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News Flash

Governor conveys Sikkim Foundation Day greetings

ITANAGAR, May 15:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General K.T. Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) has conveyed greetings to the people of Sikkim on their 49th Statehood Day. He has also extended good wishes to the people of Sikkim residing in Arunachal Pradesh and expressed gratitude for their contributions in the peace and progress of the State.

While extending greetings on behalf of the people and the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor said that Sikkim is one of the best examples for the rest of the country on cleanliness, vibrant tourism and organic farming. With the collective will and cooperation of the people, the people of Sikkim have shown how people can live together and grow with absolute consciousness towards the environment and sustainable growth, he said.

May your wonderful State, blessed with exceptional natural beauty and hardworking people attain immense progress in all sectors, the Governor wished in his letter to Lakshman Prasad Acharya, Governor of Sikkim.

Meeting held for South-West monsoon preparedness

BOMDILA, May 10:

A preparedness meeting for the South-West monsoon was convened on Friday, May 10 at the DC's Conference hall in Bomdila under the chairmanship of DC, Bomdila, Akriti Sagar.

While chairing the meeting, Sagar urged all concerned stakeholders to ensure the availability of their respective inventories and operational machinery during the monsoon period. "All emergency contact numbers, numbers of HODs, Nodal officers, BRO, etc., must be active 24/7 for quick response and communication, and dissemination of information," she added.

Sagar emphasized the activation of incident response teams and the issuance of suitable instructions for vulnerable areas.

During the welcome speech, DDMO Mindu Yangzom shared insights on how to tackle the monsoon and appealed to all concerned stakeholders to actively participate.

HODs and representatives from BRO, BRTF, SSB, etc., were present during the meeting.

Governor visits TRIHMS, interacts with doctors and patients



ITANAGAR, May 9:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) visited Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Science (TRIHMS), Naharlagun on Wednesday, May 8. He saw various

departments and care units, including Intensive Coronary Care Unit, Intensive Care Units, Indoor patient wards, reception and registration sections, doctor consultation areas and the emergency wards.

During his visit, the Governor

interacted with indoor patients, doctors and nursing officers. He also interacted with OPD patients and their guardians to get the firsthand knowledge about the effectiveness of the facilities provided to the patients.

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Four ZPMs from Lower Subansiri and Keyi Panyor district disqualified

ZIRO, May 15:

Four Zilla Parishad Members including a ZPC from Lower Subansiri and Keyi Panyor Districts were disqualified from their seats here on Wednesday May 15.

The ZPMs including ZPC and Deed ZPM Likha Sangchorre, Yazali ZPM Gem Aiti, Upper Yachuli ZPM Khoda Dipung and Pistana ZPM Nilly Likha Tabo were disqualified from their respective seats under Section 3 of Arunachal Pradesh Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act, 2003 and as per the provisions of Section 6(2) of Arunachal Pradesh Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Amendment Act, 2006.

The ZPMs were disqualified after series of hearings conducted at the official chamber of Lower Subansiri and Keyi Panyor Deputy Commissioner Vivek H.P on 16th, 26th and 29th April and the disqualification order was passed last evening.

The DC passed the order after a detailed and thorough hearing represented by the ZPMs in persons along with their legal experts.

The ZPMs were represented by advocate Toko Nikam while advocate Christopher Perme appeared on behalf of State BJP President-cum-in-charge Chairman State Disciplinary Action Committee.

The BJP elected ZPMs had left the party to merge with the Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar) prior to the general elections. However, the NCP did not accept their merger applications. Further, the BJP also did not accept back the rejoining of the ZPMs to the party fold.

Meanwhile, the state BJP President-cum-in-charge Chairman State Disciplinary Action Committee had intimated to Member Secretary, Zilla Parishad, Lower Subansiri District regarding the expulsion of the four ZPMs and urged for their disqualification from ZPM seats under relevant laws.

The Zilla Parishad of undivided Lower Subansiri District has 20 ZPMs out of which 14 ZPMs belong to Ziro-I block while 6 ZPMs belong to Ziro-II block or Keyi Panyor District.

RGU conducts programme on educational opportunities in USA

RONO HILLS, May 14:

An interaction programme on 'Educational opportunities in USA' with Kolkata-based US consulate was organised by the International Cell of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), in collaboration with its IQAC, career counselling cell, and placement cell, here on Tuesday, May 14.

Chairing the programme, RGU Vice-Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha motivated the students to "expand your horizons and explore your future prospects." He emphasised on "having specific, clear and meticulous academic goals in life," and noted how the USA is "one of the advanced countries which promote transparency, fairness and inclusivity."

RGU Registrar Dr NT Rikam in his address said that the interaction would facilitate the students in pursuing further studies in the USA, and apprised the participants of how they can avail of the opportunities extended to them by the US consulate.

RGU International Cell Chairman Prof Sarit Kumar Chaudhuri, Finance Officer (i/c) Dr David Pertin, and Students' Welfare Dean Prof Hui Tag also spoke.

US Consulate Assistant Public Affairs Officer Juan Clar said, "One of the mediums through which people of India and US can come together is through education, which is one of the objectives of our organisation."

Saying that a large number of students are currently enrolled in various universities in the US in a wide range of programmes, he encouraged the students to "dream big, as the process is attainable if done through a systematic and authentic manner."

Another official from the US consulate, Aishwarya Mondal, informed about the numerous programmes available online, such as undergraduate programmes which are designed to inform the students of the application processes.

USIE Foundation adviser Sohini Jana delivered an online presentation, explaining the basic steps of applying for further studies in the USA.

The foundation has its social handles which can be accessed at @educationusaIndia, where it has curated information which are easily available online for the students.

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DC inaugurates Model Immunisation Centre



ITANAGAR, May 10:

In a major step towards vaccine preventable diseases, a Model Immunisation Centre at PHC Chimpu was inaugurated on Friday, May 10 by the Deputy Commissioner Capital Itanagar, Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta in the presence of DMO ICC Dr Kipa Tuglik and a host of doctors, health care workers and others.

The DC hoped that the centre will cater to the needs of a large number of people and urged the officials of health department to carry out mass awareness regarding vaccination involving ASHA and Anganwadi workers. She also stressed on door to door vaccination for people

who are not willing to come forward while stressing that efforts should be made for proper counseling to make them understand the importance of vaccination.

The doctors assured that efforts would be made to educate the parents about the importance of vaccination while collaborating with all the stakeholders.

The representatives from JSI informed that the initiative aims to spotlight best practices in service delivery by strengthening the immunization service experience. Initiatives include several quality improvement steps, such as capacity building for staff, strengthening

the immunization centre to be more user-friendly, and other person-centered approaches such as counseling and effective communication and outreach in communities.

USAID-supported MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity Project developed the Model Immunization Centre at PHC Chimpu of Itanagar Capital Complex, Arunachal Pradesh.

After inauguration, the DC also inspected the health centre and took stock of its functioning.

Later, the DC inspected Health and Wellness Centre at Ganga and Lobi and UPHC Itafor.

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Review meeting on projects under RUSA, PM USHA held

RONO HILLS, May 10:

Union Education Additional Secretary SK Barnwal convened a review meeting on the completed and ongoing projects under the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) and the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM USHA) in Arunachal Pradesh at Rajiv Gandhi University here on Friday, May 10.

Barnwal lauded the state's RUSA functionaries for their efforts in implementing the RUSA projects efficiently, and urged the state government and the RUSA functionaries to avail of the central government schemes to strengthen the state's education sector.

He said that "the matter of post creation is to be prioritised for sanctioning manpower for engineering colleges; the projects for which the final installments were released are to be finished within September or October this year; and pending DPRs for PM USHA

projects should invariably be finalised and approved within June this year."

Barnwal added that the Centre is "giving extra consideration for Arunachal Pradesh and, taking into consideration the educational backwardness, sanctioning the proposals submitted by the state government on priority."

He further informed that "funding under PM USHA will be according to the timelines of projects, and if the timelines are not adhered to, the projects may be cancelled or terminated without any further extension of time for completion."

He also suggested that all the higher and technical educational institutions be brought under the SAMARTH portal, "which is available free of cost at present."

State Education Secretary Pige Ligu assured Barnwal that, once the new government assumes office, the pending matters will be taken up on priority.

GOC 56 Infantry Div calls on the Governor



ITANAGAR, May 13:

Major General Akaash Johar, General Officer Commanding (GOC), 56 Infantry Division called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 13th May 2024. They discussed the

overall security scenario in the Line of Actual Control (LAC), development of Vibrant Border Village and strengthening the bonhomie between civilian population and the troops stationed in Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor appreciated the Indian Army's contribution towards

the wellbeing and security of the people living in and around the deployment areas. He suggested their collaborative contribution in developing the border villages, under the Vibrant Border Village programme.

The Governor emphasized on winning the hearts and minds of the local population through Samaritan projects, while calling for more civil-military interactions and cooperation. He stressed special focus on health and education sectors, particularly in remote border areas.

The Governor commended the GOC and his team for creating sports facilities and welfare projects in remote border areas of Taksing and Tuting. He advised the GOC to motivate local abled youths to join the armed forces and conduct pre-recruitment training for them.

Earlier, GOC, 56 Infantry Division assured to reinforce the effort to reach out to the ingenious population and cement goodwill amongst them for the armed forces. He also apprised the Governor about the benevolent initiatives of the Indian Army under Operation Sadbhavana in Arunachal Pradesh.

RGU's agricultural sciences faculty celebrates foundation day

RONO HILLS, May 9:

The agricultural sciences faculty of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here organised a three-day celebration programme from Tuesday, May 7 to mark its foundation day.

During the inaugural function, RGU VC Prof Saket Kushwaha, CIM-MYT Asia regional representative Dr Arun Kumar Joshi, (Telangana)-based ICRISAT's Genebank head Prof Kuldeep Singh, RGU's Controller of Examination Dr Bijay Raji, and its Agricultural Sciences Dean Prof Sumpam Tangjang highlighted the vision and mission that have guided the growth and development of the faculty over the past years.

Day two of the celebration was marked by vibrant interactions among students, faculty members and resource persons, as well as stimulating brainstorming sessions on pertinent topics shaping the future of agriculture.

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Wordly Wise

"Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment."-Buddha

Editorial

Anti-Terrorism Day

India observes National Anti-Terrorism Day on 21 May every year to commemorate the death of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. He was the youngest prime minister of India who came into power at 40. Gandhi, the sixth PM of India, was assassinated by a woman-a member of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam on 21 May 1991, at Sriperumbudur, a village near Madras. The VP Singh's government announced that 21 May would be observed as Anti-Terrorism Day.

The day highlights the significance of eradicating terrorism and promoting peace and harmony.

National Anti-Terrorism Day: History

At 40, Rajiv Gandhi was the youngest Prime Minister of India. For no one could have ascended to power in more tragic and tormenting circumstances than Rajiv Gandhi did in the wake of his mother Indira Gandhi's brutal assassination on 31 October 1984.

However, it was on 21 May 1991 that the former prime minister was assassinated by an LTTE terrorist. It was a militant separatist group fighting for an independent homeland for the Tamils in the northern and eastern provinces of Sri Lanka.

Gandhi was killed during a rally in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu. A bomber touched his feet and an explosion occurred that caused the death of Rajiv Gandhi.

Global Terrorism Index:

According to the 10th edition of the Global Terrorism Index, India ranked among the 25-worst terror-hit countries but also among 56 of the 120 nations surveyed with no respondents selecting war and terror as the biggest threat to their daily safety.

The report by Sydney-headquartered think-tank noted that India has a majority of low-level conflicts in some of the border areas but the vast majority of the country's population lives outside of these regions.

Globally, the deaths from terrorism fell by 9% to 6,701 in 2022, the report said. The fall in deaths was mirrored by a reduction in the number of incidents, with attacks declining by almost 28% from 5,463 in 2021 to 3,955 in 2022.

Pakistan remained among the 10 countries most affected by terrorism in 2022, with deaths rising significantly to 643, a 120% increase from 292 deaths in 2021.



SERVICE LINE



HOSPITALS

General Hospitals, Naharlagun			
Casualty wing	: 0360-2246677	CMO	: 0360-2244293
Med.Suptd.	: 0360-2244156	Ambulance	: 0360-2244479
R.K.Mission Hospital, Itanagar			
	: 0360-2212263		
Heema Hospital, Itanagar			
	: 0360-2291094		
Niba Hospital, Pappu-Nallah Hospital in Guwahati			
	: 0360-2244574		
GNRC Hospital			
	: 0361-2227701/2227702/2227703		
Down Town Hospital			
	: 0361-2336906/2336911		
GMC Hospital			
	: 0361-2528417/2529457		
International Hospital			
	: 0361-2347700/2347701		
B.Barooah Cancer Institute			
	: 0361-2472364		

POLICE STATION

Itanagar	: 0360-2212233	Naharlagun	: 0360-2244329
Nirjuli	: 0360-2257220	Doimukh	: 0360-2277220
Banderdewa	: 0360-2266236		

FIRE STATION

Itanagar	: 0360-2212640	Naharlagun	: 0360-2244399
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APST BUS SERVICE

Sl. No.	Name of Route	Type of Service	Service Days
1.	Itanagar-Shillong	Night Service	Daily Service
2.	Itanagar-Nyapin	Night Service	Mon /Thu/Sat
3.	Itanagar-Aalo	Night Service	Daily Service
4.	Itanagar-Daporijo	Night Service	Daily Service
5.	Itanagar-Yingkiong	Night Service	Alternate Day
6.	Itanagar-Seppa	Night Service	Daily Service
7.	Itanagar-Khonsa	Night Service	Sun/Mon/Wed/Thu
8.	Itanagar-Tezu	Night Service	Tuesday only
9.	Itanagar-Koloriang	Night Service	Daily Service
10.	Itanagar-Guwahati	Day Service	Daily Service
11.	Itanagar-Aalo	Day Service	Daily Service
12.	Itanagar-Pasighat	Day Service	Daily Service
13.	Itanagar-Tirbini	Day Service	Mon/Thu/Sat
14.	Itanagar-Bomdila	Day Service	Daily Service except Fri
15.	Itanagar-Palin	Day Service	Sun/Wed/Fri
16.	Itanagar-Sagalee	Day Service	Mon/Wed/Fri
17.	Itanagar-Ampoli	Day Service	Sun/Tue/Thu
18.	Itanagar-Mengio	Day Service	Sun/Tue/Thu
19.	Itanagar-Kimin	Day Service	Daily Service except Sat
20.	Itanagar-Gerukhamukh	Day Service	Daily Service except Fri
21.	Itanagar-Balijan	Day Service	Daily Service except Sun
22.	Itanagar-Tarasso	Day Service	Daily Service except Sat
23.	Itanagar-Sonajuli	Day Service	Daily Service except Sun
24.	Itanagar-Lilabari	Mail Service	Daily Service except Sun
25.	Itanagar- Jote	Day Service	Daily Service except Sun

HELICOPTER SERVICE

Arunachal Pradesh Helicopter Non-Schedule Flight Service Local Sector (Dauphin Pawan Hans) wef 01.10.2014				
DAY.	STATION	DEP.TIME	STATION	ARR.TIME
MONDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Pasighat	10:05
	Pasighat	10:30	Pangin	10:50
	Pangin	10:55	Mechuka/Monigong	11:45
	Mechuka/Monigong	11:50	Pangin	12:40
	Pangin	12:45	Pasighat	13:05
TUESDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:15	Khonsa	10:45
	Khonsa	10:50	Longding	11:10
	Longding	11:15	Khonsa	11:35
	Khonsa	11:40	Changlang	12:00
WEDNESDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:10	Pasighat	10:40
	Pasighat	10:45	Roing	11:05
	Roing	11:10	Anini	11:35
	Anini	11:45	Roing	12:15
THURSDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:00	Maio	10:40
	Maio	10:45	Vijaynagar	11:20
	Vijaynagar	11:25	Miao	12:00
	Miao	12:05	Mohanbari	12:45
FRIDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:30	Namsai	11:05
	Namsai	11:10	Tezu	11:30
	Tezu	11:35	Hayuliang	12:10
	Hayuliang	12:15	Tezu	12:50
SATURDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:30	Namsai	11:05
	Namsai	11:10	Mohanbari	11:35
	Mohanbari	12:20	Naharlagun	13:05
				13:55
OFF DAY				
OFF/MAINTANANCE				

Meeting on monsoon preparedness held

TEZU, May 14:

The Lohit District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) convened a meeting here at Tezu on Tuesday, May 14 to discuss the district's monsoon preparedness. The meeting was chaired by Shashvat Saurabh, DC Lohit.

While taking stock of the preparedness he highlighted the vulnerabilities of the District to multiple disasters. DC also spoke on the issue of water logging and flooding during monsoon season wherein he directed the UD department and other concerned agency to timely clean up the clogged drains in order to avoid the issue of water logging in the township.

He also directed to ensure that all the department are fire resilient and fire extinguishers and other necessary fire safety measures are in place.

He directed all HoDs to update the list of inventories in the respective departments so as to ensure effective and efficient disaster preparedness. Lastly, He urged all the DDMA members to be proactive and be prepared to mitigate any eventuality during



monsoon. During the meeting Tumme Amo, IPS SSP Lohit also presented

a powerpoint and briefed on the Disaster preparedness plan of the police departments.

The meeting was attended by Kunal Yadav ADC Tezu and all the members of the DDMA.

CPR and First Aid Training imparted by CRTIC AIIMS

ANINI, May 10:

Altogether 150 participants, including medical professionals, administrative officers, ITBP and police personnel, trekking guides, homestay and hotel owners, teachers, heads of offices, and community volunteers participated in a 'CPR and first aid training' programme conducted

here in Dibang Valley district on Thursday, May 9 by the AIIMS New Delhi's Comprehensive Resuscitation Training Centre.

Resource persons Dr Shailendra Kumar, Dr Dhruv Jain, Dr San Yasmin Hussain and Sonali Kumari from AIIMS New Delhi imparted training in basic first aid

during minor or major accidents, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Deputy Commissioner Pagli Sora highlighted the importance of CPR, which is an emergency life-saving procedure and extremely effective in countering cardiac arrest when administered at the right

time. District Medical Officer Dr Hangkham Tangjam expressed gratitude to the resource persons for training the medical staff on the latest protocols and use of updated technology. The resource persons were also taken on a visit to the district hospital here.

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Governor visits TRIHMS, interacts with...

Pleasantly surprised, the patients and their relatives gladly shared their views and experiences with the Governor.

In his maiden visit to the institute, the Governor advised the TRIHMS Director to provide him the periodic reports of the ailments and lifestyle causes, so that causes can be addressed to improve the health index of the State. He said that automation of health data will assist the State Government to effectively frame policies and programmes and focus on key areas. These should be shared with the State Department for Health.

The Governor, while expressing his happiness at the large numbers of local doctors in TRIHMS in various posts emphasized that TRIHMS must endeavour to train more nursing officers and increase the quota for doctors. He said that having medical officers of the State will mitigate the shortage or absence of healthcare in rural areas.

The Governor, who has been advocating for the setting up of village volunteers, particularly womenfolk, who can be trained in health care, hygiene and sanitation suggested that TRIHMS take up this challenge in districts through their doctors and nursing officers. He said such initiatives will mitigate minor health issues at rural areas and help villagers to maintain cleanliness by reinforcing the national Mission of Swachh Bharat campaign, launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, he said.

The Governor was supportive to getting additional advanced medical equipments to assist in treatment of neurological disorders and stroke.

TRIHMS Director, Dr. Moji Jini and Chief Medical Superintendent, Dr. D. Raina conducted the Governor in the TRIHMS complex. They also briefed the Governor about the accomplishments and challenges of the first medical institute of the State, while expressing gratitude for the important visit.

RGU conducts programme on educational...

Sandhya Krishnan from YRG Care applauded the students for their active participation in the survey on awareness and attitude towards studying in the USA, and presented a brief on the importance of having a clear vision about their future career prospects.

Among others, RGU International Cell member Dr Arnab Ghosh, and Psychology HoD Dr Proshanto Kumar Saha also spoke.

DC inaugurates Model Immunisation...

She held a detailed discussion with all the Incharges regarding the facilities available at their respective centres and discussed ways for the improvement of health delivery under Capital Itanagar. She urged all the medical officers and health workers to be diligent and regular in performing their duties.

She said that even though health services are being delivered in the facilities, datas are not properly entered and uploaded into the portal and hence asked them for timely updation of data. She also enquired about the Outreach programs, awareness, door to door vaccination, availability of generic medicines etc.

The incharge raised few grievances to which the DC assured to look into the matter.

During the visit, the DC was accompanied by Dr Giri Tali is DSO and Dr Lokam Dominic.

RGU's agricultural sciences faculty celebrates...

"Through stimulating discussions, insightful presentations, and interactive exchanges, the participants reaffirmed their commitment to advancing sustainable agricultural practices and addressing the challenges facing the agricultural sector," the university informed in a release.

The celebration also featured discussions on priority areas for strategic intervention and development, with emphasis on enhancing agricultural productivity and sustainability, on the final day.

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Project on suicide risk reduction and improving mental well-being launched



RONO HILLS, May 13:

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) Vice-Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha launched a 'Multistate project on suicide risk reduction and improving mental well-being', funded by New Delhi-based Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), here on Monday, May 13.

The VC in his address said that RGU is already carrying out multiple projects on mental health, sponsored by various government agencies, and emphasised on the importance of "working in a collaborative manner and utilising the resources in optimum way with the support of state government and central government agencies," a release from the university informed.

RGU Registrar Dr NT Rikam said that the meeting was necessitated to "orient the key individuals to the objectives of the ICMR project titled 'Multistate implementation research study on suicide risk reduction and improving mental wellbeing among school and college students'," while Social Sciences Dean Prof Sarit Kumar Chaudhuri emphasised on "identifying biological marker of suicide" and highlighted "building of a resource base on the suicide-related research in RGU."

He also dwelt on "the cultural attributes in relation to suicide."

Joint Registrar Dr David Per-tin spoke about "the importance and relevance of the project in Arunachal Pradesh vis-à-vis India," and expressed hope that the project would be completed on time, "as it is a participatory-based research and will bring out workable and applicable way forwards to cut the suicide rates."

He informed that the duration of the project is three years in its first phase, "and it shall be carried out in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands."

For Arunachal, RGU's Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies (AITS) has been made the nodal centre, and under the project's principal investigator (PI) and Co-PIs, the schools and colleges in the Itanagar Capital Region, Papum Pare, Lower Subansiri, Dibang Valley, Lower Dibang Valley and Lohit districts will be surveyed, the release said.

Principal investigator of the project, Dr Tarun Mene, presented the details of the project, and informed about the initiation of the project and recruitment of staff in the first phase of the project.

He emphasised on "the multilayered issue of the topic and explained the players of the project and the population and sample of the

study," the release said.

State government nominee, mental health SNO Dr Haniya Payee, who attended the programme, enquired about the policy implementation of the project and emphasised on "alignment between existing policies and outcome of the project."

Another state government nominee, public health specialist Dr Tana Takum, spoke about the area of study and the geographical complexities in terms of cluster formation and area selection, while state government nominee, Higher & Technical Education Directorate NSS SLO Dr AK Mishra, highlighted mental wellbeing and emphasised on providing counselling sessions in schools and colleges, and advocated developing SOPs.

AITS Prof Jummyr Basar spoke about "the project's cultural aspects in tribal society about mental health, by taking into consideration the cultural and ecological aspect of the state of Arunachal in the implementation of the project," the release stated.

Among others, AITS Director Prof S Simon John, all the co-PIs of the project – Dr Lijum Nochi (Economics), Dr Dharmeshwari Lourembam (Psychology), Dr Kakali Goswami (Psychology) and Amit Kumar (AITS) – also shared their ideas about the project and its effectiveness in a larger context, it said.

Golden Jubilee Capital Complex Dree Badminton Tournament begins

PAPU NALLAH, May 10:

The badminton tournament being organised as part of the golden jubilee capital complex Dree celebration began with a spectacular opening ceremony here on Friday, May 10.

The tournament will be held in four categories – boys' and girls' singles

(U-14), men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles (open), veteran men's (35+) singles and doubles, and super veteran men's (50+) singles and doubles.

Over 100 players are participating in the tournament.

The tournament was declared

open by Millo Tago.

T-shirts marking the golden jubilee capital complex Dree celebration were also unveiled on the day.

The tournament is being organised by the games and sports department of the Golden Jubilee Capital Complex Dree Festival Committee, 2024.

District level Hangpan Dada Football and Volleyball kick starts

TEZU, May 10:

District Level Hangpan Dada Memorial Trophy of Football and Volleyball for Boys & Girls under 16, 7th edition is being held at Jubilee Ground, Tezu. Organized by Department of Sports in collaboration with District Administration, the tournament kicked started on

Friday, May 10 and will end on May 17.

The tournament kicked off with the opening match between Boys Football match United Danglat Vs. Lullum FC. United Danglat won by scoring 5 S -0 and first Volleyball match of the tournament was played

between Girls team Samurai Vs. Tezu Phantom team. Team Samurai won the match by 2-0 set.

The Opening Ceremony was grace by Sotailum Bellai, EAC, Lohit District as Chief Guest, Nyatam Doke DIPRO, Lohit district as Guest of Honour.

7th Hangpan Dada Memorial tournament concludes

KHONSA, May 11:

The final district-level selection tournament for the seventh edition of the Hangpan Dada Memorial trophy, under 16-year age group for both boys and girls in football and volleyball, concluded at Nehru Stadium on Saturday, May 11.

The valedictory function was graced by Deputy Commissioner Tirap, Ira Singhal, as Chief Guest, along with Superintendent of Police Singjatla Singpho as Guest of Honor.

In her address, DC Tirap, Ms. Ira Singhal, congratulated the players, emphasizing the potential of Tirap's youth in sports and games. She stressed the importance of hard work, discipline, and dedication required to enhance their talents.

Singhal assured all possible support from the District Administration for the young players of Tirap.

Encouraging the young athletes, she acknowledged that victory and defeat are inherent in sports. She urged them to participate at the state and national levels, bringing pride to their parents and district.

Remembering the sacrifices of Martyr Hangpan Dada, AC(P), a son of Tirap soil, she fervently appealed to the youth to uphold his fighting spirit for the nation's greater good.

SP Tirap, S. Singpho, echoed the sentiment, urging players and youth to refrain from drugs, kaani addiction, and other anti-national activities, emphasizing their role as responsible citizens.

Earlier, Organizing Committee member, Gawang Sumpa, highlighted the successful conduct of the tournament at block and constituency levels since May 6, 2024, inaugurated by Veer Nari Chasan Dada. The formal valedictory program concluded with vote of thanks from DSO (Sports) Noah Mongku.

Cash prizes of Rs. 50,000/- (Fifty thousand) along with trophies and certificates were awarded to the champion teams of both Football and Volleyball in Boys and Girls categories.

Runners-up received cash prizes of Rs. 25,000/- (Twenty-five thousand) each. Individual prizes of Rs. 5,000/- (Five thousand) each were presented to the best players by the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor, respectively.

DC held meeting on NCORD



CHANGLANG, May 14:

Changlang Deputy Commissioner Vishal Sah urged all the stakeholders to take personal interest in tackling

drug abuse.

Highlighting the menacing effects of drug abuse in the society during a meeting of the Narco Coordina-

tion Centre here on Tuesday, May 14, the DC directed the police to step up vigil to combat drug trafficking.

He urged various line departments to liaise with drug de-addiction and rehabilitation centres for rehabilitation of addicts by facilitating them with various government schemes operational in their respective departments.

The DC also heard the success stories of addicts who are clean for several years.

The attending administrative officers, ZPMs, HoDs and CBOs also presented their inputs.

Baby Corn Cultivation – A profitable crop with multiple benefits

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Baby corn play a significant role in ensuring livelihood security and augmenting income level of farmers in peri-urban areas. Its cultivation is gaining momentum in nearby areas of cities. It is a young maize cob plucked at early stage before fertilization and used as vegetable. It has an attractive cream to light yellow colour with desirable size of 6.0 to 10.0 cm. in long and 1.0 to 1.4 cm. Width in diameter, highly nutritive, sweet and crispy in taste. Three or four pickings can be taken and plants remain green even after picking of baby corn. The green plant stalks also provide quality fodder to the live stocks. Additional income is also obtained through intercropping with other vegetable, pulse, and flower crops.

The young unfertilized cob of maize harvested within 1-3 days of silk emergence is known as 'baby corn'.

Climatic Requirements:- Baby corn is a warm weather crops. It grow from sea level to 3000 meter altitudes. The most suitable temperature for germination is 210c and for growth 320c. Annual rainfall is 50-75 cm.

Soil:- Baby corn is best adopted to well drained sandy loam to silty loam soil.

Field Preparation:- Baby corn kernels as seed bed which is friable, well aerated, and moist and weed free to provide better contact between the seed and soil. The first ploughing should be done with soil inverting plough, so that at least 20-25 cm. deep soil may become loose. It should be followed by two to three intercrossing ploughing.

Manures and Fertilizers:- Add 10 to 15 tonnes of well rotted organic matter in form of F.Y.M. or Compost at the time of field preparation. Baby corn requires 150kg Nitrogen(315kg Urea), 80kg phosphorous(150kg D. A.P.), 75kg Potash(125kg M.O.P.), 25kg Micronutrient per hectare. Apply of total quantity of D.A.P, M.O.P, Micronutrient and one third of urea at the time of sowing and split up rearing two third of urea in two equal doses one at 30-35 days after sowing and

rest at tasseling (male flower initiation) stage.

Sowing time:- The sowing of Baby corn is generally done with the start of rains e.g. 15th march to end of April.

Seed rate and spacing:- A 35-40 kg/ha. Seed required for maximum grain yield. Keep a spacing of 17.5x15 cm. is most optimum for higher grain yield.

Seed should be treated with Bavistin @2gm/kg seed and Imidachlorpid @4ml/kg seed.

Method of sowing:- Shallow furrow are operated opened by a country plough or Kudal and seeds are dropped in them and planting is done thereafter to cover the seeds.

Weed control:- The crop kept weed free for 30-45 days after sowing. Two manual weeding be required for this purpose.

Application of Atrazine or Simazine 50% w.p. @1.0-1.25kg/ha. should be mixed in 1000 liters of water and sprayed on the soil surface just after sowing.

Application of Lasso @5 liters/ha. Should be mixed in 1000 liters of waters and evenly sprayed in one hectare 30-45 days after sowing.

Water Management:- In Arunachal Pradesh baby corn cultivation depends on the rainfall of water.

Plant protection:- Seed rot and seedling blight. Poor emergence of seedling, presence of red brown lesion on radical and wilting of seedlings.

Control:- Treat the seed with 3gm. of Captain or Thiram per kg of seed.

Stem borer:- It is generally attacks when cob formation starts in the field. Insect's first feed on the tender leaves and then bore towards the central shoots. This results in drying up of the central shoots and certain of dead heart.

Control:- Endosulfan @1.5 liter should be mixed in 1000 liters of water and evenly sprayed in one hectare.

Cut worm:- The insect cut the

seedlings at the ground level. They live in soil during day and feed at night.

Control:- Furadon 3G 30kg/ha. Should be mixed in the soil before sowing.

Harvesting:- For better quality baby cobs harvesting is done when the cob are 8-10 cm. long, 1-1.5 cm. in diameter and weigh 7-8 gram. Harvesting can begin when the first silk has emerged about 0.5-1.0 cm. Subsequently, second and third harvest can be done. If silk grows older and longer the quality of the deteriorates. First picking of the cobs can be done 45-50 days after planting depending on the variety, followed by further 3-4 pickings on alternate days. The fresh cobs with husks must be sent to the market immediately to avoid weight loss.

Advantages of Baby corn cultivation

Some of the advantages of growing baby corn are:

- **Diversification:** It can promote and grown round the year.

- **Employment generation:** It provides employment in the form of cultivation, marketing, processing and export.

- **Earning money in short span of time:** Generally, farmers have to wait for a longer time for the income from their crops. Being a short duration crop, farmers can earn money in the shortest possible time.

- **Potential for export:** Baby corn has a great demand in the international market. The foreign exchange can be earned by exporting baby corn and its products.

- **Quality fodder for live stock:** Green fodder obtained after the harvesting of baby corn can be used as a feed to the livestock throughout the year.

- **Value addition:** Value addition of baby corn is possible through preparation of several recipes viz. soup, pakoras, salad etc.

- **Processing:** Baby corn can be processed to improve its shelf-life and round the year availability through processes such as canning, dehydration and freezing.

DC assesses tourist prospects at Muktowa village



MOKTOWA, May 10:

Tirap Deputy Commissioner Ira Singhal, accompanied by IAS probationer Namneet Singh, Dadam CO Dr Metung Taku and DTO T Rigio, visited Muktowa village in Dadam circle on Thursday,

May 9 to assess its tourism potential.

During the visit, Singhal held discussions with the head gaon burah, the gaon burah, PRI members and villagers, and assessed the feasibility of developing the village as a tourist destination.

The assessment marks a significant step towards harnessing the tourism potential of Muktowa village to contribute to the economic growth and cultural preservation of the region.

Sigar Spearhead Gunners observes International Plant Health Day

PASIGHAT, May 12:

Spearhead Gunners organized a series of events including an informative lecture and plantation drive on Saturday, May 11 at Sigar Military Station (SMS), commemorating the International Plant Health Day.

According to SMS, Armed Forces have always been on the

front-foot in promoting awareness on environmental issues and creating a long term impact by active public engagement.

The main objective of the event was to curb the century old farming practices being followed in the surrounding villages and to encourage the local farmers to initiate measures

to conserve plant health and foster the overall ecosystem.

The event witnessed participation of around 111 (one hundred eleven) farmers from the villages of Mebo Tehsil. The initiative by the Spearhead Gunners was instrumental in promoting plant health and biodiversity conservation.

AAKAWS organizes Plantation programmes

AALO, 13 May:

People from Angu and Kamsi villages, along with members of the All Angu Kamsi Ao Welfare Society (AAKAWS) participated in a roadside plantation

drive along NH 13 here in West Siang district on Monday, May 13.

The saplings and other materials were provided by senior members of the Angu-Kamsi clan, and the planta-

tion drive covered a stretch of 4 kms.

The programme was organised by the AAKAWS. It appealed to the public to protect and look after the planted saplings for the future.

Training on counting of votes conducted

AALO, May 13:

The West Siang returning officer for 1-Arunachal West parliamentary constituency-cum-district election officer for 27-Liromoba, 30-Along West and 31-Along East assembly constituencies conducted a training programme on votes counting for ROs, AROs,

and officers and officials who have been assigned the task of counting votes on 2 and 4 June, here on Monday, May 13.

Training on PB & ETPBS, EVMs, VVPAT, etc, were imparted during the programme by master trainer Kento Ngomdir, and all the formalities

were minutely discussed.

Similar training programmes will be conducted on 20, 27, 30, and 31 May.

A total of 136 officers and officials, ADC Mabi Taipodia, Deputy DEO T Riba, and AROs attended the training programme.

1st Edition of the 'Siang Biodiversity Meet-2024' held

YINGKIONG, MAY 13:

Deputy commissioner Upper Siang Hage Lalaing graced 1st Edition of the "Siang Biodiversity Meet- 2024' at Gobuk Village along with SP Upper Siang Token Saring, ZPC Lumgeng Litin, DFO Mouling Wildlife Division Bitem Darang, DFO Yingkiong Forest Division Annyi Boli, ABK president TadumLibang, District Tourism Officer Tater Mize and Katan Kom-bom ABK president Upper Siang.

1st Edition of the 'Siang Biodiversity Meet 2024' is being organised by Gobuk Welfare Society in collaboration With Epum Sirum Welfare Society with the support of Titi Trust and Mouling National Park cum Wild life Division.

Video Title: Gorgeous Gobuk, Community Lifestyle, Biodiversity Conservative & Tourism was release; Siang Landscape Wildlife Photography was launched by Deputy Commissioner Upper Siang.

With 10 new moth records for India, Arunachal Pradesh's upper Siang opens doors for its first Biodiversity Meet to promote responsible tourism. Supported by the Titi Trust-Royal Enfield project for Responsible Tourism, 10 new moth records for India were recently discovered in the upper Siang district.

The Siang Biodiversity Meet will be held from 12- 18 May 2024 at Gobuk and Ramsing villages in Upper Siang District.

In a significant development in the world of biodiversity conservation, 10 new moth records for India have been discovered in Arunachal Pradesh's Upper Siang district in the latest issue of the international scientific journal Tropical Lepidoptera Research. A first for India, the discovery and recording of these species comes on the back of two years of community-led conservation initiatives since 2022 conducted by the Titi Trust-Royal Enfield project for Responsible Tourism. Apart from the moth varieties, the 65 day-survey,



conducted in the last two years, recorded more than 250 butterfly species, 650 moth species, 200 bird species, and numerous species of odonates. The butterfly "specials" include the Dark Freak, Blue-bordered Sergeant, Elusive Prince, Brown Gorgon, Yellow Gorgon, Margined Hedge Blue, and the Khaki Silverline; to name a few. The findings of the survey reaffirm the importance of the Upper Siang district, which is spread over 6,000 sq km, as a biodiversity hotspot and a welcome home for these pollinators.

"The new moth records in Gobuk reflect only a sliver of the incredible biodiversity in the Siang landscape, which deserves to be protected and nurtured. We are driven by our commitment to community-led conservation, green livelihoods and nurturing an ethos of responsible tourism in the Himalayas. Apart from biodiversity conservation, through our partnership with Titi Trust we support climate schools and responsible tourism fellowships, equipping youth to find meaningful ways to engage with their own heritage and landscapes to become frontrunners

in climate action," says Bidisha Dey, Executive Director, Eicher Group Foundation, which is the CS Rarm of Royal Enfield.

Putting their conservation learnings to action through this project, the Gobuk village banned hunting in their forests. The Green School, another initiative supported by Royal Enfield through Green Hub-Dusty Foot Foundation, is sensitising children and youth about their rich nature-linked legacy and the benefits of conserving flora and fauna for the community. Their initiative on supporting green-livelihoods is also seeing traction among local youth.

"Titi Trust's work with forest dwelling communities in Gobuk, supported by Royal Enfield is seeing a positive ground-level impact. The Adi tribe, who are a majority of the 1,200 residents here, had not earlier viewed their biodiversity as a global treasure. Over the two years of our intervention they have adopted the concept of conservation and nature-linked livelihoods rapidly and significantly reduced hunting. When biodiversity assessments in their area revealed 10 new moth records for

India, no one was more surprised, and delighted than the residents of Gobuk village," says Sanjay Sondhi, founder of Titi Trust.

In addition to the recent moth discoveries, the Siang Biodiversity Meet will be held from 12th to 18th May at Gobuk and Ramsing villages in the Upper Siang district.

This unique community-led week-long has drawn 25 nature enthusiasts and conservationists from across India and the world to explore the pristine landscape and biodiversity of the Upper Siang Valley. At the heart of the Siang Biodiversity Meet is a commitment to local communities, biodiversity conservation and sustainability.

The week-long immersion into the Siang ecosystem will be done through guided nature trails, educational presentations, and community engagement where participants will be encouraged to engage with biodiversity conservation. They will also embrace responsible travel practices such as zero waste, traditional biodegradable food packaging and experiencing local cultural diversity through homestays and green tour-

ism initiatives.

The event aims to be a catalyst for change, inspiring collective action and forging partnerships that will shape the future of conservation and responsible tourism in the iconic Himalayan landscape.

The Siang Biodiversity Meet is organised by the Epum Sirum Welfare Society and Gobuk Welfare Society, community-based organisations based in Gobuk, in partnership with Titi Trust, a not-for-profit organisation focused on conservation and livelihoods in the Himalayas. The meet is also supported by The Mouling National Park, the Arunachal Pradesh Forest Department and Royal Enfield. By supporting the conservation efforts at Siang Royal Enfield is facilitating responsible tourism and sustainable development in the Himalayas—a region the brand considers its 'spiritual home'.

Royal Enfield's social mission is to build resilience in communities and nature in the iconic Himalayan Region. By 2030, it aims to enable 100 Himalayan communities and landscapes to adapt and thrive even in the face of climate change. The social mission also aims to catalyse a global movement of one million riders to explore sustainably and become active stakeholders in the mission.

About the Royal Enfield Social Mission: The oldest motorcycle brand in continuous production, Royal Enfield has created beautifully crafted motorcycles since 1901.

From its British roots, a manufacturing plant was established in Madras in 1955, a foothold from which Royal Enfield spearheaded the growth of India's mid-sized two-wheeler segment. Uncomplicated, accessible and fun to ride, Royal Enfield is a vehicle for exploration and self-expression. A division of Eicher Motors Limited, Royal Enfield operates through more than 2,050 stores across all major cities and towns in

India. It has a presence in more than 60 countries around the globe.

The Himalayas are 'a spiritual home' to Royal Enfield. Royal Enfield's social mission is geared towards partnering with 100 Himalayan communities to drive sustainable development. It currently supports more than 50 projects across the Indian Himalayan region. Whether it is promoting rural sports and winter tourism through the 'Ice Hockey League', building a network of 'Green Pitstops' for travellers, conserving textile heritage by bringing together pastoral communities, artisans and designers through 'The Himalayan Knot', supporting filmmakers and creative practitioners with fellowships, or instituting a collective learning centre called 'The Himalayan Hub', the initiatives are wired to create learning and livelihood opportunities for the local youth.

Through our partnership with UNESCO, riders are engaged to document and promote the unique Intangible Cultural Heritage of Himalayan communities. The Social Mission's goal is to enable one million riders to take action towards regenerating landscapes and empowering the communities residing there, thus forging the largest rider-led movement in sustainable exploration.

About Titi Trust: The Titi Trust is a registered non-profit NGO established with the purpose of conserving nature and protecting the environment. Established in 2009, the trust's name Titi (which means butterfly in Hindi) is selected as it embodies all that is symbolic of nature-free, beautiful, enchanting, mysterious.

About Epum Sirum Welfare Society: The Epum Sirum Welfare Society is a grassroots NGO committed to conservation and community development in Gobuk village, Arunachal Pradesh. Through innovative initiatives and partnerships, Epum Sirum strives to safeguard the natural heritage of the S

WCD celebrates Mother's Day under BBBB scheme



PASIGHAT, May 14:

Women and Child Welfare Department (WCD) on Monday, May 14 celebrated Mother's Day under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBB) scheme at the SEED's Children's Home conference hall, Yapgo, Pasighat.

The Deputy Director (ICDS) Machi Gao in her key note address highlighted the details of the programme and the importance of celebration of Mother's Day.

"A mother's love is like on other as it is an endless well of strength, courage, compassion and the fuel that enables us to do the impossible hence, the bond with one's Mother transcends words, time and

distance and to celebrate the comfort, safety and unwavering support that we find in mother's arms" said the Deputy Director.

Mother's day is marked to show love, appreciation and recognition for her irreplaceable role in a family, she added.

Deputy Director (ICDS) informed the gathering that, as per the suggested event calendars of BBBB Scheme along with celebration of Mother's Day the following activities were also performed by the WCD including Fathers Against Child Marriage,

Special Campaign targeted at bringing together fathers of girl children, felicitating champion who

helped in stopping child marriage and Simple Marriage but No Dowry.

She also explained the Child Marriage Prohibition Act 2006 to the gathering and awarded them about the ACT along with punishment for offenders.

Kaling Moyong, CDPO Pasighat and Ateng Pertin CDPO Mebo also spoke on the occasion.

All together 70 Participants took part in the program.

The program was attended by CDPOs of ICDS Project Pasighat/Mebo, teachers and staffs of SEED's Children Home, Supervisors (ICDS)/Gramsevikas/Field Staffs, Anganwadi Workers of three ICDS Project.

13- Grenadiers dedicates fitness centre to Menchuka



MENCHUKA, May 10:

The 13- Grenadiers of the Indian Army dedicated a fitness centre to the public of Menchuka under the border District of Shi Yomi on Friday, May 10.

Inaugurating the fitness centre Brigadier 13 -Grenadiers MD Shahid said that "the centre which is an initiative under Operation Sadbhavana, promoting 'fit India initiative' is a gift to the public for fostering positive relationships between the local people and Indian army."

ADC Menchuk, Tana Yaho expressing gratitude to the 13 -Grenadiers Indian Army said that "the far fetched dream of the public of Menchuka has been fulfilled with this initiative."

Among others Shi Yomi SP Mijom Ete, 13 - Grenadiers Commanding Officer SC Basera, HoDs, PRI members, GBs and public attended the event.

Chairman Brahmaputra board visits East Siang

PASIGHAT, May 14:

Dr. Ranbir Singh IAS (Retired), Chairman Brahmaputra Board, Ministry of Jal Shakti, GOI, visited Pasighat on May 12 & 13. During his tour Singh had visited two projects located at Remi and Oyan being executed by Brahmaputra Board under Itanagar Division. He also visited two project sites which are in proposal stage proposed under FMBAP by WRD Pasighat Division. Those are erosion control and flood management work at Siang river and Erosion control and flood management work over Sibokorong.

During an informal meeting with the DC, SP, CE (E/Z) and CE (W/Z) of WRD, the Chairman stated that the Brahmaputra Board is always ready to give technical guidance to the state of Arunachal Pradesh and needs cooperation in return. He also informed that the State should have its own state water policy and flood plain zoning act to avail the centrally funded schemes.

During the discussion the Chief Engineers of WRD urged the Brahmaputra Board to initiate the



upgradation process of Basin wise Master Plan of all basin of Arunachal Pradesh. They also informed the visiting Chairman regarding the pending liabilities amounting to Rs. 2.52 Crore in respect of FMP schemes and appealed the Board for early clearance.

Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu requested both Brahmaputra

Board and Water Resources Department to come up with nature base schemes in the future. He opined that the natural course of river should not be disturbed. Taggu also inform that in the Adi belt area all the rivers / streams having ownership which is a good practice, because this makes the protection of river/stream and its catchment area easier and effective.

Gujarat CS visits Malinithan



LIKABALI, May 12:

Gujarat Chief Secretary Raj Kumar visited Malinithan and offered prayers at the Malini temple here in Lower Siang district on Sunday, May 12.

Kumar spoke on the unique link that Gujarat and the Malinithan temple had in the past. "It is believed that Lord Krishna had tied the nuptial knot with Devi Rukmini in Malinithan while on his way back to Dwarka," he said.

"Every year in Gujarat we cel-

brate the marriage of Lord Krishna and Devi Rukmini at Madhopur Ghed in Porbander district, where cultural troupes and craftsmen from other states, including Arunachal Pradesh, participate, and I wish that the Malinithan temple would be a part of the festival in Gujarat in the coming days," he said.

Kumar expressed hope that "the Krishna-Rukmini epic link would form a strong base for cultural tie between the two states, with Arunachal Pradesh at the easternmost

tip and Gujarat at the westernmost end bonded with the link."

Malinithan, nestled in the foothills of Likabali, is an archaeological site of the mediaeval period of 10-12 century AD and is adorned with the famous twin Hindu temples – the Malini temple and the Rukmini temple.

The CS also visited the district archaeological museum before his departure.

Kumar was accompanied by his wife during the visit.