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## News Flash

### Kaying Football Cup 2024 concludes

**AALO, June 30:**

Kaying Football Cup 2024 organised by India Army culminated on Sunday, June 30 with Club Football Junior from Aalo Emerging as the Champions of the tourney.

The tournament aimed at bringing together the top 24 football teams from West Siang District in a celebration of Skill, Passion and sportsmanship.

The tournament witnessed an unforgettable spectacle with thrilling matches and electrifying performances.

### Training on arecanut seeding conducted

**ROING, July 1:**

One day training cum demonstration and distribution of arecanut seeding was conducted at Balek Village under the NEH programme organized by ICAR – Central Plantation Crops Research Institute Kasaragod, Kerala in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra Balek and Department of Agriculture.

The farmers were trained and demonstrated on scientific cultivation practices of Arecanut by Dr. L.S. Singh, (Scientist ICAR – CPCRI, RC) Kahikuchi, Guwahati, Assam. 5000 Arecanut seedling were distributed to 75 farmers from various villages of the district who participated in the programme.

ZPC Tony Borang, DHO Kuru Ama, Director Dr. K.B. Hebbar, Principal Scientist Dr. C. Thamban, Principal Scientist (ICAR-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute) Dr. K. Samsudeen and Senior Scientist and Head (KVK Balek) Dr. Deepanjali Deori were present during the programme.

### HDMT tournaments get underway

**BOMDILA, June 29:**

West Kameng DC Akriti Sagar kicked off the 7th district-level edition of the U-16 Hangpan Dada Memorial Trophy (HDMT) football and volleyball (boys and girls) tournaments at the Buddha Stadium here on Friday, June 28.

The DC apprised the teams of the background of the tournament, which commemorates the sacrifice of martyr Havildar Hangpan Dada. She also emphasised the importance of sports in one's life.

Among others, District Sports Officer DT Dinglow, DSP K Lingo, and HoDs were present at the inaugural ceremony.

## Parshuram Kund to become one of the biggest Pilgrimage Centers in NE India

**NEW DELHI, July 1:**

The sacred Parshuram Kund, nestled in the pristine landscapes of Lohit district in Arunachal Pradesh, is poised for a remarkable transformation. Under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme, a substantial grant of Rs 37.87 crore has been allocated to elevate Parshuram Kund into one of the region's largest pilgrimage centers. The ambitious project includes the installation of a 51-foot statue of Sage Parshuram, generously donated by the VIPRA Foundation, an organisation associated with the promotion and development of Parshuram Kund since the year 2021.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, who is also the local representative of Chongkham-Wakro Constituency, has taken a proactive role in overseeing the development of Parshuram Kund into a major pilgrimage centre.

Parshuram Kund, steeped in Hindu mythology, holds immense spiritual significance, and this transformation promises to enhance accessibility and foster cultural unity across generations. The convergence of tradition and

## Union Minister Shekhawat, DCM felicitated by VIPRA Foundation at New Delhi



**NEW DELHI, July 3:**

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein sought the union tourism ministry's support and guidance to develop the tourism industry in Arunachal Pradesh.

"Tourism is the only sector

after hydropower that could help Arunachal becomes self-reliant," Mein said addressing the 'Swasti Kaamna Samaroh'-an event organized by VIPRA Foundation at Dr. Ambedkar International Center here on Tuesday, July 2.

He expressed hope that with the support of the tourism ministry, stakeholders like, VIPRA Foundation and International Society for Parshuram Consciousness, Parshuram Kund can be developed into the region's one of the largest pilgrimage sites.

He informed that the foundation work for installation of the 51-foot bronze statue of Lord Parshuram, donated by VIPRA Foundation, is expected to be completed within a month's time.

"I have instructed the department to commence the landscaping and beautification at the earliest, along with the construction of the approach road," Mein said.

The DCM further informed that the state government has approved the "Construction of River Front in Parshuram Kund in Lohit District" under NESIDS (OTRI) with a project cost of Rs. 50 crore during the state level empowered committee meeting on 26 June.

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## New criminal laws come into effect

**NEW DELHI, July 1:**

Three new criminal laws come into effect across the country from Monday, July 1 bringing widespread changes in India's criminal justice system and ending colonial-era laws.

The Indian Judicial Code, the Indian Civil Defence Code, and the Indian Evidence Act will replace the British-era Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively.

The new laws will bring in a modern justice system, incorporating provisions such as zero FIR, online registration of police complaints, summonses through electronic modes such as SMS, and mandatory videographer of crime scenes for all heinous crimes.

They have tried to address some of the current social realities and crimes and provide a mechanism to effectively deal with these, keeping in view the ideals enshrined in the Constitution, official sources said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who piloted the laws, said that the new laws would give priority to providing justice, unlike the British-era laws that gave primacy to penal action.

"These laws are made by Indians, for Indians and by an Indian Parliament and marks the end of colonial criminal justice laws," he said.

Shah said that the laws are not just about changing the nomenclature but bringing about a complete overhaul.

"Soul, body and spirit" of the new laws is Indian, he said.

Justice is an umbrella term that encompasses both the victim and the culprit, the home minister said, and added that these new laws would ensure political, economic and social justice with an Indian ethos.

According to the new laws, judgement in criminal cases has to come within 45 days of completion of trial and charges must be framed within 60 days of first hearing.

Statement of rape victims will be recorded by a female police officer in presence of her guardian or relative and medical reports have to come within seven days.

Organised crimes and acts of terrorism have been defined, sedition has been replaced with treason, and video recording of all search and seizure have been made mandatory.

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## RGU tops IIRF ranking in NE

**RONO HILLS, June 29:**

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here has been ranked 13th in the list of central universities released by the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF), topping in the Northeast region.

Mizoram University secured the 15th position, followed by Tezpur University (Assam), and NEHU, Shillong (Meghalaya) at the 16th and 18th positions among the list of 50 other central varsities in the country.

The IIRF employs a meticulous evaluation process, considering multiple parameters to determine the ranking of an institution. These parameters encompass distinct facets of academic excellence and overall institution performance. The key parameters considered by the IIRF in determining rankings of the institutions includes placement performance, teaching learning resources & pedagogy, research, industry income and integration, placement strategies and support, future orientation, and external perception and international outlook.

RGU Vice-Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha congratulated the university fraternity on the ranking by the IIRF. He said that "this is a testimony to the university's pursuits to excel and we are here to fare better."

The VC termed it a "water-

mark achievement, considering its location in the remote border state of Arunachal Pradesh with so many challenges."

"With this, now RGU will definitely participate in the other international rankings, such as the QS World University Rankings," he said.

Terming the achievement "a milestone," RGU Registrar Dr NT Rikam said that "the university community attributes this achievement as an outcome of the persistent efforts of Team RGU, including its students, teachers, academic administrators and non-teaching fraternity for the improvement in teaching and research environment of the university."

RGU Joint Registrar Dr David Pertin, who is also a member of the university's Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) divulged that "the inability to admit foreign students joining the varsity, due to RAP and PAP restrictions, is a point of concern."

Stating that he was not surprised by the ranking, Dr Pertin said that "the university's patient and persistent toiling is paying off."

"Good to see that RGU is leaping further to the higher position of 13th as, during last year's ranking, RGU secured the 16th rank (overall) among the central universities across the nation in the IIRF," Dr Pertin said.

## Governor visits Donyi Polo Mission School for Hearing and Visually Impaired



**ITANAGAR, June 28:**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Pamaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) visited Donyi Polo Mission School for Hearing and Visually Impaired, Chimpu on 28th June 2024. The Governor, who was accompanied by the First Lady of the State Smt Anagha Pamaik celebrated his 71st birthday with the children and officials of the institute. Chairman Donyi Polo Mission Shri Gegong Apang, former Chief Minister was also present amongst others.

The Governor and the First Lady of the State spent quality time with the children and interacted with them through special educators. The children conveyed their good wishes to

the first couple and shared about their future hopes and aspirations.

Interacting with the students, whom he called the 'Shining Stars of Arunachal Pradesh', the Governor assured assistance from the State Government and the Raj Bhavan in providing all possible opportunities to the students to participate and excel in various fields at the State and national level. He said that the children exhibited the spirit of learning and human endurance, in the way they were trained and cared for by the Donyi Polo Mission School.

The Governor promised to invite the students to Raj Bhavan on the occasion of 'Children's Day' and other

functions being held therein. He also promised better equipment and study materials for learning, training and therapy for students with hearing and visual challenges.

As a token of love, they presented a colourful cultural programme and Yoga demonstration in honour of the Governor and the First Lady of the State. Chairman, Donyi Polo Mission Shri Apang and Principal, DPMShVI Shri Arbinda Dey also spoke on the occasion and expressed gratitude for patronizing the institute and providing necessary furniture for the hostels.

A high tea was organized for the students, officials and staff of the institute in its campus.

## New Criminal Law launched



**ITANAGAR, July 1:**

New criminal law was launched at various districts in the State on Monday, July 1 bringing widespread changes in India's criminal justice system and ending colonial-era laws.

At Bomidila, Mama Natung, Minister of Home, Inter-State Border Affairs, PHE & WS, and Department of Indigenous Affairs, inaugurated the awareness programme on new Criminal Laws at the SP's Conference Hall in Bomidila in the presence of Kento Jini, Minister of Law, Legislative & Justice, SJETA, Tribal Affairs, and Sports and Youth Affairs,

along with MLAs Likha Soni, Nikh Kamin, Nyabi Dirchi, Ealing Tallang, and CMD Toko Anuj.

Home Minister, Mama Natung briefed the attendees on the key aspects of the new criminal laws. He thanked the government and law makers who worked day and night to bring out scientific laws in consonance with current reality of the society and hoped that focus on scientific and evidence based investigation will result in effective prosecution in time to come. He urged the enforcement agencies to implement the laws in letter and spirit for the benefit of the public.

Earlier, while welcoming the dignitaries, SP West Kameng, Sudhanshu Dhama, highlighted the salient features of the three new laws and informed the distinguished gathering about the extensive training provided to all levels of law enforcement agencies to ensure the efficient implementation of the new acts.

At Pasighat, the District Police organized special program here at Reserve Police line (RPL), Pasighat to sensitize on the key features of the reformative new laws for citizens, police personnel and all stakeholders.

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## MLA attends meeting to discuss ongoing state sponsored projects

**SAGALEE, June 28:**

A Departmental Coordination meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Er Ratu Tech, MLA 15-Sagalee (ST) Assembly Constituency here at the Conference Hall, ADC Secretariat, Sagalee on Friday June 28.

The meeting was held with to interact with HoDs and review the ongoing projects sponsored by the State as well as central government in 15-Sagalee Assembly Constituency.

All HoDs through Power Point Presentation showed the physical, financial Status and also shared the issues related to ongoing Projects of their respective department.

Chairing the maiden coordination meeting MLA Ratu called for coordinated and concerted efforts from all Departments to accelerate the socio-economic transformation of the Sub-Division.

The first time legislator further asked all Officers/Officials to focus on performance for effective service delivery to ensure a holistic development of the constituency.

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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

## Dree Festival

Apatani is one of the many other tribes in Arunachal Pradesh. However, the Apatani tribe primarily resides in Ziro, which is located in the lower Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh. The main festival of the Apatani tribe is Dree festival which is celebrated with sacrifices and offerings and with great zest. The Dree Festival is a festival celebrated to worship the agriculture which is the primary mode of income for the people here in Ziro.

The Dree festival is celebrated every year on the 5th of July and the celebrations begin on 4th of July itself. In the festival five Gods are primarily worshipped: Danyi, Metii, Tamu, Mepin and Meder in order to bless them sacrifice in dree with bounty of harvest. Once the rituals are done, sacrifices are made of fowls, eggs and animals to the Gods. The rituals followed during the festival are indeed very interesting and witnessing them would leave anyone awestruck. the deities are made for worship by the local priests with bamboos. The rituals are performed by a few selected and priests and the rest of the priests known as the Gaon Burhas are only watchers. There is this sacred Ranii Akhii which is brought out in the open by the Apatanis only during this festival. However, the common people are not allowed to touch it since it is considered to bring curses on people who touch it. The ritual starts with the offering of Apong (local rice beer) to the deities and then sacrificing the fowls which are also smeared with apong before the sacrifice. The final sacrifice is of the Mithoon, which is religiously axed and then offered to the deities. The custom of mithoon sacrifice started only in the year 1967 and since then it has been continuing. The very next day a grand feast is held at the Dree grounds and people together cook the meat and enjoy the community feast.

Soon after the feast, the popular Apatani folk dance 'Daminda' takes over. It is the ritualistic welcome dance which is performed to mark the beginning and end of Dree festival. Kids and adults alike join in to perform this tradition folk dance and enjoy to the fullest. However, the performance of the dance is not the end of the Dree festival for it continues further with activities such as sports. Even their sports include agricultural tasks for one of the sports was to go to the forest cut tress and then bring it back to the village. This sport is however today not practiced as with passage of time, customs change too.

Cucumber, Apong and Yatang (rice pudding cooked in bamboo) is offered to everyone present on the grounds as Prasad. The festival finally ends with Daminda as all the people get together and join feet to feet to dance and bring a peaceful ending to this sacred festival of the Apatanis.

Dress festival is clearly a festival that brings the people of the place closer and spread a sense of peacefulness. Maintaining its cultural heritage, the Apatanis have been successful in keeping their rituals alive and remembering their ancestors and heritage with respect.

## Coordination meeting held

CHANGLANG, July 3:

Arunachal Pradesh legislative assembly speaker Te-sam Pongte reviewed the status of the various ongoing projects in the district during a coordination meeting here on Wednesday, July 3.

Pongte emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts by all the departments for overall development of the district.

During the meeting, the status of various ongoing schemes and projects were presented by the departments concerned. The various problems and challenges that are hampering the smooth functioning of the departments were also highlighted during the meeting.

The meeting was attended by DC Vishal Sah, SP Kirli Padu and all the HoDs.



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## Union Minister Shekhawat, DCM felicitated by VIPRA...

The proposal will be submitted to the DoNER ministry for early sanctioning. Additionally, the state government will provide an additional Rs. 50 crore for the development of the Kund.

The project envisages constructing a river front, spanning 200 meters on the left bank of the Lohit River along the mela ground.

The project includes lawns, walkways, a ramp for vertical movement, a viewing deck, an outdoor amphitheater, a viewing tower, and a ritual deck for ash immersion by devotees.

"The development project aims to create a recreational space for the devotees attending the 'holy dip' Mela at the Sacred Kund, on occasion of Makar Sankranti in January, which attracts more than 100,000 pilgrims," Mein said.

The project is expected to boost interstate tourism and uplift the socio-economic activities in the area, he added.

Union culture and tourism minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, MoS for agriculture and farmers welfare Bhagirath Chaudhary, founder of VIPRA Foundation Sushil Ojha, among others attended the programme.

## New Criminal Law...

DC and SP along with PMC Chief Councillor Okiam Moyong Borang, her deputy Rebecca Panyang Megu and other councillors released handbook on the New Criminal Laws, 2023 published by the East Siang district Police for wide awareness among the general public.

DC East Siang, Tayi Taggu in his address said that the spirit behind the three enacted criminal laws for fair, speedy and time bound justice for citizens must be the guiding force in its implementation for the district police and judiciary and stakeholders. He stressed on maximum public awareness, so that speedy and fair justice reaches the last man in the line.

SP East Siang, Dr. Sachin Kumar Singhal, while briefing on the salient features of the new laws viz. Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Samhita, Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyan - said that the district police is committed for effective implementation. Citizen friendly and simplified provisions to register case from anywhere irrespective of jurisdiction and use of digital / electronic mode for online registration of case, Zero FIR, safeguards for women and child and the Transgender community, separate sections for crimes under Nyay Suraksha Samhita Act, virtual /electronic mode of FIR/trial, time bound period for investigation by police and trial by Judiciary etc will address the pendency of cases faced by the people in the previous IPC, Cr.PC and facilitate speedy & efficient justice system to the people.

ASP Pankaj Lamba said that the district police are geared to implement the New laws in letter & spirit and highlighted the trainings imparted to acquaint police officers and personnel. Dy. SP Ayup Boko, Police officers from rank and file attended the meeting among participants.

At Ziro, a legal awareness campaign for effective implementation of new criminal laws of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharitiya Nagarik Suraksha Samhita (BNSS) and Bharitya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) was organized at Golden Jubilee Hall of District Secretariat.

The awareness campaign was organized by the District Legal Services Authority, Ziro in collaboration with Lower Subansiri District Administration and District Police.

Chief Judicial Magistrate and Lower Subansiri District Legal Services Authority general secretary Damge Neri briefed the police officials, advocates of Lower Subansiri Bar Association and the gaon buras and buris on the BNS, BNSS and BSA in detail.

The CJM and Lower Subansiri District Magistrate Vivek H.P also handed over copies of the new criminal laws and digital equipments to gaon buras and buris for effective dissemination and implementation of the same at the District.

The legal awareness campaign was attended by police officers from the ranks of Sub-Inspector to Deputy Superintendent of Police, advocates, gaon buras and buris, members of Child Welfare Committee, officials from Department of Women and Child Development, Juvenile Justice Board members, court staffs and NGO members of the District.

At Namsai, the New Criminal Law was launched and awareness programme was conducted at Namsai District by Namsai District police.

Same programme was also observed at Mahadevpur and Chongkham Police Station. The programme was participated by DC Namsai, Secretary DLSA cum JMFC Namsai, SP Namsai, police officials, Bar association Namsai and representatives from women and child welfare department.

During the program DC Namsai, Secretary DLSA cum JMFC Namsai, SP Namsai deliberated on the New criminal Law, underlying new provisions, changes in criminal Law, speedy and victim centric Justice system enshrined in the new criminal law The programme highlighted especially in provisions relating to welfare of women and child in the New criminal Law.

At Tezu, Awareness Program on three new criminal laws: Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita was held at the Conference Hall of the Senior Superintendent of Police Lohit. The program was attended by DC Shashvat Saurabh IAS and SSP Tumme Amo IPS Tumme Amo

Speaking at the occasion DC Shashvat Saurabh said that it is important to have the knowledge of the new laws for executive magistrates, Police personal in particular and for the public in general. He said that District Administration will be organising workshop in order to spread awareness and knowledge on the new laws.

SSP Tumme Amo IPS said that new law is citizen and justice orientated with a focusing on protection of the citizens. He said that the new laws are comprehensive and covers all the stakeholders involved in the process of justice delivery. If there are certain provisions of the new laws have given more powers to the police; then, there are also provisions to protect the right of the people or any accuse, he added. He hoped that with the new laws in place there will be speedy justice delivery.

Inspector D Singpho Presented a powerpoint point and explained the various provision of the news laws, he also explained how the new laws are different from the old ones.

The program was attended by EAC Sotailum Bellai, ZPM Balong Tindiya, Executive Magistrates, HoOs, Police officials, representatives of Student Unions, Women groups etc.

At Roing, new Criminal Law was conducted by the Roing Police.

During the programme, SP Akanksha Yadav highlighted special features of the NCL such as focus of NCL on citizen-centric laws, redefined offences and punishments, inclusion of technology in delivery of justice, victim-centric approach and greater accountability and transparency of Police. She also emphasized on the importance of the ongoing training programme for Police personnel.

## MLA attends meeting to discuss ongoing state...

Yame Higio, ADC Sagalee requested all HoDs under Sagalee administrative Sub-Division to present at station and supervise development work for benefit of the society.

The meeting was attend by all administrative officers under Sagalee administrative Sub-Division, Health, Education, Agriculture, Horticulture, PWD, PHED, RWD, WRD, Electrical, Forest and other Line Departments.

| SERVICE LINE                                            |                                |
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| HOSPITALS                                               |                                |
| <b>General Hospitals, Naharlagun</b>                    |                                |
| Casualty wing                                           | : 0360-2246677                 |
| Med.Suptdt.                                             | : 0360-2244156                 |
| <b>R.K.Mission Hospital, Itanagar</b>                   | : 0360-2212263                 |
| <b>Heema Hospital, Itanagar</b>                         | : 0360-2291094                 |
| <b>Niba Hospital, Pappu-Nallah Hospital in Guwahati</b> | : 0360-2244574                 |
| GNRC Hospital                                           | : 0361-2227701/2227702/2227703 |
| Down Town Hospital                                      | : 0361-2336906/2336911         |
| GMC Hospital                                            | : 0361-2528417/2529457         |
| International Hospital                                  | : 0361-2347700/2347701         |
| B.Barooah Cancer Institute                              | : 0361-2472364                 |
| POLICE STATION                                          |                                |
| Itanagar                                                | : 0360-2212233                 |
| Nirjuli                                                 | : 0360-2257220                 |
| Banderdewa                                              | : 0360-2266236                 |
| Naharlagun                                              | : 0360-2244329                 |
| Doimukh                                                 | : 0360-2277220                 |

| FIRE STATION |                |
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| Itanagar     | : 0360-2212640 |
| Naharlagun   | : 0360-2244399 |

| APST BUS SERVICE |                      |                 |                          |
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| 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-Yingkiang   | Night Service   | Alternate Day            |
| 6.               | Itanagar-Seppa       | Night Service   | Daily Service            |
| 7.               | Itanagar-Khonsa      | Night Service   | Sun/Mon/Wed/Thu          |
| 8.               | Itanagar-Tezu        | Night Service   | Tuesday only             |
| 9.               | Itanagar-Koloriang   | Night Service   | Daily Service            |
| 10.              | Itanagar-Guwahati    | Day Service     | Daily Service            |
| 11.              | Itanagar-Aalo        | Day Service     | Daily Service            |
| 12.              | Itanagar-Pasighat    | Day Service     | Daily Service            |
| 13.              | Itanagar-Tirbini     | Day Service     | Mon/Thu/Sat              |
| 14.              | Itanagar-Bomdila     | Day Service     | Daily Service except Fri |
| 15.              | Itanagar-Palin       | Day Service     | Sun/Wed/Fri              |
| 16.              | Itanagar-Sagalee     | Day Service     | Mon/Wed/Fri              |
| 17.              | Itanagar-Ampoli      | Day Service     | Sun/Tue/Thu              |
| 18.              | Itanagar-Mengio      | Day Service     | Sun/Tue/Thu              |
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| 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 |
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| HELICOPTER SERVICE                                                    |                  |          |                  |          |
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| 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        | 10:00    | Maio             | 10:40    |
|                                                                       | Maio             | 10:45    | Vijaynagar       | 11:20    |
| SATURDAY                                                              | Vijaynagar       | 11:25    | Maio             | 12:00    |
|                                                                       | Maio             | 12:05    | Mohanbari        | 12:45    |
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|                                                                       | Mohanbari        | 10:30    | Namsai           | 11:05    |
| SUNDAY                                                                | Namsai           | 11:10    | Tezu             | 11:30    |
|                                                                       | Tezu             | 11:35    | Hayuliang        | 12:10    |
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|                                                                       | Tezu             | 12:55    | Namsai           | 13:15    |
|                                                                       | Namsai           | 13:20    | Mohanbari        | 13:55    |
| OFF DAY                                                               | Mohanbari        | 14:20    | Naharlagun       | 15:05    |
|                                                                       | Naharlagun       | 09:00    | Mohanbari        | 09:45    |
|                                                                       | Mohanbari        | 10:30    | Namsai           | 11:05    |
|                                                                       | Namsai           | 11:10    | Tezu             | 11:30    |
|                                                                       | Tezu             | 11:35    | Hayuliang        | 12:10    |
| OFF/MAINTANANCE                                                       | Hayuliang        | 12:15    | Tezu             | 12:50    |
|                                                                       | Tezu             | 12:55    | Namsai           | 13:15    |
|                                                                       | Namsai           | 13:20    | Mohanbari        | 13:55    |
|                                                                       | Mohanbari        | 14:20    | Naharlagun       | 15:05    |
|                                                                       | Naharlagun       | 09:00    | Mohanbari        | 09:45    |

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| DAY.                                                                  | STATION    | DEP.TIME | STATION    | ARR.TIME |
| MONDAY                                                                | 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    |
| TUESDAY                                                               | Dambuk     | 13:00    | Naharlagun | 14:35    |
|                                                                       | Roing      | 13:40    | Mohanbari  | 09:55    |
|                                                                       | Pasighat   | 10:00    | Miao       | 11:00    |
|                                                                       | Mohanbari  | 10:20    | Vijaynagar | 11:45    |
|                                                                       | Naharlagun | 11:10    | Miao       | 12:25    |
| WEDNESDAY                                                             | Mohanbari  | 11:50    | Mohanbari  | 13:10    |
|                                                                       | Miao       | 12:30    | Naharlagun | 14:25    |
|                                                                       | Vijaynagar | 13:30    | Naharlagun | 09:55    |
|                                                                       | Miao       | 10:00    | Pasighat   | 10:35    |
|                                                                       | Mohanbari  | 10:00    | Yingkiang  | 11:25    |
| THURSDAY                                                              | Naharlagun | 10:50    | Tuting     | 11:50    |
|                                                                       | Mohanbari  | 11:30    | Singa      | 12:15    |
|                                                                       | Pasighat   | 11:55    | Tuting     | 12:40    |
|                                                                       | Yingkiang  | 12:20    | Yingkiang  | 13:05    |
|                                                                       | Tuting     | 12:45    | Pasighat   | 13:45    |
| FRIDAY                                                                | Singa      | 13:10    | Mohanbari  | 14:35    |
|                                                                       | Tuting     | 14:00    | Naharlagun | 15:35    |
|                                                                       | Yingkiang  | 14:40    | Naharlagun | 09:55    |
|                                                                       | Pasighat   | 10:00    | Ziro       | 09:30    |
|                                                                       | Mohanbari  | 09:00    | Tali       | 10:20    |
| SATURDAY                                                              | Naharlagun | 09:50    | Damin      | 10:45    |
|                                                                       | Ziro       | 10:25    | Ziro       | 11:20    |
|                                                                       | Tali       | 11:25    | Naharlagun | 11:55    |
|                                                                       | Damin      | 09:00    | Ziro       | 09:30    |
|                                                                       | Ziro       | 10:40    | Daporijo   | 10:30    |
| SUNDAY                                                                | Naharlagun | 11:20    | Taksing    | 12:15    |
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# DG BRO calls on the Governor



**ITANAGAR, June 27:** The Director General, Border Roads Lt. General Raghu Srinivasan, VSM called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on Thursday, June 27.

They discussed strategic roads to border areas, regular maintenance of roads and immediate response to any blockage in the road communica-

tion.

The Governor commended the Border Roads Organization for taking a leading role in the infrastructure development in Arunachal Pradesh. He said that the projects implemented have ensured the territorial integrity and the rapid development of the State.

The Governor, while sharing his concerns about the people in border villages, emphasized upgrading and building new roads toward the bor-

der areas to ensure the support of the armed forces to the civilian population at any time. He said the national security and socio-economic development of the people in border areas rely on the BRO road networks.

The Border Roads Director General briefed the Governor regarding strategic road projects and challenges, while assuring the best quality roads and infrastructure for Arunachal Pradesh.

## GTGH observes Doctor's Day



**ZIRO, July 1:**

The Lower Subansiri District Unit of Arunachal Pradesh Doctor's Association observed the Doctor's Day at Gyati Takka General Hospital (GTGH) here on Monday, July 1.

The main highlights of the event included free fruit and eat-

able distribution to indoor patients, voluntary blood donation camp comprising all doctors of GTGH, cake cutting ceremony, constitution of new executive board members for Lower Subansiri District unit followed by lunch comprising all GTGH medical fraternity.

Lower Subansiri District

Medical Officer Dr.Nani Rika and GTGH Medical Superintendent Dr. Koj Jarbo further informed that all medical chargeable services for all categories of patients during the day at GTGH were exempted which included diagnostic fee charge, CT scan, X-ray and pay cabin charges among others.

## New criminal laws come...

A new chapter on crimes against women and children has been added, buying and selling of any child has been made a heinous crime, and there is a provision for death sentence or life imprisonment for gangrape of a minor.

Offences against women and children, murder, and offences against the state have been given precedence in the new law.

Overlapping sections have been merged and simplified and will consist of only 358 sections against 511 in the Indian Penal Code, the sources said.

For example, definitions scattered from Sections 6 to 52 have been brought under one section. Eighteen sections already stand repealed and four relating to weights and measures are covered under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009.

Instances of false promise of marriage, gangrape of minors, mob lynching, chain snatching, etc. are reported but the current Indian Penal Code did not have specific provisions for dealing with such incidents.

These have been addressed in the Indian Judicial Code, the sources said.

A new provision has been made for cases such as abandonment of women after making sexual relations on the false promise of marriage.

The three laws are based on justice, transparency and fairness, the sources said.

Under the new laws, a person can now report incidents by electronic communication, without the need to physically visit a police station. This allows for easier and quicker reporting, facilitating prompt action by the police.

With the introduction of Zero FIR, a person can file a first information report (FIR) at any police station, regardless of jurisdiction.

This eliminates delays in initiating legal proceedings and ensures immediate reporting of the offence.

An interesting addition of the law is that, in the event of an arrest, the individual has the right to inform a person of his choice about his or her situation. This will ensure immediate support and assistance to the arrested individual.

Besides, arrest details will now be prominently displayed within police stations and district headquarters, allowing families and friends of the arrested person easy access to important information.

To strengthen cases and investigations, it has become mandatory for forensic experts to visit crime scenes for serious offences and collect evidence.

Under the new laws, victims of crimes against women are entitled to regular updates on the progress of their case within 90 days.

This provision keeps victims informed and involved in the legal process, enhancing transparency and trust.

The new laws guarantee free first-aid or medical treatment to victims of crimes against women and children at all hospitals.

This provision ensures immediate access to essential medical care, prioritising the wellbeing and recovery of victims during challenging times.

Summonses can now be served electronically, expediting legal processes, reducing paperwork and ensuring efficient communication among all parties involved.

For certain offences against women, statements of the victim are to be recorded, as far as practicable, by a woman magistrate and, in her absence, by a male magistrate in the presence of a woman to ensure sensitivity and fairness, creating a supportive environment for victims.

Both the accused and the victim are entitled to receive copies of the FIR, police report, chargesheet, statements, confessions, and other documents within 14 days.

Courts grant a maximum of two adjournments to avoid unnecessary delays in case hearings, ensuring timely justice delivery.

The new laws mandate all state governments to implement witness protection schemes to ensure the safety and cooperation of witnesses, enhancing the credibility and effectiveness of legal proceedings.

The definition of 'gender' now includes transgender individuals, promoting inclusivity and equality.

By conducting all legal proceedings electronically, the new laws offer convenience to victims, witnesses and accused, thereby streamlining and expediting the entire legal process.

To provide more protection to the victim and enforce transparency in investigation related to an offence of rape, the statement of the victim shall be recorded through audio-video means.

Women, persons below 15 years, persons above 60 years, and those with disabilities or acute illnesses are exempt from attending police stations and can receive police assistance at their place of residence. (News Credit PTI)

## Water Supply of Aalo Township disrupted

**AALO, July 3:**

Drinking water supply in Aalo town in West Siang district has been disrupted after landslides destroyed the key pipelines. According to the PHE & WS department, landslides damaged the 300 mm dia DI main pipeline that supplies water from

Ene source to Aalo town on 29 June.

The massive landslide near the bridge over the Sipu River also blocked the Nigmoi-Aalo PWD bypass road. Besides the DI pipes, a 65 mm GI pipeline that supplies water to Yeggo village has also been

washed away. Men and machineries have been engaged to clear the landslide as well as recover the buried pipes. Stating that the restoration work will take 10 more days, the department has appealed to the residents to bear with the inconvenience caused to them.

## Police rescue minor househelp

**LEMMI, June 28:**

A team of the Pakke-Kessang district police rescued a domestic help, aged around 16 years and hailing from Itakhola (Assam), from Gumte village in the district on Friday, June 28 under the guidance of SP Tasi Darang.

A complaint had been lodged at the WCD control room in Itanagar, and the message was passed on to the Pakke-Kessang police.

Based on specific inputs received from the CHC, Itanagar, the district police launched a rescue operation and rescued the girl from the village.

The girl's mother has alleged that she and her daughter had been living in captivity as bonded labourers for years and their employers were reluctant to let them go home.

However, she somehow managed to escape from the village

and went on to seek help to get her daughter rescued.

The victim is now in the safe custody of the Pakke-Kessang district child protection office for counselling and further arrangements to send her back to her parents.

The police team comprised Pakke-Kessang PS OC, SI Tage Kapa, Constables Pagge Taluk and Tater Siga, and L/Ct Minam Tay-eng.

## Eye screening camp organised

**LAZU, June 28:**

A total of 226 patients benefitted from a free 'eye screening-cum-general health camp', organised by the Tirap unit of the Arunachal Vikas Parishad, in collaboration with the Tirap district administration, at the EAC headquarters here on Friday, June 28.

A team of doctors, including eye specialist Dr Vivek Vinaykumar Khapli and Dr Priyanka Vivek Khapli (homoeopathy) from Akola, Maharashtra, along with medicine specialist Dr RB Mishra offered treatment to the villagers during the camp.

Deputy Commissioner Ira

Singhal visited the camp, and urged the villagers to "maintain a hygienic lifestyle to promote good health." She also urged the health staff and anganwadi workers to raise awareness at the grassroots level about the importance of hand-washing before and after meals, among other hygiene practices.

## Training programme for fish farmers

**PAMPOLI, June 28:**

The East Kameng Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) here organised an on-campus training programme for fish farmers from various parts of the district on Friday, June 28.

The KVK's fishery scientist Dr VK Mishra apprised the participants of 'Composite fish culture technology, package and practices for improved aquaculture production', and

presented details regarding "the technology for improved aquaculture production with minimisation of input cost through utilising natural resources."

He also dwelt on "the methodical preparation before seed stocking and care during the stocking of fish seed to minimise the mortality."

Soil science specialist Anil Pandey delivered a lecture on 'Role

and importance of quality soil for improved fish production'. He apprised the farmers of how the soil plays an important role in "pond biological (natural food) productivity and of the steps to be taken during site selection for pond construction.

The KVK assured the fish farmers that it would help them through technical support as and when required.

## RGU conducts NSS annual special camp



**RONO HILLS, July 2:**

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here organised a weeklong National Service Scheme (NSS) annual special camp at the government secondary school (GSS) in Parang village near Sagalee in Papum Pare district, which concluded on Monday, July 1.

A team of 40 NSS volunteers from RGU participated in the camp with the objective of promoting the spirit of volunteerism and community service among students and providing hands-on experience in social work and community development.

The camp, themed 'Go green, go clean', under the 'Clean Himalayan campaign', included cleaning the school's premises, tree plantation, nukkad natak, awareness

programmes through distribution of pamphlets on AIDS control under the Red Ribbon Club, cultural exchange programme, trekking to Sangya Gyabe watershed baseline, and school visits.

Joining the villagers and the NSS volunteers on 30 June, RGU Vice-Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha assured the village elders that "RGU, under its village adoption policies, will bolster the ecotourism potentials of the area and the university will also share expertise and market the agricultural and horticultural products of the villages of the area."

Later, the VC, along with other officers of the university, participated in a plantation drive in the premises

of the government secondary and various other schools of the area.

Earlier, RGU Registrar Dr NT Rikam, who happens to be an alumnus of GSS Parang, advised the young generation to "shun evils, choose the path of hard work, and reap the benefits of various government schemes and initiatives."

RGU Joint Registrar Dr David Pertin commended the efforts of the NSS volunteers in promoting community service and mutual understanding.

Among others, GSS Parang Headmaster Gollo Tatang, Parang GB Nabam Tagum, physical education assistant teacher and yoga expert Rikpu Kamcham, and NSS volunteers leaders also spoke.

## Indian Army conducts Plantation Drive



**LIKABALI, June 29:**

25,000 saplings was planted awareness about conservation of the nature held on the occasion of 75thvanmahotsava Week 2024 by Spearhead Division of the Indian

Army and the lower Siang district administration at the Likabali Military on June 25.

Col. Sandeep Singh while calling out for fight against global warminghas reiterated the extent

of damage human beings have done to the nature and said, "It is a small act for a big cause and for protecting our planet each one of us should plant atleastone sapling at a time."



## DA conducts refresher course to implement criminal law



**ITANAGAR, June 29:**

As the state government prepares to implement three new criminal laws, the District Administration Capital Itanagar conducted a refresher course for all Executive Magistrates, Special Magistrates, and Judicial Branch staff in the Conference Hall of the DC office on Saturday, June 29.

DC Capital Itanagar, Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta, encouraged all officers and staff to take full advantage

of this opportunity to familiarize themselves with the new criminal laws.

She commended EAC Khoda Lasa, the resource person for the session, for his detailed presentation and in-depth explanation of the new laws.

The training session included group discussions and a question-and-answer round, providing a comprehensive understanding of the changes.

Legal Officer Janyak Karlo also served as a resource person, contributing to the informative session. The three new criminal laws—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam—will replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively and will come into effect from July 1 this year.

## Fisheries Department Distributes Fingerlings and Fish Feed to Boost Aquaculture



**EMCHI, July 3:**

The Papum Pare Fisheries department distributed fingerlings, fish feed and lime to 243 fish farmers of the district under the Atma Nirbhar Matsya Palan Yojana (ANMPY) for the years 2022-2023 and 2023-24 and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for the year 2022-2023 here at Govt. Fish Farm, Emchi on Wednesday, July 3.

The Fisheries department distributed six lakhs fingerlings to the local fish farmers. These fingerlings, produced indigenously at the Emchi govt. fish farm are expected to significantly boost fish production and meet the growing demand for fish in the market. The species distributed include rohu, catla, mrigul, grass carp, labio bata and labio genius known for their good survival rate and high yield.

Alongside fingerlings, the department provided 600 tons of nutritionally balanced fish feed and lime. The feed is designed to ensure optimal growth and health of

the fish, leading to higher productivity and profitability for farmers. The lime will be used to increase the availability of nutrients, to increase pH and buffer against daily pH fluctuations and to sterilize ponds prior to stocking.

Attending the event Papum Pare DC, Jiken Bomjen stated that, "This initiative is part of the government's continuous effort to support and empower our local fish farmers. By providing high-quality fingerlings and feed, we aim to boost fish production and enhance their livelihoods and promote the aquaculture sector."

"Unlike other animal rearing activities, fish farming is the safest option," he added while encouraging the unemployed youths to take up fish farming.

DC Bomjen further advised the Fisheries department to handhold and provides technical assistance to the fish farmers.

District Fisheries Development Officer Kipa Taja added, "We

are committed to fostering a thriving aquaculture industry. This distribution program is a step towards achieving sustainable and profitable fish farming practices."

"To ensure the success of this initiative, the department is also offering training sessions for farmers. These sessions cover best practices in fish farming, efficient feed utilization, and sustainable aquaculture techniques. Technical support and regular follow-ups will be provided to assist farmers in managing their aquaculture operations effectively," the DFDO added.

DFDO Taja also informed that "high altitude cold water fish such as trout has been introduced successfully at Silsango and Leporiang on a pilot basis last year. This commercially viable fish will increase the income generation of the fish farmers exponentially".

Among others Fishery Officer Yorum Sajjan Taigh, beneficiaries and fishery department staff were present on the occasion.

## Rescue operation conducted by DCPU



**AALO, July 1:**

Eighteen children and adolescents engaged in hazardous employment were rescued during an operation carried out from 25-28 June by the West Siang district task force for rescue of child labourers.

The operation was carried out in collaboration with the Aalo unit of the West Siang district child protection unit (DCPU). The team

comprised Probation Officer Mijum Doko and police personnel deputed by DSP Moge Bole, under the guidance of EAC Koj Tacho and DCPU Yabi Riba Ete.

Four rescued children were handed over to their parents/families, and 18 cases have been registered at the police station here.

Doko appealed to the citizens to "enroll your children below 14

years of age in school," and asked the employers of children aged between 14 and 18 years to "provide all basic necessities to the employees, as per the guidelines of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act."

He warned the employers that violation of the Act would lead to punishment as deemed fit under the law.

## TRIFED organizes Tribal Artisan Empanelment Mela

**KHONSA, July 1:**

TRIFED (The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India) with the support and Cooperation of district Administration and in collaboration with the Department of Textiles & Handicrafts, Khonsa, successfully organized the third phase of the Tribal Artisan Empanelment Mela 2024. The event took place at multiple locations across the northeastern states of India under the PTP-NER Scheme, bringing together tribal artisans from various regions on Monday, July 1.

While attending the Mela, DC Tirap Ira Singhal lauded TRIFED, the Government of India, and the Textiles & Handicrafts Department of Khonsa for conducting such an event to encourage tribal artisans to showcase and sell their products. She emphasized the importance of using bamboo, cane, and traditional yarn while avoiding plastic products. She also appreciated the artisans from different villages of Tirap district who attended the event despite inclement weather, making the program a grand success.

Assistant Director of Textiles & Handicrafts, Chano Lowang, informed that a total of 128 artisans from different villages of Tirap district participated and set up their sales stalls today. She expressed her gratitude to TRIFED under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for sponsoring the grand event and praised the District Administration, Tirap, for providing the venue to accommodate the tribal artisans of the district.

The Tribal Artisan Empanelment Mela is a crucial platform



ment Mela aims to provide a platform for tribal artisans of the northeast to showcase their traditional art and craft, connect with potential buyers, and gain exposure to new markets. This initiative by TRIFED is part of its ongoing efforts to promote and support the socio-economic development of tribal communities through the marketing of their products.

"The Tribal Artisan Empanelment Mela is a crucial platform

for tribal artisans to showcase their skills and craftsmanship. It not only provides them with an opportunity to access new markets but also helps in preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of our tribal communities," said Ms. Ira Singhal, IAS.

TRIFED remains committed to empowering tribal artisans by facilitating their participation in such events and creating avenues for sustainable livelihoods.

## CDFC Ziro Football Tournney concludes



**ZIRO, June 29:**

Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Vivek H.P said games and sports particularly team events like football galvanizes the people for a positive reason which is good for the society, sport and sportsmen.

While gracing the closing ceremony of the 57th Central Dree Festival Celebration, Ziro Football Tournament as the chief guest at Padi Yubbe Outdoor Stadium on June 29, the DC said the unprecedented huge turnout of people from every walk of life to witness the final soccer match, the most loved game of the valley speak volumes for itself. 'Such crowd gathering numbering in thousands is never witnessed at Padi Yubbe Outdoor Stadium during Independence and Republic Day celebrations. This is a testimony of the promotion of football, professionalism involved in it, and the energy level of the footballers and the football lovers of the plateau', remarked the DC.

While congratulating team CDFC, Ziro for successful conduct of the tournament, the DC wished advanced 'Happy Dree' to all Apatani denizens of the District.

Guest of Honour and Managing Director of PH Constructions Puna Hinda said football is the nerve center of attraction at the valley which attracts people from every village and the twin townships of Old Ziro and Hapoli. 'The Dree football fever grips everyone at the valley and the game is equally loved both by the players and non-players', explained Hinda.

CDFC Ziro chairman Nani Tani informed alongwith football and volleyball; badminton would also be an annual calendar event from next season onwards. He also further informed that a running trophy would be kept for team events of football and volleyball in which a team winning the trophy consecutively for three years in a row would keep the trophy permanently.

CDFC Ziro general secretary Mudang Tage Taki welcomed the guests including Commandant ITBP Ziro Shailendra Nagarkoti, representatives of Tani Supung Dukung (Apex Body of Apatani), Apatani Women Association Ziro, Heads of Departments, ZPM's, prize sponsors of the tournament and general public.

In the final match of the tournament played today, All Hija Sports Club defeated Diibo Sports Club by a solitary goal. The all-important goal was scored by Kago Duyu during 30th minute of the first-half of play.

In other individual prize winner categories, Tage Niitini of DSC was awarded the best player of the tournament, Landi Millo of HSC the highest scorer, Pura Rakesh of AHSa the best goalkeeper, Pura Dukhung of AHSa the best defender, Nada Tupe of AHSa the best coach, Hibu Tagia of ZFC the best team manager and Tage Kobong of DSC the emerging player of the tournament.

### GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER WEST SIANG DISTRICT: AALO.

No. WS/IDSP/R-20/2024-25

Dated Aalo the, 1st July 2024

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In pursuance of the Govt order No.MIDSP-2023/7 Dated Naharlagun the 10th June 2024 and addendum order No. MIDSP-2-23/7 Dated Naharlagun the 19th March 2024, application are invited from eligible candidates for filling up the 1 (one) post for Microbiologist and 1 (one) post for Laboratory Attendant purely on contractual basis under District Public Health Laboratory(DPHL), IDSP Zonal General Hospital, Aalo, West Siang, initially for the period of one year at the consolidated pay indicated against the post under IDSP, Govt, of Arunachal Pradesh, Naharlagun. The post is purely temporary and extendable after assessment of their performance, subject to the availability of fund or continuation of the programme under IDSP. Preference will be given to the candidate with adequate experience and expertise.

#### Terms of references for Microbiologist and Lab Attendant:

| SL.No | Name of post   | Education qualification                                                                                                                            | Experience                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Remuneration                                    | No of post |
|-------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1     | Microbiologist | Medical graduate with post graduate degree/diploma (preferably in microbiology, virology, pathology and other lab sciences or M.Sc. microbiologist | i. Minimum 2 years and proven ability for planning and undertaking operational researches experience in microbiology<br>ii. Experience of working in public health system, implementation of laboratory quality assurance system, assessing and organising training program        | Medical -Rs 50000/-<br>Non-medical - Rs 35000/- | 1 (one)    |
| 2     | Lab attendant  | DMLT or B.Sc. (MLT)                                                                                                                                | i. Experience in large hospital or in public health system or field experience in ICMR or equivalent body with proven abilityfor undertaking operational research.<br>ii. Minimum 2 years experienced preferred<br>iii. basic knowledge of computer like words and data processing | Rs. 15,000/-                                    | 1 (one)    |

#### In addition to above, General Terms & Condition: -

1. Willing candidates having requisite qualification as per Terms of Reference (ToR) may collect application form from IDSP office, Zonal General Hospital Aalo, West Siang and apply in the format.
2. Application should reach the IDSP office latest by 4 PM of 17th July 2024.
3. Scrutiny of applications will be done on 18th July 2024.
4. The recruitment will be affected through written exam on 26th July 2024 and viva voice on 29th July 2024 respectively from 10 AM onwards.
5. The Venue for the test will be notified
6. The applicants shall have no right to claims in futures for regularization.
7. Name of selected candidates will be published in the office Notice board.
8. No individual call letter for Written/Competency test will be issued to any candidates.
9. No TA/DA will be admissible for appearing in the recruitment exam.
10. The scrutiny board reserves the right to reject any or all application without assigning any reason thereof.

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# Water Hyacinth: A Serious Threat to Agriculture

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Water hyacinth (Eichhornia crassipes) is a free floating perennial aquatic plant, native to South America. Water hyacinth is a popular water garden plant because of the beauty of its large, purple to violet flowers and its interesting floating vegetation. Many plant nurseries and big box stores sell it as an ornamental pond plant.

Later it was seen that the plant is basically a very aggressive invader which can form thick mats on water surface. Gradually, it is known that among the aquatic plants, water hyacinth is the worst aquatic plant in the world. It becomes a fierce competition with other micro flora and fauna in the aquatic ecosystem for light, space, nutrients and water. Now, water hyacinth is the most pre dominant, persistent and troublesome weed in India.

Water hyacinth (Eichhornia crassipes) is a perennial aquatic macrophyte belongs to the family Pontederiaceae and its name Eichhornia was derived from well known Prussian politician J.A. F. Eichhornia.

**IDENTIFICATION OF WATER HYACINTH:-**

Following are the points by which it is possible to identify the plant.

- 1.A mass of fine roots hang in the water underneath the plant.
- 2.The leaf stalk is thick and spongy and helps to keep the plant buoyant.
- 3.They are floating plants with round to oval; shiny green leaves up to ten inches in diameter, although smaller leaves are common.
- 4.Leaves are held upright so they act like sails.
- 5.The flowers are large (2-3 inches) and attractive. They are blue-purple or lilac-coloured with a yellow spot.

**SIMILARITY WITH OTHER PLANT:-**

Water hyacinth is often confused with a native floating plant, Frog's bit. When not in bloom, water hyacinth may be mistaken for Frog's bit (Limnobium spongia). Another tropical floating leaved nursery plant, called water lettuce (Pistia stratiotes), may be mistaken for water hyacinth. However, water lettuce does not have showy flowers and has large ribbed leaves. Water lettuce is much less cold-tolerant than water hyacinth.

**ONE OF FASTEST GROWING PLANTS:-**

The growth rate of water hyacinth is among the highest of any known plant. Water hyacinth reproduces primarily by way of runners or stolen, which eventually form daughter plants. Each plant can produce thousands of seeds each year, and these seeds can remain viable for more than 28 years. Some water hyacinths were found to grow up to 2 to 5 meters a day in some sites in south-east Asia. The common water hyacinths (Eichhornia crassipes) are vigorous growers known to double their population in two weeks.

**WATER HYACINTH IS WEALTH OR WEED?**

Water hyacinth is a plant with many advantages firstly because it can be used for many purposes, and other hand it's a most invasive weed that can destroy precious aquatic ecosystem within a short time.

**ADVANTAGES:-**

1. Green parts and inflorescence used as vegetable.
2. Used as animal feed especially as pig feed, fish feed (especially for gold fish).
3. Used for mushroom production.
4. Used in hydroponics (soilless agriculture).
5. Used for compost and vermin-compost making.
6. It is used as green manure.
7. Ashes to fertilize the field.
8. Flowers used for treating the skin of horses.
9. Dry water hyacinth is used as fuel.
10. May be used in biogas production.
11. The plant has a high capacity for the uptake of heavy metals which could be make it suitable for the bio-cleaning of industrial waste water.
12. It removes cyanide which is environmentally beneficial.
13. It removes arsenic from arsenic contaminated drinking water and keeps water clean.
14. Water hyacinths can be cultivated for waste water treatment.
15. It can remove pesticides from contaminated water.
16. A means of removing radioactive contaminants from nuclear power plant waste water.
17. Used to make furniture, hand bag, rope, basket, mat, carpet, soap, paper etc.
18. Used in mulching.
19. Providing an alternative source of biomass
20. In charcoal briquetting, water hyacinth is used.
21. Leaf extract has been shown to exhibit phytotoxicity against another invasive weed Mimosa pigra.
22. Water hyacinth is a popular water garden plant (as an ornamental plant) because, of the beauty of its large, purple to violet flowers and its interesting floating vegetation.

**DISADVANTAGES:-**

1. It creates dense mats of biomass on water surface which are reducing light to submerged vegetation, can cause oxygen depletions and fish kills.
2. It causes imbalance in the aquatic micro-ecosystem. It is now considered a serious threat to biodiversity.
3. Diversity of fish stocks is often affected from proliferation of water hyacinth.
4. It causes significant increase in water loss due to evapotranspiration.



5. It causes practical problems for marine transportation, in hydro-power and irrigation schemes.
6. Blockage of canals and rivers causing flooding.
7. Micro-habitat for a variety of disease vectors.
8. It is also becoming a serious menace in flooded rice fields, considerably reducing the yield.
9. Water hyacinth is often problematic in man-made-ponds if uncontrolled.
10. Alter animal communities by blocking access to the water.
11. Eliminate plants on those animals depend on for shelter and nesting.
12. Reduces fishing opportunities.
13. Decaying plants make water unfit for drinking by humans, livestock and wildlife.
14. Tremendous losses annually in fish and paddy production in India.
15. Destroying natural wetlands.
16. Changing the temperature, PH and oxygen levels of water.
17. Reducing gas exchange at the water surface.
18. Restricting recreational use of waterways.
19. Reducing aesthetic values of waterways.
20. Destroying fences, roads and other infrastructure when large floating rafts become mobile during flood events.
21. Destroying pastures and crops when large floating rafts settle over paddocks after flood events.

**MANAGEMENT OF WATER HYACINTH:-**

There are four commonly used control efforts used to suppress water hyacinth infestations. These are (1) Physical, (2) cultural, (3) biological and (4) chemical control. However, no one control is better than the other because each has its advantages and disadvantages. The choice of control is dependent on the specific conditions of each affected location such as the extent of water hyacinth infestation, regional climate, and proximity to human and wildlife.

**1. Physical control:-**

Physical control is performed by land based machines such as bucket cranes, draglines, or broom or by water based machinery such as aquatic weed harvester, dredges or vegetation shredder. Mechanical remover is seen as the best short –term solution to the proliferation of the plant. Another disadvantage with mechanical harvesting is that it can lead to further fragmentation of water hyacinths when the plants are broken up by spinning cutters of the plant harvesting machinery. The fragments of water hyacinth that are left behind in the water can easily reproduce asexually and cause another infestation. However, the practice of mechanical harvesting is not effective in large-scale infestations of the water hyacinth, because this aquatic invasive species grow much more rapidly than it can be eliminated. Harvesting and removal of plant material is labour intensive and expensive. A less expensive method of containing water hyacinth is the use of floating barriers that can contain the weed in a small area. Dredges, which drag plants into river banks, are effective if the material is allowed to dry and then burned.

**2. Cultural control:-**

(i) Nutrient run-off into infested water ways should be minimized. (ii) Drainage or reduction of water levels can also reduce the area of water hyacinth plants. (iii)Salty water is to be introduced to infested water ways.

**3. Biological control:-**

Because of E. crassipes invasiveness, several biological agents have been released to control it:-

| Sl. | Common Name                   | Scientific Name                                                | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Weevil                        | Neochetina bruchi                                              | It eats mainly stem tissue.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2.  | Weevil                        | Neochetina eichhorniae                                         | It eats mainly stem tissue.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 3.  | Weevil (water hyacinth borer) | Sameodes albigit-talis                                         | They also carry microorganisms that can be pathological to the water hyacinth. These weevils eat stem tissue, which results in a loss of buoyancy for the plant which will eventually sink.                                                       |
| 4.  | Moth                          | Niphograpt albi-guttalis                                       | It causes a substantial reduction in water hyacinth production; it reduces plant height, weight, root length and makes the plant produce fewer daughter plants.                                                                                   |
| 5.  | Moth                          | Xubida infusellus                                              | It checks the growth of plant.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 6.  | Fungus                        | Cercospora rod-manii                                           | It hampers the proper growth of the plant.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 7.  | Bacteria                      | Azotobacter chroococcum                                        | A nitrogen fixing bacteria is concentrated around the bases of the petioles, but the bacteria do not fix nitrogen unless the plant is suffering extreme N-deficiency.                                                                             |
| 8.  | Planthopper                   | Megamelus scutellaris                                          | It is a small plant hopper insect act as a biological control insect for the invasive water hyacinth species. The insect is highly host specific and will not pose a threat to any other plant population other than the targeted water hyacinth. |
| 9.  | Fish (Chinese grass carp)     | Ctenopharyngo idella, Tilapia melanopleura, Tilapia mossambica | These creatures check the plant in a great extent.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10. | Hippopotamus                  | Hippopotamus amphibius                                         | Water hyacinth is a good food source of hippopotamus.                                                                                                                                                                                             |

**4. Chemical control:-**

The use of chemical herbicides is only used in case of severe infiltration of water hyacinth. The chemical regulation of water hyacinth can be done using common herbicides such as 2, 4-D, Glyphosate and Diquat. The herbicides are sprayed on the water hyacinth leaves and leads to direct changes to the physiology of the plant.

**2,4-D:-** The use of herbicide known as 2,4-D leads to the death of water hyacinth through inhibition of cell growth of new tissue and cellular apoptosis. It can take almost a two week period before mats of water hyacinth are destroyed with 2,4-D.

**Glyphosate:-** For the herbicide glyphosate, it has low toxicity than the other herbicides, therefore, it takes longer for the water hyacinth mats to be destroyed about three weeks. The symptoms include steady wilting of the plants and a yellow discolouration of the plant leaves that eventually leads to plant decay.

**Diquat:-** The herbicide known as diquat is a liquid bromide salt that can rapidly penetrate the leaves of the water hyacinth and lead to immediate inactivity of plant cells and cellular process.

**5. NATURAL CONTROL:-**

Water hyacinth leaves are killed by frost and salt water. Water hyacinth do not grow when the average salinity is greater than 15 percent that of sea water. In brackish water, its leaves show epinasty and chlorosis and eventually die.

**CONCLUSION:-**

As an agrarian country, our main concern is to produce more food and other agricultural products to feed the ever-increasing population of our country as well as providing basic amenities to them. In the way of that whatever the hurdles will come, it is necessary to remove (solve) that. Water hyacinth which was brought in our country as ornamental plant, now it becomes a problematic weed in crop field, especially it is becoming a serious menace in flooded rice fields, considering reducing the yield. It competes with other micro flora and fauna in the aquatic ecosystem especially a hurdle in fish production, major constraint in canal, pond and river water irrigation as well as reduces the quality of irrigation water, though the water hyacinth has the several disadvantages out of agricultural activities also. The primary objective of water hyacinth management is to maintain the stability of an ecosystem. To do this job satisfactorily, the major eco-friendly approaches are mechanical control, application of anti-transpirant materials, proper use of allopathy potential and biological control that ranged from partial to highly successful. The best method of controlling water hyacinth is to prevent it from being introduced into a freshwater system. This can be done by educating the people about the problems.

## Drug peddler arrested, seizes 10 grms heroin



**PASIGHAT, June 30:** Assam at Ruksin on Sunday, June 30. On being searched approximately 10 gms of suspected heroin was found. Accordingly a case has been registered at Ruksin Police Station vide no Ruksin Police Station Case No: 07/2024 under section 21(B) NDPS Act, informed SP Singhal. The East Siang SP while

extending his thanks to WASE executives Yamik Dulom Darang and Joya Tasung Moyong in particular and their associates has requested the common public and well wishers to share information on drug peddling/drug users without any hesitation so that together police could contain the issue with iron hands in making East Siang a drug free district.

## Couple arrested jewelry theft



**PASIGHAT, July 1:** The East Siang district police arrested a couple, identified as Rajan Kalikoty and his wife Saritra Sonar, from New Delhi, with support from the Delhi Police, on 29 June, in connection with a jewellery scam. SP Dr Sachin Kumar Singhal informed that the police received an FIR on 27 June from Yongge Tamut, stating that she had given Rs 42,000 to the couple, who ran a jewellery shop opposite the Solung ground here, as advance money for "making of jewellery, and was promised that it

would be delivered in 25 days, that is, on 29 March, 2024." "However, Tamut did not receive anything as promised, and the couple began ignoring her calls. They were later found missing from their rented house," the SP informed. On enquiring at the market area here, Tamut came to know that the couple had taken money from a few more people and did not return the amounts. Other victims, including Kamala Chetty, Pumam Chetty and Bina Sonar, had also reported the matter to the police.

A case (u/s 420/120 B/34 IPC) was registered against the couple and endorsed to SI Kodak Dagium for investigation. Eventually, a police team, comprising SI Dagium and others, under the supervision of the SP, tracked down the location of the accused. "The accused persons were apprehended from the rent of Kalpana Sharma, the elder sister of Saritra Sonar, with the help of Delhi Police and were brought back to Pasighat police station on 29 June," the SP informed.



# DC reviews Monsoon preparedness



**YUPIA, June 27:**

"With the onset of the monsoon season, we must be vigilant and prepared to tackle any disasters that may arise. I urge all citizens to stay informed and follow the guidelines issued by authorities."

DC Papum Pare, Jiken Bomjen said while chairing a Monsoon preparedness meeting here at the DC Conference Hall, Yupia on Wednesday, June 26.

He urged all the line departments including PHED, RWD, Medical, Food and Civil supplies, Power, PWD, Highways to have a contingency plan to handle any kind of emergency situations induced by natural or man made disasters.

Speaking about mudslinging due to illegal earth cutting DC Bomjen informed that "there is a ban on Earth cutting; except for those that have obtained NOC from the District Administration."

He exhorted the public to be vigil and report any kind of illegal earth cutting activities to the administration immediately.

Shri Sania Ngurang, Head of Operations, Pare Hydro Project spoke about the strategic use of dams

to control and mitigate flood risks during monsoon season through regulated water release, storage capacity management, flood buffer zones and hydrological monitoring and forecasting.

"The residents living downstream of Pare dam needs to stay informed and updated from official channels regarding water release. This can significantly reduce the impact of the floods," Shri Ngurang added while urging all residents to stay alert and follow the guidelines issued by the authorities.

Shri Taba Gagung, Deputy General Manager, (Tech) Pare Hydro Project, highlighted about the Warning System for opening of Dam gates for controlled release of water from the downstream dam, in response to any critical situations caused by the unprecedented monsoon rains.

"Automated warning systems, Sirens, early warning systems, public addressing systems, signage, advertisements and what'sApp group are being used to disseminate information regarding the opening of the dam gates," Shri Ngurang informed while urging the public to not venture near the river

when warning alerts are sounded.

Shri Gagung further informed that "whenever water is to be released from the dam radial gates, sirens are blown three times; 30 minutes ahead of releasing the water. These sirens are blown all along the downstream river banks at different locations by the siren operators. At present sirens have been installed at ten places; Dam site Jampa, Mount Cliff Resort, Sopo, Poer House Sopo, Chiputa, Mani, Midpu, Khola Camp, Doimukh, Togdo and Saturday Market, Doimukh," he added.

DDMO Shri Nima Tashi, sought cooperation from all the stakeholder departments and requested them to appoint a nodal officer, who shall be the point of contact of the department in any case of emergencies.

In case of any emergency public can contact the following numbers.

i) 9485236652 (District Emergency Number) ii) 8837317622 (DDMO, Yupia) iii) 7629937607 (OC, Fire services) iv) 9485231948 (CO, SDRF, Chimpu) iv) 9485236145/ 9485235464 (Control room, NDRF, Doimukh)

## Awareness campaign on Oil-Palm Oil cultivation held



**TEZU, June 27:**

District Level Training cum Awareness Campaign on Oil-Palm Oil cultivation for farmer and extension field functionaries under NMEO-OP was organized by District Agriculture Office Lohit on Thursday, June 27.

Ld Commissioner (Agriculture), Bidol Tayeng while speaking at the occasion said, "Lohit has huge potential for Oli Palm Cultivation in terms of geographical location, climate and topography".

He further, clarified on the various criticisms leveled against the Oil Palm Cultivation and told the partici-

pants that it's totally safe to cultivate oil palm.

Informing that oil palm cultivation would ameliorate the economic status of the farmers, Tayeng asked the DAO Lohit to arrange exposure tours for the farmers so that they can have a first-hand understanding of the nuances and benefits of cultivation of Oil Palm.

DC Shashvat Saurabh, said that there is a need to increase the area under oil palm cultivation in the district. He urged the farmers to take full benefit of the training program and clear all their doubts related to the Oil palm

cultivation.

SNO (Oil Palm) T D Nekhom presnted a brief overview of the status of oil pam cultivation in Arunachal Pradesh. Distric Agriculture Officer N Sumyan also spoke on the occasion.

Various technical sessions on importance and prospects of oil palm cultivation; packaging; and experience sharing was organized as a part of the traing program.

The program was attended by ZPC Dasalu Krisikro, ZPM Tezu Balong Tindya, ZPM Sunpura Angenlu Minin Chaitom; officers from various districts, HoOs, progressive farmers etc.

## National Statistics Day Celebrated in Tawang District



**TAWANG, June 29:**

The office of the Assistant Director of Economics and Statistics in Tawang celebrated National Statistics Day with great fervor on June 29.

Addressing the gathering, Addl. DC Tawang highlighted the significant contributions of Professor PC Mahalanobis, an eminent Indian scientist and statistician, particularly noting his development of the Mahalanobis Distance and his role as a member of India's first Planning Commission. Stressing the impor-

ance of accurate statistical data, he emphasized its crucial role in achieving developmental goals.

Earlier, I/C ADES Tawang, Tenzin Phuntso, explained the significance of National Statistics Day, commemorated annually on 29th June in honor of Professor PC Mahalanobis. He expressed plans to expand future celebrations of this day in the district.

During the ceremony, senior Statistical Investigator Nawang Dorjee announced the winners of an

essay writing competition among students, who were honored with cash prizes and certificates by the ADC. The event also included felicitations for teachers and guests, with Statistical Investigator TP Yati underscoring the importance of reliable statistical data in decision-making processes.

The event concluded with a commitment from officials to ensure error-free publication of the annual Statistical Data Information Book, which provides comprehensive insights into Tawang district.

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| No.DM/Capital/DDMA/02/2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                    | Dated Itanagar, the 24th June'2024 |
| <b>PUBLIC NOTICE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                    |                                    |
| WHEREAS, it has been observed that many dwellers of the Itanagar Capital Region has constructed their residence/commercial shop over natural drains, along the highway which is blocking the natural flow of rainwater                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                    |                                    |
| AND WHEREAS, it is also seen that many dwellers are dumping construction materials along the road side and due to which lot of debris got accumulated in the roads, nallahs, culverts and causes blockade.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                    |                                    |
| AND WHEREAS, in this prevailing monsoon, incidents like landslides/floods/ road blockades has occurred in various areas of Itanagar Capital Region.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                    |                                    |
| AND WHEREAS, there is every possibility of loss of human lives and properties if advance precautionary measures are not taken.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                    |                                    |
| AND WHEREAS, an order vide No.DM/Capital/DDMA/01/2024 dated 10th May'2024 U/S 133 of Cr.P.C, 1973 readwith section 30 (1) (2)(iii) under Disaster Management Act'2005 has been already issued from this office directing to those who are living near landslide zones, hills or valleys, on the hill slopes or on flood path, rivers and nallahs etc..                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                    |                                    |
| NOW, THEREFORE, this Public Notice is hereby issued to the residents/ people staying near the areas specified hereinabove to vacate the said vulnerable areas at the earliest, to avoid possible loss of lives and properties, otherwise eviction drive will be carried out to remove all such blockage of natural course of water.                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                    |                                    |
| Further, it is hereby clarified that those deliberately staying in landslide areas or blocking water pathways along the rivers, nallahs and streams shall be doing at their own risk and hence shall not be entitled to claim of any compensation whatsoever in future. This includes those self induced man made disasters by cutting the hill slopes unauthorisedly and building structures/houses over nallahs/drains etc. |                                                                                                                                                    |                                    |
| And further, in case of natural disaster, people may like to contact the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) in the following number in the event of any exigencies due to natural calamity:-                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                    |                                    |
| Mobile No. 8787336331 (DDMO)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                    |                                    |
| Sd/- (Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta), IAS<br>DM-cum-Chairman (DDMA),<br>Capital, Itanagar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                    |                                    |

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| No.DC/ICC/DDMA-01/2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                | Dated Itanagar the 1st July, 2024 |
| <b>ORDER</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                |                                   |
| WHEREAS, It has been reported that due to incessant rainfall, various locations within the Capital, Itanagar are affected by floods/landslides causing threats to the lives & properties of the residents/people.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                |                                   |
| AND WHEREAS, It has been reported that due to the incessant rain, various roads within the Capital, Itanagar have been damaged resulting in traffic congestion and inconvenience to the commuters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                |                                   |
| AND WHEREAS, It is expedient to close the schools due to the bad weather conditions for the safety and security of the students within the Capital, Itanagar.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                |                                   |
| AND WHEREAS, As per Section No.33 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005; <b>"The District Authority may by order require any office or any Department at the district level or any local authority to take such measures for the prevention of mitigation of disaster, or to effectively respond to it, as may be necessary, and such office or Department shall be bound to carry out such order"</b> .                                                                                    |                                                                                                                |                                   |
| NOW THEREFORE, I, Smt. Shweta Nagarkoti, IAS, District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority, exercising the powers conferred upon me under Section 33 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, do hereby direct <b>to close all the schools</b> including Primary, Pre-Primary, Upper Primary, High Schools & Higher Secondary Schools within the Capital, Itanagar for <b>a period of 5 (Five) days w.e.f. 02/07/2024 to 06/07/2024</b> . |                                                                                                                |                                   |
| Further, the situation would be assessed as to whether the order for the extension for closure of schools should be issued or not.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                |                                   |
| Given under my hand and seal on this 15th day of July, 2024.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                |                                   |
| SD/- [Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta] IAS<br>DC-cum-Chairman, DDMA<br>Capital:: Itanagar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                |                                   |

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| No. APPSC/Logo/2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Dated Itanagar, the 27m June,2024 |
| <b>NOTICE FOR LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                   |
| The Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) invites creative minds to participate in a Logo Design Competition to create a logo for APPSC that encapsulate the purpose, values and the essence of the Commission.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                   |
| <b>Terms and Conditions:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This competition is open to all the citizens of India.</li> <li>Age Limit: 18 years and above.</li> <li>The logo must contain the following details:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Emblem of India with "सत्यमेव जयते"</li> <li>Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (in legible font) or APPSC (in short form).</li> <li>Symbols representing APPSC and showing the motto and objective of the APPSC.</li> <li>The design should be simple and should not have more than 3 or 4 elements.</li> <li>The logo can be in multi-colour but should be convertible to monochrome too.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Prize for the winner: Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) only.</li> <li>The winning design shall be adopted as the Logo of the APPSC.</li> <li>A panel of judges shall be appointed by the APPSC to evaluate the legit entries and decide the winner. The decision of the panel would be final and binding.</li> <li>Last date to submit the entries - 15th July,2024.</li> <li><b>The interested participants can submit their designs through dedicated link "LOGO DESIGN CONTEST" in the APPSC website <a href="https://appsc.gov.in">https://appsc.gov.in</a>.</b></li> </ol> |                                   |
| The full details of the "technical parameters" and additional "terms and conditions" of the competition can be downloaded from the <b>APPSC website <a href="https://appsc.gov.in">https://appsc.gov.in</a></b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                   |
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# DA evicts street vendors, demolishes temporary sheds



**ITANAGAR, June 29:**

In view of the monsoon season and the risks associated with it and as per the directives of DC cum DM Capital Itanagar, the team of District Administration Capital Itanagar led by ADC Itanagar Datum Gadi and accompanied by EAC Itanagar Takam Nicholas, EAC (Judicial) Tamo Dadda, SDPO Kengo Dirchi and his team, Town Planner Dacha Bagang, and engineers from the Highway Department, carried out eviction of vending outlets constructed over drains along the National Highway at 6-kilo on Saturday, June 29.

DC Capital Itanagar, Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta, stated that with the onset of the monsoon season, the Administration has been working diligently to implement measures to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents.

The monsoon season

brings an increased risk of landslides, flooding, and other weather-related hazards, posing significant dangers to both vendors and the public. The vendors were running their vending outlets over drains, which poses a great threat to their lives.

Notices were issued to shift to safer areas; regular announcements were also made to inform them of the probable risks of residing in such vulnerable locations and to move to safer locations. Despite these warnings, the vendors were still continuing to run their outlets and hence it was necessary to carry out the eviction to prevent potential accidents and ensure everyone's safety.

Also, multiple complaints were being received by DA regarding encroachment over the drains in the 6 kilo area. The occupants on the other side who were

not sitting over the drains were not evicted, informed the DC. The DC stressed that the top priority is to protect lives and minimize damage to property.

While this may cause some inconvenience, it is a necessary step to ensure everyone's safety. The DC praised the entire team of magistrates and police for their excellent coordination in successfully carrying out the eviction drive.

The DC informed that areas are also being identified where encroachment has taken place over drains and can pose danger during the heavy rains. She has advised all such illegal occupants to vacate such areas and move to safer locations.

The DC further informed that the eviction drive will continue in all vulnerable and disaster-prone areas of the Capital.

## Carp fish seed successfully produced in portable hatchery



**ROING, June 28:**

Carp fish seed production using portable hatchery was successfully done for the first time in Lower Dibang Valley district during a 3 days hands on training cum demonstration programme on fish seed production and culture of carps which commenced on 26th June 2024 at KVK Balek and Rukmo Village in LDV.

During the demonstration of induced breeding of Indian Major Carp Rohu, around 8 lakh spawn was produced using the portable hatchery. This initiative makes Lower Dibang Valley district "Atmanirbhar" in carp seed production and would meet up the seed demand of over 250 farmers of the district.

Progressive farmer Oling Modi, participating in the training, appreciated the activities undertaken by ICAR-CIFE for the welfare of the farming community and urged the participant farmers to adopt scientific fish farming practices to enhance productivity and improve their livelihood.

Principal Scientist (ICAR-CIFE), Kolkata Centre Dr. G. Biswas, delivered various classes on composite fish culture, breed-

ing and hatchery management of fish. He demonstrated the induced breeding technique practically to the farmers. He recommended the use of quality, uniform and bigger size fish seeds in multiple stocking and multiple harvesting farming system to increase the fish productivity. He also stressed that the successful hatchery model can be propagated at various places of the state for the benefit of farmers.

Scientist (ICAR-CIFE), Kolkata Centre Dr. Dilip Kumar Singh covered the topics of design and construction of fish hatchery, nursery management, broodstock and larval nutrition, importance of farm made aquafeed utilizing locally available cheap feed ingredients to reduce the feed cost.

Senior Scientist and Head (KVK Balek) Dr. Deepanjali Dey expressed that the training programme, establishment and running of the hatchery would immensely benefit fish farmers who lack knowledge on scientific fish farming and meet up the fish seed demand to improve their livelihood by adopting modern methods of aquaculture.

Jimmy Mize (SMS, Fishery

Science) briefed about various activities and services of KVK for the benefit of farmers. Okili Linggi, the Farmers group leader and the hatchery operator from Rukmo Village shared his happiness on the establishment and initiation of operation of the hatchery at his farm which will help in meeting up the fish seed requirement in the area and increase the fish production of the district and the state.

With an objective to meet up the local fish seed demand, an FRP made carp eco-hatchery with a holding capacity of 25 kg broodfish and one million fish seed production per cycle was established at Rukmo Village in Lower Dibang Valley district by Kolkata Centre of ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai with the assistance of KVK, Balek.

The portable fish hatchery is used for imparting hands-on skill development on induced breeding of carps, hatchery operation, seed production and culture to the fish farmers.

20 fish farmers participated and received critical inputs for fish farming such as lime, fish feed and study materials from the organizers.



**GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH**  
**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER**  
**CAPITAL: ITANAGAR**

**DC**

No.DC/ICC/DDMA-01/2024

Dated Itanagar the 1st July, 2024

### ADVISORY

Due to continuous heavy rainfall in the Itanagar Capital Complex region, there is an increased risk of landslides and flooding causing threats to the lives & properties of the residents/people.

In order to ensure the safety and security of the residents, it is advised to exercise extreme caution and adhere to the following guidelines:

- Please remain in your homes and avoid unnecessary travel. The roads may be slippery, and there is a high risk of landslides and waterlogging.
- If travel is unavoidable, avoid roads, that might be prone to landslides or flooding. Stay updated on road conditions and possible closures from the local authorities.
- Ensure that you have adequate supplies of essential items like food, water, medicines, and emergency kits in case the situation worsens.
- Avoid waterlogged areas i.e. low-lying areas and regions near rivers or streams which might be prone to sudden flooding.
- Always keep abreast of the latest weather updates and advisories from the Arunachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority, District Disaster Management Authority and local news sources.
- If you notice any signs of landslides, flooding, or other dangers, please report them immediately to local authorities.
- For any emergencies, please contact 08787336331 (Mobile) or reach out to the nearest police station and fire departments.

We appreciate your cooperation and urge everyone to stay safe and take necessary precautions during this period of adverse weather.

Sd/-[Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta] IAS  
DC-cum-Chairman, DDMA  
Capital: Itanagar

## GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE POLICE HEADQUARTERS::ITANAGAR

No. PHQ/PER-189/2022

Dated Itanagar the 27th June 2024.

### NOTICE

With reference to the Notice No.PHQ/PER-189/2022 Dated 8th June'2024 regarding PST, PET and written examination for compassionate ground recruitment, it is for information to the applicants that the date of written examination fixed on 30/06/2024 has been postponed due to administrative reason till further order.

This has the approval of the DGP.AP.

Sd/- Asstt. Inspector General of Police (E)  
Police Headquarters, Itanagar,  
Arunachal Pradesh.



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Online Registration dates : From 1100h on 08 July 2024 to 2300h on 28 July 2024.  
Online Examination dates : From 18 October 2024 onwards.  
Webportal for registration : <https://agnipathvayu.cdac.in>  
Date of Birth Block : Born between 03 July 2004 and 03 January 2008/both dates inclusive)  
Educational Qualification :

#### (a) Science Subjects

Candidates should have passed **Intermediate/10+2/ Equivalent examination** with **Mathematics, Physics and English** from Education Boards recognized by Central, State and UT with minimum **50% marks** in aggregate and **50% marks in English**.

OR

Passed **Three years Diploma Course in Engineering** (Mechanical / Electrical / Electronics / Automobile / Computer Science / Instrumentation Technology / Information Technology) from Central, State and UT recognized Polytechnic institute with **50% marks in aggregate and 50% marks in English** in Diploma Course (or in Intermediate/Matriculation, if English is not a subject in Diploma Course).

OR

Passed **Two years Vocational Course with non-vocational subject viz. Physics and Mathematics** from Education Boards recognized by Central, State and UT with **50% marks in aggregate and 50% marks in English** in Vocational Course (or in Intermediate / Matriculation, if English is not a subject in Vocational Course).

#### (b) Other than Science Subjects

Passed Intermediate / 10+2 / Equivalent Examination in any stream/subjects from Education Boards recognized by Central, State and UT with minimum **50% marks in aggregate and 50% marks in English**.

OR

Passed two years Vocational Course from Education Boards recognized by Central, State and UT with minimum **50% marks in aggregate and 50% marks in English** in Vocational Course (or in Intermediate / Matriculation if English is not a subject in Vocational Course).

**Note- 1:** Candidates eligible for Science Subjects examination (Including Intermediate/ 10+2/three years diploma course in engineering or two years vocational course with non-vocational subjects of Physics and Maths) are also eligible for Other than Science Subjects and would be given an option of appearing in both Science Subjects and Other than Science Subjects examination in one sitting while filling up the online registration form.

**Registration & Examination Fee : Rs. 550/- plus GST.**

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# Governor meets Karnataka Governor



**BANGALURU, July 3:**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) met the Governor of Karnataka Thawar Chand Gehlot at Raj Bhavan, Bangalore on 3rd July 2024. The Governor, who was accompanied by the First Lady of the State, Anagha Parnaik, discussed the welfare of the people of Arunachal Pradesh, with a particular

focus on students and medical patients.

The Governor highlighted that Bangalore is one of India's top educational hubs, with a significant number of students from Arunachal Pradesh pursuing higher education there. He requested the Karnataka Governor to support and look after these students' well-being.

Additionally, the Governor

mentioned that many patients travel to Karnataka for medical treatments and asked the Karnataka Governor to ensure these patients receive the best care and comfort during their stay.

On behalf of the people of Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor extended an invitation to the Governor and First Lady of Karnataka Anita Gehlot to visit Arunachal Pradesh.

## Indian Army carries out flood relief operation



**PASIGHAT, July 3:**

Coordinating with the State Disaster Relief Forces (SDRFs) of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, the Indian army carried out an extensive flood relief and rescue operations in the villages of Sivaguri area in Dhemaji district, Assam and Mer village in East Siang.

Launching relief and rescue operation since 29 June in Sivaguri, Namsing Ghat, Paglam and Orian Ghat areas for over a period of 72 hours, the Indian army evacuated 48 citizens, including 17 children, 20 women & 11 elderly citizens. Army also erected temporary shelters, pro-

vided meals, water and medical aid to the needy.

Army's flood relief operations in Sivaguri and Mer village were appreciated by the local authorities and common people. Mebo MLA Oken Tayeng and East Siang DC Tayi Tagu witnessed the relief operations.

## MLA visits APSTS Station at Khonsa

**KHONSA, July 3:**

West MLA Khonsa, Chakat Aboh visited the office of the Station Superintendent, APST Khonsa, and took stock of the garage, bus stand building, and workshop on Wednesday July 3.

Observing the dilapidate conditions of the bus station building, STS office, and workshop MLA Aboh assured to initiate the matter with the Minister of State Transport Services, Arunachal Pradesh, and the General Manager of APST for the construction of a new office building, workshop, garage and new buses for the smooth functioning of the STS office in Tirap district while in her visit.

Earlier, Kaphang Matey, informed that the first APST bus service was operated from Khonsa to Naharkatia in 1975. To date, the department of APST in Khonsa is functioning with 49-year-old infrastructure that is in dire need of major maintenance and renovation and also requirement of new buses.

The MLA was accompanied by Chamu Hakhun former ASM Dadam and Jewang Sumnyan, President DASU (Dadam Area Students Union).



## Meeting on harnessing geothermal energy

**GUWAHATI, June 26:**

Ways to advance exploration and utilisation of geothermal energy in India were discussed during a meeting held at the Centre of Excellence for Energy Studies (Co-EES) here in Assam on June 26.

The meeting, which was attended by, among others, Oil India Ltd (OIL) Executive Director (Exploration & Development) Saloma Yomdo, National Centre for Seismology (NCS) Director Dr OP Mishra, Arunachal Pradesh Centre for Earth Sciences & Himalayan Studies (CES&HS) Director Tana Tage, CoESS CGM Tshering Lama, and Iceland-based GEOTROPY ehf CEO Dr Vijay Chauhan, "was held in the context of the recently signed memorandum of understanding among the OIL, the NCS, and the CES&HS for collaboration on geothermal energy

and earth science-related studies in India," the CES&HS informed in a release.

The participants underscored the importance of forging robust collaborations, such as the one among the OIL, the CES&HS and the NCS, to make joint efforts to explore and harness the geothermal energy in Arunachal.

Establishing "seismological observatory wells" for monitoring earthquake activities in Northeast India was highlighted as a critical initiative – "a project of national interest," it said.

"It was decided to carry out field surveys and investigation of critical minerals in Arunachal, on the collaborative mode with the OIL for its exploration," the release stated, adding that "the DGM (geology) suggested that the CES&HS should carry out pre-

liminary field surveys of other hot spring sites in Arunachal, which include the Khonsa hot springs (Tirap district), the Dirang hot springs (W/Kameng), the Papu Valley hot springs (E/Kameng), the Mechukha hot springs (Shi-Yomi), the Yingkiang hot springs (U/Siang), and the Taliha hot springs (U/Subansiri)," the release added.

It said that the participants emphasised the need for coordinated efforts and shared their expertise to successfully tap into the geothermal energy potential of the region.

"This collaborative approach aims to not only enhance energy security but also to contribute to sustainable development and disaster preparedness in the seismologically active northeastern part of India," the release said.

# Rains wreak havoc in State



**ITANAGAR, July 1:**

Due to incessant rainfall in Capital Itanagar over the past few days, reports of road blockages, landslides, and mudslides have emerged from various locations across the city.

The team of District Administration has been on its toes and has engaged men and machineries to clear blockages.

DDMO Moromi Dodum Sonam reported that at Hill Top Colony, Itanagar, one kutcha house was partially damaged by a landslide, and another was fully destroyed near the Saturday Market in Chimpu. In Nirjuli Bichum Yagin village, a kutcha house was completely ruined. Additionally, one kutcha house at Pappunallah was partially damaged, while another was fully destroyed at Damsite Naharlagun.

In Division IV, a fabrication shop and a kutcha house, which included a timber shop, meat shop, and car wash, were completely damaged. Around 20 houses were reported to be inundated with water in the Nirjuli area.

A landslide that occurred in the Division IV area of the state capital damaged several buildings and buried a car. The woman who was driving the car managed a miraculous escape, police said.

Landslides have been reported from various locations, including

Pachin Colony Road near Church Secondary School, Lobi Road (which has been blocked), 6 Kilo to Second Coming Prayer Centre, Hilltop 4th IRBN Road, the road near NES Secretariat, the road to PS Konko (Chimpu), Batt Road near GUPS, Division IV to Senki View Road, Niya Colony Road, 2 Lane (LHS) Road, and the substation near DN College.

DDMO also informed about bamboo bush slide at Gompa Road and that electricity supply to Pachin Colony has been damaged. A four-wheeler was buried under debris in Division IV due to a mudslide.

EAC Itanagar Takam Nicholas reported that two individuals have been relocated to a relief camp at GUPS ESS Sector Itanagar. All necessary arrangements for their safe stay, including food and potable water, have been made. Doctors are on call to handle any emergencies at the relief camps.

DC Capital Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta has urged all residents to remain vigilant and take necessary precautions to ensure their safety. She appealed to those residing in vulnerable areas to move to safer locations or designated relief camps and to secure their properties to avoid potential damage. Alerts and advisories have been issued repeatedly in this regard.

The DC has also ordered the

closure of all schools, including primary, pre-primary, upper primary, high schools, and higher secondary schools, in Capital Itanagar for five days from July 2 to July 6, 2024, for the safety of the students.

According to the IMD report, rainfall is expected to continue over the next few days. District Administration appeals to everyone to remain alert and take necessary precautions.

District Administration Capital Itanagar is actively engaged in road maintenance, clearing drains, and restoring blockages. All concerned departments are diligently performing their duties. The Water Resources Department (WRD) is monitoring water levels to ensure public safety, the PWD is working to clear and restore road blockages and drain clearance, and the Capital Electrical Division is undertaking precautionary measures at substations. The team of DFO (SF) Itanagar is pruning trees that pose a threat and felling trees at vulnerable locations.

To raise awareness among citizens, regular public announcements are being made in vulnerable locations to inform residents of potential risks.

For assistance or to report emergencies, please contact the District Emergency Operating Centre (DEOC) at 878-7336331 (DDMO) or the DC office helpline at 8730-977604.



Meanwhile, all schools in the Itanagar Capital Region (ICR) and nearby areas have been shut for five days from 2 June, in view of the weather conditions, according to an order issued by ICR DC Shweta Nagarkoti Mishra.

In Papum Pare district, a cloudburst in Sagalee triggered the Pare Hydropower Project (PHEP) to release a huge amount of water, and the district administration has cautioned the public against venturing near the water bodies.

PHEP Assistant General Manager (Technical) Taba Gagung Tebw appealed to the residents downstream of the project to be vigilant and not venture near the riverbanks for fishing in the next few days.

"A cloudburst occurred at around 3:30 am on Monday, July 1 near Sagalee, leading to heavy rainfall in the entire Pare River catchment area and flooding of all the tributaries of the Pare River," he said, adding that "discharge from the Pare River dam may increase in the coming days due to heavy rainfall in the catchment area of the river."

The Pare River catchment area comprises streams and nallahs in Leporiang, Sagalee, Nimte, Laptap, Tashi, Kheel, Toru and Mepsoro.

The swollen Pare River has also flooded the compound of the govern-

ment girls' residential school in Sarkha Happa.

The local administration has appealed to those residing near nallahs and rivers to shift to safer locations.

Further, in view of the incessant rains and consequent flood, the DC has issued a directive for closure of schools and anganwadi centres in rural Papum Pare from 2-6 July.

The overflowing Kameng River swept away several houses in Seppa, the headquarters of East Kameng district. However, there was no report of any casualty.

The important Kurung Bridge was washed away on Sunday, June 30 snapping connectivity to Kurung Kumey district, Koloriang MLA Pani Taras said.

In Bordumsa (Changlang), the overflowing Burha Dehing River flooded Bijoypur, Makantong, and Wagun-III and -IV areas and damaged bridges and culverts, along with standing crops and livestock.

Bordumsa ADC Olin Lego informed that the NDRF is engaged in rescue and evacuation missions.

"Those who were marooned on islands have been evacuated to designated rescue centres. No human casualty has been reported so far," he added.

On Monday July 1, Mengkeng-

miri, Dirakmiri, Tengapani and Champa villages in Namsai district were totally submerged under floodwater.

A total of five villages in Lohit district, 11 in the ICR, 16 in Changlang district, and four in West Kameng district were affected.

In Kra Daadi district, two kutcha houses were fully damaged in HQ Tali due to a landslide. Landslides also damaged three houses and two granaries in Riluvillage in Leparada district.

A total of 58 kutcha houses suffered damages in East Kameng district, while four houses in Lohit district suffered damages.

In Longding district, one kutcha house and a granary were partially damaged due to a landslide in Longkhaw village, while in Changlang district, floods damaged 70 kutcha houses, 120 huts, and four pucca houses.

Till now, a total of 61,948 people in the state have been affected due to rain-triggered floods and landslides. A total of three people have died – one each in Siang, Upper Subansiri and Namsai districts – and five have suffered injuries.

So far 300 people have been evacuated to relief camps in the ICR, Changlang and Namsai.

Further, a total of 143.58 hectares of agriculture and horticulture land in the state have been affected.