it has also been revealed that the relationship between the Khamti and Matak community go long back and they have been at each other's aid since centuries, he stated.

In light of the cultural similarities and the long-standing association between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, Mein highlighted the significance of preserving our own culture, both in Arunachal Pradesh and in Assam. He reflected on the contributions of the legendary singer Dr. Bhupen Hazarika and several other luminary figures from both sides, who worked towards building a strong pool of cultural exchange between the communities.

He appealed the younger generation of Assam, to actively work towards cultural preservation of their ancient heritages, while also spearheading the Digital India movement. During the inauguration of Indian Mobile Congress on 27th October 2023, PM Modi stated that young India is leading in inventions and 6G applications.

Reinforcing on this message, Mein also spoke about the potential of a digitally empowered nation, that can not only accelerate self-reliance, but can also enable us to preserve our culture via innovative mediums for the future generations.

On the occasion, Minister of Labour & Employment and Welfare of Tea Tribes, Govt of Assam, Sanjoy Kishan, MLA of Lahowal, Assam, Binod Hazarika, CEO of Motak Autonomous Council, David Chetia, President of All Assam Motak Yuba Chatra Sanmilan Ranjit Go-

hain, Advisors of AAMYCS, Mintu Borpatra & Arup Boruah, President of Motak Ranbangsha Union Samiti, Hemonta Gohain, GS of All Assam Motak Yuba Chatra Sanmilan Swarup Gohain, Executive Members of Tai Khamti Singpho Council, Tai Khamti Development Society, All Namsai Area Youth Association and Members of Tai Khamti Heritage & Literary Society were also present among others.

Governor interacts with troops at Sela

BOMDILA, October 28:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) interacted with troops at Sela in West Kameng district on October 28, 2023.

As part of the extended Infantry Day Celebration, the Governor met the officers and troops of Rajputana Rifles, who are undergoing high altitude training at 14000 feet above sea level near Sela Pass.

The Governor advised the troops to take combat training sincerely and prepare themselves for any eventuality in any sector along the high-altitude international border. He motivated them to maintain a high level of mental and physical fitness, which is vital in the high operational theatres.

The Governor reminded the officers and troops of the proud traditions and élan of the Indian Army. He exhorted them to dedicate themselves to their duties and responsibilities.

The Governor, who flagged off the Amrit Kalash Yatra of 'Meri Maati Mera Desh, Maati Ko Naman, Veeron Ka Vandan' campaign recently, said that the soldiers are the true heroes of our nation. The people of India, particularly the

Arunachalis always honour them as true patriots who devote their lives to upholding the pride of our nation, he said.

Governor calls for popularizing Chess in the state

ITANAGAR, October 30:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) graced the valedictory function of the 34th Vidya Bharati National Sports Festival 2023-24 National Chess Championship at Abotani Vidya Niketan, Pachin Colony, Naharlagun on Monday, October 30, 2023.

All together, 230 Players, including 110 girls of 77 schools from 22 States participated in the 3-day tournament under the supervision of arbiters from All India Chess Federation. The Vidya Bharati Sports Council of Vidya Bharati Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Sansthan organized the competition.

Congratulating the participants and the organizers for the successful conduct of the tournament, the Governor suggested use of a screen like that in international events, so that spectators also can watch the moves and learn from it.

The Governor said that Chess is a gift to the world from India. It is a mind game, not a game of luck or time pass. It is said that one learns more by losing, he said, while recalling great Indian grandmasters like Vishwanathan Anand.

While highlighting the importance of the tournament and Chess in particular and sharing his experience, the Governor said that playing chess helps the persons in problem solving capacities, abil-

ity for planning, enhancing memory power and management skill, multi-tasking and creative thinking. He said that all these qualities are required in our daily life.

The Governor emphasized that chess should be promoted in schools, colleges and universities of the State. He urged the concerned authorities to take the responsibility in popularizing Chess in Arunachal Pradesh and make Arunachal Pradesh a powerhouse of games and sports.

On the occasion, the Governor presented the awards to the winners. In under 14 years, the team from Rashtrorathana Vidya Kendra, Thanisandra, Bengaluru was the winner amongst the boys, while in the girls section, the team from Saraswati HSS Vidhya Colony, Pinoura Umara, Madhya Pradesh was winner. In under 17 years, GK Shetty Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Ambattur, Chennai was the winner amongst boys, while the girls team of Jaigopal Garodia Rashtrorathana Vidya Kendra, Bengaluru was the winner, while in under 19 years, the team from SRDK Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Thiruvortriyur was the winner in boys section, while Smt. Ramkumar Devi Fomra Vivekananda Vidhyalaya, Chennai were winners amongst girls.

Commemorating the occasion, the Governor along with other guests participated in a plantation programme in the school campus of Abotani Vidya Niketan, Pachin Colony, Naharlagun.

State Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Mama Natung, highlighted the initiative of the State Government in promoting games and sports and youth activities. He said that very soon Arunachal Pradesh will be Sporting Power House, while informing about achievements of sportspersons of the State.

Chairman of Organizing Committee of 34th Vidya Bharati National Sports Festival 2023 National Chess Championship, Tai Tagak, Organizing Secretary, Vidya Bharati Purvottar Kshetra, Dr. Pawan Tiwari and Khel Sanyojak (Game Organiser) of the tournament Saurav Gautam spoke on the occasion.

Students from the Abotani Vidya Niketan, Pachin Colony, Naharlagun and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Passighat presented patriotic songs on the occasion.

RGU Research Project completed

RONO HILLS, October 30:

The Department of Sociology, Rajiv Gandhi University, in collaboration with the Women and Child Development Department, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, completed the Research Project "Increasing Delinquency in Arunachal Pradesh: Reasons and its Preventive Strategies" on October 30.

The study's objective was to discover the root causes of juvenile delinquency in the state and prevent deviant behaviour in the juvenile. The fieldwork for the study was conducted in eight urban towns of Arunachal Pradesh, including Itanagar, Naharlagun, Nirjuli, Ziro, Aalo, Roing, Namsai, and Bomdila.

The research finds that the fundamental causes of juvenile delinquency in these areas are intoxication, broken family, drug abuse, manipulation by adults, peer pressure, and use of social media. It was observed that among all the causes, the use of drugs is the most common delinquent behaviour. Abuse of drugs also leads to many other delinquent behaviours, such as petty theft, murder, etc.

The study suggests that institutions like family, school, community, friends, and lawmakers can play a more significant role in controlling juvenile delinquency. The proper awareness of the parenting system, digital knowledge, control of drug abuse, and legal knowledge are crucial in controlling the rising cases of juvenile delinquency.

First ever fully digitalized school inaugurated

KHONSA, October 31:

A momentous step towards modernizing education was taken, as the Assam Rifles proudly inaugurated the first ever fully digitalized school in the heart of Khonsa town, in Tirap district on Tuesday, October 31.

The much-awaited event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of approximately 200 students and the dedicated teaching faculty of the Assam Rifles Public School, Khonsa.

Known for its commitment to providing superior education and a holistic learning environment, the Assam Rifles Public School has consistently stood out as one of the premier institutions in the district. With the recent introduction of an advanced digital infrastructure, the school has now catapulted itself into a new era of education.

Under this transformative initiative, the Assam Rifles has installed 11 state-of-the-art multimedia digital smart boards, one in each classroom, fostering an environment conducive to immersive and interactive learning. This technological upgrade not only promises to reduce operational costs but also promises to revolutionize the teaching and learning experience for the students.

Expressing their delight, the students, parents, and the dedicated teaching faculty have wholeheartedly appreciated this forward-thinking initiative by the Assam Rifles. This groundbreaking step is anticipated to set a precedent for the integration of technology in education, signalling a brighter future for the students of the district.

DCM on 2 days visit to Anjaw district

WALONG, October 31:

Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein in his two days visit to Anjaw district inaugurated 15 projects at Walong, Tinai, Kibithoo, Musai and Kaho village in presence of Hayuliang MLA, Dasanglu Pul, Khonsa West MLA, Chakat Aboh, ZPC Soblem Pul and DC Anjaw, Talo Jerang on October 31.

These projects aimed at boosting tourism as well as improving the infrastructure in the border villages. The projects included Civil Terminal Building of Walong ALG, Tinai Community Hall, 30 bedded Girls Hostel of Govt. Sec. School, Walong; RCC View Points at Tilam and Bara Kundun; New School building of ME School, Kibithoo, Medical Labour Room, Solar Street Lights and Badminton Court at Kibithoo Model Village under Vibrant Village Program; Basket Ball Court, New ME School Building and Solar Street Lights at Musai Model Village; Basket Ball court, Solar Street Lights and a School Library at Kaho Model Village, also known as the first village of India.

In his address to the people in a public meeting at Walong on Sunday, Mein stated to bring Anjaw in the tourism map of India and pitched for development of more tourism infrastructure in the area.

citing that the beautiful landscape and rich flora & fauna has the potential to attract high end tourists in the region and make Anjaw one of the most tourist attractions place. He mooted for a new tourism policy for Arunachal Pradesh and a Tourist circuit in the eastern sector connecting Pasighat, Roing, Mayudia, Anini, Parshuram Kund, Anjaw, Namsai, Namdapha Tiger Reserve, Vijaynagar and other tourist places in the belt. He added that the region offers wide range of tourism activities like sightseeing, birding, wildlife exploring, white water rafting, trekking, spiritual tourisms, etc. He exhorted the youths to exploit these potentialities and to engage themselves in the hospitality sector by availing benefits under the govt subsidized schemes like Deendayal Upadhyay Yojana, CM's Paryathan Vikas Yojna, etc. He also urged the villagers to avail schemes under Atma Nirbhar Arunachal and take up activities under Agriculture & allied sectors as the area is highly conducive for agriculture and horticulture crops.

He further said that with the inauguration of Civil Terminal Building at Walong ALG, regular Helicopter or Dornier service will be introduced at Walong, which will be beneficials for the defense personnel serving in the border area as well as for the civilians. He stated that the Govt is committed to providing digital connectivity in the border region under USOF. During the visit of Union Home Minister last April, 4G Airtel tower were launched at Kaho, Musai and Kibithoo village and the internet connectivity through OFC will be launched at the District headquarter, Hawai on November 4. He further mooted for developing more digital infrastructure in the State to realize the vision of PM Modi under Digital India initiative to en-

hance digital transactions and digital connectivity.

Mein assured to look into the demands placed by MLA Hayuliang and ZPC Anjaw during the meeting on phase wise manner.

In another public meeting at Kaho (the first village of India) on Monday, Mein expressed his gratefulness to the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister, Amit Shah for declaring the border villages, Kibithoo & Kaho village in Anjaw, Limiking in Upper Subansiri and Mago Village in Tawang as the first villages while launching the Vibrant Village Program. He said that such gesture reflects the love and kindness of the Central leadership towards Arunachal Pradesh. He also said that many efficient IAS officers, who previously served in the district have developed deep attachment and close affinity with the local people and their culture which is the result of the love and respect of the local community towards the serving officers. He recalled the contributions of former Commissioner (Planning & Investment), P S Lokhande, who also served as Deputy Commissioner of erstwhile Lohit District for mooted the idea of taking up Kaho, Kibithoo, Musa and other border villages to be taken up under State Govt's Golden Jubilee Model Village Program which was later merged with the Vibrant Village Program of Govt of India.

He lauded MLA Hayuliang, Dasanglu Pul for her dedicated works towards the welfare of the people of her constituency and the District Administration and all the departmental officers for ensuring timely completion of the projects.

On the demands placed by the local community at Kaho, Mein assured to look into their demands for a Sub-Centre, Retaining wall for protection of a Gompa and for re-

validation of fund under ArSRLM for livelihood generation.

He further urged the villagers to maintain friendly relations with the defense personnel serving in the area and to cooperate with them and provide every assistance in guarding the border.

During his tour, Mein also visited the Border Personnel Meeting Complex at Wacha, the easternmost border post of India and interact with the defense personnel of 20th Battalion of Punjab Regiment and also with the ITBP personnel at Kaho Village. He said that we feel protected and safe because of the presence of defense personnel in the border and salute them for guarding our borders day and night. He asserted that Arunachalees are none to second when patriotism is concerned and it is only in Arunachal Pradesh's border region that one finds villagers greeting the dignitaries with the slogan of Jai Hind, which reflects their patriotism. He also requested the armed personnel to maintain cordial relations with the civilians and thank them for extending their help to the civil administration in every possible way.

On the occasion, Brigadier R Bandhary proposed a development project to improve Walong and other border villages as a tourism hub, to which DCM assured to look into.

The DCM also inspected the under construction 350 Mtr Span Tinai RCC permanent bridge over Lohit River constructed by 1444 BCC (GREF) which will connect Walong with Tinai and other villages on the right side of the river.

Among others, BJP State Mahila Morcha, Longyan Sumnyan, District BJP President, Dohailung Awailung, SP Rike Kamsi, Officers and Panchayat leaders accompanied the DCM during his visit.

MHA, Secretary visits Tuting to oversee VVP & border infrastructure projects in Upper Siang

TUTING, October 31:

Atal Dullo, Secretary (BM), MHA, GoI arrived Tuting on Monday on two days visit from October 30 to 31, 2023 to oversee the Vibrant Village Programme and border infrastructure projects in Upper Siang district. He was accompanied by the Chief Secretary, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh Dharmendra, IG IT BP Mihir and Secretary Planning R.K Sharma.

Soon after their arrival, Dullo, along with his entourage visited VVP village Gelling and interacted with the local people, including Gaon Burahs, PRI members, SHGs, government officials and ITBP jawans to assess the progress of vibrant villages.

While briefly speaking to the people at Gelling, the GoI Secretary, informed that Govt of India is focusing on border villages through Aspirational Vibrant Village Programme for overall development of the villages located in border areas with special emphasis on improvement of road connectivity and to provide all kinds of basic facilities to the last man standing through convergence model by all Ministries of Govt of India and the state govts.

Dullo also highly appreciated the public of Gelling for maintaining cordial relations with the armed forces and said that villagers are soldiers without uniform and plays greater role in safeguarding the border.

Chief Secretary Dharmendra also spoke and informed that Secretary BM, MHA has come to oversee the works of Vibrant Village Programme, border infrastructures and

to interact with villagers to know their problems to find better solutions.

Later on, the dignitaries interacted with Head of Departments, PRI leaders, Gaon Buras and Self-Help Groups at IB Tuting.

Earlier, on arrival of the dignitaries, Deputy Commissioner Hage Lailang, ADC Starlie Jamoh, SP Token Saring, ITBP, Army Officers, all HODs, PRIs, GBs, Ponung parties accorded warm reception at Tuting.

District Handloom Expo organized

NAMSAI, October 31:

The Ministry of Textiles, Government of India celebrated “Khadi Mahotsava” across the country from 1st October, 2023 to 31st October, 2023.

“Khadi Mahotsava” is an initiative to promote and popularise Khadi among the people.

On the occasion, a District Handloom Expo (DHE) was organized at Town Club Namsai by Weavers Service Centre, Guwahati sponsored by o/o Development Commissioner (Handloom), MoT, Govt of India. The 5 days DHE that commenced from October 27 to 31 last was inaugurated by Nang Urmila Mancheykhun, ZPC Namsai.

In her address, the ZPC thanked all the participants for taking part in the expo cum exhibition and urged all to continue the tradition of weaving. “Our weavers are the ones who are still holding our tradition in their weave and design which our identity”, she said.

She also visited each stalls and interacted with all the weavers and artisans on the occasion.

Sericulture Development Officer, Dugbin Ete encouraged the weavers and explained them about the various opportunities which the

weavers should grab for their development and urged them to be more energetic and passionate about their profession for better growth.

Earlier, while welcoming all, Utpal Ch. Baro, Assistant Director (D), Weaver’s Service Centre, Guwahati, Extension Centre Itanagar, explained about the benefits of this DHE along with schemes of MoT, Govt of India for the upliftment/welfare of handloom weavers.

Around 30 participants from various district of Arunachal Pradesh participated in the expo where 20% participants were handicraft artisans. The organisers are hoping for large number of foot fall and good sales figure which will benefit the weavers.

“Pledge taking” & “Run for Unity” marks Rastriya Ekta Diwas

NIRJULI, October 31:

On the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, NERIST organized Rastriya Ekta Diwas “Pledge taking ceremony” and “Run for Unity” on October 31.

The program was organized in collaboration with NSS unit, NERIST and Gymkhana on culmination of the 2nd phase of the Meri Maati Mera Desh (MMMD).

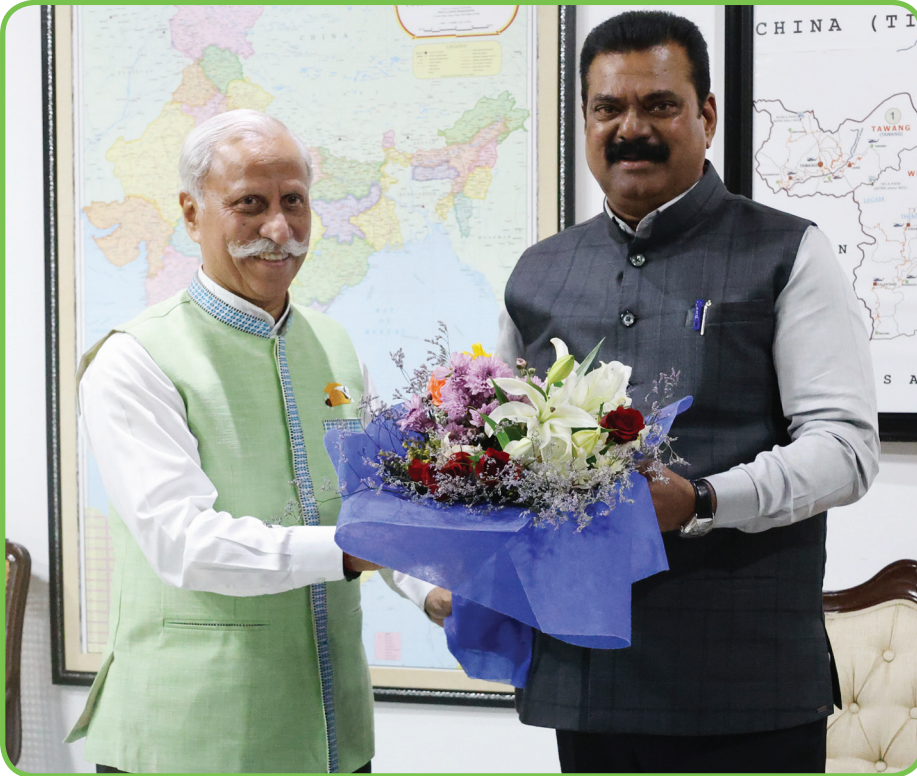
Faculties, staff and students of NERIST took part in the “Pledge taking Ceremony”. They also took part in the “Run for Unity” from Brahmaputra Hostel to NERIST Main Gate.

Prof. P. Lingfa, Dean (SA) & Dean (P&D), Dr. N. Ghanashyam Singh (Chairman, Gymkhana), Prof. Ajay Bharti (Coordinator, NSS) and Dr. Yamem Tamut, Dr. M. Deban Singh, Dr. Akhilesh Sharma and Yogendra Mohan were among the faculties who participated.

NEWS IN PICTURE



Chief Minister Pema Khandu attending the Platinum Jubilee celebration of Govt Secondary School, Balekat Pasighat on October 26, 2023.



Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj Kapil Moreshwar Patil calls on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on October 3, 2023.



DCM Chowna Mein along with Union Minister of Earth Sciences Kiren Rijiju gracing the Chindang Festival at the Chindang Festival Hall in Nafra in West Kameng district on October 13, 2023.



Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, Sports Minister Mama Natung and MP Tapir Gao kicking off The first ever high-altitude Tawang Marathon at Tsangyang Galwa High Altitude Stadium, Tawang on October 1, 2023.



The team IPR from Arunachal Pradesh lead by Secretary, IPR Nyali Ete made a courtesy call on the Lt. Governor of Ladakh Brigadier (Rtd) Dr.B.D. Mishra on October 1, 2023.



The All Assam Matak Yuva-Chatra Sanmilan (AAMYCS) presenting the prestigious Bengmora Samanway Award 2023 to Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein, at the 83rd Central Foundation Day at Dirak, Kakopothar in Tinsukia on October 28, 2023.