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News Flash

Free health camp held at Anpum village

PASIGHAT, September 10:

A free health camp was conducted by the Siang Trust, Pasighat at Anpum village under Dambuk Subdivision in Lower Dibang Valley District on 9th September last.

Senior Surgical Specialist Dr Bomni Tayeng, Jt Director Dr Runi Tasung, Dental Surgeon Dr Bobang Ratan, Retired Additional Director Dr Saibal Bhattacharjee, Dr Lung Perme Panging, Vice President of Siang Trust Group Captain Mohonto Panging Pao VM (Rtd) supporting staff and representatives of Siang Trust participated in the health camp.

GBs, village secretary and elders of Anpum village also assisted in the conduct of the camp. Total 82 patients were examined including senior citizens and 15 dental patients. Free pressure tests, sugar tests and free medicines were given during the camp. Similar free health camps are planned for citizens of remote villages of the area.

DLMC meeting held

ITANAGAR, September 10:

A meeting of the District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Capital Itanagar, Talo Potom, to review the progress and physical achievements of various central and state-sponsored programs in Capital Itanagar at the DC Camp Office, IG Park, Itanagar.

During the meeting, representatives from the works department presented a PPT on the ongoing schemes.

The DC emphasized the need for strict monitoring and quality maintenance of developmental works by the executing agencies.

He also lauded the participants for their continued efforts in the timely completion of works and schemes.

EAC Development Khoda Lasa highlighted the collaborative effort of various departments in ensuring effective implementation of these projects.

Earlier, District Planning Officer (DPO) Chuku Talo, while welcoming the attendees, gave a brief overview of the important ongoing projects in the district.

CM Khandu attends the Border Area Development Conclave



NEW DELHI, September 11:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu attended the Border Area Development Conclave on Wednesday, September 11, with Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh as the chief guest. The event organized by the Indian Army and Centre for Land Warfare Studies, was also graced by Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

In his address, Khandu emphasized the importance of the conclave in enhancing the development of border regions and outlined the critical role Arunachal Pradesh plays in national security and development.

He remarked, "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the past decade, the people of the border areas have witnessed significant development. The impact is visible, and progress is tangible."

Khandu highlighted the strides made in improving infrastructure across the state's 11 border districts and 29 border blocks. He noted that while development in these areas was once a challenge, today major towns are well-connected, including those in remote border regions.

He also pointed to the success of the Vibrant Village Programme, noting the transformative

changes it has brought. Ongoing projects include the construction of 1,022 km of roads to connect 124 habitations. Under the first phase of development, works are ongoing in 455 habitations, with infrastructure improvements currently underway in 156 villages.

Khandu expressed his gratitude to the Indian Army for its significant contributions to the region, particularly through Operation Sadbhavna and Project Samaritan, which have facilitated development in areas such as education and healthcare. He urged the Raksha Mantri to continue supporting such vital programs.

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Union MoS Kamlesh Paswan reviews progress of central schemes

PASIGHAT, September 11:

"The socio-economic progress and upliftment of rural India with special focus on Northeastern states is on top priorities of the Central Government to attain the vision of the Prime Minister's Viksit Bharat", said the Union MoS for Rural Development, Kamlesh Paswan during a review meeting held at Siang Guest House on Wednesday, September 11.

Paswan, who is on a two-day visit to East Siang district will attend the inaugural programme of the three-day Central Solung Celebration at Ruksin General Ground on Thursday and address the public.

The Union Minister, stressed on generating maximum awareness on the central schemes so that the benefits reach the intended target rural beneficiaries for availing rural housing, livelihood, skill development and economic opportunities and assistance for farmers and also various social security schemes for the rural poor.

The Union RD MoS also made special mention for creating maximum awareness on the Lakhpati Didi Yojana implemented by the ARSLM, Arunachal Pradesh for economic empowerment of rural women.

East Arunachal Lok Sabha MP Tapir Gao, Pasighat East and West MLAs Tapi Darang and Ninong Ering respectively and Nari-Koyu MLA Toir

Kadu also attended the review meeting chaired by the Union MoS for RD.

Earlier, DC East Siang Tayi Taggu highlighted the socio-economic profile of the district and developmental indicators of the district.

The Union MoS reviewed the status of various Central Sponsored Schemes under the Ministry of rural development, including Prime Minister Awas Yojana (Gramin) 2.0, Prime Minister Sinchai Yojana, MGNREGA and lauded the quality of Pucca Houses constructed under PMAY(G) in the four CD blocks of Bilat, Ruksin, Mebo and Pasighat while maintaining traditional aesthetics too.

On rural connectivity, the Union MoS also reviewed the status of PMGSY III in the district. PD DRDA Taging Padung in his PPT presentation briefed the progress of PMKSY 2.0, PMAY and MGNREGA adding that survey is under progress at Gram Panchayat level for PMAY 2.0.

EE RWD Er. Jorsing briefed on progress of PMGSY III in his PPT Presentation, while the DDICDS Machi Gao also presented PPT on Social Security Schemes. ARSLM Block Manager M Doka also highlighted the initiatives taken by mobilising SHGs in rural areas for successful implementation of Lakhpati Didi Scheme in the district.

BDOs of all CD Blocks also attended the meeting among others.

Dukam Stresses Labor Dignity and Skill Development for Industry Growth

ITANAGAR, September 9:

Labour & Employment Minister Nyato Dukam on Monday, September 9 underscored the critical role of both employers and employees in ensuring that the dignity of labor is upheld at all times for growth of industries and overall development.

The Minister was addressing the gathering for the interaction-cum-coordination meeting with the newly selected executive members of the All Arunachal Pradesh Worker's Union (AAP-WU), here.

"The respect and dignity of our labor force must be safeguarded by both employers and workers alike. A harmonious work environment where laborers are valued is essential for the growth of our industries and overall economic development," he said.

He also urged all laborers to sincerely participate in the skill training programs while pointing out that

the modern workforce demands new skills and adapting to the latest trends through training is the key to staying competitive. "I call upon all laborers to actively engage in skill training programs. These programs are designed to improve your abilities and open up new avenues for growth and employment," he said.

In his address to the new executive members, Minister Dukam highlighted the importance of their role in ensuring the well-being of the labor community. "As the representatives of the workers, it is your duty to work diligently for their welfare. The laborers are the backbone of our industries, and their welfare is paramount for the progress of the state."

The meeting concluded with a mutual commitment from the government and the executive members to collaborate on initiatives that uplift the labor force, ensuring their rights and promoting their welfare.

4 Corps GOC calls on the Governor



ITANAGAR, September 10:

General Officer Commanding (GOC), 4 Corps Lieutenant General Gambhir Singh, AVSM, YSM called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on Tuesday, September 10. They discussed the strategic importance of the State, vibrant border village programme and focused on the key

security issues of Arunachal Pradesh. The Governor commended the Indian Army for its long-standing role in ensuring peace and thereby expediting the developmental process. He emphasized the collaborative effort of both the armed forces and the civil administration to bring progress and prosperity to Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor advised the 4 Corps General Officer commanding

to strengthen the bonhomie between the local population and the armed forces. He suggested the GOC conduct goodwill missions, provide assistance in the health sector and prepare local youth in remote villages for recruitment rallies.

4 Corps GOC assured the Governor of every effort to contribute towards the development and growth of Arunachal Pradesh.

Coordination meeting to Improve Education System Held

CHANGLANG, September 6:

Legislative Assembly Speaker Tesam Pongte stressed the importance of human resource for overall development of the society.

"While infrastructure acts as tools in the education system, only the dedication and passion of a teacher can improve the quality of education," Pongte said in a co-ordination meeting here on Friday, September 6.

The meeting was held to discuss ways and means to improve the education system and academic performance of the government school in Yatdam circle of Changlang district.

"During the recently held chintan shivir-cum-education conclave, it was discussed the need to private the education system if government schools continue to underperform despite having qualified teachers in comparison to private educational institutions," the speaker said.

He added that teachers in the outposts should take the challenges as an opportunity to serve, and that there shall be no compromise in the education system.

The meeting focused mainly on three main aspects: familiarising

the students with the OMR sheet-based examinations, such as the National Academic Survey, entrance examination for admission to JNVs and various other entrance competitive examinations; improving the reading and comprehensive skill of the students in government schools; and teachers' performance and improving the academic performance, Yatdam Circle Officer Dr Ripi Doni, who chaired the meeting, said.

During the meeting, several resolutions were, including a proposal to merge multiple primary schools operating within 1 km radius to nearby middle schools to improve the teacher-student ratio and efficiency of the schools; conduct quiz and multiple choice examinations every Saturday to familiarise the students with entrance examination pattern; and revise the syllabus to give focus on quality over quantity while maintaining the academic calendar.

It was decided also that 10 minutes of every class will be dedicated to mandatory reading and comprehension sessions, and that the teachers will guide the rural students and parents in opening bank accounts.

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DCM attends the 54th GST Council Meeting



NEW DELHI, September 9:

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein attended the 54th GST Council Meeting held on Monday, September 9 at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Union Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman, and co-chaired by Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary.

During the meet, Arunachal Pradesh formally endorsed the minutes of the 53rd GST Council meeting and the decisions of the GST Implementation Committee (GIC) regarding deemed ratification. The

State also supported the recommendations of the Law Committee, Fitment Committee, and IT Grievance Redressal Committee, particularly the proposed adjustments to GST rates for goods and services.

In line with these discussions at the meeting, the Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Chowna Mein has requested for Research Grants received by Universities and Institutions to be exempted from the purview of GST. Putting forward his view, Mein stated that the nature of research grants may be treated as a subsidy owing to its overarching impact on

the welfare and benefit of the public, without leading to commercialization or business.

Furthermore, in a bid to streamline financial transactions, Arunachal Pradesh has integrated UPI, Credit Card, and Debit Card payment options. The state expressed support for the B2C e-Invoicing Pilot Project, which is anticipated to simplify invoicing processes and improve efficiency. Additionally, Arunachal Pradesh endorsed proposals related to the ITC re-claim ledger and RCM ledger, aiming to resolve mismatch issues.

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Education department observes International literacy Day

YUPIA, September 8:

Papum Pare DDSE, T.T.Tara informed that during the two years of implementing the New India Literacy Programme/ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakaram in the district, nearly 450 adult learners have successfully passed the Functional Literacy & Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT) and have received certificates from the National Open School (NIOS), New Delhi.

DDSE Tara was speaking during an International Literacy Day Programme observed here at Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya, Yupia on Sunday, September 8.

He also urged everyone to volunteer and support the scheme so that the non-literate has the opportunity for personal growth and skill development, which can lead to transformative changes for individuals and the community.

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Wordly Wise

“Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground.”
-Theodore Roosevelt

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Editorial**Hindi Diwas**

Hindi Diwas is celebrated on September 14th every year to commemorate the adoption of Hindi as the official language of India. The celebration was started in 1953, when the Indian government declared September 14th as Hindi Diwas, to promote the use of Hindi language across the country.

Hindi is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, with over 500 million speakers. It is the official language of India and is also widely spoken in Nepal, Bhutan, and other countries. Hindi is a symbol of Indian culture and identity, and its promotion is essential for the unity and integrity of the country.

The history of Hindi dates back to the 10th century, when it emerged as a distinct language from Sanskrit. Over the centuries, Hindi has evolved and developed into a rich and diverse language, with a vast literature and cultural heritage.

The celebration of Hindi Diwas is marked by various events and activities, such as poetry recitals, essay competitions, and cultural programs. These events are organized by schools, colleges, and government institutions to promote the use of Hindi language and to create awareness about its importance.

In addition to these events, Hindi Diwas is also celebrated by publishing books, magazines, and newspapers in Hindi. This helps to promote Hindi literature and encourages people to read and write in Hindi.

The celebration of Hindi Diwas is not limited to India alone. It is also celebrated by Hindi-speaking communities around the world, who come together to promote the use of Hindi language and culture.

Hindi Diwas is also an opportunity to recognize the contributions of Hindi language and literature to Indian society. Hindi has played a significant role in India's freedom struggle, with many Hindi poets and writers contributing to the movement.

In conclusion, Hindi Diwas is an important celebration that promotes the use of Hindi language and culture. It is a symbol of Indian identity and unity, and its promotion is essential for the development of the country. By celebrating Hindi Diwas, we can help to preserve and promote Hindi language and literature for future generations.

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APST BUS SERVICE				
Sl. No.	Name of Route	Type of Service	Service Days	Departure Times
1.	Itanagar-Shillong	Night Service	Daily Service	05.00pm
2.	Itanagar-Nyapin	Night Service	Mon /Thu/Sat	02.00pm
3.	Itanagar-Aalo	Night Service	Daily Service	02.30pm
4.	Itanagar-Daporijo	Night Service	Daily Service	12.00 noon
5.	Itanagar-Yingkiong	Night Service	Alternate Day	01.00pm
6.	Itanagar-Seppa	Night Service	Daily Service	12.00 noon
7.	Itanagar-Khonsa	Night Service	Sun/Mon/Wed/Thu	01.00 pm
8.	Itanagar-Tezu	Night Service	Tuesday only	01.00 pm
9.	Itanagar-Koloriang	Night Service	Daily Service	02.30 pm
10.	Itanagar-Guwahati	Day Service	Daily Service	06.00 am
11.	Itanagar-Aalo	Day Service	Daily Service	05.30 am
12.	Itanagar-Pasighat	Day Service	Daily Service	06.00 am
13.	Itanagar-Tirbin	Day Service	Mon/Thu/Sat	05.30 am
14.	Itanagar-Bomdila	Day Service	Daily Service except Fri	06.00 am
15.	Itanagar-Palin	Day Service	Sun/Wed/Fri	06.00 am
16.	Itanagar-Sagie	Day Service	Mon/Wed/Fri	06.00 am
17.	Itanagar-Ampoli	Day Service	Sun/Tue/Thu	06.00 am
18.	Itanagar-Mengli	Day Service	Sun/Tue/Thu	06.00 am
19.	Itanagar-Kimin	Day Service	Daily Service except Sat	12.00 noon
20.	Itanagar-Gerukhamukh	Day Service	Daily Service except Fri	12.00 noon
21.	Itanagar-Balijan	Day Service	Daily Service except Sun	01.00 pm
22.	Itanagar-Tarasso	Day Service	Daily Service except Sat	05.30 am
23.	Itanagar-Sonajuli	Day service	Daily Service except Sun	01.00 pm
24.	Itanagar-Lilabari	Mail Service	Daily Service except Sun	07.00 am
25.	Itanagar- Jote	Day Service	Daily Service except Sun	07.00 am & 01.00 pm

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

Bugun community celebrates Pham-Kho-Sowai Harvest Festival

**SINGCHUNG, September 10:**

The Bugun community celebrated its traditional harvest festival Pham-Kho-Sowai with great pomp and gaiety at the festival ground here in West Kameng district on Tuesday, September 10.

Pham-Kho-Sowai is a harvest festival of the Bugun tribe, and is celebrated annually on 10 September. The term 'pham-kho' translates to mountain (pham) and river (kho, or a polysemy for any form of water), both of which are considered

by the Bugun people to be essential for human survival.

Addressing the gathering, Industries Minister Nyato Dukam, who was present as a guest, emphasised the importance of preserving their cultural heritage.

“We are going through a phase where we are losing our true identities by forgetting our cultures and traditions. Festivals provide us with an opportunity to reconnect with our heritage through traditional attire, performances, rituals, and practices,” he said.

Dukam highlighted the state government's efforts to preserve the tribal cultures.

“Recognising the importance of safeguarding our tribal traditions, the state government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Pema Khandu, has established the department of indigenous affairs, dedicated to protecting and promoting our indigenous cultures,” he said.

He spoke also about the beauty of Arunachal, “enriched by

the diversity of its people,” and noted that “the state is home to 26 major tribes and over 100 sub-tribes, each with its own unique culture.”

This diversity, he said, is a key factor in attracting tourists, and urged the locals to “provide responsible and welcoming hospitality to visitors.”

The minister lauded the people of West Kameng for their achievements in agriculture and horticulture, acknowledging their understanding of the region's topography, which has contributed to significant milestones in these sectors.

He also expressed gratitude to the Bugun community for inviting him to experience their rich cultural heritage through the celebration.

Kalakatang MLA Tsetan

Chombey and West Kameng DC Akriti Sagar also attended the festival as guests.

Bugun Welfare Society chairman Y Murphew narrated the mythology behind Pham-Kho-Sowai, enriching the participants' understanding of the festival's significance.

The celebration featured vibrant cultural performances, showcasing the Bugun tribe's unique traditions and artistry.

Thrizino-Buragaon MLA TN Glow, the West Kameng SP, the Singchung ADC, administrative officers, heads of departments, ZPMs, former ministers, members of community-based organisations, PRI leaders, elders, and members of the general public participated in the celebration.

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CM Khandu attends the Border Area...

The Chief Minister also spoke about efforts in Arunachal Pradesh to ensure synchronized planning between the defense forces, central armed police forces, and state representatives. This planning, he said, aligns with both national security interests and rural developmental needs.

Tourism was a key focus of Khandu's speech, where he noted the potential for developing the rural economy through collaborative efforts with the Indian Army to promote sustainable development in border areas.

“Tourism must reach the borders, and we are committed to ensuring that local communities benefit from this growth. Sustainable development will provide a source of income for the people, and the Army can play a crucial role as a development partner,” CM Khandu stated.

The conclave aims to foster collaboration and unlock the full potential of India's border regions, ensuring both development and national security go hand in hand.

Coordination meeting to Improve Education...

Yatdam ZPM Kepseng Khunkho said that the teachers should stay in their places of posting during the academic session and discharge their duties sincerely.

The meeting was attended by all the head teachers of 15 schools in Yatdam circle, the Tutsa Students' Union general secretary, and the Yatdam CRC.

DCM attends the 54th GST...

The state also backed the proposal for enhanced data sharing to optimize GST compliance and supported the exemption of individual health insurance premiums and pure-term individual life insurance policies, including their reinsurance.

The GST Council Meet aims to streamline financial operations, improve compliance, and deliver broader benefits to the public by creating a more efficient and transparent tax system nationwide.

Among other dignitaries who attended, include Chief Ministers of Goa and Meghalaya, Deputy Chief Ministers from Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana, as well as Finance Ministers from various States and Union Territories, along with senior officers from both Union and State governments.

Education department observes...

He further informed that, the district has established five block-level literacy committees each headed by a designated Administrative Officer as Chairperson and BEO/BRCs as the Members Secretary to oversee the scheme implementation in the block level.

“The district hosts over 50 adult learning centers each staffed with volunteer teachers that include Anganwadi workers, Asha workers, government school teachers, and church and youth volunteers and these volunteers are currently conducting survey activities for the current financial year.” He further added.

The observance began with a Prabhat ferry, where School children displayed colorful banners and posters on the importance of education. The procession culminated at the campus of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya, Yupia.

The programme was attended by the officials from DDSE Yupia, teachers, volunteers and students.

In Pakke-Kessang district, the ICDS project, in collaboration with the education department, observed the day with the theme ‘Promoting multilingual education: A literacy for mutual understanding & peace’, under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme of the WCD department, at the Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) in Pakke-Kessang.

On the occasion, messages on the role of literacy for personal empowerment, socioeconomic growth, gender equality, poverty eradication, etc, were disseminated. The aim of the BBBP scheme was also highlighted.

To mark the day, essay, extempore speech and painting competitions were organised, Pakke-Kessang ICDS Project CDPO SC Tok informed. GHSS Principal Takum Marde, officials of the OSC and the DCPU, besides officials of the education and other line departments attended the event.

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MONDAY (Skyone MI-172)	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:55
	Mohanbari	10:00	Pasighat	10:30
	Pasighat	10:45	Roing	11:05
	Roing	11:10	Anini	11:40
	Anini	11:45	Dambuk	12:00
TUESDAY (Pawan Hans MI-172)	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:55
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	Guwahati	10:05	Tawang/Lumla	11:15
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	Guwahati	13:55	Naharlagun	15:15
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				5:00

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

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World Suicide Prevention Day observed



PASIGHAT, September 10: Arunachal Pradesh University (APU), Pasighat observed World Suicide Prevention Day with a series of impactful events organized by the Department of Social Work in collaboration with the District Mental Health Unit, East Siang District.

The day featured a thought-provoking skit performed by first and third semester students from the Master of Arts in Social Work (MASW) programme. The skit, themed "Mental Health: Stigma and Awareness," addressed the critical need for social support, timely intervention, and professional help in tackling mental health issues.

Dr. Magong Pangkam, Psychiatrist, presented a session on "Depression and Suicide," where he emphasized that depression is a major factor leading to suicide, often described as more intense than the pain of childbirth. He detailed the signs and symptoms of depression, the disorders that can contribute to it, and the cognitive patterns of worthlessness, helplessness, and hopelessness that frequently lead to suicidal thoughts.

Clinical Psychologist Kenyam Pertin focused on the importance of mental health and self-care. She discussed how myths and stigma surrounding mental health issues can prevent individuals from seeking early intervention and hinder caregivers from recognizing early warning signs.

Ms. Pertin called for a shift in the narrative, advocating for the normalization of mental health discussions and breaking down societal taboos. She encouraged the audience to be attentive to their mental and physical needs, emphasizing that it is acceptable not to always be positive but important to maintain rational thoughts.

DMO Dr. Komling Perme in his address highlighted the statistics governing suicide in India and the world and shared that advent of technology has resulted in comparative reduction of farmer suicide in India. He also highlighted the availability of professional help and encouraged seeking support rather than resorting to copycat suicides.

Dr. Kato Lego, District Programme Coordinator for the District Mental Health Unit of East Siang, addressed the audience by affirming that suicide is preventable. He spoke about the role of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) in global efforts to reduce suicide rates and emphasized the importance of World Suicide Prevention Day in raising awareness.

Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work

Menuka Kadu pointed out that mental health issues often do not receive the same level of empathy and response as other medical conditions. She urged the audience to reconsider their attitudes towards individuals suffering from mental health issues. Referencing recent research, she noted that while road accidents are the leading cause of death among students worldwide, suicide is the leading cause in India, signifying a pressing issue and a need for instituting peer counsellors across educational institutions.

Narmi Darang, Registrar, APU, highlighted the challenges faced by individuals struggling with mental health issues, including the difficulty in discussing their struggles and the lack of societal awareness regarding the signs of mental health conditions and suicidal tendencies. He called on the audience to engage meaningfully with the programme and commended the efforts of the resource persons and medical team.

The observance attracted an audience of around 100 participants, including medical staff, students, and faculty members from various departments, making it a significant occasion for promoting understanding and awareness of mental health and suicide prevention.

Indian Army opens School at remote village



AALO, September 6: The Indian Army opened a state-of-the-art government residential school and hostel in remote Papikrong village in Shi-Yomi district on Friday, September 6 as part of its outreach programme.

The hostel, equipped with modern amenities, will accommodate students from nearby areas, ensuring uninterrupted education. The classrooms,

designed to facilitate interactive learning, will cater to the growing student population.

The school, which lies close to the LAC, will be managed and run by the villagers, with support from the Indian Army and the Sun Bird Trust Foundation. It currently has 100 students.

"This infrastructure will revolutionise education in our village, empowering future generation," said the school's chairperson.

Among others, Manigong ADC Idam Bam, Galo Welfare Society chairman Moi Bagra, Manigong ArSR-LM BMM Rijum Puning, conservation biologist Rimung, and Monigong PS OC Si Nani Tadu were present at the opening function.

NRCP organises interaction and input distribution programme



TAWANG, September 6: Guwahati (Assam)-based National Research Centre on Pig (NRCP), in collaboration with the Tawang Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), organised an interaction and input distribution programme at Jemithang in Tawang district on Friday, September 6.

During the farmers-scientists

interaction session, subject matter specialists Drs AK Tiwari and JD Singh emphasised the importance of adopting integrated farming system. They highlighted the importance of developing fodder banks, vermicomposting and using farmyard manure to promote natural farming practices.

CO Deewan Mara urged the farmers to seek assistance from the KVK experts for preparing animal feed. He encouraged the Brokpa yak herders and farmers to adopt scientific methods to enhance production.

A total of 150 farmers benefited from the programme.

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE KRISHI BHAWAN :: NAHARLAGUN

NO.AGRI/MKT-227/2023-24

Dated: Naharlagun, the 6th Sept. 2024

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Applications are hereby invited from interested Farmers Producer Company (FPC), Farmers Producers Organisation (FPOs), Self Help Groups for setting up of Micro Processing and Value-addition unit in various districts of Arunachal Pradesh (except Papum Pare) under Atma Nirbhar Khadya Yojana scheme. As per the approval Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh NO.AGRI/MKT-227/2023-24 Dtd. 27th Sept' 2023,

1. The applicant shall provide proof of land (owned/leased) for setting up of and Micro Processing and Value-addition unit.
2. Financial assistance shall be provided in the form of subsidy up to Rs. 45.00 Lakhs (Maximum cap) or 75% of the total project cost whichever is less for Eligible Projects components.
3. The sanctioned amount shall be disbursed in phased manner.
4. The applicant has to avail loan up to 15 percent (minimum) of total project cost from financial institution.
5. The civil works or non technical works should not exceed 25% of the total project cost
6. Application form may be obtained online from <https://www.apamb.in/> and submitted to the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Arunachal Pradesh Agriculture Marketing Board, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Krishi Bhawan, Naharlagun.
7. The last date for receipt of application along with Project Proposal/ Detailed Project Report and other relevant documents is 1600 hrs. of 7th Oct. 2024.

Eligible Projects:

- 1) Micro Food processing in Agriculture & Allied sectors.
- 2) Primary processing units such a sorting, grading, drying, packaging etc.
- 3) Secondary Processing units such as Canning, Juice & concentrates, beverages, Jam/Jelly, candies, oil and edible extraction etc.
- 4) Other projects deemed fit by the Project Sanctioning Committee. (Shortlisted applicant has to make PPT presentation before the Committee as a part of selection of applicant from subsidy).

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer, APAMB,
Directorate of Agriculture
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
Naharlagun

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER:: RURAL WORKS DIVISION YINGKIONG.

No : - EEY/NIT/ 2023-24

Dated Ykg, the 11th Sept'2024.

The Executive Engineer, RWD, Yingkiong invites on behalf of Governor of Arunachal Pradesh sealed items rate tenders from approved & eligible contractor domiciled as per the Arunachal District Based Entrepreneurs and Professional (Incentives, Development and Promotional) Acts and its Amendment (Act No.7 of 2020). The tenders will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, RWD, Yingkiong by the Executive Engineer or his representative in presence of the tenderers intended to be present.

S/No.	Name of Works	Estimated Cost (Rs. Lakhs)	Earnest Money (Rs. in lakhs)	Time Allowed for Completion	Time & Date of Tender Opening	Eligibility
1	Construction of Principal and Vice Principal building in Upper Siang Dist. (A.P).	144.80	1.45	12(Twelve) Months	1000 Hrs. 20/09/2024	Appropriate Class

Terms & Conditions:-

1. The tender papers shall be issued only on production of original contractor registration/enlistment issued from the competent authority. The Earnest Money should be deposited in the form of DD /FDR/STDR of Nationalise/ Scheduled Bank in favour of Executive Engineer, R.W.D, Yingkiong along with the tender documents.
2. The tender documents can be purchased from the O/o. Executive Engineer, RWD, Yingkiong on all working days on payment of Rs. 2,000/- by Cash/DD (non refundable) in favour of Executive Engineer, RWD, Yingkiong from 12-09-2024 to 19/09/2024. Last date & time of receipt of sealed tender documents in the office of Executive Engineer, RWD, Yingkiong is 19/09/2024 upto 1600 Hrs.
3. It is compulsory for the bidders to visit, examine and familiarise himself with the site of works and its surrounding and provide proof of site visit.
4. The undersigned reserves the right to reject/accept any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Rural Works Division
Yingkiong.

RGU organises special lectures on political economy, field research



RONO HILLS, September 8: The Centre for Development Studies of Rajiv Gandhi University's (RGU) economics department organised two special lectures on 'Political economy of regional development' and 'Reflections on field research' on 6 September.

Both the lectures were delivered by Prof Deepak Kumar Mishra from New Delhi-based Jawaharlal Nehru University's Centre for the Study of Regional Development.

Prof Mishra emphasised the need to comprehensively understand the process of regional economic de-

velopment. He explained the varied approaches to political economy and encouraged students to explore new methodologies in their research.

He further highlighted the changing concept of political economy and its relevance in contemporary situation. He argued that "economic and political factors are co-constituting and in contemporary times politics and economics are inseparable."

"There is a need to understand the social and political relations, which are important factors that influence the choice of economic agents," he said.

He opined that the structural and institutional constraints play a crucial role in the decision-making process of people.

Prof Mishra stated that "the social structure and historical factors also set the boundary for an individual while making his choice, and so political economy attaches more importance to these factors in any study."

He also highlighted the importance of property rights for proper functioning of market, capitalism and different types of power relations in the economy.

Water supply to Tawang disrupted

TAWANG, September 7:

Drinking water supply to Tawang town and surrounding areas, including Lemberdung, Changprong, and Nyukmadung, has been disrupted due to significant damage to the drop inlet headwork, located approximately two kilometres ahead of the Bramadungchung ani gonpa.

According to PHED Assistant Engineer Doge Kamduk, the damage was caused by severe land erosion early on Saturday morning, between 4 and 5 am, following continuous heavy rainfall the previous evening. The erosion, which occurred near the concrete vertical bund at Ptso, washed away critical infrastructure, including the drop inlet and diversion structure responsible for water supply to Tawang and its neighboring areas.

The Teli field hospital has also been affected by this disruption.

Deputy Commissioner (i/c) Sang Khandu, along with District Dis-



aster Management Officer Genden Tsomu and PHED AE Doge Kamduk, visited the damaged sites. The PHED requested assistance, in response to which approximately 30 volunteers from the three local markets have joined PHED

workers to help with the restoration efforts. Meanwhile, at the request of the DC, water tankers from the Tawang brigade have been deployed to provide water to the residents in various colonies.

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RURAL WORK DEPARTMENT

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Dated 09-09-2024

The Executive Engineer, RWD, Sagalee Division, Distt. Papumpare on behalf of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh invites item rate bids in electronic tendering system from approved and eligible Contractors registered with CPWD/APPWD/BRO/MES/Railways/Other State Government for PMGSY Road works in the District of Papumpare for 09 (Nine) No. Packages, Name of Work, Package no., Estimated Cost, Earnest Money & other particulars can be viewed in the SBD available for download from www.pmgstendersarn.gov.in between 09/09/2024(1600 hrs) to 24/09/2024 up to (1000 hrs)

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(Executive Engineer/DPIU)
Rural Works Division, Sagalee

Homemade pickle tasting Mela Conducted

KHONSA, September 10:

The Tirap district administration, with support from the textile & handicrafts department, the District Industries Centre, and the Arunachal State Rural Livelihood Mission, organised a homemade pickle tasting mela here on Tuesday, September 10.

The event saw active par-

ticipation of 20 SHGs, showcasing locally produced organic pickles as part of the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative.

The mela aimed to promote local organic products of Tirap district, with focus on homemade pickles, which has been proposed as the district's ODOP item by the district level committee under the com-

merce & industry ministry.

Attending the mela, Khonsa East MLA Wanglam Sawin commended the district administration and the collaborating departments for organising the mela.

A host of government officers, including Deputy Commissioner Ira Singhal and EAC Tana Bapu, also attended the programme.

DDMA conducts training programme for community volunteers



ITANAGAR, September 9:

A total of 52 youths registered as community volunteers as part of a training program organized by the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Capital Itanagar, under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Talo Potom, here on Monday, September 9.

While inaugurating the program, DC Potom urged the participants to make the most of this opportunity, emphasizing that the training would equip them with crucial skills and knowledge to respond effectively during emergencies.

He highlighted that community-based volunteers are invaluable assets during disasters, and this training would empower local residents and students to act swiftly and confidently, saving lives and minimizing damage.

Prof. Venugopal Rao Komma, Vice Chancellor of Himalayan University, commended the volunteers for stepping up to play a pivotal role in making their communities safer and more resilient. He emphasized that while disasters, whether natural or man-made, are often unpredictable, preparedness is something we can control. The training, he said, would provide participants with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to respond quickly and effectively in any emergency.

DDMO Moromi Dodum Sonam, in her welcome address,

underlined the essential role of volunteers as first responders during emergencies. She explained that this program is part of the 100-day Action Plan set by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, aimed at enhancing capacity-building to create a disaster-resilient society.

The project aims to train and equip 200 community volunteers with the basic skills needed to assist district authorities, the NDRF, SDRF, and other agencies in rescue and relief operations. "You are being trained to be first responders," said DDMO Sonam.

"When a disaster strikes, and before the arrival of the police, NDRF, or SDRF, you will act as the frontline defenders of your community, reducing the impact on both lives and property." She further explained that the training program is divided into four phases, with technical and hands-on sessions running from today until September 21st.

The three-day program will cover a wide range of topics, including first aid, search and rescue operations, emergency response techniques, fire safety, water rescue, rope rescue, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), basic life support (BLS), wound and bleeding control, handling animal and snake bites, and responses to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) disasters.

Participants will also learn about disaster management prin-

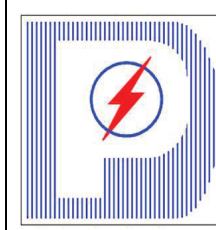
ciples and safety measures for floods, fires, landslides, earthquakes, heatwaves, thunderstorms, and lightning.

As part of the initiative, DDMA will distribute kits, including solar lamps, raincoats, and first-aid boxes, to all volunteers. These supplies will aid them in future disaster response efforts, with jerseys already provided as part of their uniform.

Training sessions featured presentations on the basics of disaster management and disaster risk management (DRM) by the NDRF, along with instructional sessions on earthquake safety, flood preparedness, and protection from thunderstorms and lightning by Nibia Kapa, DM Instructor.

Additional sessions on landslide and heat wave safety were led by Subhash Sonar, DM Instructor. Fire safety was covered by the Fire & Emergency Services Itanagar, while basic search and rescue techniques and water rescue methods were demonstrated by NDRF instructors Yukar Palang and Subhash Sonar.

The training, held at Himalayan University, Jollang, will continue until September 11. Subsequent phases of the program will take place at Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar (September 13-15), Mallo Tarin GHSS, Itanagar (September 16-18), and Don Bosco College, Jollang (September 19-21).



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Dated 10th September 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

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3	Name of Project:	Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening of Transmission & Distribution system in Arunachal Pradesh.	
4	Implementing Agency:	Power Grid Corporation of India Limited.	
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7	Date & Time of Charging:	20.09.2024 1000 hrs	
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Proposed Mega Dam on the Siang River and People's Dilemma



-By Tayi Taggu

Yarlung Tsangpo or Zangbo means river of purifier, and the same river is called Siang in Arunachal Pradesh, Brahmaputra in Assam, and Jamuna in Bangladesh. On its journey, it crosses over a height of nearly 5000 meters above mean sea level on the Tibetan Plateau, making it the highest river in the world. And the highest-river on its downward journey forms the world's largest and deepest canyon, called the Yarlung Tsangpo Grand Canyon, not far away from Arunachal Pradesh. Not long ago, say about two decades ago, Siang was a major free-flowing river undammed even by China.

Is Siang a River of Contention between India and China?

China's proposal to construct a 60-gigawatt dam, the world's first Super Dam, on the deepest Grand Canyon near Namcha Barwa, the highest peak of the eastern Himalayan Mountain range, is alarming news for people in Arunachal Pradesh in particular and India as a whole. The precipitous fall of the Grand Canyon is conducive to the World's first Super Dam to harness hydroelectric power in Medog County of Pemako Region of Nyingchi Prefecture. If the Super Dam is constructed on such a massive scale, its impact and tremor will be felt across the Tibetan Plateau, India, and Bangladesh. The effects will cause unforeseeable devastation, and havoc on the environment, with drastic colossal consequences for biodiversity. What worries India is that the Chinese construction of multipledams and proposed dam's across Yarlung Tsangpo will not only endanger livelihoods of the people of India and Bangladesh, but river flow systems, fish stocks and biodiversity as whole. Moreover, the Super Dam may induce seismicity in the region which can be highly disastrous.

One unforgettable law of nature is that we all are connected. When the river has problems, man including flora and fauna will face the same problems, and that's for sure. How the dam building on the Siang River will have a positive and negative impact on people's lifestyle and environment is not been fully addressed by concerned authorities till date, and this communication gap is nibbling and fear is constantly haunting the people. In the state of such confusion, some people with malafide intentions taking advantage of circumstances spread the wrong messages and the rumors-monger

has field days, and the truth is the main causality. In the huge tormenting debate, nobody seems to care about whether the issue is right or wrong, but for all of them, it's about winning a war game of perception and attrition. In the midst of such debate, everyone is claiming they are on the right side of the track; if so then who else is on the wrong side of the track? It is another level of politics, where everybody seems to be an expert on the issue, and not ready to listen to others, they are at the height of their arrogance.

Whether one likes it or not, the most pertinent question is: will the multiple dams built across the Yarlung Tsangpo on the Tibetan Plateau reduce the once-mighty Siang River to a thin, grubby neck of water, leaving downstream riparian areas high and dry? It is presumed that nearly all of the river's sediment load will be trapped upstream if all dams proposed in the Yarlung Tsangpo basin are developed, which could impact the cultivation of rice, a major food source for millions in the region. If we believe the stories doing around, there will be reduced water flow, which will impact the economies of downstream countries like India and Bangladesh, and whatever fear they have expressed is not unreasonable because the soil will be less productive, holding back much of the rich-sediment good for crop yielding as a consequence of the reduction in nutrient-rich sediment delivered by the Brahmaputra River, which in turn will create food insecurity. Sediment carried by the river from as far away as the Tibetan plateau is essential to the unique ecology of the Brahmaputra basin. However, large hydropower dams prevent significant amounts of sediment from flowing downstream. With river sediment impacting floodplain soil fertility, reduced sediment loads could have huge consequences. Upstream fish migration is hindered by dams when the fish cannot get over the spillway or through turbines. Those that manage to pass through may be killed by the force of current or temperature, resulting from sudden changes in pressure. Hydropower dams also prevent downstream migration, with larvae and adult fish unable to cross the dam itself or navigate large bodies of standing water created by the dams.

People fear that the Super Dam could permanently alter the climate conditions and there could be severe droughts and floods, making people's lives miserable. The Siang River is one of the largest trans-boundary river, stretching nearly 3000 kilometers from Tibet China to India and Bangladesh, where it serves as the primary or secondary food source for millions of people of the downstream. The Siang river is the 9th largest river in terms of volume discharge and the 15th longest river in the world.

Whether we admit it or not, having a neighbor like China is our misfortune because China is one country that won't listen to woes and grievances of others; for them, their problem is first and last. In their scheme of things, others matterless, unless they know they have something better to gain China won't agree to other countries proposal.

Eager to boost its renewable energy capacity, and reduce its reliance on coal, China sees river in a different way as we see. China is a well-known and undisputed champion of dam building in the world, and the construction of the so-called Super Dam announced way back in 2021 and approved by the National People's Congress for its 14th five-year plan. Their justification for building the Super Dam is that it will help China to achieve its goal of reaching a carbon emissions peak by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2060.

Siang is one of the most beautiful greenish rivers, but sadly, that was nearly one decade ago. Now the Siang River is flowing full of turbidity, which is a great concern for people. Any information sought from China is hard to come by, and they carry out their projects under the veil of secrecy and withholding data, and people downstream are desperate to know the causes of the Siang River turbidity. When there is no free flow of information, people assume the result of heavy earth cutting and construction activities by China which made the Siang River to no point of return.

It is worth mentioning that Shri. Ninong Ering, former Union Minister, and present MLA of 37th Pasighat West is vocal about his concern for creating artificial turbidity in the Siang River by China, appealing to the state and central government to take up the issues with the government of China to prevent further deterioration of the river water quality.

For the Adi people, Siang is more than a river because the sacred river has a soul and people feel they are the children of the Siang, and this river has been the entire life-supporting system of all flora and fauna from the ages. It is a scary situation for the people. China is damming more dams to generate hydropower, and there is growing fears the dams could create unseasonal flooding and droughts in the future. Exacerbated by climate change, and a lack of cross-border communication, the cumulative effects of mainstream dams present a dangerous picture for our people.

In any given situation, if any river is turned into just a source of hydropower without caring for others, it certainly will affect riparian lives and their livelihoods. It is quite possible it could snatch their food, rob their tradition, culture, customs, and their way of life. Any interference in the natural flow of river system is detrimental to very existence of our lives.

Those communities living closest to the river basin will be the hardest hit. Releases of water from the reservoirs for hydropower production during the wet season can double or even triple what natural flow would deliver, while dry season restrictions can reduce water flow by more than half. We cannot wish away the reality; this is why we should let the government take practical steps taking people into confidence.

What are the benefits of dams on the Siang? Benefits are large electricity generation, infrastructure and industrial development, improving health care, education, empowerment of local inhabitant by raising their

standard of living. What could be the environmental impacts of hydropower on the Siang?

The Siang River's wider biodiversity relies heavily on the natural and predictable flooding and receding, or pulse of the rivers. A lack of data from upstream in China has proved to be a source of contention with downstream nations like India and Bangladesh. China should provide regular updates of their hydrological data, to ensure more transparency regarding China's section flow of water of the Yarlung Tsangpo River.

China agreed to share year-round data on the Siang River, to get real-time satellite data as well as on-the-ground water level reports to prevent disaster. However, negotiating solutions with China is very complex and time-consuming process, and occasionally China does not give timely information, which is a cause for worry. In the last many years, people have experienced something unusual about the Siang River flow and water turbidity, and China's control of water upstream could have led to the unpredictable rise and fall of water levels downstream, and disrupts the ecosystem in the most devastating ways, threatening the very existence of aquatic life.

The Siang will be a dying river if China diverts Yarlung Tsangpo River, and it will hasten and exacerbates climate change in the coming decades. The hydropower dams, which are propose to be built to meet the rising need of energy, and restricted water flow, might intensify droughts, and contribute to lower food production downstream. Whenever any disruptions of river flow are felt by people, it's a clear signal that their mighty Siang River soul may be dying as a result of wanton construction of multiple dams on Yarlung Tsangpo on the upper course of the Siang River.

In the future, China, which controls upstream dams, may restrict or release water; water levels may change off-season, which may cause the people living around the area caught off-guard. To prevent such unnatural disasters data sharing could be one of the solutions. But China is reluctant to provide data, as we are experiencing now. Now the question is, should we keep our security in China's hands who is uncaring and inconsiderate, we have seen the Tiananmen Square protests where thousands of Chinese students were rolled over by People's Liberation Army (PLA) tanks in 1989; the most inhumane brutality unleashed by PLA and CCP leader were heart-wrenching.

The Siang Indigenous Farmers Forum (SIFF) vehemently opposed the construction of a mega dam on the Siang River, come what may. They are afraid they will be uprooted from their own land and they will be refugees in their state and the country. For them, what is good about the dam when they are to lose everything they own, like home, cultivable agricultural land etc? For them, the loss cannot be measured or compensated in terms of money alone. The SIFF is very adamant, and they are opposing tooth and nail even for the surveying

of the area by NHPC officials. They are not ready to negotiate as on date, now it is dead-lock between the Government and SIFF. In this scenario, who would bell the cat? Will it be the Adi Baane Kebang (ABK) who represents the cross-section of the Adi Society? The onus rest on them, and they need to find a solution to resolve this vex issue. Whatever may be their grievances, people must come to the negotiating table for an amicable solution.

The Siang Dam issue has been a popular talking shop among the people, as the Brahmaputra Flood Control Committee (BFCC) proposed a dam at Rottung in the late 1970s. Consequent upon the state government's new policy on hydropower in the year 2003, a large number of big power players line-up before the state Government for the construction of dams; they were namely Reliance Power, NHPC, and JP Associate, etc.

It may appear good on one side, but our people must remember that Siang is an International river flowing across three countries. This is a point where our thought processes need to change from a local issue to an international issue relating to the security of our country. China has already constructed multiple dams over Yarlung Tsangpo namely Zangmu-510 MW, Dagou-640 MW, Jiexu 560 MW, and Jiacha-320MW and many more dams are on the pipeline. Who can stop China? Obviously, no power on earth can stop them. When we can't stop them, we must find an alter way, and this is the need of the hour.

In a meeting, Shri Pema Khandu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh clarified that "We don't need the Siang River dam for hydropower generation. We need the dam for security reason and in few years, our state will generate surplus power. However, he reiterates why Siang Dam is necessary for the security and safety of our people. The Siang Dam proposes to counter China's ill intention of using water as a tool of ransom against India, and a weapon of destruction in the future". We never know the mind of the Chinese leader.

To counter China's Super Dam India is proposing to construct 11,000 megawatt projects in Arunachal Pradesh. The Siang Indigenous Farmers' forum is vehemently opposing the construction of the proposed 11000MW Siang Dam, and even they are not agreeing to allow a Pre-Feasibility Report (PFR). The PFR would take less than a year and it is a preliminary study to assess the project feasibility. NHPC officials are planning to prepare Pre-Feasibility Reports at three proposed sites viz:-Ugeng, Dite-Dime and Parong before selecting the final site. After the final selection of the site, a potential land submergence survey will be carried out, along with likely damage to biodiversity and the environment. How much area of agricultural land, villages, and forests will be submerged is still unknown as no survey could be carried out due to stiff opposition by the SIFF group.

To the great dismay of Arunachal Pradesh, Beijing is claim-

ing Arunachal Pradesh as 'South Tibet' and assigning different Chinese names to different regions of Arunachal Pradesh which is a shameful act by the China. Nobody knew when Arunachal Pradesh was South Tibet? Arunachal Pradesh, an integral part of India was never a neighbor of China except after the occupation of Tibet in 1950. China is a difficult neighbor, they stabbed at India's back after the Panchsheel agreement, the five principles of peaceful co-existence by Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, and the Galwan skirmish that happened after Narendra Modi invited Xi Jinping as a guest of India in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. How we can believe such eccentric behavior of the Chinese leader? India must always stay on guards, and keep vigil all time whatever may be our relationship with them.

You never know how Chinese Communist Party (CCP) leaders make their next move. We have witnessed how Jack Ma, iconic Alibaba founder and the most charismatic Chinese billionaire was vanished from the public overnight. Jack Ma's crime was, he criticized the Chinese banking system for being incapable of handling large amounts of money, which itched Xi Jinping's ear, and that was sufficient reason to vanquish him. Also, we have seen how the Defense Minister, leaders, and top Military leaders were removed often from their posts unceremoniously. Nobody ever raises a murmur in China, and they know wisdom lies in silence.

It is a revelation that the CCP leaders themselves are not sure what their next move would be, which is why, many relatives of the CCP Leaders are settled in Europe, Australia, Canada, and the USA because they know that is insurance against bad times in China. Even Xi Jinping's daughter Xi Mingze is a USA green card holder. Xi Jinping himself was in a hard labour camp in a rural area of China. They all know one thing well, Chinese leaders never give guarantees.

Why China's neighboring countries worry and fear because China plays mischief, using water as a weapon of control, ransom, and destruction of riparian of Mekong River countries like Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Thailand. The unrelenting dam construction on the Mekong River is taking an unprecedented toll on the River's aquatic life, and millions of people depend on it for their livelihoods. With the control of the River, China is controlling everything in their lives; they are in distress, and people are on the edge, they are keeping afloat by hoping against hope, that China will one day understand them. But China in her hegemony closed her ears to listen, and their wishes are likely to remain as pipe-dream. Does China have ears to listen, when will their ears open up to listen to the voice of another country is a million-dollar question? In China, people are to listen to their Government, whereas in India Government is to listen to their people.

(The author is the present Deputy Commissioner of East Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh)

SISPA students interact with Tawang DC



TAWANG, September 9:

Twenty-seven students from the Gujarat-based Rashtriya Raksha University's School of Internal Security and Police Administration (SISPA) interacted with Tawang Deputy Commissioner (i/c) Sang Khandu and other officers here on Monday, September 9 regarding the activities being carried out under the Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP).

During the meeting, held at the DC office here, Tawang EAC

Sangey Wangmu Mosobi provided an overview of the projects being undertaken in the district under the VVP, following which the heads of offices addressed the students' queries.

The students expressed interest in the development of adventure tourism, the government's efforts to provide basic amenities such as education and drinking water, and the potential for sustainable tourism in the region through the

VVP.

The DC encouraged the students to explore various regions and understand the developmental initiatives being carried out by government departments and agencies.

The student's tour, which is being coordinated by ITBP Deputy Commandant Regi PD, includes field visits to villages under the VVP, with a planned visit to the villages in Jemeithang circle, starting from September 11.

ASHAs asked to visit pregnant women, keep basic medicines

CHANGLANG, September 9:

The accredited social health activists (ASHA) in Yatdam circle of Changlang district have been asked to visit pregnant women and lactating mothers at least once a week, and to keep basic medicines with them.

A resolution in this regard was taken during a meeting of the ASHAs and the anganwadi workers (AWW) in Yatdam on Monday, September 9.

"ASHAs and anganwadi workers play a vital role in education and health of women and children in the rural areas. They form the basic foundation in health and education. Since their target audience is common and many of the ICDS schemes require assistance from the health department, they need to work in synchronisation to deliver an impactful service," Circle Officer Dr Ripi Doni said.

Highlighting the roles and responsibilities of the AWWs, CDPO W Khimhun said that they need to spend four hours a day, except on Sundays, with children aged between 3 and 6 years.

AWWs are the focal persons for the delivery of ICDS services to children and mothers, while ASHAs are the first point of contact vis-à-vis healthcare in rural India, and their



tasks include motivating women to give birth in hospitals, bring children to immunisation clinics, treat basic illnesses and injury with first aid, etc. MO Dr Reshma Pait asked the ASHAs to "pay home visits every week and conduct Village Health Nutrition Day every month."

During the meeting, the par-

ticipants further resolved that the ASHAs and the AWWs have to stay in their respective places of appointment, and that they will work in close coordination for overall development of women and children.

No AWW will carry mobile phones with them during teaching hours, they further resolved.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, PASIGHAT
ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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No.PWRD/Sch-1/556/NIT-1/2023-24/Vol.III

Dated Pasighat the 10th September 2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Pasighat Division, WRD on behalf of Governor of Arunachal Pradesh invites sealed item rate tenders for the works given below from the registered contractors in Class - I categories, domiciled within the territorial jurisdiction of East Siang District as shown below as per the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Extraordinary gazette notification published on 13th April 2015 gazette No. 94, Vol-XXII.

Sl.No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost put to Tender (In Rs.)	Earnest Money		Period for completion of work	Date of issue of tender document	Last date of receipt of complete tender document	Date & Time of opening of Tender Bid	Cost of Bid Document (In Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Block/ Assembly Constituency
			APST (Rs.)	Non-APST (Rs.)							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Development of Infrastructure Projects at Arunachal Pradesh University, Pasighat, East Siang District (Phase-I)	₹ 147,703,904.0	₹ 1,477,039	₹ 2,954,078	2 years	12-09-24 to 23-09-24	25-09-24 upto 12 Noon	25-09-24 from 2 PM	₹ 5,000.00	Class - I	All Assembly Constituency of East Siang District.

Terms & Conditions

- 1 The tender document shall be issued on production of valid registration certificate of appropriate class and on payment by cash (non - refundable) as shown above.
- 2 The authorized tender documents are available for inspection in the office of the Executive Engineer, Water Resources Division, Pasighat from 12-09-24 to 23-09-24 between 10.30 AM -1PM
- 3 The earnest money should be deposited along with the tenders in the appropriate form as per the tender documents.
- 4 It is mandatory for the Bidder, at his own cost, responsibility and risk, to visit, examine and familiarize himself with the site of works and its surroundings before submitting the bid.
- 5 The Employer reserves the right to accept / reject any or all the applications without assigning to any reasons.
- 6 The details terms & Conditions can be seen in bidding documents.


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GUIDELINES FOR DOCUMENTARY FILM ENTRIES:

1. The film's duration should not surpass the 25-minute time limit including the credits.
2. Films can be in any language or dialect, but it is mandatory to provide English subtitles.
3. Filmmakers must provide proof of ownership or clearance for all music, graphics, and visual assets used in the film.
4. Ensure the inclusion of accurate and comprehensive credits for your film.
5. The filmmaker should self-declare the consent & image release signed by the participants in the documentary film.
6. Submit the film in 1080p full HD format and MP4 file type, and ensure it meets the specified quality standards for both audio and video.
7. Participation is open to films created in the year 2018 and onwards.
8. Documentary should be submitted either on FilmFreeway.com under "Arunachal Film Festival" or physically through a pen drives at the DIPR office, Soochna Bhawan, Papu Nallah.
9. The film must be submitted prior to the deadline set by the organizers, which is December 31st, 2024.
10. Filmmakers to bear the cost of transportation for carrying the film materials by themselves.
11. Films that were submitted in the previous Arunachal Film Festival will not be allowed to participate again.
12. The film should not be uploaded or made available on any social media platform.
13. The films, trailers, clippings and posters of the selected films will be put in the official social media pages as well as in the archive of the Arunachal Film Festival, and will be used for further promotional and publicity purposes of the AFF. Ownership right of the film to remain with the filmmaker.
14. All disputes in respect of any matter relating to the AFF shall be subjected to the exclusive jurisdiction of the competent courts and forums in Itanagar capital region.

GUIDELINES FOR SHORT FILM ENTRIES:

1. The Short Film Festival category is exclusively open to residents of Arunachal Pradesh.
2. The film's duration should not surpass the 15 minute time limit including the credits.
3. Films can be in any language or dialect, but it is mandatory to provide English subtitles.
4. Filmmakers must provide proof of ownership or clearance for all music, graphics, and visual assets used in the film.
5. Ensure the inclusion of accurate and comprehensive credits for your film.
6. The film should be submitted in H.264 codec format, meeting the specified quality standards for both audio and video. The resolution must be at least 1080p.
7. The link to the short film should be submitted via email to diprarunx@gmail.com and affdipr2013@gmail.com, or physically through a pen drive at the DIPR office, Soochna Bhawan, Papu Nallah.
8. The film must be submitted prior to the deadline set by the organizers, which is December 31st, 2024.
9. The organizers won't bear the Cost of transportation for carrying film materials.
10. By submitting, filmmakers agree that their films, trailers, clips, and posters may be featured on official social media pages and archived for future promotional and publicity purposes related to the Arunachal Film Festival.
11. All disputes in respect of any matter relating to the AFF shall be subjected to the exclusive jurisdiction of the competent courts and forums in Itanagar capital region.

Army inaugurates Skill Development Centre at Namasibo Vibrant Village



NAMASIBO, September 7:

The Indian Army opened a skill development centre in Namasibo village in Shi-Yomi district to boost employment for women through local craftsmanship.

The state-of-the-art centre will function as a platform for the women to hone their skills and promote self-sufficiency. It is

equipped with modern facilities like a galey weaver, a stitching machine, an intuitive interactive learning system, and professional teachers who will offer training in various skills.

"This centre will provide a platform for the women to hone their cultural skills, enhancing their employability and contributing to

the growth of the society, the region, and the state as a whole," Manigong ADC Idam Bagra said.

Among others, Galo Welfare Society chairperson Moi Bagra, ArSRLM BMM Rijum Puning, conservation biologist Rimung, and Monigong PS OC SI Nani Tadu attended the opening ceremony.

Red Ribbon Club organises Mini-marathon to raise HIV/AIDS awareness



DEOMALI, September 7:

A 7-km 'Red Run' mini-marathon, themed 'Run for awareness: End HIV/AIDS in Tirap & Longding', was organised by the Red Ribbon Club of Wangcha Rajkumar Government College (WRGC) here on Saturday, September 7.

The event, held in collaboration with the college's NSS unit, the Namsang Youth Council (NYC) and the alumni association of the college, was supported by the Arunachal Pradesh State AIDS Control Society.

The run saw the participation of 47 students, starting from RK Mission Gate and concluding at the col-

lege campus.

Principal Chayon Bangyang, who flagged off the marathon, commended the organisers for hosting the event that not only promoted physical fitness but also raised critical awareness about HIV/AIDS.

He also thanked Deomali ADC JT Obi, the Deomali CHC medical officer, the police, the forest department and the NYC for their support.

NSS Programme Officer Ngamwang Lowang highlighted the importance of physical fitness, mental wellbeing and the need to abstain from drug abuse in combating the

spread of HIV/AIDS in Tirap and Longding districts.

The marathon concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, with awards given to both male and female participants.

In the female category, Chakhoan Lowang (BA 5th semester, political science) claimed the first prize, while Pilai Wangsa (BA 1st semester) secured the second prize.

In the male category, Dangpho Pansa (BA 1st semester, political science) and Sapwang Songthing (BA 1st semester) secured the first and the second prize, respectively.

RGU conducts plantation drive



RONO HILLS, September 7:

Over 100 saplings were planted by students, faculty members and staffs of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) near the university's new playground on Saturday, September 7 as a part of the ongoing Swachhata Pakhwada.

The drive was led by RGU Vice Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha and Finance Officer Prof Otem Padung.

Swachhata Pakhwada, a 15-day initiative of the education ministry, aims to promote awareness on cleanliness, hygiene, and greenery.

Through this initiative, RGU aims to instil a sense of responsibility among stakeholders to maintain a clean and green environment, embodying Mahatma Gandhi's vision for a free, clean, and developed India, the university said in a release.

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

No.PHQ/PER-213/2024

Dated Itanagar the 9th Sept'2024.

Notice

It is to notify that, 57 (Fifty Seven)/ (Constable-27 and MTS-30) candidates selected for the post of Constable/Lady Constable (Civil Police, AAPBn and IRBn) and MTS Cook/Sweeper/ Water Carrier/Barber (Civil Police, AAPBn and IRBn) in Arunachal Pradesh Police conducted by APSSB did not report for joining as per the offer of appointment issued vide letter No. PHQ/PER-213/2024 Dated 16/02/2024.

And whereas, as per terms and conditions laid down in the offer of appointment to the post of Constable and Lady Constable (Civil Police, AAPBn and IRBn) and MTS Cook/Sweeper/Water Carrier/Barber (Civil Police, AAPBn and IRBn), the candidates have failed to report for joining on 05/03/2024.

In this regard, a Memorandum was issued to report for joining or submit a written unwillingness personally on or **before 15/07/2024 repeat 15/07/2024** to the undersigned. Consequently, 3 (Three) candidates have submitted unwillingness and the rest of the candidates have failed to report for joining nor submitted a written unwillingness.

Since, the date line of the notice issued for non-reporting candidates has expired. And therefore, the posts will be deemed unfilled and the vacancy will be filled by a fresh recruitment by the recruiting agency of the state.

This has the approval of the DGP, AP.

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

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
RURAL WORK DEPARTMENT

E-PROCUREMENT PRESS NOTICE
PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA

NIT No: EE/RWD/PKSG/NIT/PMGSY-III/2023-24

Dated 12-09-2024

The Executive Engineer, RWD, Pakke Kessang Division, Distt. Pakke Kessang, on behalf of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh invites Item Rate Bids in electronic tendering system from approved and eligible Contractors registered with CPWD/APPWD/BRO/MES/Railways/Other State Government for PMGSY Road works in the District of Pakke Kessang for 04 (four) No. Packages. Name of Work, Package no., Estimated Cost, Earnest Money & other particulars can be viewed in the SBD available for download from www.pmgsytendersarn.gov.in between 12/09/2024 (1600 Hrs) to 25/09/2024 up to (1000 Hrs)

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Pakke Kessang

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
DAPORIJO DIVISION : PWD : A.P.
DAPORIJO-791122

No: DB/DRJ/17/2024-25/1003-05

Date 10/09/2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Daporijo Division, PWD, A.P invites on behalf of Governor of Arunachal Pradesh bids from eligible registered contractors under appropriate class for the following works:-

1. NIT No : - DB/DRJ/SJETA/24-25/02

Name of Work : - C/o Godown for storage of Cardamom at Sorjo in Upper Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh.

Estimated Cost : - Rs. 1,44,90,000.00

Earnest Money : - Rs. 1,44,900.00 for APST

Time completion : - 12 Months

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the office of Executive Engineer PWD Daporijo Division

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Daporijo Division, PWD, A.P.
Daporijo.

DCM celebrates Solung festival at Lower Dibang Valley

ROING, September 11:

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein extended his best wishes to the Adi community and emphasized the importance of honoring the long-standing traditions of Arunachal Pradesh's indigenous tribes. Attending the two-day Solung celebration, organized by the Central Solung Festival Celebration Committee 2024 of Lower Dibang Valley district, on Tuesday, September 10 in Roing, he stressed the need to balance modernity with ancient traditions and advocated for maintaining cultural practices as a crucial step in preserving the state's rich cultural heritage.

"With the careful preservation of Arunachal's rich biodiversity and its diverse cultural landscape, comprising around 26 major tribes, the state could become one of the most beautiful tourist destinations in the region," Mein said. He also highlighted the government's vision to es-



tablish dedicated Gurukuls for each indigenous tribe across the state to educate and preserve cultural traditions, languages and folktales.

Mein also addressed various government initiatives aimed at boosting economic activities, including advancements in the tourism sector through the construction of the 218 km Assam-Arunachal railway

line project, which will pass via the sacred pilgrimage site of Parshuram Kund.

He mentioned that the 12,500 MW hydropower projects to be undertaken by NHPC, NEEPCO, THDC and SJVN in the region are at various stages and are set to commence in the following years: 5 projects in 2025, 3 projects in 2026, and 3 pro-

jects in 2027. "These projects will meet the power needs of the state and the nation and will also foster rapid economic development," Mein said.

Mein further explained that large dams will provide multiple benefits, as they are multi-purpose projects. "We will not only generate power but also moderate floods

downstream by regulating river flow, and harness water for irrigation, fisheries, tourism, and employment generation," he added.

He highlighted the economic benefits of large hydropower projects for the state, noting that it will receive an investment of Rs. 1,50,000 crore, with a 24% equity share amounting to Rs. 36,000 crore in ownership.

This is expected to generate Rs. 1,836 crore per annum in revenue for the state. Additionally, the state will receive 12% free power and 1% for local area development. "These benefits will support both current and future generations," Mein said.

Mein also mentioned that, alongside large hydropower projects, the government is committed to developing small hydro projects, such as micro and mini hydel projects, in border villages of Arunachal Pradesh. These will benefit remote villages, defense personnel and military setups stationed in those areas.

Science & technology and cultural affairs minister Dasanglu Pul, former CM Mukut Mithi, MLAs Mopi Mihu, Dr. Mohesh Chai, Purnima Apum, government officers, panchayat and public leaders, GBs, and MLA from Sadiya constituency in Assam, Bolin Chetia, among others, attended the celebration.

State-Level Red Run Marathon 2024 honored



RONO HILLS, September 11:

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) felicitated its students, Joti Mane and Pill Takar, for their outstanding achievements in the State-Level Red Run (5 KM Mini) Marathon-2024. The event, organized by Arunachal Pradesh State AIDS Control Society on September 10, 2024, saw Joti Mane secure the first position in the female category and Pill Takar clinch the third position in the male

category.

A felicitation ceremony was held in the Vice-Chancellor's chamber, where Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice-Chancellor of RGU, honored the remarkable achievements of the duo, who are students of the B.P.Ed. program, Department of Physical Education.

Joti Mane, the female category winner, will participate in the National Level Red Run 5 KM Mini

Marathon in November 2024, representing Arunachal Pradesh State at the national level.

The ceremony was attended by esteemed faculty members, including Prof. Sambhu Prasad, Dean, Faculty of Physical Education and Sports Science, Dr. A. Yuvaraj, Assistant Director of Physical Education, and Dr. K. Rojeet Singh, HoD i/c, Department of Physical Education.

DLMC Meeting Lower Siang District held at Nari

NARI, September 11:

The Lower Siang District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) held a meeting at the ADC's conference hall on Tuesday, September 10 to review the status of central and state governments' flagship programmes being implemented in the district.

All the heads of departments gave powerpoint presentations on the status of various schemes under central and state flagship programmes managed by their respective departments during the meeting. Some Zila Parishad members and other members of the panchayat body also offered suggestions and shared their opinions during the meeting.

While addressing the meeting, Likabali MLA Kardo Nygyor, who is also the Deputy Speaker, advocated for the proposed Siji-Sikiri-ma-Koyu road. He mentioned that the road project has already been submitted to the government for priority consideration. "The road would immensely benefit both the Likabali and Nari Koyu constituencies in the coming days," the MLA added.

Nygyor also informed the members about the proposed middle corridor road from Pasighat to Upper Subansiri district, which will connect the state capital Itanagar with the eastern part of the state without passing through Assam. He further emphasized that "actual work implementation should not deviate from the DPR to avoid issues after the completion of the work."



Referring to the extensive damage caused to the Bali to Kangku PMGSY road during the last monsoon rains, he requested the nodal department to prepare a cumulative damage report and submit it to the government for immediate maintenance of the road.

Nari Koyu MLA Tojir Kadu, while appreciating the deputy commissioner's decision to hold the DLMC meeting in Nari, expressed hope that this decision would help maintain good relations between the people of his area and the heads of district departments. He expressed concern about the electrification of Hipo village in Koyu Circle, which he said, is still pending.

Earlier, deputy commissioner

and DLMC chairman Rujum Raksap mentioned that the meeting was conducted outside his office premises as part of the district administration's outreach programme and to ensure fair treatment for remote areas. He urged the executing agencies of various projects to strictly adhere to timelines and coordinate with user agencies to achieve better results. He said, "The DPR should invariably segregate components among related departments for better technical output."

Raksap also expressed concern over the delay in completing the Koyu to Goye portion of the tri-junction road, which connects the three districts of Leparada, Lower Siang and East Siang.

Central Solung festival celebration begins



PASIGHAT, September 06:

The four-day central Solung festival celebration began on Friday, September 6 at Gidli Notko, Pasighat here in East Siang district with traditional fervour and gaiety with the traditional ritual Taku Tabat performed by Arunachal Pradesh University Vice-Chancellor Prof Tomo Riba.

This is the 57th Solung festival celebration being organised by the Pasighat Central Solung Festival Committee (PCSFC).

Extending festival greetings, Prof Riba said, "Our age-old festivals, celebrated since time immemorial, reflect our rich repository of traditions, culture and mythology that need to be passed down to the future generations."

He presented a brief on the significance of performing Taku Tabat and Ekop to propitiate Dadi Bote, Kine Nane and Doying Bote for the wellbeing of humankind and prosperity.

Invoking the blessings of Golgi Bote Talom Rukbo, the torchbearer of the indigenous faith movement, Riba said that "the Solung mythology traces the origin of humankind and the

significance of the festival for peace and prosperity and bumper harvest."

He called for protection and preservation of festivals, customs, folklores, dances and traditions for posterity, saying that festivals promote the spirit of oneness and community bonding.

The VC also urged everyone to "contribute towards Mother Nature and tree plantation, minimise usage of plastic, and adopt a healthier lifestyle."

Donyi Polo Trust chairperson Katung Wage urged the Adi community to pass on the rich cultural heritage and traditions to younger generation and "let them take pride in their heritage, dialects and customs."

Wage informed that the IFC-SAP is currently undertaking a "mission towards indigenous roots with the objective of protecting and documentation of our rich heritage and roots."

He appealed to the indigenous people to preserve their age-old belief systems, folklores, folktales, customs, traditions and dialects, and to "protect them from vanishing, through documentation and various

efforts."

He expressed appreciation for the organising committee members for hosting the event in a befitting manner.

Acknowledging the efforts of the PCSFC-24 executive members and their associates, local MLA Tapi Darang said that 10 new gangings are expected to be set up in the constituency, "along with installation of new MRI machines in the BPGH, and auditoriums and staff quarters for schools."

The first-ever woman president of the Central Solung Festival Celebration Committee, Okiam Moyong Borang, acknowledged the tireless contribution of the organising team in order to successfully host the mega event.

The Solung mythology was presented by TR Pertin, followed by a colourful display of traditional dances by the Rengging Ane party.

Prominent personalities, including SP Dr Sachin Singhal, 5th IRBn Commandant Aishwarya Sharma, former MLA Kaling Moyong, ADC (HQ) Tatling Pertin, officers and leaders were present.

FD Programme on advances in Science and technology at JNC underway

PASIGHAT, September 10:

A five-day faculty development programme (FDP) on advances in science and technology got underway at Jawaharlal Nehru College (JNC) here in East Siang district on Tuesday, September 10.

Being jointly organised by the college's botany, chemistry, physics and mathematics departments, the programme is supported by the union biotechnology department.

Addressing the inaugural function, JNC Vice Principal Dr Lekin Sitang emphasised the importance of science and technology in today's competitive world, highlighting that equitable distribution of resources is

now as important as their production.

FDP coordinator Dr Temin Payum outlined the goals of the programme, stressing on the value of a multidisciplinary approach, and expressed hope that the participants would benefit from the internationally reputed speakers.

The technical sessions began with Prof. Sahin Ahmed from Rajiv Gandhi University, who demonstrated the geometrical significance of Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations, captivating the audience.

Dr. Jiban Saikia from Dibrugarh University followed up with an insightful presentation on phosphorus management and the use of nano-

materials in organic farming. He discussed innovative methods involving Layered Double Hydroxides (LDH) and biodegradable hydro-gels.

Dr. Yana Bagbi from the University of Delhi presented on using bamboo waste to create activated carbon for water purification. She raised concerns about the presence of arsenic in water around Pasighat, emphasizing the need for nanotechnology solutions.

Dr. Y. Disco from College of Horticulture and Forestry, Pasighat in his talk touched on preserving perishable fruits and vegetables through nano-material and nano technology-based methods.

Aalo prepares for Swatchata Hi Seva 2024 Campaign

AALO, September 11:

In line with the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), Aalo is gearing up to participate in the nationwide "Swatchata Hi Seva 2024" (SHS) campaign. A meeting was convened on Wednesday, September 11 chaired by Mabi Taipodia Jini, In-charge Deputy Commissioner C of West Siang District to discuss the comprehensive plan for the campaign, which will be observed from 14th September to 2nd October 2024.

This initiative is aimed at promoting cleanliness and sustainable waste management across the town and surrounding areas as part of the larger effort under the SBM.

The chairperson will highlight the government's dedication to ensuring the success of this initiative, urging all departments and stakeholders to give their full cooperation and maximum effort. Jini emphasized the importance of clean public spaces and hygienic living conditions.

Er. Hali Welly, EE Urban De-



velopment & Housing (UD & H), Aalo, provided an overview of the Swachh Bharat Mission and the progress made over the past decade. He noted that Aalo has benefitted from the mission consistently ranking among the cleanest towns in Arunachal Pradesh. He emphasized the need for renewed efforts in the upcoming SHS 2024 campaign.

Further he informed that the campaign will culminate with a special Swatchata Rally and award ceremony on 2nd October, celebrated

as SwachhataDiwas to recognize the best-performing departments, schools and individuals in the cleanliness drives. The Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign promises to make a lasting impact on the cleanliness, sustainability, and public health of Aal.

The meeting was attended by all HoDs Admin Officers, ZPC, ZPMs, ITBP, BRTF, Indian Army, principals and Headmasters of Educational Institutions, NGOs, SHGs, Market Welfare Associations, President and Secretaries of various sectors.