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News Flash

Mass Anti Rabies vaccination drive held

ITANAGAR, May 23:

A mass Anti Rabies vaccination drive of pet animals ie being carried out jointly by District Administration Capital Itanagar in collaboration with Deptt of Animal Husbandry and veterinary, Itanagar Municipal Corporation and NGOs named Arunachal Dog and Cat Rescue and Just be friendly from Guwahati.

Till date approximately 240 dogs have been vaccinated since May 21st last.

Army organizes health check up and awareness camps

TUTING, May 28:

The Spear Corps of the Indian Army organised health check-up and awareness camps at various vibrant villages along the India-China border in Upper Siang district on the occasion of the International Action Day for Women's Health (IADWH) on Tuesday, May 28.

"The camps featured a series of health initiatives, including medical examinations, consultations with health advisers, and educational sessions on various health topics by a dedicated team of doctors," the corps informed in a release.

"These services were specifically tailored to address the unique health challenges faced by women in remote locations," the release said, adding that "more than 40 women from Gelling, Norbuling and Bona villages attended the camps."

Plantation drive on the occasion of Buddha Purnima

TAWANG, May 23:

The Indian Army observed Buddha Purnima and the sacred month of Saka Dawa by organising a number of activities at border villages and other areas on Thursday, May 23.

Saka Dawa is the celebration of the life of Lord Buddha, entailing his birth and 'mahaparinirvana'. In the Bhoti language, 'saka' refers to a star that is most visible during the fourth lunar month of the Tibetan calendar.

The Army unit organised 'langars' at the border villages of Mago and Damteng, near the holy waterfall, while the Army units in Baisakhi and Jaswant Garh areas initiated planting of more than 100 saplings.

Jang ADC Hakraso Kri, Tawang DFO Piyush Gaikwad, GBs, students, and others also participated in the plantation drive.

CEO reviews counting preparations

LIKABALI, May 25:

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Pawan Kumar Sain visited here in Lower Siang district on Saturday, May 25 to review the district's preparations for counting of the votes cast in the simultaneous elections.

Sain visited the designated counting centre – the auditorium of the government higher secondary school – and took stock of the arrangements made by the Lower Siang District Election Officer (DEO) Rujum Rakhshap.

He instructed the DEO, the SP, the returning officers, the EAC (election), the AROs and other officials to abide by the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India.

Dialogue on agriculture action plan for Arunachal



TAWANG, May 28:

Pasighat (E/Siang)-based College of Agriculture (CoA) and the Tawang Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) jointly organised an interaction programme at Zomkhang Hall here on Tuesday, May 28 to facilitate dialogue among farmers producers organisations (FPO) and state and central government officials to formulate an action plan for agriculture in Arunachal Pradesh.

The programme was inaugurated by Imphal (Manipur)-based Central Agriculture University (CAU) Vice-Chancellor Dr Anupam Mishra, and was attended by, among others, Tawang ADC Sang Khandu, Guwahati (Assam)-based ATARI Director Dr G Kadirvel, CoA Dean Dr AK Tripathi, CAU DEE Dr Ph Ranjit Sharma, senior scientists from various KVKs, representatives of FPOs, FPCs and SHGs, and farmers.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Mishra stressed on the importance of capacity building and financial literacy for FPOs, along with crop identification and seasonal produce to enhance income. He advocated "activation of decision support systems to facilitate proper marketing," and proposed "introducing quality parameters for chemical profiling to improve marketability."

Dr Mishra encouraged the farmers to "capitalise on your strengths, pursue off-season production for better income, and adopt sustainable farming practices."

Khandu emphasised on organic farming and urged scientists to "study traditional methods and explore local wild fruits and vegetables for consumption." He urged the local farmers to "dominate the local vegetable market with indigenous products."

Dr Tripathi delivered a presentation on the border area development programme, and highlighted the CAU's collaboration with FPOs in the border villages to empower them with scientific agricultural methods.

Dr Sharma, Dr Kadirvel, senior scientists, the DAO and the Tawang DHO also spoke, while directors and members of FPCs and FPOs shared their insights and experiences.

Final round of training for counting supervisors and tabulation team held

YUPIA, May 29:

The final phase of training for counting supervisors, counting assistants and tabulation supervisors was conducted in the ZPC Hall, Yupia on Wednesday, May 29.

SLMT EAC Dana Unna, EAC Takam Nicholas, ARO 15 Sagalee Khoda Rakhee and the election officials imparted the training.

The Trainers presented detail insights on the counting procedure including reading the vote counts on the CU and VVPAT, counting of the ETPBS and Postal ballots, the procedure to tally the votes with the presiding Officer's report and the CU and compilation of the vote counts.

The Trainers also imparted hands on training on counting the votes in CU and the voter slips in the VVPAT and also demonstrated how to count the postal ballots to the officials.

The criteria for acceptance and rejection of the postal ballots were also elaborately highlighted to the officials.

DEO, Jiken Bomjen while attending the training appreciated the efforts and resilience of the officers on Election duties and urged all to give their best to the last stage of the election process.

The training concluded with an interactive session between the Trainers and the officials.

DRDO chairman inaugurates R&D centre in Tawang

TAWANG, May 26:

Union Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) Chairman Dr Samir V Kamat inaugurated an R&D centre at the defence research laboratory (DRL) in Changbu in Tawang district recently, during a visit here.

Prior to this, he engaged in discussions with senior officers of the Indian Army and paramilitary forces in Tezpur (Assam), Tenga, and other military stations enroute to Tawang from Tezpur.

The chairman and other DRDO officials also visited forward locations

of Tawang towards the Indo-Tibet border, and interacted with the jawans and officers there. The discussions revolved around topics related to soldier support by the DRL and the DRDO with the commanders of the Tawang and East Tawang brigades and officers from the district administration.

The DRDO chairman, who was accompanied by DRDO (HQ) Life Sciences Director General Dr UK Singh, and Tezpur (Assam)-based DRL Director Dr UK Singh, along with other senior officers and scientists of the DRDO, offered prayers at the Tawang monastery before their departure.

DC advises to take precautionary measures to avoid risk of monsoon-related disasters

LIKABALI, May 29:

The Lower Siang district administration has issued an advisory for the people of the district in view of the onset of monsoon.

Deputy commissioner Rujum Rakshap asked the people to take all necessary precautionary measures to avoid or reduce the risk of monsoon-related disasters during the upcoming monsoon.

"Monsoon brings heavy rainfall, landslides, and risk to loss of life and property, but with adequate precaution, disaster like situation can be minimized," the DC said.

Rakshap, who also is the chairman of the District Disaster Management Authority, asked the people to refrain from venturing into rivers and streams for swimming, fishing and avoid landslides/sinking and flood-prone areas. The DC further advised the people to not block nallahs, streams and water pathways by constructing structures over them or throwing

garbage or waste materials into them, avoid night journey during the rainy days unless it is an unavoidable necessity.

The people have also been advised to keep sufficient stock of essential items and prepare an emergency kit containing non-perishable food items/dry fruits, torch, batteries, drinking water, a first aid box containing essential medicine etc., storing

the kit in a readily accessible place in case of power outages or evacuations, to avoid unnecessary travelling during heavy rain.

The administration has also prohibited quarrying activities, such as extraction of boulders, sands etc., from the river banks during the rainy days.

The DC advised the people to contact the DDMO (9436046786), Likabali Police Station OC (8131019883) and Likabali Fire Service OC (8732075913) in case of emergency or disaster like situations.

Abducted woman rescued, accused arrested

NAHARLAGUN, May 25:

The Naharlagun police have rescued a 25-year-old abducted woman from Mirzapur village in Bihar's Vaishali district, and arrested the accused, police said.

The accused, identified as Pintu Rai (25), of Mirzapur, Bihar, was arrested by a special team of police from the Naharlagun police station, led by SI B Singh, with the assistance of the Bihar Police, on 22 May, Naharlagun SP Mihin Gambo said.

The police launched the investigation after registering a case under Sections 365 and 380 IPC. The case was assigned to SI Singh for investigation.

The accused was located in Mirzapur, Bihar, after "thorough analysis, using both technical and conventional methods," the SP said.

The arrested accused was produced before the court of the judicial magistrate first-class, Hajipur, Bihar, where a three-day transit remand was granted for his production at the court in Yupia.

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CCRD consultative workshop on Galo cultural heritage



RONO HILLS, May 25:

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) Vice-Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha said that accurate and adequate documentation of heritage is the key to keeping alive the cultural ethos of Arunachal.

Emphasising on adoption of tribal cultural practices in academia, Prof Kushwaha said that "documentation of folklores as well as cultural anecdotes and making them a part of the common stream of knowledge using online sources like Wikipedia is of utmost importance."

He was speaking at the inaugural session of a consultative work-

shop on 'Tangible and intangible cultural heritage of the Galo tribe' at RGU here on Saturday. It was organised by the Centre for Cultural Research and Documentation (CCRD), which holds the distinction of being one of the pioneering institutions to start working on the documentation of the heritage of Arunachal Pradesh.

The VC suggested adopting traditional dress code in the convocation ceremony of the universities in Arunachal and emphasised "the role of the younger generation to carry forward this legacy of knowledge, handed down to them by their elders."

Arunachal Pradesh Uni-

versity [APU] Vice-Chancellor Prof Tomo Riba spoke on the importance of speaking in Galo to preserve and promote the Galo culture.

"Preserving language is the foundation for propagation of any culture and this holds true for every tribal society there is," he opined.

RGU Registrar Dr NT Rikam congratulated the team on "completing such a daunting task" and said that since Arunachal is a culturally diverse state, it is all the more challenging to take on the task of such detailed documentation, which the team has been able to accomplish.

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Self defence training programme under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao held

ITANAGAR, May 28:

A self defence training cum awareness programme under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was inaugurated on Tuesday, May 29 by the Deputy Commissioner Capital Itanagar Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta in the presence of Guest of Honour GPC Chimpu Nabam Yajo, DD(ICDS) Jaya Taba and a host of officers and officials from the department of WCD, SHGS, AWWs, students and others.

Addressing the participating girl students, the DC advised them to attend the training sincerely and learn self-defence techniques to protect themselves from harm.

Referring to the recent case of human trafficking, she said that "learning the art of self-defence can go a long way in protecting oneself from such evils."

Informing the participants about the children helpline number 1098, the DC advised them to "create awareness about it among your friends, relatives and family members."

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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

World Bicycle Day

Since its establishment in 2018, World Bicycle Day has been marked annually on 3 June by advocates in many countries. Adopted through a UN General Assembly resolution spearheaded by the Government of Turkmenistan, World Bicycle Day recognizes "the uniqueness, longevity and versatility of the bicycle... a simple, affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transport, fostering environmental stewardship and health." Proponents encourage the use of the bicycle as a means of eradicating poverty; furthering sustainable development; strengthening education, including physical education, for children and young people; promoting health; preventing disease; and facilitating social inclusion and a culture of peace.

More recently, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed transport needs and behaviour, prompting many cities to rethink their transportation systems. As part of efforts to "build back better", cycling is pitched as a healthy, green and economical transport alternative. A new UN General Assembly resolution adopted in 2022 on "Integration of mainstream bicycling into public transportation systems for sustainable development" reinforces these principles. Through this resolution, governments commit to promote the bicycle among all members of society, including people of all ages, urban and rural, and develop a culture of bicycling in society.

WHO actively promotes cycling for its myriad benefits to health and the environment, including increasing physical activity, reducing noncommunicable diseases such as cancer and diabetes, and decreasing air and noise pollution. Like governments worldwide, it also recognizes cycling as a facilitator of achievement of many Sustainable Development Goals, including those on education, energy, employment, cities and inequalities. The underlying premise is that in order to unleash the potential of cycling, roads must be safe. In line with World Bicycle Day, WHO has released a range of resources and materials to promote cycling, improve road safety and enhance the health and well-being of people and the places they live, work and play.



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			
	: 0361-2227701/2227702/2227703		
GNRC Hospital			
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-Tirbil	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	Namsai	12:55	Namsai	13:15
	Namsai	13:20	Mohanbari	13:55
	Mohanbari	14:20	Naharlagun	15:05
OFF DAY				
SUNDAY				

Training on tabulation for Election counting held

KHONSA, May 24:

A comprehensive training session on Tabulation for Election Counting was successfully conducted by District Informatics Officer (DIO) Rakesh Das on Friday, May 24 at the Conference Hall, DC Office, Khonsa. This training was part of the preparatory activities for the upcoming election counting process.

The training that aimed to ensure that all personnel involved are thoroughly familiar with the tabulation process, ensuring accuracy and efficiency in the final vote count, was attended by Supervisors and Assistants who have been appointed for tabulation duties on Counting Day.

Following the initial session, a follow-up training on the Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS) was also held. This additional training was conducted by



Rakesh Das, focusing on the specific procedures and technical aspects of handling ETPBS to ensure smooth and secure transmission and counting of postal ballots.

Both training sessions were interactive and provided hands-on

experience to the attendees, who expressed their appreciation for the clarity and comprehensiveness of the instructions provided. The DIO emphasized the importance of meticulous adherence to the protocols to maintain the integrity and trans-

parency of the election process.

These training initiatives underscore the commitment of the district administration to uphold the highest standards of electoral conduct and ensure a seamless and credible counting process.

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Political representatives appraised about the...

He also asked the political candidates to submit form –18, which deals with appointment of counting agents by 29th May. Kipa Raja, ARO 13 Doimukh cum NO (Strong room) also directed the political party workers for removal of party tents near the Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium entry gates by 30th May, 2024.

Later in the interactive session that followed the political party representatives cleared their doubts on the counting process.

Among others the meeting was attended by Dy SP Gari Tai, EAC (Election) Dani Rikang, Nodal Officers and representatives of the candidates of Assembly and Parliamentary elections.

Abducted woman rescued...

Subsequently, the accused was produced before the court of the judicial magistrate first-class in Yupia on 25 May.

He has been remanded to three-day police custody for further investigation.

It was revealed that the accused had deceitfully lured the victim to Bihar.

The rescued woman has been handed over to her biological mother in "sound health, after a thorough medical check-up," Gambo said.

In a separate incident, the Naharlagun police recovered a minor girl from Naibari village under Dhalgaon police station in Assam's Darrang district on 18 May.

The girl was recovered within 24 hours of having been reported missing from Naharlagun in connection with Case No 54/24 u/s 363 IPC. The girl was handed over to her biological parents in "good health," the SP said.

The girl was recovered by a police team led by SI Niri Rama, under the supervision of the SP and Naharlagun PS OC Inspector K Dev.

CCRD consultative workshop on Galo...

Earlier, Moi Bagra, principal investigator of the project, of which the workshop is a component, presented a brief on the research methodology used for the project.

Stressing on the future scope for research in this area, he informed that "all the documented video and audio recordings of the project will be archived at the indigenous affairs department."

Eminent personalities from the Galo community, researchers, faculty members and students attended the event, the prime motive of which was to instill a sense of pride among the tribal people of Arunachal about their cultural heritage.

Further, the documentation of this cultural aspect will result in a greater understanding of Arunachal Pradesh at national as well as international levels.

Three technical sessions were held post the inaugural programme, with the first session being on the sub-themes of social customs, customary laws and their significance in modern age; threats or onslaught on the state's beautiful tradition and culture and the way out of it; and the traditional mode of inheritance, handing over the age-old cultural practices.

Renowned experts from the Galo community, Rural Development Director Hento Karga, RGU Associate Professor Dr Topi Basar, GHCMG Chairman Karbin Kamduk, MPS Itanagar president Dumo Lollen, Industries Deputy Director Geto Orim and APU VC ProfTomo Riba took part in the deliberations.

The session was moderated by Prof Jumyir Basar from the AITS, RGU.

The second session saw speakers such as GIFCC president Dr Emi Rumi, Dr Kirki Ori, and community elders Bai Taba and Komen Zirdo, who shared their expertise on the sub-themes on the role of the priest in the society, and moral conduct in practice and its importance in building the society.

The third technical session covered the role of women in preservation, protection of uniqueness of tradition and culture; practice of polygamy prevalent in the tribal society with reference to the past and present; and role of men and women within the particular tribal society.

Dr Rime Ngulom Potom from TRIHMS, former GWS WW president Mipu Sora Ori, and senior community leaders Gumyir Kato Taba and Gumkir Ete Jini shared their valuable inputs.

The session was moderated by RGU Assistant Professor Gomar Basar.

Coordinator of the research project, Dr Nyajum Lollen said that "the deliberations at the consultative workshop will ensure accurate documentation and data updation of the age-old heritage."

The workshop was organised in collaboration with the Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies (AITS), RGU and the Galo Welfare Society (GWS), under the aegis of the indigenous affairs department.

Self defence training programme under Beti Bachao...

The DC also highlighted the importance of the BBBP scheme. She informed that the scheme was first launched in 2015 in Haryana to address the issue of declining child sex ratio.

She also interacted with the students and emphasised on "developing a self-sufficient attitude and self-identity."

Chimpu GPC Nabam Yajo and ICDS DD Jaya Taba highlighted the importance of learning self-defence techniques for self-protection.

International karatekas Rei Yadi (5th Dan Black Belt) and Bamang Yamu (2nd Dan Black Belt) will impart the training to 21 girl students.

The training is being organised by the women & child development department, in collaboration with the Papum Pare district administration. The objectives of the training are to ensure gender equality and women empowerment; ensure survival and protection of girl children; encourage education and participation of girl children; and prevent gender-biased sex selective elimination.

Later, the DC and the GPC distributed sanitary pads and comic books on the POCSO Act to the students.

CDPO Kago Asha Lod, members of SHGs, and anganwadi workers also attended the inaugural programme.

HELICOPTER SERVICE

Arunachal Pradesh Helicopter Non-Schedule Flight Service Local Sector (MI-172 Pawan Hans/Skyone) wef 01.10.2014				
DAY.				
DAY.	Naharlagun	10:45	Anini	11:40
	Mohanbari	11:10	Dambuk	12:00
	Pasighat	11:45	Roing	12:20
	Roing	12:05	Pasighat	12:40
	Anini	12:25	Mohanbari	13:30
MONDAY (Skyone MI-172)	Dambuk	13:00	Naharlagun	14:35
	Roing	13:40		
	Pasighat		Mohanbari	09:55
	Mohanbari	09:00	Miao	11:00
		10:20	Vijaynagar	11:45
TUESDAY (Pawan Hans MI-172)	Naharlagun	11:10	Miao	12:25
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		10:00	Pasighat	10:35
	Naharlagun	10:50	Yingkiong	11:25
	Mohanbari	11:30	Tuting	11:50
	Pasighat	11:55	Singa	12:15
THURSDAY (Sky one MI-172)	Yingkiong	12:20	Tuting	12:40
	Tuting	12:45	Yingkiong	13:05
	Singa	13:10	Pasighat	13:45
	Tuting	14:00	Mohanbari	14:35
	Mohanbari	14:40		
FRIDAY (Pawan Hans MI-172)	Naharlagun	09:00	Ziro	09:30
	Ziro	10:50	Tali	10:20
		10:25	Damin	10:45
		10:50	Ziro	11:20
		11:25	Naharlagun	11:55
SATURDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Ziro	09:30
	Ziro	10:00	Daporijo	10:30
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SUNDAY	Daporijo	13:30	Naharlagun	14:00

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NB:- Condition apply (VIP movement/ bad weather/patient evacuation/ technical snag/passengers availability and emergency etc)

Monsoon preparedness meeting held

KHONSA, May 24:

Tirap Deputy Commissioner Ira Singhal reviewed the monsoon preparedness of all the government departments in the district.

Addressing a meeting here on Friday May 24, Singhal directed the departmental officials to "promptly procure necessary equipments."

She emphasised the importance of coordination between the works and engineering departments

and the PHE&WS department for effective execution and implementation of projects to minimise public distress.

All HoDs were assigned specific roles and responsibilities to ensure efficient response and readiness. All departments were also instructed to submit their contingency plans by 31 May to ensure comprehensive monsoon preparedness.

The DDMO was instructed to

ensure that schools display emergency contact numbers on their notice boards to enhance community readiness and response during the monsoon season.

District Disaster Management Officer Emily Tingkhathra also spoke.

Among others, 44 Assam Rifles Major S Sharma and administrative officers attended the meeting.

Mock Drill on Election Counting

CHANGLANG, May 23:

For efficient and effective counting process of the simultaneous general and assembly election conducted on 19th April, 2024 last, the Changlang DEO Vishal Sah initiated a mock drill of the counting process and walk through of the counting hall arrangements for all the election functionaries of the district.

He emphasized on proper

coordination of all the officers and officials involved for flawless counting process and declaration of result.

Further, he reiterated the need to adhere to the direction of the Election Commission to start the counting process of assembly election by 6 AM sharp.

The election staffs of the five assembly constituencies of Chang-

lang District deployed in the counting process will be provided with colour coded t-shirts for better identification and smooth coordination, informed the DEO.

The mock drill was attended by all the ROs, AROs and election staffs of the district. Later, review meeting was called upon by the DEO with all the ROs and AROs of the district.

Library movement's lifetime patron passes away

ITANAGAR, May 27:

Retired captain KK Venkatraman, who was a lifetime patron of the Lohit Youth Library movement since its inception in 2007, passed away in Chennai on the morning of 27 May, the Lohit Youth Library Network (LYLN) informed in a release.

"He was 76, and was living a frugal but active life all alone. He was cremated this (Monday) evening with full military honours," the release stated.

Venkatraman was a former secretary of the VKVs in Arunachal in the 1980s and the early 1990s, and was re-

sponsible for introducing military band training for both boys and girls in the VKVs.

"His completing the circumambulation of R Narmada in a record time of 131 days in 1987 led him to record his travelogue, Walking with the Immortals(2015) – a book which won him several admirers from all walks of life," the release said.

"His life in Chennai since the 1990s became memorable as the local guardian of as many as 23 Arunachali girl students studying at the Kalakshetra Foundation & the Sarada Vidyalaya,

Chennai, winning respect from all parents," it said.

"From the inception of the youth library movement in Arunachal, he was a strong patron and did everything possible for its advancement, including contributing all the sales proceeds of his book for youth library activities," the release added.

"A man of meticulous habits and discipline, his untimely demise is a terrible loss for Arunachal and the youth library movement, and for all those who knew him," LYLN coordinator S Mundayoor said.

7th Edition of Hangpan Dada Memorial Trophy concludes in Lower Siang District



LIKABALI, May 24:

Curtains are drawn for the competition for the ongoing 7th edition of the Hangpan Dada Memorial Trophy 2023-24 under-16 boys & girls in the Football & Volleyball category for the Lower Siang District being organised by the department of sports in collaboration with the lower siang district administration.

The penultimate football and volleyball matches were played on Friday, May 24 at the Chidu Chigo Ground Likabali for both the boys and girls categories.

The lower siang district deputy commissioner Rujjim Rakshap who graced the grand finale as the Chief Guest, urged the young sportspersons

to adopt a planned and balanced life style for themselves by giving equal importance and time to all curricular and co-curricular activities like sports, culture including proper food and sleep besides studies.

He said, "Elders should love the Youngers and the Youngers should respect the elders and this is the most viable philosophy of life." "History is witness to the universal truth that students who had the true love and respect for their teachers and elders have found good road worth threading in their lives."

Rakshap fondly remembered the supreme sacrifice made by Lt. Havildar, Hangpan Dada on the occa-

sion. He enriched the gathering, which included the general public and the participating teams through his soul searching speech, the life and contribution of the late hero after whose name the state level trophy has been commensurately kept by the Govt.

The Chief Guest gave away the prizes to the winners.

The Telam Block and Nari Block emerged as district champions in boys and girls football respectively by defeating the boys and girls teams of Likabali block in the final matches. In the volleyball, the Kangku block defeated the Nari Block in the boy's category whereas the Gensi Block outplayed Nari Block in another scintillating match in the girl's category.

Master Riyom Taipodia of Likabali Block and Ms. Aseng Ngukir of Nari Block were adjusted as best football players of the tournament in the boys and girls category respectively.

In the volleyball, Master Pekbom Pode of Kangku Block won the best player title and Ms. Yajum Nguri of Gensi block emerged as the best player in the girls' category.

District level winning teams will represent the district in the ensuing state level championship to be held at Namsai.

SDE Department mourns demise of officer

ITANAGAR, May 28:

The Department of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (SDE) mourned the sad and untimely demise of Bullo Apa, Assistant Director, who passed away after a prolonged illness at a city hospital in Guwahati on Tuesday, May 28 morning.

Hailing from Ziro under Lower Subansiri District, Bullo Apa had joined the Industry Department as an Extension Officer (EO) in 2005. He had served as EO at Gensi, Ziro, Daporijo prior to his promotion as Assistant Director (AD) in 2007.

Apa had then served as ADI Koloriang with camp office at Ziro from 2007 till his transfer to Daporijo in 2015. In 2021, Apa was promoted to the post of Deputy Director Industry. However in 2022, Apa joined the Department of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship as an Assistant Director availing the option to join SDE Department which had bifurcated from Industry Department in 2014. He had been posted as AD, SDE Itanagar till date.

During the condolence meeting held today at the Directorate office attended by Director Tom Ratan, Joint

Director Nenker Lailiang, officers and officials of SDE Department, the employees mourned the untimely passing away of Bullo Apa. They described Bullo Apa as a sincere and dedicated officer who rendered yeomen service to the Department. The officials also offered their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members and prayed the Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed soul.

The mortal remains of Bullo Apa will be brought back from Guwahati and laid to rest at his native village Hong.

Skill development training programme held

RONO HILLS, May 25:

A skill development training programme was conducted at Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here on Saturday, May 25 as part of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0.

"The objective of the programme was to provide participants with fundamental skills and knowledge that will improve their capacity to find employment and succeed as entrepreneurs," the university informed in a release.

"The institution is providing skill enhancement courses as part of PMKVY 4.0, which is administered by

the skill development ministry. In the previous year, 17 students received training in various skill development courses," it said, adding that "the current enrolment of learners has increased double."

The current batch of learners is receiving instructions in the field of small mushroom cultivation.

"These courses encompass a wide range of topics related to mushroom farming, including fundamental principles of mycology and sophisticated methods for production," the release said.

Addressing the participants,

RGU VC Prof Saket Kushwaha emphasised "the need for developing skills in India," and stressed on the significance of being employable and self-reliant.

Agricultural Sciences Dean Prof Sumpam Tangjang urged the students to "develop new skills that are relevant for employment in the 21st century."

Itanagar-based Skill Hub Centre's nodal officer Dr Kaushalendra Pratap Singh, along with course coordinators Drs Arindam Barman and Samikhya Bhuyan, were also present at the programme, the release said.

Pelang Sangri: The living rocks

-by Donik Lamang, DACO

Arunachal Pradesh is a state filled with natural wonders, often undiscovered or known only to the locals, which can, with exploration and necessary development, pave the way for greater tourists' footfall in the state.

Pelang Sangri ('Living Rock' in Nyishi), situated in Yangte circle of Kra Daadi district, is one such natural marvel that deserves greater publicity and exploration.

Pelang Sangri is a group of rocks, magnificently and intriguingly erected on a little plain land on the thigh of the Tane Giabe hill and the adjoining Bungliso stream, 7 kms from Yangte, towards the Tali road. Situated at a height of 1,700 metres above sea level, Pelang Sangri can be reached via a short trek of around 1 km from the road between Yangte and Tali.

This group of six standing rocks, the smallest of which is around 4 metres and the biggest around 14 metres, mirror a scene of an ongoing local parlay in appearance. One can vividly picture these grand standing rocks as being an old family discussing a grave matter, or enjoying a feast, except that they have been accursed into rocks for eternity.

Several stories surround this mystic structure; local village heads tell how the villagers never trespassed these rocks prior to 2013, out of fear of being possessed by the forest spirits called Yakso and Yapam. These spirits are believed to possess trespassers and seclude them into the confines of the deep forest, never to be found again or alive. The villagers recount numerous stories of such possessions or 'Yapam joha' in the vicinity of Pelang Sangri.

The villagers tell of how earlier only the largest of the rocks was visible while the rest of the rocks were covered under sharp thorny creepers and cane, which are aplenty in the



area even today. The villagers also tell of the mesmerising view of the standing rocks during full moon, when the rocks shine remarkably under the moonlight.

The largest of the rocks is deemed to grow every year, and hence the name Pelang Sangri (The Living Rocks).

Various objects of interest have also been routinely discovered in the area encompassing these rocks, such as a strikingly beautiful polishing stone (star rock), where tigers have been sighted sharpening their claws. Various rare animals, such as a black python, have been reported to have laid eggs near the rocks, and a large species of frog, locally termed arba barung, reside around the area.

The rocks are monolithic in nature and have astounding features that have long piqued the curiosity of visitors. One of the rocks possesses an imprint which uncannily resembles a sketch map of Yangte valley. Another

one of the rocks possesses marks that resemble female organs. Most interestingly, one of the rocks display sonorous properties, wherein hollow sounds emanate when tapped. All of the rocks are sharply pointed and boast of extremely sturdy geological properties, which can be a treasure trove for further geological research.

During a visit to Pelang Sangri, Kra Daadi Deputy Commissioner Sunny K Singh, accompanied by numerous administrative officers, on 19 May assured to work towards generating greater publicity and development of this marvelous natural monument, and urged the villagers to maintain the pristine nature of the rocks.

Pelang Sangri is a gem of an undiscovered tourism potential in Kra Daadi district in particular and Arunachal in general. With wider publicity, Pelang Sangri can become another popular tourism site in Arunachal. (The writer is DACO and DIPRO (*i/c*), Kra Daadi)

Dree festival volleyball competitions organised

PAPU NALLAH, May 27:

The two-day volleyball competitions organised by the Capital Complex Dree Festival Committee (CCDFC)-2024 on 25 and 26 May to commemorate 50 years of the capital Dree festival concluded on a high note on Monday, May 27.

CCDFC-2024 games & sports secretary Millo Tara informed that nine teams participated in the competitions. Dodu Club triumphed in the men's competition for the third consecutive year, while Sambii Club was the runner-up in a nail-biting match.

Nako Murchi of Sambii Club was adjudged the best player in the men's category.

CCDFC-2024 women's wing games & sports secretary Nani Ankha informed that, in the women's category, Khoi Khui Sports Club won the title, with 80's Club finishing as the runner-up.

Tamo Kunya of Khoi Khui Sports Club was named the best player in the women's category.

Additionally, Sambii Club received the fair play award in both the men's and the women's categories.

CCDFC-2024 general secretary Hano Takka informed that "the standard of all the games and sports competitions was maintained."

"State-level officials were hired for table tennis and badminton, and

an international arbiter was invited to judge the chess competition. For the volleyball competitions, referees were brought in from the Arunachal Pradesh Volleyball Referee Board," he informed.

CCDFC-2024 vice chairman Mudang Tacho appealed to the Apatanis residing in the Itanagar Capital Region and beyond to "join the events and activities wholeheartedly to make the golden jubilee celebration historic."

CCDFC-2024 chairman Dani Sulu expressed gratitude to the games & sports department and all other departments for successfully conducting yet another event.

3 drug peddlers arrested

NAHARLAGUN, May 25:

The Naharlagun police on Friday, May 25 arrested three drug peddlers in two separate cases in the Itanagar Capital Region.

Acting on a tip-off about movement of a drug peddler, the Banderdewa police, led by Inspector Kipa Hamak and SI Koj Tada and their team, intercepted a suspect on a motorcycle, coming from Assam, at Banderdewa.

During search, the police recovered two soap cases containing suspected heroin, weighing approximately 22.1 grams, from the individual, who was later identified as Debnath Mili (25) of 02 Dahgoria

village in Assam's Lakhimpur district, Naharlagun SP Mihin Gambo said.

The motorcycle was also seized, the SP added.

The police have registered a criminal case in this regard under the NDPS Act at the Banderdewa police station.

The operation was conducted under the supervision of the SP and Naharlagun SDPO Paul Jerang.

In a separate incident on the same day, a police team led by Naharlagun PS OC Inspector K Dev and SI N Rama arrested two habitual drug peddlers from Papu Nallah, the SP said.

The peddlers have been identified as Tabe Nguri (24) and Manek Liruk (23), both from Raga in Kamle district, Gambo said.

The police recovered 320 empty vials, three vials containing suspected contraband drug, and a soap case from their possession.

They have been arrested in connection with Naharlagun PS Case No 55/24 u/s 21(B), 25/27/29 of the NDPS Act.

"Earlier, in the same case, two other peddlers, including one woman, had already been arrested by the Naharlagun police for possessing a commercial quantity of contraband drugs," the SP added.

Meeting held for peaceful counting process



DAPORIJO, May 29:

Upper Subansiri deputy commissioner-cum-DEO Talo Potom urged all political parties to cooperate with election functionaries during counting process in order to maintain peace and complete counting process on time.

Addressing an all party coordination meeting on Wednesday, May 29 here in connection with the up-

coming assembly and parliamentary votes counting in the district, Potom further informed that as per ECI directive counting process of assembly votes will be started from 6 am on 2 June, while parliamentary vote counting will be started from 8 am on 4 June.

Deputy DEO Gamtum Padu informed that, there will be two counting centers – Singhik Hall and newly

constructed Conventional Hall within the same compound of old Singhik Hall.

SP Thutam Zumba informed that law enforcement agencies have made necessary arrangements to tackle

any kind of situations and traffic regulation has also been planned for free vehicular movement during the counting days.



Workshop for RGU's social media champions held



RONO HILLS, May 29:

An orientation workshop for "Social Media Champions of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU)" was held at the RGU's Institute of Distance Education (IDE) on Wednesday, May 29. The training session targeted social media managers from each department/institute.

In his inaugural address, RGU VC prof. Saket Kushwaha stressed on the importance of diversifying academic roles to enhance careers. He advised cautious social media engagement to avoid negative perceptions. He also shared that with the NAAC Grade A, the university is on the right path, "but his vision is to see RGU as an 'Institute of Importance' alongside top universities of the nation."

RGU registrar Dr. N.T Rikam emphasized the importance of social

media visibility for the university in the digital age. He highlighted the need for departmental SMCs to showcase individual achievements and proposed creating an SOP for smooth operations. He warned against misuse of social media and misinformation, suggesting an annual competition for the best SMC to boost the university's digital presence.

Earlier, RGU's PRO in-charge Moyir Riba spoke on the purpose of creation of social media champions at higher education institutes, while RGU's IDE faculty Chathiam Lowang outlined the program's objectives.

During technical session, Deputy Editor of 'The Arunachal Times' Tongam Rina held a discussion on differences between academic and journalistic writing and guided attendees on proper press release formats. She suggested that SMCs could bridge

the gap between academia and the public. She concluded her discussion with the 5 W's of report writing.

APRO to CMO Raju Mimi highlighted social media's role in shaping narratives. He cited PM Narendra Modi's effective use of social media and discussed the power of photos with correct captions. He also shared tips on taking impactful photographs.

Young entrepreneur and digital marketing expert Vivek Srestha conducted a practical session on effective social media use.

He demonstrated creating a Facebook page and maximizing audience reach. He emphasized the importance of the needs of audience in social media campaigns and introduced various AI tools for digital marketing.

IDE faculty Dr. Saurav Mitra moderated the technical sessions.

"Dare Devils" performance displayed by Indian Army

RUPA, May 27:

To encourage youths to join the Indian Army, the Motorcycle Rider Display Team (MCRDT) of the Corps of Signals, popularly known as the "Dare Devils," performed for the troops of the Gajraj Corps in Rupa and Tenga Valley at Gyaptong Regional Stadium, Rupa.

The occasion was graced by the presence of senior officers from the Indian Army, BRO, and Civil Administration, including Lobsang Tsetan, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Rupa, and Pawan Kumar Yadav, IPS, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Rupa. The Dare Devils performed death-defying stunts that kept the audience on the edge of their seats and their heartbeats high. The Dare Devils displayed self-determination, mental alertness, unmatched courage, physical stamina, and precision in handling motorcycles. Their stunts, timed to the split second, left spectators holding their breath.

The team is also known for its unmatched, scintillating human formations on bikes, which were showcased at the stadium. Internationally famous,



the Dare Devils have successfully attempted and broken 31 world records, recognized by Guinness, Limca, Asia, and India Book of Records. The team has performed twice in Arunachal Pradesh in the past, the latest being in

2017 at the same stadium.

The adrenaline-filled performance was well appreciated by the locals of Rupa and Tenga Valley and motivated them to consider joining the Indian Army to live life on the edge.

Training on 'achieving 100 pc e-KYC for NFSA beneficiaries'



TAWANG, May 29:

The Food and Civil Supplies department along with Tawang district administration held a training-cum-interaction programme on 'achieving 100 percent e-KYC for National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries' in Tawang district on Wednesday, May 29.

During the meeting, Tawang deputy commissioner Kanki Darang emphasized the need for expediting

the process of updating the NFSA beneficiaries especially, those under AAY and PH categories, in the Aadhaar-enabled Point of Sale (PoS) system.

The Tawang DFCSO (in-charge) highlighted the significance of Aadhaar seeding in the public distribution system to enhance transparency. The DFCSO said that "no eligible beneficiary should be excluded from

receiving benefits."

During the technical session, SIFCS Sange Tsering gave a presentation on updating beneficiaries through the AE-PoS system, while AE-PoS district coordinator Dorjee Wangchu conducted hands-on training.

Fair price shop owners and representatives from cooperative societies of Tawang district attended the programme.

Indian Army pays homage to Sati Baba

TUTING, May 23:

In keeping up with the highest traditions and military ethos of the Indian Army, troops of Spear Corps conducted an event to pay homage to Sepoy Satinder 'Sati Baba' of 4 Sikh LI, on Thursday, May 23 here at Tuting.

Every year, on 23rd of May is celebrated as 'Sati Baba Day', in remembrance of the fallen soldier who sacrificed his life to rescue his comrade during a patrol in 2020. Since then, the immortalized Sati Baba is believed to be the protector of all security forces operating in the tough and challenging terrain of Siang valley.

The ceremony comprised of wreath laying by Commanding Officer of troops stationed in Tuting, civil dignitaries and a Junior Commissioned Officer of 4 SIKH LI and rituals to include changing of flag. Large number of locals also attended the event.

It is worthwhile to mention that on 1st July 2020, Sep Satinder as part of a high altitude patrol was crossing a river in Siang Valley. During the challenging crossing of the river, one of his fellow patrol members stumbled precariously. Sep Satinder, displaying



ing bravery & selflessness, rushed to save his brother in arms, but tragically lost his footing and was swept away by the River. Despite extensive search his mortal remains could never be recovered.

Surprisingly on 23 May 2021 a porter who was part of the patrol approached Commanding Officer of Tuting Battalion and revealed his dream in which Sep Satinder appeared and assured him that he would remain in the valley to safeguard all troops and porters. The Sati Baba Sentry Post was subsequently constructed

and since then stands testament to the valour and cameraderie of armed forces and the forces continues to draw inspiration from the fallen hero.

In his honour, the 'Sati Baba Day' was organised at Tuting along with the civil administration and important personalities of the village today on 23rd May 2024. The event saw a large participation of locals from all communities and it was an opportunity for armed forces to establish connects with the local population who expressed their deepest respect for the "Eternal Guardian of Siang".

DA organise Himalayan Clean-up at Komlighat against plastic pollution



PASIGHAT, May 27:

Joining the ongoing 'The Himalayan Cleanup (THC)' campaign against plastic pollution in the Himalayan states and its harmful impact on their fragile ecology, besides causing water crisis, the East Siang district administration, in collaboration with the Pasighat Municipal Council (PMC), organised a cleanup drive on Monday, May 27 at the Komlighat-Siang riverfront and collected plastic waste and other garbage weighing approxi-

mately 2.4 metric tonnes.

The waste mostly comprised water bottles, chips and other plastic packets, etc, which were later lifted and transported to the municipal solid waste plant site.

Initiated in 2018, THC is the biggest campaign for collective action the Himalayan Mountains have seen against plastic pollution.

According to official sources, since its inception, more than 35,000 individuals have so far joined in to be

a part of the movement.

East Siang DC Tayi Taggu, SP Sachin Kr Singhal, ASP Pankaj Lamba, PMC Chief Okiam Moyong Borang, PMC MEO Okiam Onam Lego, and Smart City CEO D Manjuli Komut, along with more than 1,100 volunteers, including members from the APDA, JNC, RRU, APU, and the PMA, besides government officers and staffers, and members of NGOs like WASE, Mirmir Bulls, etc, participated in the drive.

CEO reviews the vote counting preparedness of Aalo

AALO, May 24:

The Chief Electoral Officer of Arunachal Pradesh, Pawan Kumar Sain, inspected the preparedness of Vote Counting Hall of Aalo, West Siang along with DEO Aalo Mamu Hage, on Friday, May 24.

During his inspection of the Counting Hall of three Assembly Con-

stituencies 27-Liromoba ST, 30-Aalo West ST and 31-Aalo ST. He was satisfied with the preparedness of the counting hall. He urged all the RO's to strictly followed the guidelines of the ECI. He also informed the ARO's to submit the report of dilapidated condition of some polling station of West

Siang which was reported recently. He directed all the ARO's to submit the list through BLO's.

Later, He interacted with the newly ARO's.

The CEO was accompanied by DC Aalo, SP, All Three RO's, ARO's and other Officers.

Workshop on "Preservation of Priesthood culture" conducted at Aalo



AALO, May 26:

The indigenous affairs department, in collaboration with the West Siang district administration, organised a workshop on 'Preservation of priesthood culture-cum-conference of priests' at Gumin Kiin here on Sunday, May 26.

Deputy Commissioner Mamu Hage, who attended the workshop along with former minister Doi Ado, urged

the priests of West Siang to pass on their knowledge to the younger

generations of the society, and appealed to them to "impart your knowledge even in schools and colleges."

The DC commended the indigenous affairs department for conducting the workshop, and urged the department to "organise the same workshop in the year to come."

She also appealed to the priests to maintain neutrality. "Priests are taking the major role in our society. You are holding the highest position in the society," she said.

Ado in his address urged the old and experienced priests to "train people with knowledge to become priests," and added that "preservation and documentation of priesthood is important."

IFCSAP district president Mogi Ori, IFCSAP district general secretary Doi Kamduk, and Kirken Doji were the resource persons of the workshop.

All the priests, including Kargu Gamgi priests, from every circle of the district shared their opinions and experiences during workshop.

Former APPSC chair Nabam Atum passes away

ITANAGAR, May 23:

Former Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) chairman Nabam Atum passed away after a brief illness on Thursday, May 23 at his residence in Doimukh.

The Indigenous Faith & Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh (IFCSAP) has expressed deep shock and grief over the demise of its former president Nabam Atum.

In a condolence message, the IFCSAP said, "Nabam Atum was born to late Nabam Epo and late Nabam Yeni in 1948 in Priapu village in Papum Pare district and dedicated his life from his school days for protection and preservation of the age old Donyi-Polo faith of the Nyishi people when the people were ignorant about how to protect the same from extinction."

"After graduation, he was the district information & public relations officer for eight years, and during that time he toured the nook and corner of the Nyishi-majority areas of the then undivided Lower Subansiri district and educated the local people

not to embrace any new religion," the message said.

"He became one of the pioneers in the formation the IFCSAP in 1999, and since then he was associated deeply in the indigenous faith movement and spreading the movement throughout the different tribes of the state.

"As president of the Arunachal Vikash Parishad from 1997 to 2010 and president of the IFCSAP from 2007 to 2010, he was able to synchronise the activities of both the organisations and provided a momentum to the movement," the message read.

It added that, "as a founder member of the Donyi-Polo Nyedar Namlo of Nyishi and chief adviser to the Nyishi Indigenous Faith & Cultural Society, he was rendering yeoman's service for the cause of preserving and promoting Donyi-Poloism through various training programmes for priests, while motivating youths.

"He was awarded the One India Award in 2012, and the IFCSAP

Ratna Award in 2016 for his achievements in the field of social and human services," the message read.

In a condolence meeting at the IFCSAP office in Chimpu on Thursday, members of the IFCSAP conveyed sincere condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul.

"His premature demise has created a vacuum which will be difficult to fill in the immediate future, but his legacies of greatness will continue to inspire people for generations," the IFCSAP said.

Governor KT Parnaik has also mourned Atum's demise, and said that "the passing away of Atum, who also immensely contributed to the resurgence of the indigenous culture and traditions as a member of the Indigenous Faith & Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh and the Arunachal Vikas Parishad is a great loss to the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

The governor conveyed heartfelt condolence the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul.

