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News Flash

Army establishes library at GHSS

JANG, June 14:

The Gajraj Corps of the Indian Army has established a library at the government higher secondary school (GHSS) here in Tawang district as continuous efforts to contribute to various aspects such as infrastructure, sanitation, and environmental conservation and a step in promoting education and fostering a culture of learning in Jang sub division under Operation Sadbhavana.

The corps also donated 400 books, along with eight bookshelves, one computer with a table and chair, and eight tablets with stands.

With the books containing a diverse range of subjects from literature to science, and from history to mathematics – the library is aimed at catering to the intellectual curiosity of the learners at different levels.

Tami Komji 2.0 Football tournament concludes

AALO, June 15:

Barbie FC won the Tami Komji 2.0 football tournament after defeating Shi-Yomi FC by 2-0 goals in the final match played at the Indian Army's brigade football ground here on Friday, June 14.

The tournament is aimed at empowering girls to engage in sports and showcase their talent on a larger platform.

More than eight teams from various sectors and schools participated in the tournament.

Anti-Malaria Month observed

YINGKIONG, June 17:

The Anti-Malaria Month was observed by the Upper Siang District Health Society here and in all the blocks of the district, on Monday, June 17.

As part of the month-long observation, a march to spread awareness on malaria prevention was taken out on Monday by the students and teachers of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalaya (NSCBV) here.

DVBDCO Dr India Modi flagged off the march, which started from the higher secondary school and covered Yingkiong Township, before culminating at NSCBV.

PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana

PASIGHAT, June 8:

One-day webcast programme on PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana was organized by KVK East Siang in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, East Siang, to raise awareness among farming communities and other stakeholders about the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.

The special event was held as Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 17th installment of the PM KISAN scheme and was graced by East Siang DC, Tayi Taggu, ADC, T. Pertin, DAO, Opang Moyong, Dean, CHF, CAU, Pasighat Dr. B.N. Hazarika, and PD, DRDA Tajing Padung. A total of around 90 farmers, along with the KVK staff and Agriculture department staff attended the programme.

The programme was held at the KVK attic.

Governor addresses the first session of the eighth Legislative Assembly



ITANAGAR, June 15:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) addressed the first session of the eighth Legislative Assembly of the State in the State Legislative Assembly, Itanagar on

Saturday, June 15.

In his address, the Governor said that the mandate given by the people reflects a clear desire for continued development, policy stability, and good governance. He emphasized that the members be cognizant

of their responsibilities and trust reposed in them by the people.

The Governor advised the legislators to focus on "Embedded Systems of Development", to ensure good quality of design,

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CM allocates portfolios to newly inducted ministers

ITANAGAR, June 15:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Saturday, June 15 distributed portfolios among his council of ministers, with his deputy Chowna Mein getting finance and Mama Natung home.

The council of ministers was sworn in on Thursday, June 13.

Deputy Chief Minister (DCM) Chowna Mein will look after finance, planning, and investment departments, besides tax & excise, state lotteries, economics & statistics, power, and non-conventional energy resources departments, an order issued by Chief Secretary Dharmendra said.

The important home portfolio has been allocated to Mama Natung, besides interstate border affairs, public health engineering & water supply, and indigenous affairs departments.

Khandu will look after all the departments not assigned to the DCM and other cabinet ministers.

State BJP president Biyuram Wahge has been allocated the health

& family welfare and water resource departments.

Another fresh face in the cabinet, Nyato Dukam, got the commerce & industries, labour & employment, and information, public relations & printing departments.

Gabriel D Wangsu, also a new face, has got the charge of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry & veterinary, dairy development, fisheries, food & Civil supplies, and legal metrology and consumer affairs departments.

Minister in the outgoing Cabinet, Wangki Lowang, has been assigned the environment & forests, geology, mining & minerals, and the Tirap, Changlang and Longding departments.

Former speaker Pasang Dorjee Sona, who is also a fresh face in the Cabinet, has been given the responsibility of education, rural works, parliamentary affairs, tourism, and the libraries departments.

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Elected MLAs take oath at the day one special session of State Assembly

ITANAGAR, June 14:

Newly elected MLAs of Arunachal Pradesh took oath on Friday, June 14.

Pro-tem speaker Ninong Ering administered the oath to the newly elected members during the inaugural day of the two-day special session summoned by Governor KT Parnaik.

Eleven of the newly elected MLAs took oath in Hindi.

Fifty-nine of the 60 MLAs took oath during the day, while Ering was administered the oath by the governor the previous day.

As many as 35 members of the outgoing Assembly were re-elected, while five former members also got elected this time. There are 20 fresh faces in the current Assembly.

A total of four woman candidates were also elected to the Assembly in the 19 April polls.

Ering, while congratulating the elected members, advised them to perform their duties diligently to keep the tradition of the House and the aspirations of the people alive.

"Participate in healthy deliberation and debates to uphold the dignity of the temple of democracy," Ering said.

The House also observed a two-minute silence for all the former members who have died.

The speaker and deputy speaker will be elected on Saturday, June 15.

The ruling BJP bagged 46 seats in the 60-member House, while the National People's Party won five seats and the Aijit Pawar faction of the Nationalist Congress Party secured three seats.

The People's Party of Arunachal won two seats, and the Congress one. There are also three independent MLAs.

Governor interacts with NDA aspirants



ITANAGAR, June 19:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) interacted with the students from Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Jairampur, Changlang District, who are preparing for National Defence Academy (NDA) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on Wednesday, June 19.

The Governor shared his experiences and suggested inspiring ideas for success in their endeavour. He said that UPSC and SSB exams are chal-

lenges that will need to be surmounted by the students. Also, a high score in the UPSC written exam will ensure a place in the merit list, leading to selection for NDA.

The Governor encouraged the students to work hard for written examinations and stressed on good general awareness. He advised them to surround themselves with sources of knowledge, including inspiring and successful people, optimum use of the internet, and read stories of war

heroes, who have done beyond their duty.

The Governor said that service in the armed forces is a noble profession, which gives the opportunity to lead, excel and serve the Motherland.

The Governor opined that educational institutes must conduct pre-UPSC examinations and create obstacle courses in the school premises to prepare students for the Staff Selection Board and final selection for NDA.

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Over Rs 3.9 cr bank loans disbursed to SHGs

PALIN, June 15:

A total of 257 self-help groups (SHG) mobilised under the ArSRLM received a bank loan of Rs 3,94,15,675 collectively from the SBI to pursue various livelihood activities, during a credit camp-cum-ceremonial programme for credit disbursement to SHGs registered in Kra Daadi district, held at the Nyokum hall here on Friday, June 14.

Organised by the Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ArSRLM) and the Palin block mission management unit, the programme was attended by Palin ADC Likha Teji, along with the DHO, the SDAO, the SBI branch manager, and the SBI assistant manager.

In his address, the ADC said, "Women need to be more informed and financially independent to rise above the state of vulnerability."

The Tali SDAO encouraged the SHG members to "enrol in the different agriculture and horticulture schemes and access the benefits," and assured to provide the necessary support, while Palin BMM Chi Doye asked them to "develop the financial discipline to continue strong relationship with the bank."

The SBI branch manager expressed appreciation for the "100 per cent repayment rate of the SHG credit linkages and the untiring efforts of the ArSRLM in capacity building of SHG members," and assured to extend "continuous support to the SHGs mobilised under the ArSRLM in the form of strategic credit linkages."

Success stories of SHG members were also shared during the programme, which was attended also by the agriculture and horticulture HoDs.

Arunachal Filmmakers at Mumbai International Film Festival 2024



MUMBAI, June 20:

Filmmakers from Arunachal Pradesh, along with their counterparts and film students from other North East states, participated in the 18th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF), organized by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The festival commenced on June 15 and will continue in Mumbai until June 21. The event opened with the gala screening of the documentary film 'Billy and Molly: An Otter Love Story' at the NFDC-NMIC complex. The festival features a diverse array of films including documentaries, short films, animations, and feature films. Organizers reported that this year saw around 1,000 film submissions from across the globe. Noteworthy films being showcased include 'Flowering Man' by Soumyajit Ghosh Dastidar, 'The Golden Threads' by

Nishtha Jain, 'My Father's Damn Camera' by Milos Tomic, and 'I Go Gaga: Welcome Home Mom' directed by Naoko Nobutomo, and the Berlinale Shorts Package curated by Miss Anna Henckel-Donnersmarck, among many others.

A total of 314 films in 61 languages from 59 countries are being screened at the festival. Renowned international filmmakers are conducting over 25 masterclasses, panel discussions, and open forums on curated topics. Celebrities such as Randeep Hooda, Abhishek Banerjee, Divya Dutta, Avinash Tiwari, Madhur Bhandarkar, film director Rahul Rawail, and Anand L. Rai are in attendance.

Arunachalee documentary filmmaker Akom Don Emma shared her experience: "For a filmmaker like me, who works in a place where there

are scarce opportunities to learn and meet people actually involved in the film industry and distribution, MIFF was a colossal opportunity where I found practical knowledge and advice from experts and fellow filmmakers from around the globe. Each film and documentary I saw at the festival implanted new inspiration in me, such as 'Billy and Molly', 'Sunflower', and 'The Flowering Man'. Despite some initial challenges, I am returning to my village with invaluable knowledge and inspiration from MIFF."

Filmmaker Dr. Delong Padung remarked, "I immersed myself in numerous screenings and competitions, discovering works that resonated with themes of societal change, environmental preservation, and human emotion."

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Pongte elected as assembly speaker

ITANAGAR, June 15:

Former deputy speaker and Changlang North MLA, Tesam Pongte, has been elected as the speaker of the 8th Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly.

Pongte is the 18th speaker of the Assembly since August 1975.

Born on 30 March, 1975 to Khodong Pongte (father) and Likkom Pongte (mother), Pongte belongs to the Tutsa community of Changlang district. He started his leadership career as a student leader at the government higher secondary school in Changlang. He also served his community as the general secretary and the assistant general secretary of the All Tutsa Welfare Society.

He first got elected as an MLA on a BJP ticket in 2014. He was also the vice president of the state BJP and the national secretary of the BJP ST Morcha.

Pongte has served as parliamentary secretary for the DoTCL, and as trade & commerce minister. He was reelected from the Changlang North assembly constituency in 2019, and was subsequently elected as the deputy speaker unopposed.

Likabali MLA Kardo Nygyor has been unanimously elected as the deputy speaker. Nygyor is the 20th deputy speaker of the state Assembly.

Born in Ditten village in Gensi circle of Lower Siang district to late Yukar Nygyor (father), Nygyor rose from grassroots politics as an amlal samiti member in 2008-2013, and was later elected as a ZPM.

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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

International Yoga Day

The United Nations marked the day to raise awareness about the benefits of practising Yoga for people worldwide. The date was chosen because 21 June is the longest day in the Northern Hemisphere. More than 35,985 people, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and notable dignitaries, celebrated the event by exercising the 21 different asanas in New Delhi. Many other people and gurus took the initiative to promote the development of Yoga. This Yoga program was recognised in the Guinness World Records for the highest number of persons in a single yoga class.

Moreover, it gained popularity across the world. The word Yoga originated from the Sanskrit language of Yuja, which means 'to unite'. International Yoga Day is essential to promote Yoga. It emphasises the importance of Yoga in our lives. Yoga is for physical, mental and spiritual fitness. Yoga's advantages need to be made known to a wide audience. This day serves as a reminder to everyone who hasn't yet practised yoga.

The idea of having a day for Yoga was proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Damodardas Modi of India on September 27, 2014 in one of his speeches in "Mann ki Baat". Later, he presented this idea in the United Nations General Assembly, and it was decided to make 21 June as International Yoga Day. Yoga Day is declared to raise awareness among people about the benefits of Yoga.

Yoga is one of the most beneficial activities an individual can add to their lifestyle. It is an excellent activity for a healthy body and mind. It also helps with many life hurdles, like anxiety, fears and nervousness. When exercised daily, with enough periods, one can keep his health always sound.

The theme for International Yoga Day 2024 is 'Yoga For Women Empowerment'. Every year, International Yoga Day has a different theme. International Yoga Day is celebrated in Yoga Institutes every year, and several communities of society follow the theme of the year.

Some Interesting Facts:

Swami Vivekanand, in 1893, introduced Yoga to the world for the first time.

Approximately 20 million Americans practice Yoga.

According to many studies, it has been proven that Yoga improves coordination, IQ and memory. The person does not easily deviate from their path and concentrates on their aim. Also, yoga relaxes the entire body and makes people happier.

Yoga keeps our nervous system healthy and helps us fight stress. It increases the lifespan of the people who practice it regularly.



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Med.Supdt.	: 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			
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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	Pasighat	13:15	Naharlagun	14:20
	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:15	Khonsa	10:45
	Khonsa	10:50	Longding	11:10
	Longding	11:15	Khonsa	11:35
WEDNESDAY	Khonsa	11:40	Changlang	12:00
	Changlang	12:05	Mohanbari	12:45
	Mohanbari	13:10	Naharlagun	13:55
	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:10	Pasighat	10:40
THURSDAY	Pasighat	10:45	Roing	11:05
	Roing	11:10	Anini	11:35
	Anini	11:45	Roing	12:15
	Roing	12:20	Dambuk	12:35
	Dambuk	12:40	Roing	12:55
FRIDAY	Roing	13:00	Pasighat	13:20
	Pasighat	13:50	Naharlagun	14:55
	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:30	Namsai	11:05
	Namsai	11:10	Tezu	11:30
SATURDAY	Tezu	11:35	Hayuliang	12:10
	Hayuliang	12:15	Tezu	12:50
	Tezu	12:55	Namsai	13:15
	Namsai	13:20	Mohanbari	13:55
	Mohanbari	14:20	Naharlagun	15:05
OFF DAY				
OFF/MAINTANANCE				

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Governor addresses the first session of the eighth...

aesthetics, utility, and sustenance, by maintaining the highest standards of probity, transparency, and accountability in all projects they undertake. He said that clean and dynamic governance will be the harbinger of equitable social welfare, health, education, and above all a state of 'Gross State Happiness'. I am sure that a 'Vision Document' for the State enumerating broader goals and the principles to achieve them will prove an invaluable guide for the continued progress of our beloved State, he said.

The Governor exhorted the legislators to strive to build a prosperous and vibrant Arunachal Pradesh, where every citizen can achieve their full potential.

The Governor said that while undertaking the transformative and reformative agenda, the State Government has not lost sight of the ideals of 'Antyodaya,' the concern for the well-being of the last man in the queue. He said Arunachal's compassionate and citizen-centric governance model is dedicated to ensuring - dignity and enhancing the quality of life for the most vulnerable and marginalized sections of our society. This also marks a fitting tribute to the ideals of Antyodaya espoused by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, he said.

The Governor said that the Prime Minister's vision of Reform, Perform, and Transform is particularly relevant to the people of Arunachal Pradesh. He said that they must embrace reforms in every aspect of life, not just economic, to align with the aspirations of a Viksit Bharat by 2047. This multidimensional approach to reform requires leadership from us, performance from our administration, and active participation from the people, leading to a transformative impact on our society, he said.

The Governor said that the principles of 'Speed, Scale, Scope, and Standards' of the Prime Minister must guide our efforts. In Arunachal Pradesh, we shall focus on these principles to enhance our productivity, improve the quality of our products, and ensure that our development is sustainable and inclusive, he underscored.

The Governor congratulated the members and extended his good wishes with the hope that they continue to fulfil the aspirations of the people of Arunachal Pradesh. He reminded them that public service requires sacrifice, dedication and commitment and they must work faithfully and tirelessly undertake the immense responsibility as Members of the august House.

The Governor also congratulated the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, Union Council of Ministers and newly elected members of the Parliament of the 18th Lok Sabha on behalf of the State Assembly. He commended the Election Commission of India, Central and State officials, security personnel, and every citizen who actively participated in the conduct of free and fair elections, making the festival of democracy a success.

In his 33-minute address, the Governor highlighted the endeavour of the State Government and the focus areas it has prioritised, particularly Governance Reforms, Enhanced Quality of life of citizens, fulfilling youth aspirations, and investment for development. He mentioned that the Government shall introduce Bottom-up Planning, involving the preparation of District-level Vision and Development Plans in consultation with stakeholders, ensuring effective and inclusive development at the last mile.

The Governor said that the Government will launch the SEE Trinity (Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Employment) to completely reorient the entire ecosystem in the interest of youth and provide 25,000+ Employment and Self-Employment Opportunities for youth in the next 5 Years. He said that the State Government shall focus on creating job opportunities for the youth through various initiatives, including skill development programs and support for entrepreneurship.

The Governor said that maintaining peace and security is fundamental for development. The State government will ensure the effective implementation of the three newly introduced criminal laws: the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyams of 2023. He applauded the efforts of the State Government for the initiation of Pink-Patrolling with PCR vehicles as part of our ongoing efforts to enhance women's safety, gender equality, and safety in our communities.

CM allocates portfolios to newly...

Balo Raja has been given the portfolios of urban affairs, land management, and civil aviation, while Kento Jini has been allocated the departments of law, legislative and justice, social justice, empowerment & tribal affairs and sports & youth affairs.

Ojing Tasing has been given the charge of rural development & panchayat raj, cooperation, and transport departments.

Dasanglu Pul, the lone woman minister, has been entrusted with the responsibilities of the women & child development, cultural affairs, and science & technology departments, the order stated.

Unverified sources informed The Arunachal Times that there were hectic parleys over allocation of departments. However, Khandu maintained that the portfolios were given to the ministers concerned based on their past experiences.

"I am hopeful that whatever department they have been assigned, they will work for the welfare of the people," he said. (News Credit: Arunachal Times)

Governor interacts with NDA...

The Governor was keen to see more youth from Arunachal Pradesh, making it to the National Defence Academy, Indian Military Academy and Officers Training Academy and bring laurels to the State in coming years.

As part of the preparation, the NDA aspiring students from different parts of Arunachal Pradesh underwent a two-month training course at Bhonsala Military School, Nashik sponsored by Vivekananda Kendra, Arunachal Pradesh.

Arunachal Filmmakers at Mumbai International...

'My Mercury', a standout film, depicted the trials of penguins in the Atlantic seas and highlighted the threat of extinction due to global warming. 'I Go Gaga', a Japanese masterpiece, told the inspiring story of an elderly woman overcoming life's challenges. 'The Flowering Man' was a poignant narrative about a father-daughter relationship, capturing the essence of lost opportunities and unfulfilled dreams. These films profoundly inspired me and broadened my perspective. Attending the MIFF in Mumbai was an incredible experience. I gained invaluable insights into documentary filmmaking and short film competitions from renowned directors. The knowledge from panel discussions and workshops on AI, marketing, and distribution was immense. Now, I'm applying this knowledge to promote the film industry in my beautiful state of Arunachal Pradesh, uncovering hidden talents and fostering growth."

Joram Jonah, another filmmaker from Arunachal, stated, "The Mumbai International Film Festival was an absolute delight. The storytelling depth and grace I experienced, the group discussions, Q&A sessions, one-on-one meetings with experts, and the numerous connections made within the film community were incredibly enriching."

Filmmaker Mankap Nokwoham, a student of FTIL, stated, "Attending the Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) offers an exceptional opportunity to immerse oneself in the world of cinema. These festivals not only showcase a diverse array of films from various regions and countries but also serve as a dynamic platform for networking with fellow cinephiles and filmmakers. MIFF has proven to be an enriching experience, offering insights into different forms and formats of contemporary cinema. It has also provided a valuable platform for interaction and collaboration among like-minded individuals, fostering discussions that are crucial for the growth of cinema in nascent stages, such as that of Arunachal Pradesh. The festival has the potential to open avenues for filmmakers from Arunachal to connect with their counterparts from across the country and the world, thereby contributing to the evolution and recognition of their cinematic narratives on a broader scale."

The Department of Information and Public Relations, Arunachal Pradesh, selected four best independent budding filmmakers - Akom Don Emma, Joram Jonah, Mankap Nokwoham, and Dr. Delong Padung to represent the state at the festival. These filmmakers had either participated in the Arunachal Film Festival previously or collaborated with the Department of IPR on film projects. Sawang Wangchha, Creative Consultant for IPR and a member of the Arunachal Film Festival, accompanied them throughout the event. During discussions, Mr. Armstrong Pame, IAS, Director of the Film Wing, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, informed Wangchha that this marked the inaugural participation of students and filmmakers from North East states as delegates. The students and filmmakers from the North East expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Vrunda Manohar Desai, Joint Secretary (Films), Mr. Prithul Kumar, Managing Director of NFDC and Festival Director of the 18th MIFF. They especially thanked Mr. Armstrong Pame, Director of the Films Wing, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, for promoting inclusivity and diversity at the event, and eagerly anticipated more future collaborations and film submissions from the North East states.

Pongte elected as assembly...

Nygyor's mainstream political career began when he was elected as MLA from the Likabali constituency in the by-election in 2017 after the then representative Jomde Kena's untimely demise. He got reelected in 2019 and since then has been representing the Likabali assembly constituency in the state Assembly. (News credit: Arunachal Times)

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
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			Tali	10:20
			Damin	10:45
	Naharlagun	10:25	Ziro	11:20
	Ziro	10:50	Naharlagun	11:55
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	Ziro	09:00	Daporijo	10:30
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	Ziro		Mohanbari	09:55
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NB:- Condition apply (VIP movement/ bad weather/patient evacuation/ technical snag/passengers availability and emergency etc)

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Arunachal Pradesh Helicopter Non-Schedule Flight Service Local Sector (MI-172 Pawan Hans/Skyone) wef 01.10.2014				
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OFF DAY				
OFF/MAINTANANCE				

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

FSA inspects hygienic conditions of Hotels/Eateries /Dhabas



PASIGHAT, June 17:

To achieve appropriate level of food safety for human consumption and protection of consumer's health, as per the provisions of food safety and Standards Act 2006, the East Siang Food Safety Authority (FSA) conducted hygienic inspection of food business operators of Smart City Pasighat on Monday, June 17.

The initiative has been taken up considering the prevailing humid climate condition and potential food

poisoning.

The Team was led by EAC, Sanjay Taram, Food Safety Officer(FSO), Geney Borang. 14 (fourteen) eateries /restaurants/ hotels along the Highway were inspected. It was found that Four Food Business Operators were running without Food Licences and seven food businesses were given Improvement Notice for improving proper Hygienic condition of the establishment, waste disposal, water

drainage system, utensil cleaning areas and personal hygiene of the employees.

The Designated officer for Food Safety Act 2006 in the district, DMO, Dr. K Perme expressed his gratitude to Deputy Commissioner & SP East Siang for support and assistance. He advised all Food Business Operators and handlers to obtain Food Licence by visiting Food Safety and Compliance System website (Foscos.fssai.gov.in).

AMWS Ziro celebrates Golden Jubilee



ZIRO, June 17:

The All Millo Welfare Society, Ziro (AMWS) of Millo clan celebrated its Golden Jubilee at Tage Dolo Jubilee Hall, Tajang here on Sunday, June 17.

Speaking on the occasion, Millo Bakhang, Advisory Board chair-

man of AMWS spoke at length on evolution of AMWS and urged the clan members to maintain unity and brotherhoodness among themselves.

Millo Pushang, chairman of Capital Complex Millo Halu Welfare Association (CCMHWA) advised the younger generation to be sincere in

their respective fields and to follow the footsteps of their clan elders.

Chairman AMWS Millo Guthe thanked all the clan members, relatives and well-wishers for joining the programme in large numbers. Millo Yubbe, General Secretary of AMWS society and AMWS Assistant General secretary Er. Millo Tade also spoke on the occasion.

During the occasion, pioneers, achievers, record holders and award winners of AMWS in different fields were felicitated, while the book on 'Genealogy and Who's Who of Millo clan' compiled by Millo Pushang was also released on the occasion by Millo Bida, the senior most Millo clan member.

Earlier, to commemorate the momentous occasion, a week-long celebration comprising various games and sports including inter-clan futsal tournament, marathon race, cultural and literary events was organized from 9th to 16th June. A marathon race with the theme 'Zero Drugs Ziro' was also held on 15th June which was flagged off by Millo Bida, former Director (Planning) and Advisory Board Chairman of Capital Complex Millo Halu Welfare Association (CCMHWA). A cleanliness drive was also conducted on 14th June at the premises of Ngilyang Grayu Govt. Secondary School, Tajang.

Three-day management development programme at Shillong begins



TAWANG, June 18:

A three-day management development programme (MDP) on 'Professional development for district tourism officers (DTO) and tourist information officers (TIO)' of Arunachal Pradesh began at the satellite centre of the Shillong (Meghalaya)-based Indian Institute of Management (IIM) here on Tuesday, June 18.

Indian Army Brigadier VS Rajput, who inaugurated the programme in the presence of Tourism Director KN

Damo, Tawang ADC Sang Khandu, IIM Shillong faculty members, and DTOs and TIOs from different districts, said that special attention needs to be paid to the safety and security of the tourists visiting the district, and added that the honesty and simplicity of the locals play an important role in making Tawang a famous tourist destination.

Damo in his address expressed hope that "this programme will boost the energy and (the officials

concerned) will work more enthusiastically for tourism development of the state."

Dr Sanjeev K Ningombam, the head of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research & Analysis under IIM Shillong, dwelt on how the satellite centre was virtually inaugurated by the then union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan, in the presence of Chief Minister Pema Khandu, in April 2022.

The ADC also spoke.

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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of Article 178 of the Constitution of India, Shri Tesam Pongto, a Member of Eighth Legislative Assembly of the State of Arunachal Pradesh is declared elected as Speaker of the said Assembly in its First Session held on Saturday, the 15th June, 2024.

**Sd/- Kago Habung,
Secretary,
Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly,
Itanagar.**

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Pencil drawing workshop held at Bamboosa Library

TEZU, June 19:

"Learn as many new things as possible when you're young. And you learn best in the right environment, like the one Bamboosa Library provides you," ADC Kunal Yadav said, addressing the valedictory function of the 4-day pencil drawing workshop at Bamboosa Library here in Lohit district on Wednesday, June 19.

"Self confidence in public speaking is a great skill for anyone in today's life, and you have demonstrated it abundantly," Yadav said.

He lauded the workshop instructor Behelti Ama for sharing her skills and complimented the students for their creativity, whose art works were on display.

Yadav's light-hearted interactions with the students, drawing indirectly from the remarks of the 'Little Prince' in Antoine de Saint-Exupery's immortal classic, kept the listeners giggling and creating a very pleasant environment, in spite of the wet chilly evening.

Earlier, Behelti Ama, senior library volunteer and a 4th year student at Kalakshetra Foundation Chennai, explained the importance of various drawing skills.



She also took the ADC Yadav around the displayed drawings of the participants, and explained to the guests, aspects of pencil drawing and sketching skills.

Senior volunteer Sakelu Chikro, while introducing the art instructor, said that Behelti Ama has effortlessly mastered two skills – fine arts and Carnatic music. Her artwork was displayed in October, 2023 at

the Rashtrapati Bhavan, and in May this year she had been rendering several musical recitals as one of the Wakro Sisters.

Behelti Ama also conducted a workshop on "Colours & Painting skills" for senior students of VKV Sunpura.

The workshop was organized by Bamboosa Library and the Forum of Library Activists, Medo.

RGU organizes 'Badminton awareness' tournaments



RONO HILLS, June 17:

The first-ever four-day 'Badminton awareness-cum-open tournaments' concluded at Rajiv Gandhi University's (RGU) badminton arena here on Sunday, June 16.

Organised by the RGU Scholar's Forum, the tournaments featured singles and doubles events in both men's and women's categories.

"Naharlagun-based club's teams lifted both the singles and the doubles men's open championship trophies," the university informed in a release, adding that the team comprising Megi Riram and Limi Riram defeated the pair of Kenjom Tacha and Pakli Bagra 16-21, 21-18, 13-21 in the men's doubles category.

"In the research scholars category doubles competition final, the pair of Abhishek Balo and Litlong Nobi emerged champions after defeating Dipika Basumatary and Yai Gamkak

21-15, 16-21, 18-21," it added.

In the open men's singles category, Vikash Limbu of the Naharlagun-based club defeated Biri Karakoram 21-14, 21-13, while in the open women's doubles final, Bomdila (W/ Kameng)-based club's Purnima Sopung and Bisni Lama defeated the pair of Osinam Eko and Maiduamsai Tailu in the final 21-13, 21-08, it said.

"Fifty-three teams participated in the tournaments, which had begun on 13 June in a league-cum-knockout basis," the release informed.

Speaking at the valedictory ceremony, RGU Joint Registrar Dr David Pertin expressed hope that "this trend in giving a platform to sports lovers will grow stronger and stronger," and hailed the players who participated in the tournament "from places like Ziro, Itanagar, Naharlagun, and Doimukh, besides RGU, and also from North Lakhimpur district of Assam, for their

sportsmanship spirit."

"Sports are an integral part of human life, and the university is putting out all its efforts to provide arenas and platforms in the campus with the aim of promoting badminton while drawing people closer to keep themselves fit and active while experiencing the spirit of this loveable sport," he said.

He acknowledged the proprietor of Nirjuli-based R&T Car Detailing Studio, Tony Elapra, for sponsoring the prizes for the tournaments.

Dr Pertin gave away the trophies and cash prizes to all the winners, match officials and volunteers, the release said.

Among others, RGU's faculty members, officers, research scholars, students, staff, badminton enthusiasts from nearby areas, and supporters from various clubs witnessed the programme, it said.

Golden jubilee Dree football

NIRJULI, June 14:

Being Friends FC (BFC) will lock horns with Khonkun SC in the final of the veteran 35+ category of the Golden Jubilee Dree Football Championship, 2024 at the NER-IST football ground here on Friday, June 14.

BFC entered into the final after beating Ball Tula FC 5-0 in the first semifinal. The goals were scored by Kago Sambyo, Dullej Apo, Radhe Payang, and Hage Taker. Michi Tako scored an own goal.

Dullej was adjudged the player of the match for his outstanding performance.

In the second semifinal, Khonkhun SC beat Tani United FC by a solitary goal scored by Danyi Tabio in extra time.

Tabio's stellar play earned him the player of the match award. In the open category, defending champions Haaki Ajing FC will meet Hello FC in the final.

Haaki Ajing FC secured their spot in the final after defeating McDowell FC 4-3 via penalty shoot-out.

Mihin Nomo of Haaki Ajing was named player of the match.

Hello FC advanced to the final after beating Pigey Poro FC Ziro 5-1. Hage Kemo scored a brace, while Tapi Haake, Hage Sarvo, and Kago Duyu scored a goal each.



Hage Sarvo's comprehensive play earned him the player of the match title.

Earlier, in the 45+ super vet-

eran category, Ball Tulla FC and Paatii FC reached the final, beating Hao Sports Club and Khonkhun SC, respectively.

Dukam champions for robust and proactive info dissemination strategy



ITANAGAR, June 18:

The officers of the Department of Information and Public Relations (IPR) and Printing paid a courtesy visit to the Minister of IPR and Printing, Nyato Dukam at his office on Tuesday, June 18.

During the visit, the Minister expressed appreciation for the dedication and hard work of the officers of both the departments in promoting government initiatives and ensuring transparent communication with the public. The meeting provided an opportunity for the officers to discuss

current projects, challenges, and future plans to enhance the department's effectiveness.

The Minister emphasized the importance of maintaining a robust and proactive information dissemination strategy to keep the public informed about government policies, programs, and achievements. He encouraged the officers to leverage modern technology and digital platforms to reach a wider audience and foster a more informed citizenry.

The Minister assured the officers of his full support and urged

them to continue their commendable efforts with renewed vigor and commitment.

The Secretary IPR and Printing, Nyali Ete, in turn, shared insights on the ongoing campaigns and the innovative measures being implemented to improve public engagement. They also highlighted the need for continuous professional development to adapt to the rapidly changing media landscape.

The meeting concluded with renewed sense of collaboration and purpose among the attendees.

Deputy Speaker Kardo Nyigyor accorded warm reception



LIKABALI, June 18:

The Officers and official along with the public of Lower Siang District led by the Deputy Commissioner Rujum Rakshap accorded warm reception to Kardo Nyigyor, the local MLA and newly appointed Deputy Speaker of Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly during his maiden official tour to his home constituency, Likabali here on Tuesday, June 18 after having been re-elected for the 3rd consecutive term as MLA and after assuming charges of the office of the Deputy Speaker APLA.

While Addressing the officials at the PWD Circuit House at Likabali he was all praise for the officials of the district headed by the District Election Officer, Returning Officers and others for handling the election works effectively and smoothly in the recently held simultaneous election 2024.

He said, "though it was the

maiden election conducted by the district after it was conferred with the responsibility of independent District Election Office, the limited available officials managed the affairs of the election in a very professional, transparent and peaceful manner'.

Hinting at the need for work culture and work quality he mooted for convening a coordination meeting of all departments soon to bolster a proper frame work of developmental strategies and come out with a progressive roadmap for the district. He further reiterated his commitments to complete the ongoing projects and address the waterlogging problem of the Liru village and other vulnerable areas of the township, the projects for which has already been sanctioned.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner on behalf of all officials and public welcomed the dignitary and congratulated him for the very important assignment he has been assigned by the govt. and wished him that he shoulders the new responsibility with ease and dedication as usual.

Golden jubilee Dree football tourney concludes

NIRJULI, June 17:

The Golden Jubilee Capital Complex Dree Football Championship 2024 concluded with thrilling matches at the NERIST football ground here on Sunday, June 16.

Hello FC, Being Friends, and Patw FC A emerged victorious in their respective categories, showcasing exceptional talent and sportsmanship.

In a thrilling and rare turn of events, the defending champions in all categories were defeated by their challengers in the finals.

Hello FC clinched the championship in the open category by narrowly defeating Haaki Ajing with a score of 1-0. The match-winning goal was scored by Tapi Hakhe, who was also named the player of the match.

Tage Pilya of Haaki Ajing was honoured as the best goalkeeper, while Landi Milo, with seven goals, secured the highest scorer award. Kago Duyu of Hello FC was awarded the best player of the tournament prize. The fair play award went to Pigey Poro FC, Ziro.

In the 35+ veteran category, Being Friends fought valiantly to secure a 4-3 victory over Khonkhnu Sports Association. The goals for Being Friends were scored by Dulley Apo, Tapi Richo, Hage Taker and Hage Loder. Khonkhnu Sports Association's goals came from Koj Talley, Radhe Bhai and Dani Tabio.

Tasso Laji of Being Friends was named the player of the match for his outstanding performance. Other awards in this category included best goalkeeper to Tage Taka of Being Friends; best

player to Hage Taker of Being Friends; and highest scorer to Lod Chama of Tani United FC.

Paatii FC B triumphed in the 45+ super veterans' category, coming from behind to defeat defending champions Ball Tula FC with a 2-1 score. Hage P Gambo and Kago Yapu each scored for Paatii FC B, while Michi Akhe scored the lone goal for Ball Tula FC.

Millo Nama of Paatii FC was named the player of the final match. Gyati Kacho of Ball Tula FC received the best goalkeeper award, while the highest scorer award was shared by Hage P Gambo and Hage Yapu of Paatii FC A.

Hage Yapu was also awarded the best player of the tournament prize. Hao FC Ziro received the fair play award.

PM Kisan Sammelan organized by KVK Tirap



DEOMALI, June 18:

KVK Tirap organized kisan sammelan on Tuesday, June 18 at KVK Tirap hall where 17th installment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi was re-

leased by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi (online mode).

Minister Agri & Allied, Food and Supplies, etc., Gabriel D. Wangsu, while attending the programme

as Chief guest highlighted about the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojna and its benefits for the farmers.

He shared that GoI is emphasizing to popularize millet and its products for better health of human being.

The Minister, further, urged to settle for permanent farming which will reduce Jhum farming cultivation for the benefit of environment.

Earlier, Dr. N. Kumar, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Tirap, D. Yubey, Director of Agriculture, Naharlagun and N. Lobsang, Director of Horticulture, Itanagar also spoke.

During the programme, plantation of litchi saplings in the KVK premise by guests was also carried out.

The program was attended by ADC Deomali, ADC Khonsa, HoDs from Tirap district.

World environment day observed at District hospital

YINGKIONG, June 14:

World environment Day was observed at District Hospital Yingkiang on Friday, June 14 as a part of month long campaign to empower individuals, communities, and healthcare providers to become active participants in protecting our planet and our health from impacts of climate change.

The campaign focuses on vital issues of health systems and health impacts of extreme heat, drought, environmental conservation, and climate resiliency of health facilities under National Programme for Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCCH).

Dr India Modi District Nodal Officer NPCCH, District Health So-

ciety Upper Siang spoke on ways to reduce carbon emission and protection of the environment.

Dr Gepeng Litin, District Medical Officer, all the doctors and health workers of District Hospital attended the meeting.

Later on, a pledge on protection of the environment was taken by all members present in the meeting.

Review Meeting of Department of Women and Child Development Held



BOMDILA, June 17:

A review meeting for the Department of Women and Child Development (WCD) of West Kameng District was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall in Bomdila. The meeting was chaired by Akriti Sagar, Deputy Commissioner of West Kameng District.

The programme began with a welcome speech by the Deputy Director of WCD, Bomdila, followed by PowerPoint presentations from all CDPOs, the Centre Administrator of the One Stop Centre (OSC) and the Protection Officer from the DCPU.

Sagar directed all officers and officials to incorporate new elements and innovations into Tech Vadi. She emphasized liaising with the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments to create vermi compost facilities at Tech Vadi, enabling children to learn practically.

Additionally, she suggested signing an MoU with these departments for the seasonal supply and planting of five plants at Tech Vadi for PoshanVatika. Further directives included coordinating with other departments to install solar lights, wash basins, and rainwater harvesting systems at Tech Vadi. She also recommended stocking Inter Tribe books and YouTube videos for children.

DC emphasized the importance of conducting thorough grassroots surveys to ensure no child or beneficiary is excluded from WCD schemes. She urged CDPOs to collaborate with administrative officers for Aadhaar enrollment during Village Health, Sanitation, and Nutrition Days (VHSND). In cases involving children of daily wage laborers in Anganwadi Centres, she advised seeking support from panchayat leaders, businessmen, and politicians to fund their

education.

For addressing domestic violence, the Centre Administrator of OSC was directed to coordinate with the District Medical Officer (DMO), Bomdila, for rescue operations and to work with police officers and the judicial department to resolve issues faced by the centre.

To enhance performance, Sagar announced a written exam and competition for all supervisors in West Kameng District, with awards for the best performers. She praised the hard work of the officers and officials of the department and encouraged them to continue their efforts.

Attendees included the Deputy Director of WCD, CDPOs, Supervisors, Gram Sevikas, the Centre Administrator of the OSCs, the Protection Officer, Legal cum Probation Officer from the District Child Protection Unit and other.

DLRC meeting held in Lohit District



TEZU, June 19:

DCC/ DLRC meeting of Lohit District under the chairmanship of Shashvat Saurabh, DC Lohit was held on Wednesday, June 19 at DC Conference Hall, Tezu.

During the meeting Deposit and Advance (loan) of Lohit District and the Credit-Deposit Ratio of the District were discussed.

DC Shashvat Saurabh urged

the banks to improve the CD ratio and also suggested bank managers not to delay loan proposals at the branch level. He also stressed upon the need to use the state sponsored schemes for livelihood generation.

Also, all Govt sponsored loan scheme- Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana, Atma Nirbhar Plantation Yojana (Agri) Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojana,

Atma Nirbhar Plantation Yojana (Horti), Atma Nirbhar Matshya Palan and Atma Nirbhar Pashu palan yojana, PMEGP, KCC, PMMY and Social security schemes etc. were also discussed in the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Kunal Yadav, ADC Tezu, Dasula Krisikro ZPC, ZPMs, Lead Bank Managers, HODs of the Line department.

World Blood Donor Day observed



ITANAGAR, June 14:

World Blood donation was celebrated in the various districts in the State on Friday, June 14.

In Aalo, the state-level World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) was celebrated at Gumin Kiin in West Siang district by honouring the highest blood donors at the state and the district levels with mementos and certificates.

The WBDD is celebrated throughout the world every year on 14 June to recognise the individual contributions of blood donors.

The celebration here was aimed also at creating awareness on the importance of voluntary blood donation throughout the state.

On the occasion, a voluntary blood donation camp was organised by the blood centre of the zonal general hospital (ZGH) here, during which Assistant Commissioner Prince Kuthemar also donated a unit of blood.

State Blood Transfusion Coun-

cil (SBTC) Deputy Director Dr Joram Khopey thanked all the blood donors and motivators of the state for their altruistic act of saving human lives through voluntary blood donation.

He exhorted CBOs, unions, welfare societies, associations and individuals to "come forward and donate blood, even when no one requires blood, so that the shelves of the blood centres are full to tackle any exigency situation."

Former minister Kento Ete, West Siang DMO Dr Dubom Bagra, ZGH Medical Superintendent Dr Karke Rina, Col Harish Negi, jawans of the 7 JK Rifles and the 5th Infantry Brigade, members of Mothers' Vision and the Aalo unit of the Arunachal Voluntary Blood Donor Organisation, NSS volunteers of SFS College, NCC cadets of the GHSS here, the district unit of the AP Gorkha Welfare Society, students of the government ANM school, and members of the district unit of the Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society participated in the programme, which was organised by the hospital's blood centre here, with support from the SBTC.

In Yingkiang, the district hospital in headquarters Yingkiang celebrated the WBDD with felicitation of regular blood donors of Yingkiang.

District Hospital Blood Centre Medical Officer Dr Katan Patuk delivered a presentation on the importance of voluntary blood donation.

In Pasighat, Army personnel from the Sigar military station organised a voluntary blood donation camp, in coordination with Bakin Pertin General Hospital, at the military station to mark the day.

The event saw the participation of over 150 Army personnel and 60 villagers of Mebo tehsil.

Haemoglobin testing and medical screening was also carried out during the camp, and 57 units of blood were collected.