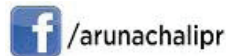




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News Flash

Governor condoles the demise of Lokayukta Chairman

ITANAGAR, April 28:

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

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

Two chief engineers retires

NAHARLAGUN, May 1:

Two chief Engineers of Rural Works Department (RWD) here retired on Tuesday, April 30 on attaining the age of Supremacy.

The Engineers Doli Nyodu, CE (western Zone) and Tazo Kamda Tagin, CE (P&D) were given a warm send off in a farewell meeting at the conference hall of Chief Engineer's office.

Both the officers served the department in various capacities dedicatedly for over 33 years, said a press release from the CE office.

DC bid adieu to retired officer

LIKABALI, April 25:

The staff of the Lower Siang DC office, led by DC Rujum Rakshap, bade farewell to industries deputy director Tuli Basar on Thursday, who was posted in Lower Siang and retired after attaining superannuation on 31 March, 2024.

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

Rakshap praised the retired officer for "having a clean service career and a good health status."

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

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

Interactive outreach programme held

TAWANG, April 30:

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

More than 150 stakeholders attended the programme, which was inaugurated by NER Income Tax Chief Commissioner Chaitali Panmei.

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

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

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

Governor celebrates Gujarat & Maharashtra diwas at Raj bhawan



ITANAGAR, May 1:

In the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' the State foundation day of the States of Gujarat and Maharashtra was celebrated at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 1st May 2024. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) and the First Lady of the State, Anagha Parnaik hosted a high tea for the people from Gujarat and Maharashtra residing in the State and interacted with them.

The Governor greeted the people of Gujarat and Maharashtra on their State foundation day and extended good wishes of the people of Arunachal Pradesh to them. He expressed hope that both the States will have a stronger relationship with all Arunachalis in the

days to come.

The Governor said that the Raj Bhavan, Itanagar has celebrated the State foundation day of all the States of India with the people from other States residing in Arunachal Pradesh in the last one year. He said that it provides a very productive opportunity to know them, their accomplishments and address their challenges.

The Governor said that in the last decade, large numbers of infrastructure have come up in the State and people from other States including Gujarat and Maharashtra have a huge role in it. He conveyed his appreciation to them for their contributions in their 'Karma Bhumi'.

The Governor, while recalling

the history of Gujarat and Maharashtra said that both the States are known for their cultural richness, patriotism and prosperous economy and today they are the economic powerhouse of India. He urged them to contribute in strengthening the goodwill amongst the States with Arunachal Pradesh.

The participants shared their experiences and interactions with the local communities. They also expressed gratitude to the Governor and the First Lady of the State for inviting them for the Statehood Day programme.

The State foundation day audio-visual message from the Governor of Gujarat Acharya Devvrat was shown on the occasion.

DC takes stock of monsoon preparedness

PASIGHAT, April 30:

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

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

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Nyukmadung set to get cultural & heritage museum

DIRANG, April 26:

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

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

Colonel Asish Tondon said that the museum's objective would be to preserve and promote the region's

cultural heritage, traditions, religion and biodiversity.

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

Members of the IIH shared their successful experiences in establishing community museums

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DHS observes World Malaria day

PASIGHAT, Apr 25:

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

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

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GOC Johar inaugurates VSK at Pasighat



PASIGHAT, April 30:

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

The Spear Corps of the Indian Army has established this

second VSK in Arunachal.

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

Re-polling at 8 stations completed

ITANAGAR, Apr 26:

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

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

"All the polled EVMs and elec-

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

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

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

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

Uttar Pradesh CS visits temples at Malinithan

MALINITHAN, April 29:

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

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

Talking to mediaper-sons, he said, "The mandir and its sur-

roundings have strong evidence to tell us about the true stories of lord Krishna and princess Rukmini, and scholars and other visitors must come and explore these hidden treasures."

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

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

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



ITANAGAR, April 30:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) called upon the officers and scientists of the Departments of Science & Technology and Information Technology to ensure that technologies available must be used on the ground. He emphasized that the data and information with the departments must be accessible to the farmers, construction agencies and other people in need, while interacting with the Secretaries of the Departments of Planning, Science & Technology and Information Technology at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 30th April 2024.

The Governor, who is tech-

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

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

The Governor said that our scientists and IT officers must be fu-

luristic in thinking and analysis and forewarn any challenges and disasters, while referring to road in Anini and flash flood in Sikkim. He suggested a data based facility in the Planning Department for monitoring and analyzing.

The Governor said that with optimum use of scientific data, it will have a positive impact on agricultural products, enhance tourist footfalls and improve the monitoring system. He said that monitoring is very important and critical for progress and prosperity of any State and today it is more important for Arunachal Pradesh as large numbers of infrastructure projects are in the pipeline.

Earlier, Dr. H. Dutta, Direc-

World Veterinary Day

ITANAGAR, April 27:

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

District Veterinary Officer Dr. Emo Lego, along with his team of doctors and staffers, created awareness on animal health among pet lovers and about availability of lifesaving services at all veterinary centers in the district.

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

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

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Wordly Wise

"Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground."
-Theodore Roosevelt

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Editorial

World Press Freedom Day

One of the golden opportunities to portray the professional ethics of journalists, World Press Freedom Day is a reminder to the governments to stay committed to the goal of press freedom. Every year May 3rd is considered the World Press Freedom Day to celebrate the fundamental principles of the free press and to pay tribute to the journalists who lost their lives while performing their duties. People need to realize that journalism is a part of civilized society as they help people recognize its importance and demand. In India, according to the constitution, the freedom of speech and expression of every citizen, as per the provision, the freedom of the press is regarded as the absolute right in the country. Further, the World Press Freedom Day is a support to the press workers who fall prey to numerous measures that restrain or seek to abolish freedom of the press. Observance of the day will inculcate a feeling of security for journalists exposed to violence by leaders and underworld mighty men. It is a day of remembrance for many journalists killed because of their profession. The celebration of this day is to teach a triangular relationship between journalists, masses, and leaders. It is a reminder day that government must respect its commitments to press freedom. It is also an occasion to inform citizens about press freedom violations so that they can contemplate and choose their leaders to act in press freedom direction.

The day reminds the citizens that publications are censored, fined, suspended, and closed down in dozens of countries worldwide.

On the other hand, journalists, editors, and publishers are harassed, attacked, imprisoned, detained, and murdered due to press freedom. Press freedom day is the day to contemplate and know the process, ways, and means of forming a socialist society. The free press is not a luxury but a core of equitable development.



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2.	Itanagar-Nyapin	Night Service	Mon /Thu/Sat	02.00pm
3.	Itanagar-Aalo	Night Service	Daily Service	02.30pm
4.	Itanagar-Daporijo	Night Service	Daily Service	12.00 noon
5.	Itanagar-Yingkiong	Night Service	Alternate Day	01.00pm
6.	Itanagar-Seppa	Night Service	Daily Service	12.00 noon
7.	Itanagar-Khonsa	Night Service	Sun/Mon/Wed/Thu	01.00 pm
8.	Itanagar-Tezu	Night Service	Tuesday only	01.00 pm
9.	Itanagar-Koloriang	Night Service	Daily Service	02.30 pm
10.	Itanagar-Guwahati	Day Service	Daily Service	06.00 am
11.	Itanagar-Aalo	Day Service	Daily Service	05.30 am
12.	Itanagar-Pasighat	Day Service	Daily Service	06.00 am
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21.	Itanagar-Balijan	Day Service	Daily Service except Sun	01.00 pm
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23.	Itanagar-Sonajuli	Day Service	Daily Service except Sun	01.00 pm
24.	Itanagar-Lilabari	Mail Service	Daily Service except Sun	07.00 am
25.	Itanagar- Jote	Day Service	Daily Service except Sun	07.00 am & 01.00 pm

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MONDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Pasighat	10:05	0:20
	Pasighat	10:30	Pangin	10:50	0:50
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	Pangin	12:45	Pasighat	13:05	1:05
TUESDAY	Pasighat	13:15	Naharlagun	14:20	4:30
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FRIDAY	Roing	13:00	Pasighat	13:20	0:105
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Governor, First Lady of the State visit Ram Mandir

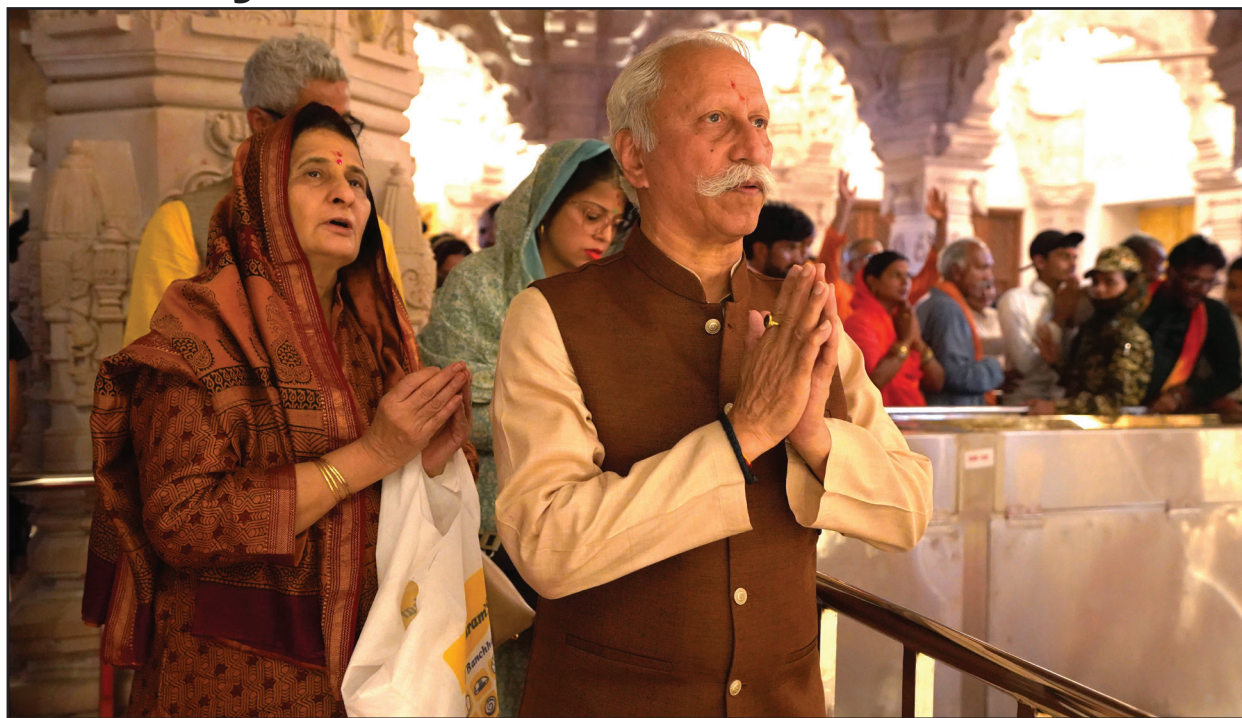
ITANAGAR, April 23:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), who is on a two-day tour to Uttar Pradesh, visited the world famed Ram Mandir on 23rd April 2024. Accompanied by the First Lady of the State Anagha Parnaik, he paid obeisance at the temple and prayed for the peace, tranquility and progress of the State and well-being of all.

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

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

The Ayodhya Ram Mandir is a grand temple built in the Nagara style



of temple architecture, characterized by its towering spires or shikharas. The temple is built using pink sandstone and is spread across an area of

2.77 acres. The temple is surrounded by a large courtyard and has several smaller shrines dedicated to other Hindu deities. The most striking fea-

ture of the temple is the giant Shaligram stone, a black stone believed to represent Lord Ram and brought from the Gandaki River in Nepal.

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

MECHUKHA, April 20:

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

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

Expressing serious concern over the 'inordinate' delay in con-

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

"The need of the hour is to im-

mediately improve the existing road and expedite the double-lane work," he said.

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

construction work is completed.

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

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

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

ITANAGAR, April 21:

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

The coordinator's one month scholar-in-residence programme at IIT Gandhinagar was facilitated by prof. Ambika Aiyadurai, associate professor at the department of HSS along with Dr. TS Kumbhar, chief librarian, IITGN, while his three-day visit to IIT Bombay was coordinated by prof. Parag Bhargava, professor at department of Metallurgical Engineering & Material Science.

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

A public talk "Let's spread the Joy of Reading" organised by the chief librarian, IITGN Central Library saw active interactions by several faculty and parents, while the visiting CBSE principals actively participated in the talk

and discussion session on "Principals & the Reading habits of their school students."

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

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

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

Giving her impressions of the coordinator's programmes in IITGN prof. Ambika Aiyadurai said, "Uncle Moosa's second visit to IITGN, as his previous visit, brought in new energy and enthusiasms among faculty and students. He organised several activities on campus, along with senior library volunteer Nishanlu Kri, an MA student

in Gandhinagar. He gave public lectures on education sharing his experience of organizing reading campaigns in remote tribal areas of Arunachal. Most importantly, he left a lasting impression on us about our connections with books and reading."

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

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

The public talk by Mundayoor at

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

Speaking on the occasion, prof. Parag Bhargava said, "It was inspirational to hear from Uncle Moosa about the library movement and how it has touched lives of many children and youth in towns and villages of Arunachal. It was heartening to note that the library movement has found support from various segments of the society including government officials. Also, the impact it has created is visible in several beneficiaries of the library movement now volunteering to help sustain and grow the library movement."

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

Army develops infrastructure in Tuting

TUTING, April 22:

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

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

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

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



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DC takes stock of monsoon...

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

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

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

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

Nyukmadung set to get cultural...

across the country, highlighting their economic impact on tourism and cultural preservation. They urged the entire community to actively participate in the museum's establishment.

Dirang ADC Hage Tarung commended the Nyukmadung-based 16th Madras Regiment, the 46th Infantry Brigade, and the IIH for the initiative, and outlined areas where the public and villagers could contribute, encouraging them to donate local traditional items.

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

DHS observes World Malaria...

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

World Veterinary Day...

At Likabali, comprehensive free Anti-Rabies Vaccination cum Awareness programme was held in the district headquarter, Likabali on World Veterinary Day. Dr. Gungte Radhe, the District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Officer appealed everyone to bring their dogs and cats above 3 months of age at the Likabali Dispensary on the occasion for proper treatment on the occasion.

International Earth Day celebrated



ITANAGAR, April 22:

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

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

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

NERIST Registrar Dr MK Camder, Academics Dean Prof M

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- By Amina Nabam

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

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

The weather was clear and sunny on the morning of 25th April and the PB team left Anini in a cheerful mood, determined to reach Itanagar anyhow. However, after crossing Etalin they found debris, rocks, mudslides at various locations and with all communication network down there was no way to reach the NHIDCL authorities for road clearance. A good Samaritan named Eney Mega of Ryanli Village helped clear many minor roadblocks with his private earthmover and the team was somehow able to reach New Anaya. On reaching New Anaya, a village 20 KMs from the block point at Awali village the vehicles could not move any further as the road had been completely washed off.

Some members of the PB team along with the District Disaster Management Officer and Circle Officer, Arzoo decided to walk on foot to assess



the situation of the road ahead and check the feasibility of transporting the PB trunks across the block point. However, it was found that the roads were washed off completely at 5 locations between New Anaya to Awali in addition to several rock slides and mudslides. Therefore, keeping in mind the safety of the PB trunks which contained Postal Ballots for 22 districts, the team decided to head back to Anini before the weather turned bad again.

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

On completion of the PB exchange, Dibang Valley team moved in the convoy with Lower Dibang Valley PB team and were escorted upto the district boundary by the Lower Diang Valley Police. The team under the security of the Dibang Valley Policethen moved ahead to Anini on the newly constructed temporary roads by NHIDC Land safely deposited the 61 Postal Ballots in the district strong room in the presence of

Returning Officer and representatives of contesting candidates. Thus, ending the long journey they took for the safety of the PB trunks whilst risking their own.

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

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

(The writer is the Nodal Officer (PB) for Dibang Valley district and currently posted as Circle Officer, Etalin)

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

PAPU NALLAH, April 27:

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

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

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

second and third position, respectively.

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

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

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

The event was attended by, among others, Tage Talin and Kago

Tabyo, the chairman and general secretary of the Dree Ground Management Committee, along with GJ CCDFC-2024 chairman Dani Sulu.

"Bwsi is a romantic lyrical folk-song dedicated towards each other's lovers. It is an expression of love towards each other by both genders."

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

Ex-servicemen rally organised

TAWANG, April 28:

More than 150 veterans veer naris, and next of kin of veterans from all over Tawang district participated in an 'Ex-servicemen rally' organised by the Indian Army at the military station here on Sunday, April 28.

The event began with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tawang War Memorial, where the veterans paid

homage to the martyrs of the 1962 war.

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

the veterans' pension-related issues. Other facilities at the venues included suvidha kendras established by banks holding pension accounts, an Aadhaar biometric updation centre,

a veterans suvidha kendra, medical aid, an ECHS polyclinic, agriculture assistance, an NCC guidance centre, and an Army awareness & motivation centre.

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

RGU hosts lecture workshop on chemical sciences

RONO HILLS, April 26:

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

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

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

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

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

the wonderful and magical world of chemistry."

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

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

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

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

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

The inaugural session of the event was attended by deans of faculties, besides heads and the directors of

various departments and institutes of RGU.

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

Prof Uday Maitra, FNA, FASC, from IISc Bengaluru delivered a lecture on "molecules that seem to defy rules," while Prof Somabrata Acharya, FNASC, FASC, from IACS Kolkata deliberated on the world of nanotechnology and its transformative impact on modern science.

Prof Ruchi Anand, FNA from IIT Bombay engaged the students with her insights into "understanding enzymes and their journey from laboratory to the devices," while Prof Suhrit Ghosh, FASC from IACS Kolkata discussed the field of antimicrobial materials and their potential in healthcare.

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

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

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

Five days Yoga classes for elders concludes

PASIGHAT, April 29:

Five days free yoga classes for fifty years and above, organized by the Ayi Ke Ekum Society concluded on Monday, April 29 at the Engo Takar Dere, Pasighat.

The said society is 'a home and a day care center for elders' and was formed last year with a vision to provide recreational activities to el-

ders. More than 40 men and women were imparted Yoga classes for lower back pain and easier mobility.

Aini Taloh, founder Chairperson of Voluntary Blood Donation AYANG gracing the occasion as Chief Guest emphasized that it was very important to keep oneself fit and mobile whatever may be the age. She appreciated the Ayi Ke Ekum Society for the

imparting free yoga classes to the Elders for organizing the Yoga classes for elders with missionary zeal and enthusiasm.

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

Autism awareness and parental training held

PASIGHAT, April 29:

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

The programme was led by Dr. Oimang Megu, founder and Chairperson of the Spring Centre. The function started with welcom-

ing group dance by the children of the centre and was taken over by the 'Occupational Therapist' Joji Verghese who highlighted about Autism, the symptoms, assessment and various therapies required.

The Spring Centre for child development is dedicated to children with special needs. The centre provides Occupational therapy, speech therapy, behavioural therapy and special education. At pre-

sent children from East Siang, West Siang, Upper Siang, Siang, Lower Siang and Lower Dibang valley are benefiting from the centre.

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

Pasighatians accords warm reception to Padma Shri Yanung Jamoh Lego



PASIGHAT, April 23:

Rousing reception was extended to Yanung Jamoh Lego on her arrival to Pasighat this evening by Pasighatians. Lego received the prestigious Padma Shri award from President of India, Draupadi Murmu for Traditional healthcare contributions. She is the second Padma Shri recipient after

Mamang Dai from Adi community.

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

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

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

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

Tribute to Lt Sangay Lhaden on her birth anniversary

ITANAGAR, May 1:

Lt Sangay Lhaden IAS, was paid tribute on her birth anniversary on Wednesday, May 1 by her batchmates (IAS officers of 1992 batch) by dedicating a bust of Lt Lhaden to Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy in the august presence of her family members, two of her batchmates Barun Kumar Ray Additional Chief Secretary West Bengal and Deepak Kumar Singh Additional Chief Secretary Bihar and a host of senior officers led by Kaling Tayeng I/c Chief Secretary Arunachal Pradesh.

The Incharge Chief Secretary appreciated the effort of Lt Lhaden's batch mates in commemorating her birth anniversary and hoped that the effort would inspire the students in putting their best forward in the coming days. He hoped that the students and the authorities will ensure that the memory lives on by focusing on Olympic sports which could bring laurels to the state and will be a tribute to the institute, named after her.

Barun Kumar Ray remembered his late batchmate as the most ebullient, effervescent and free spirited individual in the batch.

She had worked in Goa and Delhi before coming to Arunachal Pradesh where she lost her life in a



tragic accident in 2001. Soon after her demise, her batch mates instituted an award in her memory to be given to probationers at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, informed Ray.

He on behalf of his batchmates thanked the Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for naming the institute after her. He thanked her family members and other colleagues who witnessed the event online, adding that each one of them contributed in their own way in making the event successful.

He also thanked the depart-

ment of Sports and Youth Affairs led by Secretary Abu Tayeng and Secretary Sadhana Deori for their co-operation in making the event successful.

Sonam Paljor, family member of Lt Lhaden expressed her gratefulness to the GoAP for honoring her late niece with SLSA and her colleagues for commemorating the day with a statue which she believes has made her immortal in the history of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.

She hoped that the institute will be an inspiration for generations to come.

Earlier, Sadhana Deori remembered her association with late Lhaden since the year 1984 where both of them had met as freshers and studied at Lady Ram College Delhi. She recalled how her late friend had donned the role of a daughter, sister, friend and a proud professional with pride and how during her stint in the state, she would tirelessly tour the districts in her endeavor to learn from people first hand of their expectation of her department and how she could value add to their dreams and lives. Her humility in service and positivity in nature is what she has left behind. I am sure that she has touched many hearts, not only amongst her batchmates but also the state and the people, said Deori.

Deori on behalf of family and friends of Lt Lhaden thanked her batchmates for the honourable initiative in dedicating beautiful bust of Lt Lhaden to be enshrined in SLSA for the young and talented children of AP who are the future torch bearers to look upon her as a role model and emulate her tasks.

The event had begun with prayers and blessings by monks and was attended by senior officers, bureaucrats of the State and family members of Lt Lhaden.

Tage delivers presentation on harnessing geothermal energy

HYDERABAD, April 29:

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

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

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

Earlier, Dr Ravichandran from the union earth sciences ministry stressed on developing a "resource potential map for geothermal energy" in order to enhance survey activities for geothermal exploration and initiate a pilot project

to showcase the effectiveness of geothermal potential in the country.

"There is a need to evaluate technical feasibility and economic viability for the proposed work," he said, and called for "robust collaborations among various entities, including national research institutes, state organisations, industries, and other relevant stakeholders."

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

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

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

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

Programme on 'Cancer Awareness and its Prevention' held



ROING, April 29:

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

Inaugurating the CME, Deputy Commissioner Soumya Saurabh suggested for regular cancer awareness programmes to be or-

ganised in the district.

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

Specialists, Medical Offic-

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

Surprise checking by flying squad

ITANAGAR, May 1:

Flying Squad of District Tobacco Control Cell, ICR conducted a surprise checking drive and raided shops near the schools of Naharlagun especially situated near Kankarnallah and G-sector area under the provision of COTPA section 6a & 6b under the banner.

A Squad team consisting of CO Naharlagun Nani Mamung, District consultant (DTCC) and police team of Naharlagun successfully seized huge amount of cigarettes and other tobacco products along with alcohol sold illegally from different shops situated within 100 m radius area of educational institutions.

All the Shop owners violating COTPA Section 6 (a) & (b) were challaned amounting to Rs 200/- each and were warned from further selling of any type of Tobacco products near educational institutions and were also asked to abide by the laws under



COTPA.

The team asked all to cooperate and to help the youths in living a Tobacco Free life and towards a Tobacco Free society & Environment. At

the end of the surprise checking, all the seized Cigarettes and other tobacco products and alcohol were burnt and disposed off at Mini Secretariat Naharlagun.

MSJA under PMMSY organised

SHERGAON, April 29:

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

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

The attendees also visited the fisheries stall where value-added products of fish were displayed, and

other fisheries activities related to fish farming were showcased.

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

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

KVK fisheries expert Satyendra Kumar provided information on integrating fishes with other livestock

animals to boost the economy of fish farmers.

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

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

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

Commerce Conclave cum Workshop on Reshaping Commerce Education held

RONO HILLS, May 1:

A two-day "Commerce Conclave and Workshop on NEP: Reshaping Commerce Education" commenced at Rajiv Gandhi University on Wednesday May 1 which was organized by the Department of Commerce.

Vice Chancellor of RGU, Prof. Saket Kushwaha, while inaugurating the programme conveyed his profound delight and praised the Dept. of Commerce in spearheading such an initiative.

He emphasized the pivotal role of such Conclave cum Workshop in preparing course curriculum for enriching students of Arunachal Pradesh for competitions beyond the

state borders. He also emphasized the imperative of MOOC, SWAYAM courses and internship for student employability in compatibility with NEP 2020.

Prof. Ranjit Tamuli, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, Management & Law, highlighted the significance and objective of the Commerce Conclave to prepare a new course structure for UG level in the subject of Commerce in his speech.

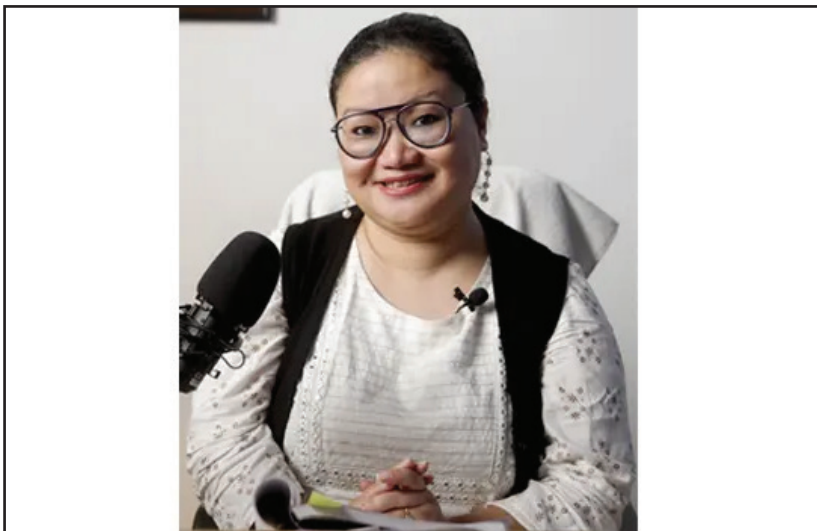
Prof. R.C. Parida, Head of the Department of Commerce of RGU, extended a warm welcome to Commerce Faculties, HoDs from all affiliated colleges of RGU including JNC, DNGC, Don Bosco, GCB,

IGGC, VUBC, Saint Claret, WRGC and highlighted the objectives of conclave.

Prof. Otem Padung, Finance Officer, RGU and Special Guest shared insightful perspectives and anticipated positive outcomes from the conclave and extended best wishes for designing commerce education in view of NEP 2020.

Dr. N.T. Rikam, Registrar of RGU and Special Guest encouraged the faculty participants to present their best ideas and suggestions to enhance the course curriculum of Commerce subjects for undergraduate degrees as per NEP 2020 under Rajiv Gandhi University.

Dr Jamuna Bini conferred Yuva Katha Samman



ITANAGAR, April 22:

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

The Yuva Katha Samman is

conferred annually in memory of renowned Hindi short story writer and critic, Dr Vijaymohan Singh.

The award ceremony took place at the Rotary Club of Shimla in Himachal Pradesh on Sunday evening, and was attended by literary en-

thusiasts, writers and dignitaries who lauded Dr Bini's achievement and applauded her for "enriching the literary landscape with her compelling narratives."

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

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

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

"The selection of Dr Bini's work underscores the depth and diversity of storytelling in contemporary Hindi literature," the release stated.

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



ITANAGAR, April 30:

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

The event began with a warm welcome extended Dr. Bige Yomgam, Co-convenor of the Arts Club emphasizing the pivotal role of student involvement in nurturing creativity and talent within the institution while welcoming

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

Dr. Tage Ampa, Convenor of the Arts Club, in a brief address, commended the students for their exemplary performance and encouraged them to

remain actively engaged in artistic endeavors beyond their academic journey.

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

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