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News Flash

Mass cleaning drive cum plantation programme

DAPORIJO, August 16:

In light of 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' a mass cleaning drive cum planting of saplings under Vasudha Vandan was conducted in different part of Upper Subansiri District recently.

The program was initiated by District Administration of Upper Subansiri Thutan Jamba, SP Tajum Ronya, Town Magistrate, Boken Pao, DFO, G. Loyi, DySP and other officers and officials and public leaders who actively participated to make the town clean for befitting celebration of the programme.

Mitti Yatra organized in Bomdila

BOMDILA, August 16:

Under the aegis of the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" programme, the Mitti Yatra was organized in the Bomdila Township.

Various sub-divisions participated in the rally, carrying Kalash filled with soil from their respective areas, which will be further taken to Delhi.

During interactions with the participants, DC Sagar highlighted the details of the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign. The launch of the "Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan" was also announced by Sagar, who urged mass participation in this initiative. She emphasized that the national flag is a symbolic representation of our unity in diversity, and the Abhiyan aims to foster love for our national flag.

Administrative officers, heads of departments (HODs), PRI leaders, officials, shopkeepers, the general public, and others actively participated in the event.

MLA inaugurates emergency care centre KOLORIANG, August 16:

An emergency care centre under the Chief Minister Health Emergency Life Protection Service was inaugurated at the Chera Talo District Hospital here in Kurung Kumey district by MLA Lokam Tassar, in the presence of DC Bengia Nighee and others on Monday.

Various medical equipments, including X-ray, ultrasound, TNT, etc., are installed in the district hospital.

Shortage of doctors, nurses and technical staff to handle the medical equipments was also discussed with all the stakeholders.

The MLA assured to "solve the pressing problems of the hospital as soon as possible."

CM addresses people on 77th Independence Day;

Khandu calls upon people to write the next chapter of state's glorious story with wisdom, compassion & courage



ITANAGAR, August 17:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Tuesday, August 15 called upon the people of the state to write the next chapter of the state's glorious story with wisdom, compassion and courage so that the future generations will read it with pride.

Hoisting the national tri-colour on the occasion of 77th Independence Day at Indira Gandhi Park here, Khandu urged the people to write a story of an Arunachal that rose to its destiny, not by chance but by choice.

"Every endeavour, every initiative and every stride of the government over these seven years has been to realize the vision of a vibrant Arunachal under the tenets of 'seva, sushashan and sammridhi.' The ethos of the government and Team Arunachal is crystallized in our citizen-centric and development policies," the chief minister said in his address to the people.

"Our journey will not be easy. We will fall at times, but together we will rise each time stronger, wiser and

more determined," he added.

Khandu said, "Arunachal is not just a state, it is a promise, a promise of unity, inclusive growth and prosperity for all."

"We are duty bound to fulfill the aspirations of every child, every mother, every farmer and every family. This is not a distant dream but a tangible goal, a goal that we shall achieve through dedication, collaboration and relentless pursuit of excellence. Our journey towards development is about transcending barriers of identity, region, tribe, creed and religion as well as the barriers of our tough terrain," he said.

Khandu asserted that in the coming 25 years, which marks the 100 years of independence, the government's endeavour would be to transform Arunachal into a 'Vikasit' state (developed state).

"Our journey shall echo the vision of 'Param Vaibhav Bharat,' a nation that stands tall on the global stage, embodying the principles of justice, equality and progress for all," he said and called upon the people to work together as responsible citizens, fostering harmony, peace and progress in every corner of the nation.

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GoAP signs MoAs with PSUs to develop 12 stalled HEPs



ITANAGAR, August 16:

The central and the state governments have come together to execute 12 stalled hydroelectric projects (HEP) in Arunachal Pradesh.

Memorandums of agreement (MoA) in this regard were signed here on August 12 last in presence of Union Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister RK Singh, State Chief Minister Pema Khandu and Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and officials of the central and state governments. Twelve hydroelectric projects of a cumulative installed capacity of about 11,523 MW have been allotted by the state government to hydro PSUs under the union power ministry.

Addressing the event, the union minister said that implementation of these hydropower projects would contribute immensely to the richness of the state.

"The per capita income of

the state will become more than that of Maharashtra and Gujarat. All the developed nations, including the USA, Canada, Norway etc, have harnessed 80%-90% of their hydropower potential. In India also, the states which harnessed the potential of hydropower have become prosperous. Hydropower is a green source of energy.

Its usage will also increase the ground water level and promote growth of flora and fauna," he said.

Singh added that the signing of the MoAs and allotment of the projects to CPSUs "shall prove to be a significant step towards harnessing the immense hydroelectric potential of Arunachal Pradesh."

Out of the 12 projects, five projects (2,626 MW) have been allocated by the state government to the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd (NEEPCO),

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DCM inaugurates a slew of projects in Miao;

Mein emphasizes importance of maintaining positive learning atmosphere

MIAO, August 17:

In a series of events, the Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh inaugurated several projects in Miao in Changlang district on Monday.

At the Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Miao, Mein inaugurated a Girls' Hostel, followed by the launch of the e-commerce portal miaocraft.in at NALC dedicated to the products of various communities residing in the region and the unveiling of a multipurpose outdoor synthetic turf & cricket net and a skating rink cum BMX Park.

He also visited the New Age Learning Centre (NALC), an interactive and fun learning experience designed for students as part of an initiative taken up by DC Changlang.

At the inauguration of the Girls Hostel, Mein emphasized the importance of maintaining a positive learning atmosphere, which should be taken jointly taken up by the Officers, Parents, Teachers and students. He

urged the students to instill discipline in their academic life and asked the faculty members to guide them in their pursuit of academic excellence as diligent mentors. He added that Govt is committed for creating a better atmosphere for the study of students. He also assured to provide fund for construction of a multi-sports complex in the premises of Girl's Hostel.

During his visit to the NALC, Mein highly applauded the efforts of DC Changlang in fostering a holistic ambience for the students to engage in innovative learning experiences as well as practice Yoga for their overall well-being. Mein appreciated the center's role in facilitating as a central library resource for the nearby schools, while also offering a conducive learning atmosphere for those students who are often deprived of an adequate study environment in their homes.

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Governor inaugurates Community Radio Station at RGU



DOIMUMKH, August 16:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Pamaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) inaugurated the Rajiv Gandhi University's Community Radio Station - Radio Rono 91.2 FM on August 11, 2023.

In his maiden visit to the Central University, the Governor also inaugurated the Department of Mass Communication Building of the university.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor, who is also the Chief Rector of the University, conveyed his heartfelt greetings to the people of Arunachal

Pradesh in general, and the Rajiv Gandhi University fraternity and local communities in particular. He expressed hope that Radio RGU 91.2 FM will serve the cause of the people in the area by disseminating information on a variety of topics and will also give voice to local aspirations.

The Governor complimented Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor, RGU and the university fraternity for successfully setting up the RGU community radio station in the campus. He said that RGU Community radio will be an informative channel which shall

air programmes on social and welfare issues like education, health, environment, community development and employment etc. It shall be of value for the needs of the local communities within the reach of the radio channel, he said.

The Governor said that RGU 91.2 FM should adhere to the norms, rules and regulations prescribed by regulatory authority and should preserve all programmes broadcast by it, which will serve as a resource repository.

Interacting with the students of Mass Communication during his visit to the Department, the Governor advised them to promote a positive vibe in the society. He suggested them to endorse good works and activities in the society and coined a name for the campaign 'Achi Baat'.

Earlier, on his arrival in the University Campus, the Governor was accorded Guard of Honour by NCC Cadets of RGU. He laid a wreath at the Wall of Heroes.

Local MLA Tana Halli Tara, Deputy Commissioner Papum Pare Cheechung Chukhu and SP Taru Gusar were also present on the occasion.

GoAP signs MoU with Sir Ganga Ram Hospital & Religare Enterprises to support development of state's healthcare services

ITANAGAR, August 16:

Signalling its commitment to improve the state's healthcare services and address the skills gap in the healthcare sector, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh (GoAP) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and Religare Group's CSR arm Religare Care Foundation (RCF) in Itanagar on August 11, 2023.

State's Secretary Health & Family Welfare Liyon Borang, Dr Satendra Katoch, Director-Medical, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and Dr Rashmi Saluja, Executive Chairperson, Religare Enterprises Ltd, signed the MoU in presence of Chief Minister Pema Khandu and Health Minister Alo Libang.

Under the MoU, Ganga Ram Hospital and its partner Religare Care Foundation (RCF) will offer technical assistance to GoAP to strengthen the hill state's tertiary healthcare systems and infrastructure.

To begin with, a Centre of Excellence for Renal Sciences, will be established at the Tomo Riba Institute of

Health & Medical Sciences (TRIHMS). Expressing happiness at the association, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that the MoU is a step forward to fulfil the vision of providing affordable, accessible and equitable Health care services to the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

"It is an endeavour of the Government to bring the best of the tertiary health care services near to home thereby reducing the cost and also the psychological trauma the family has to go through for seeking such medical cares. By joining hands with Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and Religare group, we look forward for bringing about changes that positively impacts the lives of the people and also the entire Health care landscape of the State," he said.

Observing that kidney diseases has become a major problem for most people of the state, Khandu expressed hope that the Centre of Excellence for Renal Sciences will offer best of the treatment and care to patients, especially those hailing from rural areas.

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CM inaugurates first Cath Lab of the state in TRIHMS

New addition is another milestone achieved by the state's medical college hospital - Khandu



ITANAGAR, August 16:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu along with Health Minister Alo Libang on Sunday inaugurated the first Cath Lab of the state in TomoRiba Institute of Health & Medical Science (TRIHMS) here at Naharlagun.

Dedicating the state-of-the-art facility to the people of the state, Khandu said that the new addition

is another milestone achieved by the only medical college hospital of the state. He congratulated Dr Moji Jini, director TRIHMS, and the two senior cardiologists, Dr Rinchin Dorjee Megeji and Dr Toni Ete for their role in establishment of the cath lab.

"Since its establishment, TRIHMS has come a long way in

upgrading health infrastructure and services. We assure you that the state government will do everything to make available all kinds of treatment to the people, who have to go outside spending their hard earned money," he said.

He urged the medical fraternity and experts to aim for the best and suggest the government on what more needs to be done.

"You are the experts. You have to advise the government on what more facilities can be made available at TRIHMS, especially in fields like ophthalmology, orthopedics, urology, etc." Khandu pointed.

Citing rapid development of the state's health sector in the last few years, Khandu informed the Bakin Pertin General Hospital at Pasighat is being upgraded to cater to needs of the people of eastern Arunachal.

He said the new health infrastructure and equipment are due to improved revenue generation brought in by his government.

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PHED Minister inaugurates 2 projects at Deomali

DEOMALI, August 16:

Minister for PHED/ WS & DoTCL, IT Wangkhi Lowang in presence of ADC Deomali Miss Vishakha Yadav inaugurated two projects at Deomali subdivision viz- double storey building quarter for MO of PHC Notun Kheti, funded under SIDF 2021-22 with an estimate amount of Rs.140.00 lakhs and executed by WRD Deomali.

2. 40 metres LSB Bridge over Baari River was also dedicated to the people of Notun Kheti and Wathin village constructed under PMGSY -I with the allotted fund of Rs.252.75 lakhs taken up by the executing agency RWD Deomali.

The inauguration program was also attended by EE Power G.Bangyang, EE WRDS.Srivastav, EE PWD T.Jeram, EE RWD, DMO TirapN.Lowang, Smti. Chango Lowang,ZPM

Soha Sam Korok, ZPM Deomali Wangphoon Lowang, CO Soha Dr.K.Balban, other departments officials, Chief, GBs of Natun Kheti,

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Union Power Minister calls on the Governor

Hydropower will make Arunachal Pradesh 'Atma Nirbhar' in true sense: Governor



ITANAGAR, August 17:

Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy Shri Raj Kumar Singh called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 12th August 2023.

Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu and Deputy Chief Minister Shri

Chowna Mein were also present in the meeting.

The Governor complimented the Union Minister for Power for his initiative in reviving the process of harnessing the vast hydropower potential of the State. He also congratulated the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and their Team for the hydropower ini-

tiative.

The Governor conveyed gratitude to the Central Government under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for focusing on the overall development of Arunachal Pradesh. He said that hydropower will make Arunachal Pradesh 'Atma Nirbhar' in true sense.

Yazali students on Ziro Darshan

ZIRO, August 16:

As part of Ziro Darshan, 25 Science stream students from Govt. Higer Secondary School Yazali school escorted by their school principal Taba Chana and three senior teachers visited Ziro valley here on Saturday.

The Ziro Darshan is an initiative of Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime to acclimatize and familiarize the neighboring Nyishi and other stakeholders from Ziro-II

area with the various developments taking place at the DistHq. Several gaonburas in batches from Yazali, Yachuli, Upper Yachuli circles and students and faculty members of Krishi Kendriya Vidhyala Yachuli had also visited the Dist.Hq. earlier as part of Ziro Darshan.

The visiting students and teachers were warmly received at Subansiri Sadan, the official residence of Lower Subansiri Deputy

Commissioner by DC Bamin Nime. The DC advised the students to be diligent in their studies and groom their personalities to be obedient and useful citizens of society. He also presented few books to the principal and teachers.

At Ziro valley, the team was shown the Subansiri Sadan, the District Secretariat, famed Siikhe and Seeh Lakes, District Museum and taken a tour of the Apatani villages.

DCM unveils Silaphalakam at Chongkham-IV village

NAMSAI, August 16:

In continuation to the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign in Namsai district, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein unveiled the Silaphalakam at Chongkham-IV village here on August 13 last.

He urged all to play a responsible part in keeping up the unity and solidarity of our country.

In Jona Kachari Kuli, Silaphalakam was dedicated in honour of Veer Late Montu Sonowal, Head Constable, SSB and another at Adi Ningroo Amrit Sarovar site by MLA, Namsai Chau Zingnu Namchoom.

The mother of Veer Lt. Montu Sonowal was honoured on the occasion.

Deputy Commissioner Namsai,

ZPMs, HoDs, GPCs/GPMs/GBs and villagers paid homage to the Veers for their selfless sacrifice for the nation.

Panch Pran pledged was administered by all the participants and in various Gram panchayats of Lekang circle.

12 Bn NDRF organised a plantation drive in Children's park Lekang under the MMDM campaign.

Martyrs Plaques of Veers of Anglo-Abor wars unveiled

PASIGHAT, August 17:

The Martyrs plaques of freedom fighters of Anglo-Abor Wars were unveiled at Balek, Takilalung and Yagrun, Ralung as part of the Meri Mati, Mera Desh commemorative initiatives in East Siang on Monday.

The events reverberated with pride and spirit of patriotism displayed by the proud sons of Arunachal Pradesh, who made the supreme sacrifice and exemplary valour to protect their motherland.

Earlier, Pasighat East MLA Kaling Moyong paid homage and unveiled the Matrys Plaque at Balek Panchayat, commemorating freedom fighters, Seltum Yomso, Jorin Perme and Basing Moyong, martyrs of Anglo-Adi War of 1859 who made the supreme sacrifice while defending the outer and inner Yagpo while defending the outer and inner Yagpo, in the line of the warrior of Romkang (Boggon Banngo), Balek Chairperson, SMC Bani Perme gave description on the Anglo-Abor War Yagpo.



At Takilalung, DC Tayi Taggu unveiled the Martyrs Plaque freedom fighters Namu Nonang and Bisong Tabing (Anglo-Adi War 1911-12) and also paid rich tributes. At Yagrun, ZPM unveiled Matrys Plaque of veers of Anglo-Adi War 1911-12, Matmur Jamoh and Lotiyang Taloh (Anglo-Adi War 1911-12). At Ralung Panchayat segment, CO cum BDO

Oyam Saring unveiled the Matrys Plaque of Lamuk Padun (Anglo-Abor War 1911-12).

PD DRDA, BDO, Omem Dai, GBs, PRI members, prominent members, senior citizens, youth and students were part of the celebrations. The Programme was conducted by the respective CD Blocks of the district.

77th Independence Day celebrated across the State

ITANAGAR, August 17:

Along with the rest of the country, 77th Independence Day was celebrated at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.) unfurled and saluted the National Flag, as the Echo Company of 33 Battalion of the Indo Tibetan Border Police, attached to Raj Bhavan, presented the Guard of Honour to the Flag.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor extended Independence Day greetings to the people of Arunachal Pradesh and fellow citizens of India. He recalled the freedom fighters of the Indian Independence movement and paid rich tributes to the martyrs on the occasion.

The Governor said that India won freedom due to the non-violence movement led by Mahatma Gandhi and also the armed struggle led by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, India National Army, Chandrasekhar Azad, Rajguru, Rani of Jhansi and others. He said that it was the collective effort of both movements.

The Governor said that India is preparing for its Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal as initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He appealed to the people to be part of the ongoing transformation and contribute to the development and progress of the State.

The Governor exhorted the people to celebrate the achievements of the past and also resolve to shoulder all responsibilities to take the State and nation to new heights. Addressing the school children, the Governor encouraged them to work hard, be courageous and healthy.

The Governor and the First Lady of the State Anagha Parnaik distributed sweets on the joyous occasion to the participating school children and officials.

The 77th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and various activities across Arunachal Pradesh on Tuesday, August 15.

In Wakro, the 77th Independence Day celebration was graced by Arunachal Pradesh Dy Chief Minister Chowna Mein. The event was marked by the participation of the Arunachal Pradesh Police personnel, students and members of the Self Help Group (SHG) and Women Welfare Society, encompassing a series of events including March past, cultural performances and an exhibition.

Promoting the region's organic produce and local products, the exhibition put up by the SHGs of Wakro subdivision was highly appreciated by Mein, acknowledging their role in fostering economic prosperity through their community-driven efforts.

During the occasion, Mein also distributed tractors to 11 beneficiaries under the transformative "Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana", aiming to empower farmers and promote rural economic development. This was followed by the distribution of prizes, mementos and certificates to the best deserving pub-

lic servants and progressive farmers of the area.

Addressing the event, the Deputy Chief Minister highlighted ongoing infrastructure projects, including road connectivity enhancements with a budget of approximately Rs 15 crore. Projects encompass road upgrades linking key areas like Karhe, Tillai, Cibi village, Kathan Semanthi and others. Improved road infrastructure was emphasized as a crucial aspect of the region's development.

The government's commitment to public welfare and services was evident through advancements in the health and education sectors. Ongoing upgrading of Health and Wellness Centres in Medo, Karhe, Manthi and Kathan showcased the state's emphasis on public health, Mein stated.

Furthermore, educational strides like the establishment of the Eklavya Model Residential School in Medo were highlighted as part of the drive towards educational excellence.

Highlighting support for the agricultural and horticultural sectors, the Deputy Chief Minister elaborated on various initiatives aimed at enhancing farming practices and productivity. Schemes like the Prime Minister's Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, Mission Organic Value Chain Development Programme and Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana were acknowledged for their role in driving rural prosperity.

Following the Independence Day celebration, Mein inaugurated important infrastructure projects including the new PWD sub-division office building and ADC office building. Mein applauded the Rural Works Department of Namsai Division for completing the ADC Office building way ahead of its scheduled two-year timeline, within a record of 15-month duration.

The celebration was attended by ZPC Lohit Dasulu Krishikho, DC Lohit Shashvat Saurabh, SP Lohit Minjom Ete, EAC Wakro, Heads of Offices, Public Leaders, Panchayati Raj Institutions members and others.

In Yupia (Papum Pare), deputy commissioner Cheechung Chukhu hoisted the national flag.

Addressing the gathering, Chukhu gave a clarion call to the public, civil societies, NGOs and the student communities to strengthen the fight against the drug menace. He stated that "If not controlled the drug menace would destroy the younger generation."

The DC also highlighted the development activities undertaken by various departments.

In Pasighat, Pasighat East MLA Kaling Moyong hoisted the national tricolor.

In his speech, Moyong said that all central and state sponsored flagship programs were being implemented in true spirit. He called upon all government functionaries to work with full commitment in order to provide an efficient, people-friendly, transparent and accountable administration.

In Mebo, MLA Lombo Tayeng hoisted the tricolor and paid tribute to the martyrs and recalled their valour and sacrifices. Tayeng further, prioritized on road network, flood protection, education, water supply, health and education in his speech.

The MLA later gave away citation and medal of honour to the family members/relative of ten unsung heroes and five societies namely Tayeng, Megu, Lego, Perme and Saring. He also felicitated several personalities for their contribution towards the society in various fields.

He also gave away laptops to the toppers of class V, VIII, IX, XI and XII and also gave away cash prizes to the 2nd rank holders.

In Ruksin, MLA Ninong Ering hoisted the national flag at the general ground.

The MLA, in his address, briefed about the various ongoing developmental works and achievement in the subdivision.

In Ziro (Lower Subansiri district), local MLA and agriculture minister Tage Taki unfurled the national flag at Pad' Yubbe Outdoor Stadium.

In his speech, Taki said agriculture and allied sectors will bolster the state economy and usher in new economic prosperity to people of the state. Taki informed that total food grain production had touched 519,121 metric tons last year.

"Also, 21 state-of-the-art soil testing laboratories were established to provide farmers with accurate insights into their soil conditions," he said and added that to bolster agricultural landscape, expansion of the oil palm sector covering 5,600 hectares has also been undertaken. The minister highlighted the achievements under farmers-related schemes and achievements of schemes under veterinary and animal husbandry and fisheries departments. He also highlighted the recent developments in the district.

In Bomdila (West Kameng), MLA Dongru Siongju unfurled the national flag at Buddha stadium. He highlighted the developmental activities under his constituency on the occasion.

In Koloriang (Kurung Kumey), MLA Lokam Tassar unfurled the national flag in presence of deputy commissioner Bengia Nighee, other government officers, GBs and general public. MLA highlighted the importance of grass root level democracy and effective public service delivery system.

In Aalo (West Siang), the Independence Day was celebrated with pomp and gaiety at general ground of GHSS.

MLA Kento Jini, in his speech, said that during the last four years, West Siang has developed in every aspects and the four-lanning of Aalo township is one of them.

The Yeggo switchyard, transmission wing of the power department in West Siang district, Aalo, also celebrated the Independence Day. The old-

est W/C staff of the department Ganga Prasad unfurled the national flag in presence of all the staff.

In Daporijo (Upper Subansiri), MLA Taniya Soki hoisted the national flag.

Highlighting the significance of recent MoU on 12 hydro power projects signed by central and state governments, Soki said, "many job opportunities will be generated, especially for the unemployed youth in the district, after the hydropower project implementation."

He informed that government is already working on the projects like Mebigeko to Gerukhamukh road, and revival of hydro power project.

In Nacho, local MLA Nakap Nalo, who is also tourism minister, unfurled the national flag and in Taliha, MLA Nyato Dukam unfurled the flag in presence of public and government officials.

In Dimpurijo, MLA Rode Bui unfurled the national flag, while in Taksing, CO Taso Duri unfurled the national flag in presence of Indian army, ITBP jawans and other security personnel.

In Boleng (Siang) MLA Ojing Tasing unfurled the tricolor at general ground in presence of government officers, GBs, students and public. In his speech, MLA highlighted the government's welfare schemes and overall developments activities in the district.

In Pangin, ADC Gyabo Pertin unfurled the national tricolor at the general ground.

In Tirap, the Independence Day was celebrated in all administrative headquarters as well as in all panchayat blocks with joy and enthusiasm.

In Khonsa, MLA Wanglam Sawin highlighted the achievements in every field under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in centre and Chief Minister Pema Khandu in state. He also highlighted the development activities under his constituency.

In Khonsa ZPC's office, Chathong Lowang unfurled the national flag.

In Deomali, DoTCL minister Wangki Lowang unfurled the national flag in presence of government officers, chiefs, GBs and members of general public.

Highlighting the development activities, he urged the public to avail benefits of Atma-Nibhar schemes for self-sufficiency. Lowang appealed to the youths to keep away from drugs and advised the society to fight against drug menace and peddlers.

Lazu ZPM Rangmo Ranto unfurled the national tricolour at Lazu EAC Hq. He appealed to the youth not to consume opium and drugs.

At Borduria, MLA Wanglin Lowangdang unfurled the national flag at circle headquarters ground. Lowangdang said, "Peace is the prerequisite for development of every society for which every individual will have to fight together against anti-social elements." He highlighted the ongoing develop-

ment activities in various sectors under his constituency.

At Dadam, MLA Chakat Aboh hoisted the national flag. Soha GPC Wabon Ramwa hoisted the national flag at Soha circle headquarters.

At Bari-Basip circle headquarters, ZPM Tediap Hallang unfurled the national tricolor.

Independence Day was celebrated with gaiety and patriotic fervour across Namsai district.

In Namsai headquarters, MLA Chau Zingnu Namchoom hoisted the national flag.

Speaking on the occasion, Namchoom spelt out the major initiatives taken up under the current government for wellbeing and welfare of the people and the state.

In Lekang circle, MLA Jum-mum Ete Deori spoke in detail about the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Har Ghar Tiranga and the Meri Mati Mera Desh campaign.

I-Day was also celebrated in Chongkham, Lathao and Piyong circles.

In Changlang (Changlang district), the Independence Day was celebrated in a befitting manner. On the occasion, deputy speaker Tesam Pongte said that BJP government is always committed for the welfare of public. He urged the public to avail the benefit of government schemes.

In Wakka SDO Hq (Longding), RWD minister Honchun Ngandam highlighted the all-round development activities under PM Narendra Modi and CM Pema Khandu on the occasion of Independence Day. He appealed to the people to work in unison for the peace, progress and prosperity of the area.

In Tawang district, the national flag was unfurled in all the administrative and border outposts.

In district headquarters Tawang, MLA Tsering Tashi unfurled the national tricolor.

He lauded the role being played by Women's Welfare Association of Tawang in spreading awareness on plastic waste management and other issues. He also commended the members of district student's union for their active role in spreading awareness and helping security personnel by providing important inputs about drug peddlers and users. He appealed to the youths to stay away from drugs and other anti social activities and requested parents to be vigilant on activities and friends circle of their children.

In Lungia headquarters, MLA Tsering Lhamu unfurled the national flag, while Tawang ZPC Lekigombu unfurled the national tricolor at Jang headquarters.

The Day was celebrated in all administrative hqtrs of Leparada district with patriotic fervour and enthusiasm.

In Basar, MLA Gokar Basar unfurled the national flag at Todak Basar Stadium in presence of government officers, PR leaders, GBs and general public.

The celebration also included felicitation of families of unsung heroes, issue of certificates to new GBs, felicitation of district performers-2023.

In Dari, ZPC Nyabi Dirchi unfurled the national flag at general ground, New Dari.

In Sago, GPC Kengo Basar unfurled the national flag at the Sago general ground and former ZPM Bajap Jilen hoisted the national flag in Tirbin.

In Anini (Dibang Valley), MLA Mopi Mihu highlighted the remarkable achievements in Dibang Valley over the years. "One of the most notable achievements is the completion of 154 kilometers of national highways, making transportation more accessible and efficient for the community," he said and added that a substantial 50 kilometers of the Indo-China Border road has been successfully completed, enhancing connectivity and security in the region.

In Yingkiang (Upper Siang), health and family welfare minister Alo Libang hoisted the national flag at general ground in presence of former chief minister Gegong Apang, government officers and huge gatherings of general public.

In his address, Libang highlighted the innumerable developments undertaken in Upper Siang district and called upon all denizens to work in unison for better development of the district, state and nation as a whole.

In Mariyang, MLA Kanggong Taku unfurled the national flag.

At Tutting, ADC Starlie Jamoh hoisted the national flag on the occasion of 77th Independence Day.

In Pasighat, MLA Kaling Moyong unfurled the tricolour at Pasighat stadium in presence of officials of district administration, head of offices and senior citizens.

Pasighat West MLA and former union minister Ninong Ering unfurled the national flag in Ruksin in presence of administrative officers, government officials, public leaders and students.

On the occasion, 29 unsung heroes of the freedom movement were honored and 'State Government Citation' presented to their dependents (nominees).

Kendriya Vidyalaya in Pasighat also celebrated the day with hoisting of national flag in school premises and patriotic dance and songs, performed by the students.

In Kamle, MLA Tarin Dakpe unfurled the national flag at general ground, Raga in presence of DC Adong Pertin, SP, PRIs, HoDs, teachers, students and GBs.

The MLA informed that Middle Subansiri (Kamle) Hydro Electric Project has been finalized and the work will start soon. He also informed that the government has prepared the DPR for East-West Corridor, which will connect Pasighat to Balem. "This will act as an economic corridor and will usher in industrial development in the state," the MLA added.

Mein pays tribute to freedom fighters;

Observes 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' as part of Amrit Sarowar Program



CHONGKHAM, August 16:

In line with the 77th Independence celebration of India, Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein attended the Amrit Sarowar Program at Chowkham-II and celebrated the Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign with the people of 46th Chongkham Assembly constituency here on August 13, 2023.

In a moving tribute to the brave hearts who sacrificed their lives to protect the nation, Mein dedicated the Shilaphalakam at Chongkham-II, Namsai in their honor.

The event was also attended by DC Namsai C. R. Khampa, SP Namsai Sangey Thinley, EAC Chongkham Rani Pérmé, PRI leaders, among others.

In a solemn ceremony, the Deputy Chief Minister administered the 'Panch Pran' pledge, a profound commitment to uphold patriotism and serve the nation with sincerity and dedication.

Addressing the gathering, Mein emphasized the importance of collective efforts towards the nation's progress and development.

This sentiment was further echoed as the attendees planted avenue saplings, signifying their commitment to nurturing both the land and the dreams of a New India.

In alignment with the Prime Minister Modi's vision, the Deputy Chief Minister pledged to contribute wholeheartedly towards achieving the aspirations of a developed nation by 2047. The event served as a powerful reminder of the unity and dedication that propel India forward on the path of growth and prosperity.

Nalo calls for sincerity & honesty towards development activities

NACHO, August 16:

While on tour to Nacho, Tourism Minister Nakap Nalo actively participated in the AKAM program aiming to spread nationalism, patriotism amongst the public of rural and border areas at Nacho, where students, public, elected PRI members took the program enthusiastically.

While attending the public meeting, Nalo placed his report

card before the public and counted the achievements of his government under the leadership of chief minister Pema Khandu and appealed the public to be sincere and honest towards the developmental activities for the greater interest of society and state as a whole.

Meanwhile, in the light of Mere Maati Mera Desh under AKAM program culminating on 19th of Au-

gust 23, more than 11 CD blocks launched Silapahalkams and took Panchpran pledges in different part of Upper Subansiri District.

The District Administration closely monitored the AKAM activities and many events that was undergoing like establishment of Silapahalakam, Vasudha Vandan, Har Ghar Tringa, Mitti Yatras in rural areas.

Training on mushroom cultivation technology held

PASIGHAT, August 16:

A weeklong training programme on 'mushroom cultivation technology' for small and marginal farmers was organised at the College of Horticulture & Forestry (CHF) here in East Siang district from August 8 to 14 last.

The farmers were trained on spawn production, nutritional value of mushroom, identification of wild

and edible mushroom, disease and insect pest management in mushroom, development of entrepreneurship through mushroom cultivation, marketing of mushroom, and use of mushroom spent for preparation of composting and vermicomposting.

Certificates and inputs (spawn and polypropylene sheets) were distributed to all the participants for cultivation of mushroom at

home on the concluding programme on Monday.

CHF Dean Prof BN Hazarika and state Bhartiya Janata Kisan Morcha President Dunggoli Libang attended the valedictory function.

Thirty persons, including five from Assam's Dhemaji district, attended the training. The training programme was organised by the plant protection department of the college.

Speaker flags off tractors under ANKY

MECHUKHA, August 14:

Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker PD Sona flagged off tractors for the beneficiaries of Shi-Yomi district under the Atmanirbhar Krishi Yojana (ANKY) here in Shi-Yomi district on Monday.

Earlier in the morning, Sona inaugurated the emporium of the

textile & handicrafts department at Mechukha.

The newly inaugurated emporium will not only attract tourists but also provide a platform for the talented local artisans to showcase their handmade creations.

"This wonderful place is set to become a hub of creativity and cultural exchange – a place where

the rich heritage of our region finds its voice," Sona said.

The speaker announced that he would extend support for the emporium's growth by providing assistance for the construction of shelves and display areas.

The speaker also participated in the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign in Mechukha.

MLA provides sewing machines to women

PASIGHAT, August 16:

Pasighat West MLA Ninong Ering provided 26 sewing machines to members of four selected women SHGs of Silile-Teromile village in East Siang district on Monday.

The MLA procured the machines through his local area development fund of the current financial year.

The sewing machines were distributed to the beneficiaries in a function organised by the Dite Mopang Welfare Society (DMWS) of Silile-Oyan in Silile-Oyan.

The beneficiaries had earlier attended a two-month-long entrepreneurship development training in

Pasighat, organised by the DMWS.

Speaking on the occasion, Ering advised the women to "take up horticulture and entrepreneurship activities for creating avenues of self-employment." Termining his initiative a part of the government's Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission for economic empowerment of the rural women, Ering said, "I have a vision to raise the living standard of the rural women through entrepreneurship development and commercial horticulture," and appealed to the women to be self-reliant through income generation activities.

The MLA also assured the women SHGs of Silile-Oyan that

he would provide machinery sets for making potato chips and other finished food products for income generation by using locally available raw materials.

In 2021, Ering had provided sanitary napkin making machines to the SHGs' organisation of Rayang, and 30 sewing machines to various women SHGs of Ngorlung village.

Sille-Oyan CO Maloti Tamin, ZPMs of Pasighat West, including Besing Tatin (Rani), Bimol Lego (Oyan), Aruni Jamoh (Ruksin-I), Anung Gammeng (Ruksin-II) and Yaken Jerang (Mirem), and DMWS president Takut Panyang also spoke.

Man sentenced to 20 yrs imprisonment for sexually assaulting minor

PASIGHAT, August 17:

The Special Judge POC SO Act, East Siang District, Tageng Padoh sentenced a man named Job Modi of Mariyang village to 20 years of imprisonment with a fine of Rs 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) under section 6 of the Protection of Children Against Sexual Offences Act. The accused was found guilty of committing aggravated sexual assault against the 4 year old minor, daughter of his cousin sister.

The FIR was lodged on 20th February 2019 at Mariyang Police station by the mother of the victim stating that the accused Job Modi had sexually assaulted

her 4 year old daughter and a case under section 376 IPC R/W section 6 of the POC SO Act was registered against the accused. The mother further told the police that Job Modi is a maternal uncle by relation and he was staying in her house for the last 11 months.

According to the FIR the mother of the victim went to the school of her daughter at Ying-kiong to pay the school fees and the teacher told that her daughter is frequently urinating in the school which was unusual as she was not like that earlier. The victim's mother then asked her daughter of the happening and she revealed what

her uncle did on multiple occasions.

According to the child victim, the accused used to close her mouth during 'such act' and give her sweets thereafter.

The Special Judge while pronouncing the judgment in the open court said as the victim was below 12 years of age, the accused has committed an offence under section 5 (m) (n) of the POC SO Act and was found to have committed aggravated penetrative sexual assault to the victim beyond reasonable doubt and thereby sentenced him to 20 years imprisonment.

Consultative meeting on drug and other social issues held at Ziro

Ziro civil society declares to fight drug menace tooth and nail

ZIRO, August 17:

The civil society of Ziro under Lower Subansiri District has resolved to eradicate the drug menace from the valley and take necessary steps to ameliorate the same.

During a joint consultative meeting organized by Tani Supung Dukung, the Apatani apex body and the District Administration at Golden Jubilee conference hall of District Secretariat here on August 12 last, the participants expressed serious concern on the mushrooming drug abuse among the youth and the dubious inflammatory role of drug peddlers in kindling the scourge.

Among the several resolutions adopted to mitigate the menace from the valley, the house requested the state Govt. to properly and effectively implement the Chief Minister's Nasha Mukht Yojana to help and rehabilitate the young drug abusers from the scourge. A rehabilitation center with proper facilities including professional counselor, spacious playground and vocational training facilities to impart skills in carpentry, plumbing, welding, tailoring etc.

was also requested to be set up at Ziro to cater to the needs of inmates from the Districts of Lower Subansiri, Kamle, Kra Dadi and Kurung Kumey.

Expressing serious concern on the low rate of conviction of drug related cases, the meeting urged the Superintendent of Police Ziro to take more pro-active measures against the drug abusers and peddlers. The SP on his part informed that out of 37 drug related cases registered in the past few years, 97 arrests were made of which 60 were outsiders and 37 locals.

For a comprehensive approach to contain the menace at the valley, a committee will be constituted in each village and bazaar committee at urban area to monitor and fight drug related activities within their jurisdictions. Along with penal actions, stringent social action including 'social sanctions' would be imposed to peddlers.

The Apatani Youth Association (AYA) would organize village level awareness programmes in collaboration with the apex body and federal youth organization of each village next month. A tenant verification report will

also be implemented in 'mission mode' by District Administration and police in the villages and towns to zero down the peddlers. The inner line passes of outside migrant labourers and businessmen would also be verified strictly.

The house appealed all religious leaders of Churches, Masjid, Mandirs, Nam Ghars and Meder Nello to make Ziro a drug free society.

The meeting was attended by representatives of Tani Supung Dukung, Apatani Women Association, Ziro, Apatani Youth Association, Apatani Student Union, Supung Bulyang Council, Apatani Gaon Bura Buri Association, Apatani Dani Pillo Meder Nello Council, Hapoli and Old Ziro Market committees, village welfare committees of Hong, Hari, Bulla, Dutta, Mudang Tage, Bamin Michi, Tajang and Hija, Namghar, Masjid, Mandir and Church committee members.

The meeting was chaired by Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime who appealed one and all to cooperate and coordinate in eradicating the menace from the district.

Skill development programme on solar, electrical skills concludes

DAPORJO, August 16:

In all twenty-nine unemployed rural youths participated in a two-month-long second batch skill development programme (SDP) on 'solar and electrical skills', which concluded at Daporjo in Upper Subansiri district on Monday.

While the skill development & entrepreneurship directorate and the NABARD's regional office in Itanagar sponsored the establishment of the training centre and the training programme for the first batch, the participants of the second batch paid to be trained.

Addressing the valedictory function at the Arun-Urja Skill Development Centre here, ADI Chimpu Lombi said that the participants "will now be able to understand the basics of electricity terms used

while carrying out activities related to testing, repair and maintenance of electrical equipments."

Power Department AE Kajen Tamin Lusi congratulated the participants, and said that "the region lacks electricians with sound knowledge of electrical wiring."

This is the root cause of fire accidents in the district," he said, and urged the youths to "take advanced training to improve your knowledge and skill set." He promised to support the trained youths when and wherever required in the future.

District Industries Centre El John Rai apprised the youths of various ongoing government schemes and urged them to "avail it to become successful entrepreneurs".

Skill Development & Entre-

preneurship MGNF Satyam Raj informed the youths that more such programmes will be organised in the district, and also urged them to "join the advanced training to upskill your knowledge." He informed that Bangalore (Karnataka)-based Sri Sri Rural Development Programme Trust (SSRDPT) has adopted 20 government schools in collaboration with the administrations of Upper Subansiri, Kamle and Leparada districts "for the project of solar electrification and digital classrooms programme, where the trained candidates will work to enhance their understanding for the same."

The training programme was conducted by the SSRDPT, and coordinated by master trainer Shashikant Salunke and assistant trainer Joni Ropuk.

DC inaugurates twin processing & allied units

KHETI, August 16:

In a two separate programmes, Tirap Deputy Commissioner Hento Karga inaugurated two processing units at Haham Joingo in Kheti village and at Charuthong in Thinsa village in presence of Hakresha Kri, ADC, Khonsa and Wanghong Panka, ZPM of Khonsa block in Tirap districts respectively.

The Tirap Community Resource Management Society (TCRMS) organized the inauguration program of processing and allied units on millet, spices crops, mushroom including one Centralized Collection Centre in Kheti and Thinsa villages. Establishment of the processing units were funded by

NEC, M-DoNER, GoI during the financial year 2020-21. Two Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) viz. Jarok Hills FPO of Kheti village and Kam-din Mushroom and Spices FPO of Thinsa village will operate the units.

In his inaugural address, Karga asked the two FPOs to start bringing the processing units into full operation. He said that once the units become operationalized it will benefit not only the two FPOs, but also the entire farming community in the district by selling the raw materials on millet and spices to the units.

The DC said that the establishment of such processing units in the

district will generate not only better income to the farmers but also provide more employment opportunity to the educated unemployed youths in the district. He asked the FPO members to start operationalizing the units and bring out good results so that it served as model for setting up more such processing units in the district.

The program was attended by PD, DRDA Nangram Pingkap, staff of TCRMS, members of both Jarok Hills and Kamdin Mushroom and Spices FPOs, Chief of Kheti village, GBs of both Kheti and Thinsa villages as well as SHG members from both the villages.

Independence Day Soccer Cup concluded

DEOMALI, August 17:

The Independence Day Soccer Cup organized by Namsang Youth Association and sponsored by Minister PHE&WS and DoTCL Wangki Lowang concluded here on Tuesday.

Minister PHE&WS and DoTCL Wangki Lowang graced the finale as chief guest accompanied by ADC Deomali Vishakha Yadav and

DSO (Sports) Noah Mongku.

While addressing the gathering, Lowang said that such kind of tournament develop enthusiasm among youths and encourage them to take up sports as careers.

Winners were awarded with trophy and cash prize. Prize were distributed by ADC, DSO and CO.

Doidam FC was the winner

with cash prize of Rs 35000/-, while Laasa (Namsang)

Was the Runners Up with cash prize of Rs. 10000/. Best Player was declared to Moonhang Sumnyan with cash prize of Rs.1000/, while Best Keeper was Tohl bi Lowang with cash prize of Rs. 1000/. Wangdian Lowangdongchha scored the highest ten goals.

MMMD campaign in different blocks in Tirap

OLD KATANG, August 17:

In continuation with Meri Maati Mera Desh campaigns, the Tirap District Administration in collaboration with DRDA, Panchayat and CRPF 36Bn conducted MMMD programme at Old Katang village under Bari-Basip Block on Wednesday, wherein MLA cum Adviser to WRD & DoTCL Wanglam Sawin hoisted the National Tricolor, followed by administering of pledge by DC Hento Karga.

To mark the occasion, MLA Sawin, ZPM Tediap Hallang, DC Karga, CO Bari-Basip Dr. Ripi Doni, planted 75 nos. of local saplings around the Sarovar. The Shilaphalakam dedicated to Martyr local veers of the district were namely- Martyr Hav Hangpan Dada, A/C(P) Unit: 35 Rastriya Rifle, D.O.M. 26th May, 2016, Martyr Sep Hugu Chimyang, 4 Assam Regt,

D.O.M. 5th February, 2000, Martyr Rfn G.D. Y.F. Nokte, 7 Assam Rifles, D.O.M. 5th July, 1985, Martyr Rfn GD Wangsoa Lowang, 23 Assam Rifles, D.O.M. 25th October, 2007 and Martyr Rfn Dule Lowang, 7 Assam Rifles, D.O.M. 18th July, 1986.

Meanwhile, similar Meri Maati Mera Desh program was also conducted at Bera village under Dadam CD Block as a concluding part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". Veer Nari unfold the National Tricolor amidst a huge gathering of people, while DC Hento Karga unveiled the Shilaphalakam and administered Panchpran Pledge and selfie. The programme was concluded with Vasudha Vandan (Plantation of saplings).

Besides, Veer Naris - Kapcha Agi W/o Lt Constable Ponhang Agi, 2nd IRBN, Katnya Lowang W/o

Lt Rfn Wangsoa Lowang, 13 Assam Rifles, CO cum BDO Dadam Pik Tayom, EO(RE) Dadam CD Block Tarh Tana, the program was also attended by government official, Chief of Bera, panchayat leaders, GBs, teachers and students of Govt ME School, Bera, and general public.

Meanwhile, on the same day, under Tutnu CD Block - Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign was inaugurated by ZPC Tirap Chathong Lowang in Kolam village. The ZPC unveiled the Shilaphalakam dedicated with a special tribute to the district's two unsung heroes, namely - Martyr Sepoy Hugu Chimyang of the 4th Assam Regiment, who made the ultimate sacrifice on 5th February 2000 and Martyr Khundong Siksa of the 1st APBN, whose courageous service and sacrifice are remembered on 21st May 2019.

Nation First-Priorities of our Nation for True Independence : Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat ki aur

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As India proudly celebrates its 77th Independence Day on August 15, 2023, marking 76 years of freedom from the hundreds of years of anarchic, humiliating British colonial rule, the spirit of patriotism and unity fills the air. For children and students, this day offers a wonderful opportunity to learn about India's history, its struggle for freedom, and the significance of this momentous occasion. The main theme for this year is "Nation First, Always First," as part of the larger "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" Celebration. In 2023, PM Modi has also introduced the "HAR GHAR TRINGA"- "Every Home, a Tricolor" Campaign, encouraging the public to elatedly hoist the tricolor flag on Independence Day.

Thanks to the invaluable contributions by innumerable freedom fighters of our great nation, India became an Independent country on this day. And the reason why we can breathe today in independent Bharat is because of those famous and unsung real heroes and heroines of Mother India who sacrificed their lives to give us freedom. Hailing from different parts of the country, they applied different methods but had one aim, i.e. to liberate Mother India from the British rule. Undoubtedly the names of all these martyrs will forever be written in the golden letters in the history of Indian Independence.

Independence, it was hoped, would bring a new era of peace and prosperity. Mahatma Gandhi, the leader of India's freedom movement, spoke of establishing Ram Rajya in India. He described Ram Rajya as "sovereignty of the people based on moral authority." According to him, it would be "the land of dharma and a realm of peace, harmony and happiness for young and old, high and low, all creatures and the Earth itself, In recognition of a shared universal consciousness."

However, Gandhi's dream remains a distant goal more than seven decades later. In fact, Gandhi himself foresaw this prospect when he wrote a few months before independence that "there can be no Ram Rajya in the present state of iniquitous inequalities in which a few roll in riches and the masses do not get even enough to eat."

One thing that is admitted by all the leaders and common men is that the country has not been able to "wipe every tear from every eye" as Babu Gandhi had deeply aspired; nor 'has it been able to achieve the 'Swaraj' (sovereignty) as he had envisioned. Everyone realizes the harsh reality that the country has failed to provide effective social and economic justice to the backward and the poor classes and that almost half of its population does not feel any worthwhile benefit of Independence.

The inequality Gandhi wrote about, not only persists, but has grown over the years. The latest Ox-fam report 2022 on global inequality has reiterated, once again, that the rich are getting richer and the poor are lagging behind. According to the report, India's wealthiest 10 per cent of the population now holds 77 per cent of the country's wealth. The wealth of this elite group increased by over Rs 20.9 lakh crore during the

period of the study, while 67 crore Indians, comprising the country's poorest half saw their wealth rise by just 1 per cent. This phenomenon is not just unique to India. According to the report, there are now 2.043 dollar billionaires worldwide. The wealth of this group Increased by \$762 billion in just 12 months, while the bottom half of the global population got less than 1 per cent of the total wealth in 2016-2017.

For India to become free from slavery to vices, each person in this country

will have to become free first. Is that possible?

Gandhi's dream for India remains unfulfilled because while the country attained political Independence in 1947, it did not really become free.

Earlier, it was a colonial power that drained the country of its resources and curbed the freedoms of it people, but now the people are slaves to vices, which have corroded every aspect of life and are at the root of the ills plaguing India. Inequality is the result of greed and selfishness, which also give rise to corruption. India ranks a poor improved 85th among 180 countries in the global Corruption Perceptions Index. Crime and violence, including terrorism, also stem from vices, including lust, anger and hatred.

These vices enslave not only the minds of people but also imprison many of them physically by landing them behind bars for crimes committed under the influence of evil tendencies. The condition of such 'enslaved' persons is similar to that of the Kaurava prince Duryodhana in the Mahabharat. When told by Lord Krishna that the way he was treating the Pandavas was morally wrong, Duryodhana replied, "I know what is right, but I am not able to practise it. I know what is wrong and I am not able to keep away from it."

This happens when the soul is weak and does not have the power to stop negative thoughts and refrain from acting on them. This is the condition, in varying degrees, of most people in the world today.

The way to end this slavery is to know the self, the soul and empower it so that it can choose good and positive thoughts over those which are negative and wasteful. Empowerment occurs when the soul connects mentally with the Supreme Soul (RAJYOGA Meditation). Remembrance of God (RAJYOGA Meditation) brings His powers and virtues into the soul and removes the influence of vices. Regularly making this connection gradually enables the soul to become self-sovereign, when it becomes free of all external influence.

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Things have come to the present pass because of the ravages of time. All souls are originally pure, and peace, love, truth, power and bliss are their natural qualities. But as souls take successive births in this world, playing various roles in the drama that we call life, they lose their power and are influenced by matter and other souls. This process of decline ultimately leaves

them depleted, unable to resist negative influences.

No community or country can hope to be rid of vices by itself. It is only when all souls attain salvation that the world is freed from this slavery. The Gita tells us that when unrighteousness reaches extreme proportions, God incarnates Himself to destroy evil, salvage humanity, and establish a righteous new world order.

The presence of these very vices has resulted in the degradation of character of man which is quite evident from the ever-rising crimes against women and various forms of exploitation of women and children. It is the time of Doomsday about which it has been mentioned in the holy Quran that at such a juncture God comes from His Supreme Abode to liberate us souls from the graveyard. It is the same time now when the Supreme Father (Param Pita) of all fathers has descended from His Supreme Abode to liberate us from the real foreigner, i.e. 'Ravana (Vices)', who is our real enemy. It is this Ravana i.e. our own vices or weaknesses who has made the erstwhile Golden Sparrow Bharat into a country that is morally and spiritually bankrupt.

In order to re-create the Rama Rajya, the world Bapu, the Supreme Father, the Supreme Soul-LIGHT Divine, God Shiva (Jyoti Lingam), has come down to earth and has been teaching RajYoga through the corporeal medium of Brahma Baba since 1936-37. He has been teaching about the Soul, the Supreme Soul; the beginning, middle and end of the world cycle, and Karma Philosophy through the Corporeal Medium of Dada Lekhraj who was later renamed by God Shiva as Prajapati Brahma. He has formed a completely non-violent army of Shiv Shaktis and Pandavas (i.e. those women and men) who practise RajYoga in their daily life in letter and spirit. He is enabling us to become completely vice-less, i.e. pure and self-sovereign. His main teaching to us is to be soul-conscious and to remember Him only. This is when the world is freed from the clutches of vices, and true independence dawns.

If today we Indians realised our true identity and treated human world in a soul-conscious manner, many of the vices and evils and sins would evaporate in no time and our country, our society, our towns and villages and our families would become no less than the gardens of happiness, joy and bliss. The need of the time is to ponder on this Independence Day whether we are the sons and daughters of one God, Parampita Parmatma – the Supreme Soul, and thereby all are brothers and sisters. On this auspicious occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Let's take a moment for deep spiritual introspection and free ourselves from the bondage of greed, the lust for power and a slave of promiscuity and make God our eternal companion for true peace, happiness and prosperity. Let us pledge ourselves to bring this change at the earliest and transform India into Heaven (Swarnim Bharat) in the true spirit of the word.

!!!!!!Om Shanti!!!!!!

Governor, First Lady of the State host 'At Home'



ITANAGAR, August 17:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) and First Lady of the State Smt Anagha Parnaik hosted the traditional 'At Home' function on the occasion of 77th Independence Day in the General Bipin Rawat Hall, Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 15th August 2023.

Chief Minister Shri Pema

Khandu, members of Parliament Shri Nabam Rebia, heads of constitutional bodies, senior bureaucrats, senior citizens, ex-servicemen, sport personalities, achievers, eco warriors, Covid Warriors, heads of renowned NGOs were present on the occasion.

Amidst the inspiring ambience of patriotism, the Governor and the First Lady of the State interacted with the distinguished guests and invitees

and exchanged warm greetings on the special occasion.

The highlights of the function were folk dance presentations by Wancho, Nyishi and Adi cultural troupes and patriotic song by senior artists of the Department of Art and Culture.

The guests and participants were hosted to a High Tea on the occasion.

Plantation drive organised to commemorate heroes

NAMSAL, August 16:

"Meri Mati, Mera Desh" campaign continues with unwavering enthusiasm in Namsai District.

To commemorate the heroes and contribute to environmental conservation and with an aim to foster a sense of unity and pride across all sections of society, 75 indigenous plants were planted each in Adi Ningroo and Chongkham 2 Amrit Sarovar

Sites recently.

The drive was led by ZPM Ningroo and ZPM Chongkham respectively.

Namsai Police organised an awareness event in GSS, Namsai.

SP, S. Thinley explained the significance of MMMD campaign which was followed by a plantation drive.

NSS volunteers of GHSS

Lathao and students of GSS Manohai, GUPS, Kaba, KGBV, Kasik and GSS Jaipur also participated in the campaign by planting saplings in the school premises, for which 400 indigenous saplings were distributed by Department of Forest Namsai.

The pledge of "Panch Pran" was taken by all the participants, showing their commitment to uphold the nation's values.

Food Baskets handed over to TB Patients

ITANAGAR, August 16:

Mayor of Itanagar Municipal Corporation (IMC), Tame Passang, in a small function organised by District Health Society (NTEP) Papumpare District at Urban Primary Health Centre which is also a TU Itanagar on August 11 last handed over Food Baskets to adopted 10 TB patients by Nikshay Mitra (DONOR).

The Food Baskets were handed over to the adopted TB Patients by Talo Potom, Deputy Commissioner of ICR on behalf of the Mayor.

The programme was organ-

ised under Nikshay Mitra 2.0 of Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (PMTBMBA).

Speaking on the occasion DC requested the adopted TB patients to utilise the Food Basket for the benefit of the patient without sharing to other members and take medicines regularly.

Dr. P.D Thongchi, DTO PapumPare briefed the patients about Nikshay Mitra (Donor) and need of nutritious diet for TB Patients and also told about the prevention of Tuberculosis in short. He also requested the

patients to take the medicines regularly and complete course to avoid development of Multi Drug Resistant (MDR) TB. He further asked them to support the Health workers in the eliminating TB by 2025 – the target set to by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Earlier, the DC also visited all the sections of UPHC, Itafort and took the stock of the conditions. The programme was attended by Dr. Kabak Tamar, MO-TC, TU Itanagar, MOs of UPHC Itafort, staffs of UPHC, Itafort and staffs of DTC, Naharlagun.

Badminton Tourney between RGU & NERIST marked Independence Day at RGU

RGU thrashed NERIST in doubles badminton event

RONO HILLS, August 17:

In the RGU versus NERIST Badminton Cup (A Running Trophy Competition)-2023, held as a part of the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at RGU on the occasion of the 77th Independence Day-2023, the host team thrashed the team NERIST by 9 against 2 matches.

Both the teams were comprised of faculty members, academic administrators, non-teaching staff, research scholars and students. A total of nine men's doubles teams and two women's doubles teams from each institution took part head-to-head.

All the eleven matches were witnessed by a huge gathering of spectators comprising of faculty members, officers, research scholars, students and staff and badminton enthusiasts from the two institutions.

Earlier, the Chief Patron of the RGU-NERIST Badminton Cup-2023 and Vice Chancellor of RGU Prof. Saket Kushwaha in his speech urged all to get the best of the benefits out of the facilities created in the university giving a platform to the sports lovers particularly badminton and encouraged all to play in the spirit of true

sportsmanship. He also briefed about the initiatives taken up by the RGU in making games and sports facilities improved in the campus in the days to come.

RGU Registrar Dr. N.T. Rikam praised the organizers for creating an environment and exclusive ambience of sports befitting the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations and informed that more badminton court facilities coming up in the campus, while senior faculty member from NERIST Prof. Pradip Lingfa, said that, sports is an integral part of human life and appreciated the sportsmanship spirit shown by the players.

Earlier, the Organising committee member and Joint Registrar Dr. David Pertin welcomed all and briefed about the tournament and other activities conducted by RGU in the run up to the celebrations of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav in the campus and informed that the championship was fully funded by RGU. He informed that, in this year's edition, the participation of women has been encouraged and two teams each from both the institutions have taken part enthusiastically and locked horns, where in

RGU won seven matches out of nine in men's doubles category, while it was a clean sweep by the host RGU in women's doubles category winning two out of two matches.

The Best Player of the cup award was bagged by Dr. K. Rojeet Singh of RGU, while the Best men's doubles team award went to NERIST's pair of MK Camdir & Toko Sama. Besides, two special awards were also given away, of which the Best Veteran Player and Best Smasher went to NERIST's Prof. A.K. Gupta and Dr. Hemantajit Gogoi from RGU respectively.

The tournament was participated by eighteen men's doubles and four women's doubles teams. The host team RGU had the upper hand in the event and won the one day running trophy tournament by a margin of nine matches to two and retained the coveted running trophy and its replica.

The trophies & citations were given away to all the players, match officials and volunteers by the Chief Patron, Chief Guest, Registrar of RGU and Chairman of the Organising committee.

Mega oil palm plantation conducted under NMEO-OP in East Siang

PASIGHAT, August 16:

A Mega oil palm plantation programme under National Mission on Edible Oil – Oil Palm (NMEO- OP) was conducted at Moruk area of Remi Village in Bilat Circle in East Siang today along with public awareness meeting with farmers and other stakeholders at Community hall of Mirem Village. It was organized by the dept. of Agriculture, GoAP in collaboration with Patanjali Food Ltd. (PFL) Zone III oil Palm Division.

East Siang DC, Tayi Taggu, District Agriculture Officer, Opang Moyong planted saplings as part of the ceremonial plantation in the plantation plot of progressive farmer LenzingEko. State Head Patanjali Foods Ltd, Milan Borah, ZPM, Mirem, YakenTalo, HGB, Mirem, TahamTaggu, District Oil Palm Nodal Officer (Dept. of Agriculture), Nak-ingNonang, ADO Bilat S.K. Sharma were also present.

DC TayiTaggu addressing at

the public awareness meeting organized at MiremDere, urged the farmer to come forward to take up cash crop cultivation of oil palm as this was the right time to avail of the planting materials and other inputs on Govt. Subsidy, to support their venture in taking up oil palm cultivation. He also urged to take the support of subject matter experts from the Agriculture department etc in taking up cultivation of cash crop oil palm which can fetch remunerative income for the farmers, thus boosting the rural economy.

Earlier, District Agriculture Officer, O. Moyong, said that Oil palmcultivation is a remunerative and sustainable income generating cash crop farming and lesslabour intensiveness which will yield income for the farmers veryearly. In this regard State Government has signedMoU with Patanjali Food Ltd to ensure that farmers receive good remuneration with provision of buy back

policy after the fruiting begins. The Processing Unit at Niglok will utilize all the Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) / produce produced by the farmers of the District as per MoU. The DAO also advised to adopt inter-cropping of oil palm with crops like Ginger and vegetables and for adopting scientific farming by following " package of practice" to boost production.

Progressive farmer, Olo Dai from Berung Village also shared his experiences adding that it has fetched him regular source of income since the FFB was purchased by the PatanjaliFood Ltd (PFL) on maturity and free of market hazards as remunerative price is paid as per MoU agreement between State Government &PFL.

The meeting was also attended by ADO, OsinamTapak, Agriculturefield staff, Village Secretary, John Messar, HGB, GBs, PRI members, farmers and members of the MiremVillage among others.

"Run-up" to the Independence Day Marathon race held

PAKKE KESSANG, August 16:

A determined gathering of youths and fitness enthusiasts, in spite of intermittent drizzle, participated in a 5-km run here on Sunday, August 13 in the run-up to the Independence Day.

The marathon, which was flagged off by DC Tayek Pado and SP Tasi Darang, commenced from Lemni Gate in Longpung, and culminated at the general ground here.

The event was organised by the sports department, in collaboration with

the district administration.

The winners of the marathon will be honoured during the I-Day programme on 15 August.

In East Kameng district, a 300-feet-long 'tiranga rally' was held in headquarters Seppa as part of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign.

The march, organised by the district administration, saw the participation of panchayat leaders, HoDs, CRPF jawans, members of CBOs, youths, and others.

Earlier, addressing the participants, ADC Mindo Loyi said that, "through such action we remember and honour the freedom fighters and martyrs of our country," and advised them to "maintain the flag code in disposing of or storing the flag after the ceremony."

DRDA PD Ashok Tajo said that "everyone must observe the three-day HGT drive and unfurl the national flag at their houses." He informed that 11,000 flags have been distributed to the people of the district.

MLA launches Jio 4G network services

TAWANG, August 16:

Local MLA Tsering Tashi launched the Jio 4G network services here on Saturday, in the presence of DC (i/c) Rinchin Leta, the Army's Tawang brigade commander, HoDs, and others, on Saturday, August 12.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA conveyed gratitude to Reliance Jio service provider for "making its services possible in Tawang

despite plenty of challenges."

He also thanked the prime minister, the chief minister and the state's IT department "for connecting Tawang with Jio services," and expressed hope that Jio will upgrade its services and will connect the entire district at the earliest.

Jio services chief technical officer Shantanu Bose informed that establishing Jio services in Tawang

was delayed because, "out of 168 kilometresfibre route from Bomdila to Tawang, 100 kilometres of fibre route got damaged on the Baisakhi-Tawang stretch due to landslides and road widening works."

"The Reliance Jio service will keep on working to connect entire Tawang district digitally with the rest of the nation very soon," he added.

Yonex Sunrise NE Zone Inter-State Badminton Championship, 2023 begins CM declares tournament open



ITANAGAR, August 17:

The Yonex Sunrise North East Zone Inter-State Badminton Championship, 2023 began here at the Raj Bhavan Badminton Hall here on Wednesday with Chief Minister Pema Khandu declaring it open.

Attending as the Chief Guest of the inaugural ceremony, Khandu expressed gratitude to the Badminton Association of India (BAI) for giving Arunachal Pradesh the opportunity to host the prestigious annual calendar event of the Association.

He welcomed the teams from all the eight North Eastern states and officials and expressed hope that they would not only enjoy competing against each other but also enjoy the hospitality of Arunachal Pradesh.

"I specially welcomed the players and officials from Manipur, who have come here despite the situation prevailing in their state. The spirit of sportsmanship should prevail over all," he said.

Hailing North East as the sporting hub of India, Khandu appreciated the hard work put in by athletes of the region, who have won glories

for the country at international events.

"When it comes to international events like Olympics, World Championships, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, etc, the entire country looks up to our athletes to come to rescue. That's the power we yield," he said.

He assured that next time the championship is held in Arunachal Pradesh, it will be at the sprawling 23,330 sqm 8 court Dorjee Khandu Badminton Academy at Chimpu, adjacent to the Sangey Lhaden Sports Academy, which is under construction.

Incidentally, the land for the academy was donated by Khandu free of cost.

Also, he informed that 14 two-court Badminton Halls are under construction across the state. These projects have been sanctioned by the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India.

As per Arunachal State Badminton Association (ASBA) officials, the North East Zone Inter-State Bad-

minton Championship includes Team Championships in four categories: Men, Women, Junior Boys and Junior Girls. The Individual Championships feature Men's and Women's events in both singles and doubles, along with Mixed Doubles. Additionally, Junior Girls and Junior Boys compete in doubles, singles, and mixed doubles.

This year over 350 delegates, including officials, are participating in the tournament. The top-seeded players from each state will showcase their skills during this 4-day competition.

Winners of this championship will secure direct entry, with an additional quota, to the senior and junior national levels.

The tournament was first held in Arunachal Pradesh in 1995. Itanagar Mayor attended the opening ceremony as the Guest of Honour.

While Omar Rashid of BAI is the Observer, H. Gyaneswor Singh, a distinguished retired International Referee, is the Tournament Director. Viney Joshi is the Referee of the tournament.

MLA distributes farm machineries

AALO, August 17:

Adv Kento Jini MLA cum Advisor to Law & Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh attended as chief guest during the handing over of farm machineries to farmers under ATMA Nirbhar Bhagvati Yojana 2022-2023 at Gumin Kiin Aalo, here recently.

MLA Jini handed over 2 Mahindra tractors and 15 Power tillers to various beneficiaries' farmers of West Siang district. Jini appealed all the beneficiaries of farm machines to properly utilize for their agri and horticulture and asked all the farmer to be self-reliant and encouraged them to cultivate millets in large scale. He

also appealed all the ZPMs to work as per their assigned work. There is always a borderline duties of Panchayat leaders and MLAs, he said and urged the Panchayat leaders to work co-ordinately for the welfare and development of the society.

The MLA informed that the road connectivity of Aalo township has been completed and the national highway connected to Assam is almost completed. Taking the advantage of development, the farmers can multiply their earning, he added.

DHO, Kirmar Lona appealed all the beneficiaries to reform their loan in time and utilized the farm machineries for their easy cultivation.

The programme was conducted by Department of Horticulture under the guidance of Kirmar Lona DHO, Aalo.

During the programme, ZPMs of Aalo East, West, Kamba, Sri Margi Ete DAO, HoDs and beneficiaries were attended.

Later on, the MLA joined the general meeting of Priest Welfare Association of West Siang District to encourage Indigenous faith & beliefs. During the Meeting, the he urged the indigenous priest to fix the uniform priest charge/rate in West Siang District to be united and served the society to encourage the practices of age old culture traditions.

International Youth Day organised

ITANAGAR, August 16:

The Arunachal Pradesh State AIDS Control Society (APSACS), in collaboration with VKV Nirjuli, celebrated the International Youth Day in Nirjuli on Saturday, August 12.

Attending the celebration, MLA Talem Taboh advised the students to be disciplined and focus on their studies.

"The youths are the future of our society, the state and the nation. If youths are secure, our nation is secure. If youths are hard-working, no one can stop the progress of our nation," he added.

Speaking on the drugs menace in the state, Taboh said that "the government is committed to control the menace in the state by any means," and asked the youths to "be vigilant and stay away from drug

abuse, as it ruins the life and career if someone gets addicted to it." APSACS Project Director Dr Riken Rina said that incidences of drug abuse in the state have been rising alarmingly in the last few years, which has resulted in the rise in HIV cases.

Stating that the youths are vulnerable to drug abuse and HIV, he said that proper awareness should be created to save the young generation.

"To control the menace of drug abuse and HIV, we all must join hands and fight united against it," he said.

APSACS IEC Joint Director Tashor Pali said that there is no cure for HIV/AIDS yet.

"Knowledge is the only vaccine and cure for HIV," he said, and urged the youths to arm themselves with proper knowledge to prevent

HIV. He also asked the youths to "create a chain of information to stop further spread of HIV."

Highlighting the objective of observing the day, Pali said that the United Nations General Assembly officially declared 12 August as Youth Day in 1999. "Since then, this day has been used to raise awareness about the challenges faced by the youths and ways of overcoming them, as well as to highlight the achievements of young people," he said.

"India, with more than 60% youths out of its total population, has the world's youngest population, which is a big plus point for our country. Healthy youths only can ensure a healthy nation," he added.

VKV Nirjuli Principal Reena Didi and APSACS Deputy Director (SI) Koj Tara also spoke.

Series of programmes organised to mark culmination of AKAM

TAWANG, August 17:

To mark the culmination programme of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava, a series of programmes and functions were organized in Tawang district from August 9 onwards

The soil from Veerbhumi Jaswant Garh under Jang subdivision was collected on August 11 and from Veerbhumi Kenzamani and Dhola post under Lungla sub division on August 12 last.

A team led by local MLA Tawang, Tsering Tashi, DC Incharge Rinchin Leta, SP DW Thongon, representatives from Army, central armed police forces, panchayat leaders and public collected soil from Bumla and Tongpenla situated at an altitude of 15200 ft near Indo Tibet

border on August 13 last. After collecting the soil it was taken to amrit sarovar Pangkateng Tso (PTSO lake) where Shilapalakam plaque engraved with names of martyrs Subehdhar Joginder Singh, PVC, Rifleman Jaswant Singh Rawat, MVC, Lance Naik Trilok Singh Negi, VC, Lt. Colonel Ratan Singh, late Tashi Gombu and Late Tenzin Thokmey.

MLA Tawang paid tribute to the martyrs and unsung heroes of 1962 Sino-Indo war and hoisted national flag.

Addressing the gathering at Amrit Sarovar PTSO, the MLA expressed his gratitude to the brave soldiers and local public involved in Sino India war of 1962 for their contributions and making supreme sac-

rifices in protecting maa bharat. He informed that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative the soil is being collected from the veer bhumis all over country to pay tribute to brave sons of this country on the final culmination of yearlong Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava to be organised at national capital Delhi later this month.

The local MLA and other members planted tree saplings around Amrit Sarovar PTSO followed by cultural programme by artist from civil and army.

Earlier the participants of meri maati mera desh programme at Bumla paid their tribute to martyrs near heap of stone at LAC near Bumla with slogans of Bharat mata ki jai.

Month-long theatre festival 'Arunachal Rang Mahotsav' spanning across 4 cities concludes in Guwahati

ITANAGAR, August 17:

In an effort to bring forward the untold stories of Arunachal Pradesh's unsung heroes, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration, initiated a month-long theatre festival, 'Arunachal Rang Mahotsav' spanning across four Indian cities.

The first leg of the four-day program commenced in New Delhi on 11th July 2023, followed by performances in Mumbai, Kolkata and the last leg of the festival culminated in Guwahati from 8th August 2023 onward till 11th August 2023.

In Guwahati, the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav took place at the Srimanta Sankardeva International Auditorium, with its concluding show featuring today on 11th August.

During the inaugural opening of the theatre festival in the city on 8th August, both state Chief Ministers of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, Pema Khandu and Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma attended the play along with Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Chowna Mein.

At the festival's opening ceremony, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu praised the efforts led by Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein in unearthing the research on the unsung heroes of the state. He emphasized that due to inadequate documentation, both locals and the world remained unaware of the significant historical events of Arunachal Pradesh for a long time, but with the initiative of Government of India under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav has given an opportunity to research and

documentation of the unsung heroes.

Assam's Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma expressed his delight over attending the immersive play on the opening day, featuring the Anglo-Tai Khanti War. He stressed the bond between the two states of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh being strengthened over such cultural exchanges. Sarma also congratulated Arunachal Pradesh on making remarkable progress in preserving their lost history and sharing the same with the world. He added that the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav in Guwahati provided a wonderful opportunity for everyone to discover the long-standing cultural heritage and traditions of their neighboring state.

Addressing the audience in his inaugural speech at Guwahati, Dy CM Chowna Mein disclosed his fascination with the historical tales of their heroic ancestors stemming from his childhood days. He stated that the enormous task of collecting and documenting the hidden history of the state in an effort towards compiling the list of unsung heroes has been quite satisfactory so far, with the continuance of research work being carried forward with the purpose of reinstating Arunachal's historical glory. He thanked Nepha Wangsa, the primary resource behind the entire research project along with the History Department of Rajiv Gandhi University for going above and beyond in the process of collecting evidence from Assam Archives, Regional and National Archives/ Museum and British Library.

Taking to Twitter, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also commented on the success of the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav, stating that the theatre festi-

val goes beyond the realm of an event. and embarks into a beautiful celebration of the diverse cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh, in harmony with the ideals of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. "It's encouraging to witness this event taking place in various locations across India, such as Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Guwahati", Modi added in his tweet.

The three plays highlighted the major resistance by the tribal people against British colonial namely 'Chowpha Plang - Lu' of the Tai Khanti, 'Poju Mimak' of the Abors (now called Adi's), and 'Ninu 80' of the Wancho Warriors. The final show depicts Arunachal Pradesh's journey from its NEFA days to the present day Arunachal in a play titled 'Arunachal Ek Safarnama,' showcasing the state's evolution over the decades. These productions reveal the historical resistance of Arunachal's tribal communities against foreign rule in an immersive theatrical performance put up by the theatre artists of Arunachal Pradesh, under the guidance of Project Director Riken Ngomle.

Many eminent personalities from Assam attended the four days theatre festival namely Minister of PHE & Tourism, etc, GoA, Jayanta Mallabarua, eminent theatre personality Dulal Roy, Secretary of Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra Society, Sudarshan Thakur, Actor Pranjal Saikia, renowned Actress and Comedy Queen of Assam Chetana Das, Chief of Ninu village, Arunachal Pradesh Longwang Wangham, Eminent Theatre Personality and Alumnus of NSD Baharul Islam, former DIG of Assam Apurva Jivan Boruah and others.

Governor interacts with RGU faculty



RONO HILLS, August 17:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), during his maiden visit to Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), Rono Hills, Doimukh on August 11 last and interacted with the members of the faculty. He said that education is the most powerful weapon which can be used to change the world for the better and RGU has huge responsibility for driving forward the objective of educating and enriching futuristic endeavors of the State.

The Governor said that as members of the RGU faculty, they are molding the young minds and guiding the future professionals and leaders of the State. He urged them to imbibe a sense of commitment, responsibility, discipline, ownership, professionalism and passion in their teaching methods.

The Governor emphasized that the teaching community must develop effective communication, innovation techniques and simplicity in imparting knowledge and teach their students beyond the textbook information. He

advised them to build trust and bonding with the students.

The Governor impressed upon the members of the faculty to lead their students with examples and high moral integrity. He also stressed on extracurricular activities for all round development of the students.

Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Prof. Saket Kushwaha and RGU Registrar, Dr. N. T. Rikam briefed the Governor about the achievements and future plans of the lone Central University.

Mock exercise on earthquake scenario

SEPPA, August 16:

An emergency mock exercise in the event of an earthquake and a school safety awareness programme were organised at the GHSS and the Holy Family School here in East Kameng district on Friday, August 11 by the District Disaster Management Authority, in collaboration with the fire service and the 12 NDRF.

More than 1,200 students and around 200 members of the public attended the programme, which was held in the presence of DC Sachin Rana, SP KamdamSikom, DRDA PD Ashok Tajo, and other officials.

After-damage control and rescue operation during earthquake, fire accident and flood were demonstrated.

The DC urged the students to

"spread the lessons you have learnt during the programme to at least five persons among your friends and families, so that awareness can be widely spread."

The SP said that, "since our state is very much prone to landslides and natural disasters, such training should be taken seriously by everyone as it will come handy in time of need."

EE Urban Development and Housing distributes certificates to beneficiaries

LONGDING, August 11:

Observing a month long "Meri Mati Mera Desh" Campaign, Er Kak Nabam EE, UD&H Longding division distributed certificates to beneficiaries of EST&P (Employment Through Skills Training and Placement) program. The training was conducted by Zentek Educational and Welfare Society in collaboration with NULM team Longding.

The National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) Longding materialised the theme 'kaushal Bharat Kusal Bharat' by imparting 6 months long training. About 160 participants were trained in three different trade categories i.e. Self Employee Tailor, Bamboo Work Artisan and Customer Care Ex-

ecutive.

Meanwhile, different villages under Pangchao Circle actively participated in plantation drive (Vasudha Vandan). Indigenous Saplings were planted at designated Amrit sarovars near the Indo-Mayanmar international border to mark water conservation and rejuvenation of water bodies.

Brig Manish Kumar flags off cycle rally

PASIGHAT, August 16:

In the run up to the 77th Independence Day Spearhead Gunners Brigade organised acycle rally at Pasighat on Saturday, August 12 with an aim to raise awareness about health, adventure and promote environment preservation. 77 school

children of local schools including IGJ Govt School, Siang Model School, Siang Royal School, Govt School Motum, Kendriya VidyalayaNiglokSainik School participated with overwhelming enthusiasm.

The rally was flagged off by Brigadier Manish Kumar, VSM, Com-

mander, Spearhead Gunners Brigade in presence of Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu. Despite torrential rain, the cyclist traversed through the Pasighat town and crossed mighty Siang River over Raneghat Bridge expressing their resolve to stay healthy and contribute towards green ecology.

National Librarian's Day celebrated

AALO, August 16:

The West Siang district library celebrated the National Librarians' Day on Saturday, August 12 at the library here to commemorate the 131st birth anniversary of Dr SR Ranganathan, who is known as the Father of Library Science in India.

During the celebration, free library membership cards were distributed and some useful books were donated to the library of the government higher secondary school in Yomcha.

DL&IO Minam Darang informed that the district library here has installed KOHA library software,

"which is an open source integrated library system," and added that "one can access their library collection through the online public access catalogue or OPAC by entering aalodl. in."

All the librarians of the district were felicitated during the celebration.

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77th INDEPENDENCE DAY

15th August 2023

Arunachal on the path of
Vikasit Pradesh

Donyi Polo Airport

Itanagar placed on the
national aviation map

Airport at Pasighat

Pasighat, Tezu and Ziro

connected through civil
commercial operations

7 ALGs

at Vijoenagar, Walong, Tuting,
Ziro, Aalo, Pasighat and Mechukha

1st Medical College

Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences

1st MBBS batch passed
out with 100% results

Drones delivering vaccines and
medicines to distant places

- 300 flights conducted
- 4,000 medical products carried over
10,000 km

CMAAY and AB PM-JAY

1,30,000+ families provided cashless
healthcare insurance

18 District Hospitals

being upgraded at ₹ 450 Cr

2 critical NH commissioned

- Arunachal Frontier Highway
- Trans-Arunachal Highway

2 remotest administrative circles

Vijoenagar and **Tali** connected

Sela and **Nechiphu Tunnels**
to be completed this year

9,174 kms of all-weather rural
roads constructed in last 7 years

**2,506 km of road
connecting**

252 border habitations

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF TEAM ARUNACHAL

- Chandranagar to Papu Nallah four-lane highway and Bank Tinali Underpass completed
- ₹ 44,000 cr for new 2,857 km National Highways
- 195 Bridges built in last 7 years

- ₹ 1,000 Cr investment in education sector under Mission Shiksha
- 50 Govt Schools being developed as 'Golden Jubilee Model School' at an estimated cost of ₹ 700 Cr
- Golden Jubilee Merit Award (₹ 2 lakh cash prize) to students securing admissions in IITs, IIMs, NLU's and AIIMS
- Arunachal Pradesh State University at Pasighat

- Kibithoo, India's first village along Indo-Tibet (China) border, now has 4G connectivity
- 561 4G mobile towers to cover 1036 uncovered villages
- 2,605 4G towers under construction to connect 3,721 villages

- 9,622 farmers and 336 SHGs under Atmanirbhar Krishi Yojana and 5,236 farmers under Atmanirbhar Bagwani Yojana benefitted
- Mission Krishi Veer - Connecting Kisan to Jawan ... Organic produces supplied direct from farm to army cantonments
- ₹ 142.67 Cr to 99,656 farmers under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi

- Under SARKAR AAPKE DWAR, 26 mega camps and 1,046 camps held, 11.86 lakh population covered. SEWA AAPKE DWAR 2.0 - 237 camps organised and 1,82,965 population covered till date.

- Under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Swavalamban Yojana ₹ 125 Cr awarded to 828 entrepreneurs

- 1,82,754 households covered with FHTC under Jal Jeevan Mission

- 85,000+ women mobilized into 9,301 SHGs, 951 PLFs and 27 model CLFs

- 54 Khelo India Centres

- Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy declared as Khelo India State Centre of Excellence for Archery, Hockey, Wushu, Boxing and Weightlifting

- 600 MW Kameng Hydro Power Project dedicated to the nation

- 1,452 villages mapped under Vibrant Villages Programme

- 19 people-centric initiatives launched under E-governance and Reforms

'State first, tribe next, self last'

- Pema Khandu, Chief Minister (AP)



Glimpse of 77th Independence Day

