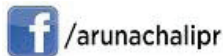




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Khandu & US Ambassador to India, Eric Garcetti inaugurate 'The Hump WWII Muse'



PASIGHAT, November 30: Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu and US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti inaugurated 'The Hump WWII Museum', the 2nd museum in Asia dedicated to the fallen airmen of the Allied forces during the WWII at Pasighat here on Wednesday, Nov 29, 2023.

"We come here today not just to mark history but to make history. To see the ways with which each one of us is called not just to witness the past but to do some-

thing to change the future," said Garcetti in a ceremony to mark the occasion.

He profusely thanked and expressed gratitude to the Indian Government, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and team behind the museum headed by its Director Oken Tayeng.

"This isn't a gift only to Arunachal Pradesh or to the families whose lives will be affected when they come here but it is a gift to India and to the world," he said.

The Hump, Garcetti claimed, isn't just a museum in some remote part of India, half the world round from the US but already a world class museum.

Reiterating that the United States is committed to its friendship with India, the US Ambassador informed that on Wednesday there was a meeting between NASA Administrator Bill Nelson and top space officials of India to deepen bilateral cooperation across a broad range of innovation and research-related

areas, especially in human exploration and Earth science. He said that NASA this year would facilitate an Indian to be a part of space exploration from its station in the US.

Reminding that the US will always remain grateful to the people of Arunachal Pradesh for saving lives and helping US pilots and soldiers during the WWII while flying over the Hump, Garcetti said that such 'human values' binds the two countries together in friendship.

"Today how can we not but step up to be a great friend to India, to recognize her borders, all of them, and to respect them and to call on the world to do the same," he said.

Khandu, while welcoming the Ambassador and his entourage, said 'The Hump' was a tribute from the people of Arunachal Pradesh to the fallen heroes of the WWII.

He said that history should not be allowed to fade away with time and expressed optimism that this museum will remind the younger generation of the daredevilry of the Allied forces who flew over the 'Hump' to fight against the threat to democracy and freedom.

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Governor interacts with people of Vibrant Border Villages

Governor advises administration & elected representatives to reach out to the distant villages in a continuous cycle every day



KIBITHOO, November 28:

Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) interacted with inhabitants of border villages, selected under Vibrant Border Village programme at Kibithoo in Anjaw District on November 25, 2023.

Interacting with the villagers, the Governor, who launched the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra for the State from Ziro a fortnight earlier, said that the programme aims to ensure that the people who could not avail benefits for welfare schemes and programmes of Central Government must be provided before 26th of

January 2024. It has a special focus on tribal welfare and wellbeing of the tribal community. He appealed to the people who are yet to avail benefits from Central government schemes and programmes, to come forward and avail it.

He advised the government officials to work in a mission mode and ensure that all the eligible persons are registered as beneficiaries and 100% saturation is achieved. He also advised the administration and elected representatives to reach out to the distant villages in a continuous cycle every day.

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News Flash

Farm tour to initiate Community Based Tourism

BHALUKPONG, November 28:

A two-day Farm Tour organized by the Department of Tourism, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, aimed at initiating Community Based Tourism in Tippi and Bhalukpong, concluded on November 23, 2023.

The team of twenty-two members from diverse tribes explored Kaziranga National Park and Orchid Park, emphasizing Community Based Tourism and Conservation.

ZPM Bhalukpong, Extra Assistant Commissioner, and Panchayat leaders flagged off the tour on November 21 last. The team departed from Bhalukpong and arrived at Kohora Range in Kaziranga on the same day, where an orientation and interaction program with local tourism stakeholders was conducted.

The Day 2 of the tour featured a morning safari at Kaziranga National Park and an afternoon visit to Kaziranga Orchid Park.

The participants witnessed community involvement in tourism roles and how the orchid park association contributed to cultural preservation, creating vibrant attractions and employment opportunities. The Farm tour concluded with a valuable feedback session.

768 people benefited from SAD 2.0 at Likor Vill

YINGKIONG, November 28: District Administration Upper Siang conducted the 13th Seva Apke Dwar 2.0-Govt at your door step at Likor village today, November 28, 2023.

Head Gaon Bura, T. Boli inaugurated the programme in the presence ADC Headquarter Dochora Lama, Head of Depts, GBs, PRI leaders, Govt officials and general public at Community Hall, Likor.

A total of 768 people from Likor and near by village Palling benefitted of various govt schemes. During the camp more than 20 Departments participated to provide services of various govt schemes to the public.

Nalo launches e-stamping & e-Registration Fee Collection system

ITANAGAR, November 28:

Land Management & Tourism Minister Nakap Nalo launched the e-stamping system in the state here at Civil Secretariat in Itanagar on November 22 last.

With this, Arunachal Pradesh became the 24th state in the country to adopt the online e-stamping system & e-Registration Fee Collection application service.

Lauding the Department of Land Management, headed by Secretary A.K. Singh and Director Mamata Riba for this historic occasion that has added to yet another milestone in the digital journey of Arunachal Pradesh, Nalo said that e-stamping will not only save time and stress for the citizens, but will also solve the problem of revenue leakage.

He said that since all fees will be collected online, chances of mismanagement of funds will be considerably lower. He also said that the burden and stress on department officers will be lessened as earlier these officers had to travel to get the stamp papers.

Nalo said that digitalization has

paved way for our state to grow in leaps and bounds along with the rest of the states. Sharing Chief Minister Pema Khandu's vision, he said the government needs such dedicated, honest & sincere bureaucrats who can bring the government's vision into reality.

K. Bhattacharya, Regional Manager-Eastern region, Stockholding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL) informed that the decision to opt for e-stamping was taken in the light of various scams that took place in the beginning of the last decade. He said a distinctive growth in revenue collection & a visible customer satisfaction could be felt in the states where e-stamping has already been launched. He thanked the State Government for bringing in this much needed digital revolution.

Techi Deram, Senior Citizen of Itanagar and Donik Tayu & Gora Lotak, both former councilors, became the first three citizens to receive the online e-stamp paper. They were handed over their documents by the Land Management Minister.

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Governor participates in Constitution Day celebration



ITANAGAR, November 28:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participated in the Constitution Day celebration at State Legislative Assembly Complex, Itanagar on November 26, 2023.

To commemorate the Day, the Governor unveiled a statue of Mahatma Gandhi, titled 'Into the future' amidst singing of Gandhi ji's favourite Bhajan, 'Vaishnav Jana To Tene Kahiye', at the entrance of the State Legislative Assembly Complex.

The Governor complimented

Pasang D. Sona and his team for the concept and selection of an inspiring and unique statue of the Father of the Nation. He said that the statue embodied the core values that guide our nation. He also felicitated Ashish Bose, Principal sculptor of the statue on the occasion.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Union Minister, Earth Sciences, Kiren Rijiju, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Harivansh N. Singh, Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly, Pasang D. Sona and Deputy Speaker

Tesam Pongte, along with members of the State Assembly, government officials, women organizations and students from various schools and colleges also participated in the programme.

The Governor greeted the people on the Constitution Day, which commemorates the adoption of the Constitution of India and congratulated the Speaker and his team for celebrating the special occasion with a theme to commemorate Women's Reservation Bill, 2023.

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NITI Aayog organises WEP State Workshop at Itanagar

Govt to set up dedicated Development Cell for women entrepreneurs – CM



ITANAGAR, November 28:

State Chief Minister Pema Khandu has announced that the state government will set up a dedicated Development Cell for women entrepreneurs with seed money of Rs 5 crore.

Speaking at the opening session of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) State Workshop, organized by NITI Aayog at DK Convention Centre here on November 24 last, Khandu said, "The Dedicated Entrepreneurship Centre for Women will function as a hub for women entrepreneurs providing access to mentorship, capacity building exercises, and other programs beneficial for women-led start ups. The Centre will also run dedicated incubation and acceleration programmes for women."

He also rolled out five new initiatives under WEP, which are 'Sup-

porting clean energy entrepreneurship through Atal Innovation Centre-SELCO Foundation partnership'; 'Engendering growth for vibrant home-stay owners through the Maitri Programme in partnership with MakeMyTrip'; 'launching of NASSCOM Future Skills'; 'helpline for NE women entrepreneurs in collaboration with FICCI FLO' and 'launch of BITS, Pilani, and Aditya Birla Foundation's Women Entrepreneurs programme'. These initiatives will be implemented by NITI Aayog and today's roll out is for all states of the North East.

Lauding the NITI Aayog for the initiatives and conducting a one-day workshop for women entrepreneurs of the North East at Itanagar, Khandu informed that over the past 7 years, his Government has adopted a holistic approach to creating an enabling environment for women entrepreneurs

that includes multiple interventions such as policy support, monetary support through front-ended subsidies, earmarking of schemes for women entrepreneurs and micro-entrepreneurs, etc. He specifically mentioned that approximately 6,500 of more than 20,000 MSMEs in Arunachal Pradesh are owned by women.

Referring to the Arunachal Pradesh Start-up Policy, spanning five years from its notification, Khandu said that under the policy a minimum of one Incubation Centre would be established in the state, and also to extend the facilities to at least 50% districts over the next five years. Besides, he informed that a special clause to support women entrepreneurs has also been included in the Arunachal Pradesh Start-up Policy 2022-23.

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CM announces creation of Lab-le circle, inaugurates several projects

PAYENG, November 28:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu officially announced the creation of a new administrative circle Lab-le out of the existing Payeng circle in Upper Subansiri district, which was pending since several years here on November 23 last.

In a public meeting at Kublong village under Taliha Assembly Constituency here, Khandu admitted slow pace of infrastructural development in the Payeng administrative circle created way back in 1999.

"This is my maiden visit to Payeng circle and I admit it has not developed as it should have being one of the oldest administrative circles of the state government. May be there was not a proper plan. May be political will at the highest level was not the strongest. But I promise this will change," he said.

Reacting to one previous speaker – Tara Payeng, the first Tagin MLA, who was instrumental in creation of the circle headquarters – Khandu acknowledged his sentiments on underdevelopment of the region. He assured Payeng that the veteran will be a living witness to the transformation that the area will undergo in a few years from now.

"Every public representative's

heart beats for his or her constituency. Payengji, the first MLA of the region, has the right to resent the lack of development of the area he represented in the legislative assembly. May god give you good health and witness the change you always wanted," he said.

Khandu assured that his priority will be to provide all requisite infrastructure and manpower to both the circles – Payeng and the newly announced Lab-le.

Pointing that Arunachal's slow pace of development before 2014 was due to the then central government's lackadaisical attitude towards the North East, he hailed the NDA government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the region's unprecedented transformation.

"Narendra Modi's outlook towards North East is completely different. There's no policy, program or budget prepared today without including the North East. The difference it has made can be seen," he remarked.

Mentioning that the assembly elections are just round the corner, Khandu sought support and cooperation from the people to maintain the accelerated pace of development across the state.

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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

World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day, annual observance aimed at raising awareness of the global epidemic of AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) and the spread of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus). World AIDS Day occurs on December 1 and was established by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1988 to facilitate the exchange of information among national and local governments, international organizations, and individuals. When the first World AIDS Day was held in 1988, an estimated 90,000 to 150,000 people were infected with HIV, which causes AIDS. Within two decades more than 33 million people were living with HIV infection, and since 1981, when the first AIDS case was reported, some 25 million people died of the disease. As a result, AIDS awareness became increasingly concerned with educating societies about HIV/AIDS through the unification and monetary support of international organizations.

A primary goal of World AIDS Day activities is the distribution of information. Each country creates and organizes its own agenda for World AIDS Day, and some countries launch weeklong campaigns. In addition, many countries and cities hold ceremonies that serve to commence World AIDS Day activities on international, national, and local levels. For example, in the United States the president delivers an annual proclamation, and in other countries, such as South Africa, Bermuda, and Brunei, ministers of health make annual speeches drawing attention to AIDS concerns. Typical World AIDS Day activities include concerts, rallies, memorials to those who have died from AIDS, discussions, and debates. A major international symbol of World AIDS Day is the red ribbon, worn as a demonstration of commitment to the fight against AIDS. In the United States a symbol commemorating those who have died of AIDS is the AIDS Memorial Quilt, sections of which are displayed in various cities and towns throughout the country on World AIDS Day.

WHO organized World AIDS Day, developing the annual themes and activities, until 1996, when these responsibilities were assumed by UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. In 1997 UNAIDS created the World AIDS Campaign (WAC) to increase AIDS awareness and to integrate AIDS information on a global level. In 2005 the WAC became an independent body, functioning as a global AIDS advocacy movement, based in Cape Town, S.Af., and Amsterdam, Neth. In addition to ensuring the support of leaders and AIDS organizations, the WAC prepares information that is distributed for World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day's first theme was “Communication.” For 2005 to 2010 the WAC fostered the theme “Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise,” which the organization used not only on World AIDS Day but also throughout the year to raise awareness of AIDS.

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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
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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
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	Mohanbari	13:10	Naharlagun	3:40
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	Roing	13:00	Pasighat	01:05
	Pasighat	13:50	Naharlagun	4:30
THURSDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	0:45
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	Miao	12:05	Mohanbari	0:45
	Mohanbari	13:00	Naharlagun	4:00
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NB:- Condition apply (VIP movement/ bad weather/patient evacuation/ technical snag/passengers availability and emergency etc)				

Assam Rifles conducts farmers tour to promote agricultural development

LONGDING, November 28:

In an effort to support and uplift the agricultural sector, the Assam Rifles had organized a farmer's tour from November 27 to December 1, 2023. The tour was flagged off by MLA Tanpho Wangnav.

Addressing the participants, he urged them to take full benefit of the tour and learn from the best practices and experiences from the places they will be visiting. The tour aims at providing valuable exposure and knowledge to farmers in remote areas of Longding districts in promoting sustainable farming practices and fostering rural development.

The farmer's tour has been carefully designed to empower farmers with practical knowledge and skills that will enable them to enhance their agricultural productivity and improve their



livelihoods.

During the tour, farmers would be taken to various agricultural institutions like Assam agricultural university Jorhat and ICAR Shillong where they will be exposed to innovative farming techniques, modern technologies and best practices in crop cultivation, ani-

mal husbandry, and organic farming. Experts from different fields have been roped in to provide guidance and ensure a holistic learning experience. The farmers tour also focused on creating awareness about government schemes and subsidies available for farmers.

Apart from this, farmers will

also be visiting places of attraction in Shillong and Jorhat. By connecting farmers from different regions, the tour aims at fostering an inclusive environment where they could share their experiences, learn from each other's challenges, and collectively work towards achieving agricultural excellence.

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Khandu & US Ambassador to India, Eric Garcetti inaugurate ...

Informing that about 30 locations, where remnants of WWII aircrafts are still believed to exist, Khandu urged the US Ambassador to facilitate exploration to these locations to retrieve the remnants and assured full support of the state government.

He also lauded the efforts put in by Oken Tayeng and his team for making his vision a reality.

The pilots of the Allied forces nicknamed the air-route from airfields in Assam to those in Yunnan in China 'The Hump' because their aircraft had to navigate deep gorges and then quickly fly over mountains rising beyond 10,000 feet. From 1942 to 1945, military aircraft transported nearly 6,50,000 tonnes of supplies like fuel, food and ammunition.

In 2016-17, the US Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) had deployed a team for 30 days in search of remains of unaccounted-for US airmen. There are approximately 400 US airmen missing in India, most of whose remains are believed to be located in the Himalayan mountains in the North East, particularly in Arunachal Pradesh.

The US Ambassador was accompanied by Graham Mayer, Political Minister Counselor, A Suresh, Senior Political/Labour Advisor, Col Aaron Cooper and Col Douglas Hess, US Air Force, Air Attache and a team from US Consulate, Kolkata headed by Jeffrey Sakurai, Management Officer.

The inaugural ceremony was also attended by MLAs Kaling Moyong, Lombo Tayeng and Ninong Ering, Chief Secretary Dharmendra and others.

Governor interacts with people of Vibrant Border...

The Governor said that National Education Policy 2020 is all about learning and skilling. He advised all to contribute in the implementation of the new education policy. The Governor expressed his concern about the school dropout rate and advised the concerned officials and teaching community to take proactive measures to reduce the rate.

The Governor shared his deep apprehension of the drug abuse amongst the people. He said that it is destroying our youth and our future generation. He earnestly appealed to the people, especially the Gaon burahs, Panchayati members and elders of the society to educate and guide the individuals involved in the drug menace.

Highlighting the importance of Ayushman Bharath programme, he called for the cooperation of the local people for setting up of village volunteers, particularly womenfolk, who can be trained in health care, hygiene and sanitation. They can lead the way to ensure cleanliness in villages and could be incentivized by the State government, he said.

The Governor advised the youth to harness their potential in the field of games and sports. He said that in addition to the State Government, which is promoting games and sports in the State, the Indian Army stationed in different parts of Arunachal Pradesh is always there to help them in preparing playgrounds and venues for recreation activities.

Local MLA Smt Danglu Pul and Anjaw District Deputy Commissioner Talo Jerang also spoke on the occasion. Jerang briefed the Governor about the development activities in the district and activities under Vibrant Border Village programme. He expressed gratitude of the people of Anjaw to the Central and State Governments.

Later, the Governor had a special interaction with the Goan burahs of the border villages, while the First Lady of the State Smt Anagha Parnaik met the womenfolk and children. She enquired about the wellbeing of the villagers and the children.

Nalo launches e-stamping & e-Registration Fee...

The online e-stamping and e-Registration Fee Collection System has been introduced by the Department of Land Management, Government of Arunachal Pradesh in association with SHCIL, a central record keeping agency, in order to streamline & modernize the process of stamp documents. It aims to eliminate the inconveniences associated with physical stamping such as delays, shortage, artificial scarcity etc while also ensuring compliances with legal requirements and is yet another feather in the cap under ease of living and good governance.

Governor participates in Constitution Day celebration...

The Governor said that the Constitution of India grants equality to women and also empowers the State to adopt measures of positive discrimination in favor of women. He said within the framework of democratic polity, our laws, development policies, plans and programmes have aimed at women's advancement in different spheres.

The Governor said that empowerment of women involves granting them tools, opportunities and autonomy to do at free will. Rectifying discrimination, ensuring fairness and economic empowerment are important. Education and the spirit of entrepreneurship play a pivotal role. Nari Sashaktikaran is one way for India to become Viswa Guru again, he said.

The Governor, while expressing concern about depicting women in bad light in movies and entertainment media, called upon the people to educate and inculcate values among the male child to respect women and girl child. He also said that community efforts are binding to support the effort of the government in women empowerment.

As part of the Constitution Day celebration, the Governor administered the pledge to the participants, to uphold and abide by the Constitution of India, by reading the Preamble. He also gave away prizes to the winners of competitions, including quiz, extempore speech, calligraphy and mural painting, organized as part of the celebration.

In his address, the Chief Minister Pema Khandu expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister for initiating the Constitution Day celebration. He recalled the contributions of the Constituent Assembly and said that the framers of the Constitution were aware of the rich diversity of the country and made sincere efforts to ensure that the rights and beliefs of every section of the people of India were taken into account while drafting the Constitution, while making special reference of North East Frontier (Assam) Tribal and Excluded Areas.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the initiatives of the State Government towards women empowerment, and made special reference to the Women Entrepreneurship Program (WEP) to support women's entrepreneurship and self-reliance. He said the State Government will take all steps to handhold and provide a platform to women, so that when the nation celebrates Amrit Kaal, the State will be proud of its contributions.

Union Minister Shri Rijiju highlighted the importance of the Constitution of India, it's relevance to common people and his initiative in translating the Constitution book in different languages during his tenure as the Union Law Minister.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein said that the Constitution of India changed the fate of millions of people and provided dignity to every Indian. It has a vision for the future and embodies the voice of the people. While welcoming the Women Reservation Bill, he recalled the women achievers of the State.

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman, Harivansh N. Singh delivered the keynote address. He said that if women and children lead the world, there will be more peace and harmony, while highlighting the background of the passing of the Nari Shakti Vandhan Adhiniyam. He drew attention to the enormous contributions of women from epic times and post independence. They made valuable contributions towards women emancipation and empowerment. He also spoke at length outlining various provisions of the Constitution which provided impetus to the growth, development and opportunities for women, thus providing them dignity and pride.

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman said all this was possible due to dynamic leadership and concern of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, who initiated the campaign 'Sab Ka Saath, Sab Ka Vikas, Sab Ka Vishwas aur Sab Ka Prayas'.

Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly, P. D Sona said the Pink Constitution Day was to celebrate the passing of the Women's Reservation Bill. He called upon womenfolk to come out of the cocoon and spread their wings to be part of developmental and political progress of the State and Nation. He also highlighted various initiatives of the State Legislative Secretariat to commemorate the day.

Deputy Speaker Tesam Pongte also spoke, rendering a vote of thanks to all dignitaries, who graced the occasion.

The students of Rajiv Gandhi University, Donyi Polo Mission School for hearing and visually impaired and Oju Mission presented women empowerment themed cultural programmes on the occasion.

The daylong celebration was organized by the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly with the theme, 'Pink Constitution Day' to celebrate the passing of Women's Reservation Bill, 2023 (Nari Shakti Vandhan Adhiniyam).

NITI Aayog organises WEP State Workshop...

"We have mobilized more than 85,000 women into 9,301 SHGs, 951 PLFs and 27 model CLFs. We have provided credit linkages to more than 2,900 SHGs and provided more than Rs.33 Crore bank credit to SHGs," he informed.

Khandu opined that it is only when women rise and break free from barriers that the nation witnesses the true potential of their limitless capabilities.

"Women-led development has always been the priority of the Government of India and the Government of Arunachal Pradesh," he asserted.

The new initiatives, Khandu believed are poised to make a significant impact on the landscape of women entrepreneurship, providing avenues for skill development, mentorship, and financial support.

"I request all of us present here and indeed all our present and aspiring entrepreneurs of Arunachal Pradesh to take advantage of these initiatives. Let us this platform, this golden opportunity, to unite, create, and pave the way for a future for women entrepreneurship promotion and reaching the last mile," he added.

Present on the occasion were NITI Aayog's Dr Chintan Vaishnav, Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission, Yashodhara Rajoria, Co-lead for WEP in States, Executive Committee Member, WEP and Anna Roy, Senior Advisor, Chief Secretary Dharmendra, central and state government officials and women entrepreneurs from various North-Eastern states.

CM announces creation of Lab-le circle, inaugurates...

"We have a blueprint ready to take our beloved state on a fastpacked developmental trajectory once the impending elections are done and dusted," he revealed.

While responding to several memorandums submitted by the locals, the Chief Minister assured that every demand, which are all genuine, will be taken care of by the state government in a phased manner.

Meanwhile, Khandu in presence of the four legislators of Upper Subansiri – Tourism Minister Nakap Nalo, Nyato Dukam, Rode Bui and Tanya Soki – along with legislators Phurpa Tsering and Hayeng Mangfi, inaugurated several projects including infrastructure of Taliha Government Secondary School, a stadium at Taliha, road from Bogne to Lepajaring, one Inspection Bungalow at Kodak, acircle office building and CO residential quarter, Taliha, augmentation of Taliha water supply and PMGSY roads from Noh bridge to Papa, Taliha to Duchok, Tajina bridge to Ramsing and Tajina bridge to Baring.

State Level Mega Mock Exercise on Earthquake Scenario conducted



At Aalo



At Bomdila



At Itanagar



At Pasighat



At Longding



At Ziro



At Yingkiong

ITANAGAR, November 28: Mega Mock exercise on earthquake scenario was conducted at various locations of Capital Itanagar on November 24 last. Similar mock exercises were conducted all over the state for awareness of the people on earthquake preparedness.

Responsible Officer DC, Talo Potom informed that such exercises should be carried out more often to generate awareness about the various aspects of disaster as well as to train people on how to conduct themselves during disasters.

During the mock exercise, a hypothetical earthquake scenario was created to check on the preparedness level of the district and most importantly activating the Incident Response Team to tackle disaster and to build up the capacity of the district for disaster management as our state lies in the Seismic Zone V.

The IRT was led by Incident Commander Smti Shweta Nagarkoti, ADC who actively supervised the overall operation of the IRT including rescue operation, logistics, man and machineries, food etc.

Once, the earthquake siren was blown, calls were received by the DEOC (District Emergency Operating Centre) led by Nodal Officer Mary Tanyang CO, Itanagar to give update on disaster and to seek help and accordingly the Incident Response System (IRS) was activated by the team.

On being informed about the disaster, EAC Takam Nicholas who was the Planning Section Chief prepared the Incident Action Plan (IAP) with the help of Incident Response Team (IRT). Rescue vehicles were mobilized at the staging site and which were later sent to various locations for rescue operation, informed Staging area manager Inspector Yomken Riram.

SDPO Kengo Dirchi who was the Operations Section Chief looked after the detainment of the rescue vehicles and the search and rescue

operation. Ambulances and Fire Tenders were put to service as and where required.

Medical Aid Post was also set up at various locations to respond and to provide medical aid to the injured patients under the supervision of Nodal Officer Dr Giri Tali.

Retired General Major Sushir Bahl Coordinator from NDMA along with Komkar Dulom Director Disaster Management visited the incident sites and took stock of the entire situation.

Further, a relief camp was also set up at GUPS Niti Vihar to provide shelter to the victims under the supervision of Nodal officer Kago Lod Asha, CDPO Itanagar.

Altogether, Personnels from Police Department, Fire & Emergency Services, NDRF, SDRF, CRPF, AAPDA MITRAS, NCC and volunteers participated in the mock exercise.

The Liaisoning Officer Moromi Dodum Sonam, DDMO informed that the Mock Exercise was conducted in various locations namely - Kingcup Public School, Niti Vihar Itanagar, Office of the Commissioner Tax & Excise, C- Sector Itanagar, Itafort Upper Primary Health Centre, C- Sector Itanagar, Alexander House, Niti Vihar, Itanagar and Division IV link bridge, F- Sector, Itanagar.

Later, after completion of the mock exercise, a debriefing session was held by the State Disaster Management Authority.

Similar mock exercises were conducted in various districts across the state.

At AALO: Joining with the rest of the state, the District Disaster Management Authority of West Siang district successfully conducted the mock exercise on earthquake at Aalo township under the guidance of Smti Mabi Taipodia Jini, ADC Aalo and Dorjee Nima, DDMO Aalo. The Mock Exercise was jointly conducted by Indian Army, ITBP Jawans, NCC army Wing, Fire Service fighters and Community volunteers.

During the day long mock drill exercise, four incident sites were selected at DC Office, General Hospital, Puak Gumin and Govt. Secondary School New Market. The earthquake mock exercise drill was conducted as per the guidelines of the govt and every available resource, equipments and machineries were engaged during the mock exercise.

At BOMDILA: A Mega Mock Drill Exercise on Earthquake was successfully conducted in West Kameng district at 5 (five) different incident sites, namely - Govt Middle School, Bomdila, General Hospital, Bomdila, EAC Office, Bhalukpong, Kalachakra Gompa, Dirang and Rupa Market.

An imaginary earthquake situation with a magnitude of 6.5 was simulated at these five points. The exercise began with a hooter, and rescue and medical teams reached the incident areas, rescuing stranded and injured people who were then transported to hospitals for further medical facilities.

A part of the hospital was also shown as damaged, where stranded patients were evacuated, and first aid was provided to casualties at MAP. Other patients were relocated to another hospital. Electricity and water supply were disrupted, and a fire started in the damaged wing.

The Mega Mock Exercise received assistance from Police, Fire Services, SSB, ITBP, Government Officials, NSS, Government College, NCC, GHSS, AAPDA Mitra Volunteers, and the general public.

At LONGDING: In an attempt to review the disaster management plans during unprecedented emergency situations and to enhance the abilities to respond faster, a mock drill exercise on earthquake preparedness was organized on November 23 last along with the rest of the state under supervision of Vijay Mate, DDMO, in association with District Administration.

The mock drill exercise shows engagement of all the members of

the Incident Response system - security forces, police, Health department, HoDs of various line departments. Puak Drill was successfully conducted in Longding district in five different locations, namely - GHSS Longding, District hospital, Zedua colony, Main Market area, DC office.

At PASIGHAT: Multi State level Mock Exercise on earthquake disaster conducted at Pasighat in five incidents sites in which selected sites were DC Office, Mirku Govt. Secondary school, Balaji Mandir, Family Mart and Bakin Pertin general Hospital, Pasighat.

Mock drill on earthquake was organized by State Disaster Management Authority and District Disaster Management Authority in collaboration with National Disaster management Authority under the aegis of Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.

For conduct of mock exercise, Incident Response System of East Siang had been activated, where the Incident Response team members had been given their roles and responsibility to carry out during the mock drill. In addition, supporting agencies like SDRF, Police personal, NCC team, medical team and AAPDA MITRA volunteers were involved and made the mock drill successfully. JCB, dumper truck, ambulance, hearse van and APST bus were also used for the mock drill demonstration. Headed by SDRF personals and AAPDA MITRA, volunteers displayed the rescue system at the incidents sites how one must deal during disaster. Methodical search operation, evacuation and rescue operation were demonstrated and also district fire brigade team had demonstrated the fire extinguishing process.

Throughout the exercise, DDMO T. Tashi sensitized and carry out awareness on the earthquake disaster to public and also appealed them not to panic during mock exercise. In addition, he imparted the do's and don'ts and appealed public

to get alerts and sought cooperation from the concerned authority in such adversity.

At YUPIA: Along with the rest of the state, a Mega Mock exercise on earthquake scenario was conducted at various locations of Papum Pare on Nov 23 along with other districts. A hypothetical earthquake scenario was created during the mock exercise to check the preparedness of the district and most importantly activating the Incident Response Team to tackle any unforeseen disaster.

The IRT was led by Incident Commander Smti Tame Yajum, SDO who actively supervised the overall operation of the IRT including search and rescue operations, logistics, man and machineries deployment etc.

Once the siren, signaling the earthquake was blown at 9.03 am, Rescue vehicles were mobilized at the staging site and which were later sent to various locations for rescue operations.

The Liaisoning officer, Nima Tashi, DDMO informed that the Mock Exercise was conducted at Pare Dam, IOCL depot Emchi, Yupia village, DC Office and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Vidyalaya, Yupia.

Supervising the drill, Responsible Officer DC, Cheechung Chukhu said that such exercise generates awareness about the various aspects of disaster as well as trains people on how to conduct themselves during disasters.

Altogether, Personnels from Police Department, Fire & Emergency services, NDRF, SDRF, CRPF, AAPDA MITRAS, NCC and volunteers participated in the Mock exercise. Later, after completion of the mock exercise, a debriefing session was held by the State Disaster Management Authority.

At YINGKIONG: Along with rest of the part of the State, Upper Siang District Administration District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) conducted the State Level

Mock Exercise Simulating Earthquake Scenario successfully at Yingkiong Township under the guidance of NDMA, Govt of India on November 23.

ADC Dochora Lama, who was also Incident Commander, oversaw the management at staging area at General ground, Yingkiong. After the accomplishment of mock exercise, in debriefing session Lama highly appreciated all participants and said that such exercise is conducted as a precautionary measure to remain prepared for any eventualities and how to respond to the earthquake disaster.

SP Upper Siang, Token Saring was also present and supervised the whole exercise.

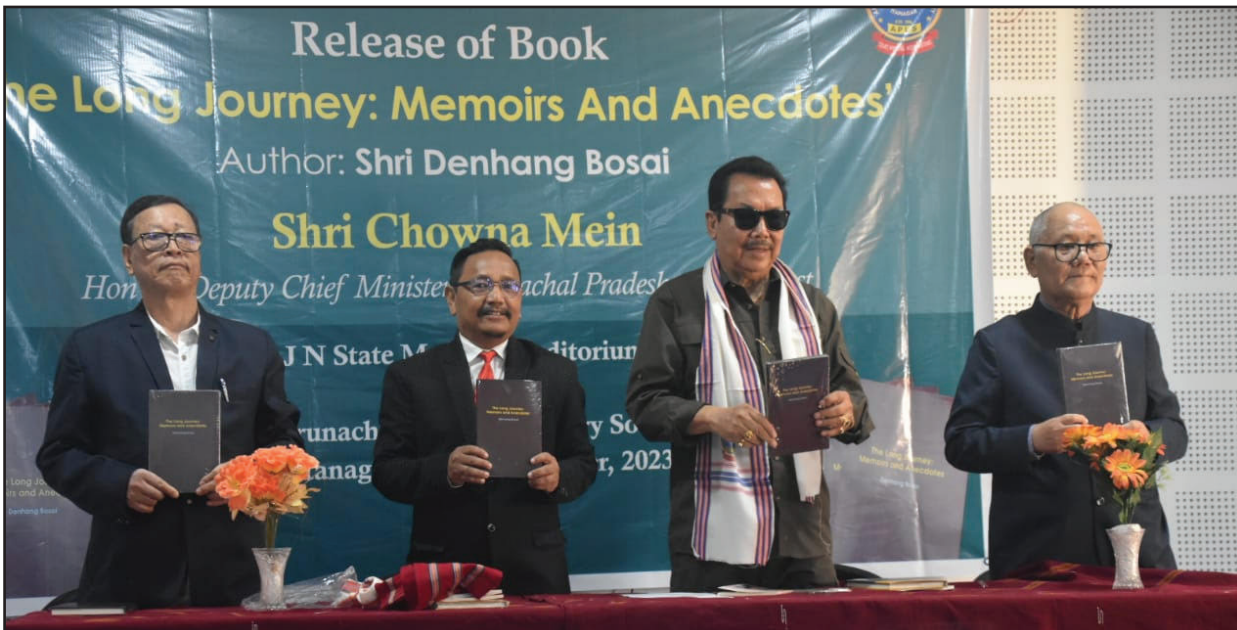
DDMO Beru Dulom also thanked all Govt Depts, Police personnel, medical team, APWWS unit, Yingkiong, Community volunteers and 1st Arunachal Scout for making the event successful. He informed that basic objective of mock exercise is to review emergency preparedness mechanism and quality of Standard Operations Procedures involving all stakeholders in the district.

Mock exercise was conducted at Govt Secondary School, Parsing Colony, Office of EE Electrical, Libang Hotel, District Hospital, Yingkiong. Various Govt departments, Police, Medical, School, APWWS Yingkiong, Community Volunteers and 1st Arunachal Scout participated.

At ZIRO: The Lower Subansiri District Administration led by District Disaster Management Department also took part at the state level mock exercise on earthquake scenario here on November 23 last.

The District Secretariat, Govt. Higher Secondary School Hija, Pine Ridge Complex and Gyati Takka General Hospital were identified as incident sites where the earthquake drills including the 'Drop-Cover-Hold' were conducted under the Incident Commander and Additional Deputy Commissioner Millo Kojin.

DCM releases book 'The Long Journey' at a Book Launch



ITANAGAR, November 28: Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein released a book 'The Long Journey: Memoirs and Anecdotes' authored by Retired Deputy Director of Information & Public Relations, Denhang Bosai at the book launch event hosted by the Arunachal Pradesh Literacy Society at JN State Museum Auditorium in Itanagar on November 24 last.

Mein, in his address, expressed his delight at releasing a work of such substance. He stated that Bosai's endeavor goes beyond the realm of literary contribution and introduces a roadmap for the youths of Arunachal Pradesh.

He highlighted that the insights within these pages were a guide to navigating challenges, fostering resilience and instilling a proactive mindset essential for shaping the future of Arunachal Pradesh. He further noted that the thought-provoking articles by Bosai are anticipated to act as an inspiration for the younger generation in Arunachal

Pradesh.

Underlining Arunachal's wealth of stories stemming out of diverse cultural heritage, Mein said that the diverse literary forms like poetry, drama, folklore and rhapsodies of the tribal societies can be compiled into accessible books. Through such initiative, we can also translate those literatures written in local scripts into English, ensuring a wider audience. Mein suggested the Arunachal Pradesh Literacy Society to initiate such works. He also said that the books so published can be purchased by the government and distributed in various libraries across the state for youths and younger generations to read.

'The Long Journey' is not just a collection of words; it's a compilation of articles written by the author in various perspectives during his long service life in IPR Department and published in various newspapers in the state.

Denhang Bosai's insightful articles delve into critical youth-centric issues, addressing challenges

that resonate with the young minds of Arunachal Pradesh. Issues that have the potential to stifle the state's progress and the importance of recognizing responsibilities along with rights are thoughtfully explored within the pages of this memoir. For instance, the book has touched upon several topics like Bandh culture being a scourge and the need for nipping it in the bud, pervasive negativity and pessimism choking Arunachal's growth, knowing your responsibilities and not only your rights, drug addiction, alcoholism, 50 glorious years of Arunachal Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh's long journey from secluded entity and so on.

The event was also attended by prominent literary figures, including President of the Arunachal Pradesh Literacy Society, Padmashree Y.D. Thongchi, Director Research, Kango Tayeng, General Secretary APLS, Mukul Pathak, President, APLS, Lower Subansiri unit, Dr. Hage Tabyo, along with the members of APLS and others.

RGU Women's Team secures 3rd in East Zone Inter-University Badminton Championship



RONO HILLS, November 28: The Women's Badminton team of RGU has secured 3rd position in East Zone Inter-University Badminton

Championship held at Nagaland University from November 21 to 24 last. With this, RGU has qualified for Khelo India Games and All India Inter Uni-

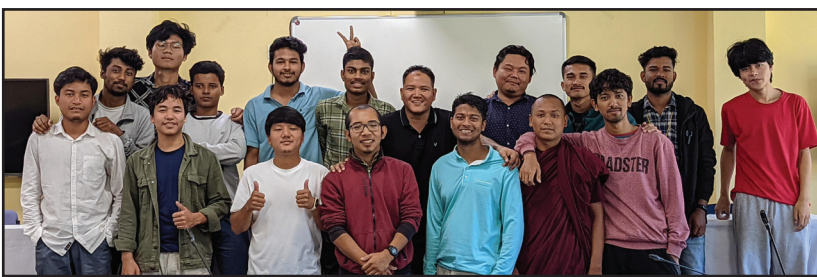
versity Badminton Championship in which top four teams from each zone will participate.

Championship was played on knock-out cum league basis where fifty university teams from east zone competed for the title.

In run to secure 3rd position, team RGU defeated National Sports University, Manipur, Hemchand Yadav Viswavidyalaya, Chhattisgarh, Ranchi University and Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Bihar University. This is the first time when RGU has qualified for Khelo India Games and All India Inter University Games in team event.

5 member RGU team consisting Taku Neha from DNGC, Itanagar, Tayo Rini from Saint Clare College, Zero, Jomoni Lochung, Osinam Eko and Ingam Potom from Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences participated in the tournament.

100 hrs Cyber Security Course conducted



DOIMUKH, November 28: In a big step towards making people more aware and secure in the digital world, the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), an Autonomous Scientific Society of Government of India's Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, recently finished a 100-hour Cyber Security Course which began on September 16, 2023 in partnership with NIELIT Itanagar Centre and the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh under the project titled "Capacity Building in IECT including training in Digital Skill sets and Current Industry Demanding Technologies for various sections of society in the NE States" and funded by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Govt. of India.

The course aimed to give participants a thorough understanding of cyber security, addressing the growing importance of this field in computer science. Given the increasing use of the internet, the goal was to equip people with the knowledge and skills needed to

stay safe online.

A standout feature of the course was its accessibility, being offered free of charge on a first-come-first-serve basis. This approach allowed a diverse group of people to benefit from the program, despite limited available seats.

Gom Taye from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at RGU led the 100 Hours Cyber Security course as the resource person. The success of the initiative is credited to the collaborative efforts of key individuals, including Rintu Das, Director In-charge of NIELIT Itanagar Centre, Anup Kumar, Scientist-D, Academic Head at NIELIT Itanagar Centre, and Dr. Marpe Sora, PhD (CSE), Head of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering.

The inauguration was conducted online via Google Meet, where the persons involved from NIELIT, Itanagar Centre and from Computer Science & Engineering, RGU discussed the course's significance with registered participants. Guest speaker Indrajeet Bhuyan, a Security Professional & Researcher from Singtel, Singapore, joined the session to provide insights

into the Cyber Security domain and discuss career prospects in the field.

Around 25 students actively took part in the course, showing a keen interest in learning about cyber security. The highlight was the online certification examination conducted by NIELIT, Kohima, which saw 21 students participating on November 18, 2023.

The evident curiosity and enthusiasm of the students emphasized the importance and demand for such initiatives in the region. Encouraged by the positive response, the organisers expressed their commitment for similar courses in future, aiming to further strengthen cyber security in Arunachal Pradesh.

In a world that's rapidly embracing digital advancements, initiatives like the Cyber Security Course play a crucial role in promoting cyber awareness and skills, ensuring a safer online environment for everyone. Under the project, NIELIT Itanagar and its Extension Centres Pasighat and Tezu are imparting training to cover 4000 school dropouts and students of school and colleges, 600 Women, 400 Farmers, 600 Elderly Persons, 1600 Technical Graduates / Diploma holders, 360 Engineering Graduates and 400 Teachers in Arunachal Pradesh in 2 years' time during 2022-2023 and 2023-24. The project is currently running in the 2nd year and NIELIT Itanagar and its extension Centres are putting efforts to train the target beneficiaries earmarked for the 2nd year i.e F. Y 2023-24.

Webinar to commemorate Constitutional Day

RONO HILLS, November 28:

To commemorate the Constitutional day, the Department of National Security Studies collaborated with Institute of Distance Education, RGU to organize a webinar on "Salient features of Constitution of India and its relevance in present time".

Moderated by Nirmal, Research Scholar, English Department, the programme started with welcome note from Chatyam Lowang, Assistant Professor IDE, which was fol-

lowed by Preamble reading session both in Hindi and English.

Dr. Arvind Kumar Kushwaha officiating Head, Department National Security Studies read the Preamble in Hindi, while Ms. Vimal read it in English.

Speaker of the programme, Prof. V.K. Rai, Head of the Department, Political Science, University of Allahabad, gave his insightful thoughts on relevance of Constitution of India in real time and through the

talk of Prof. Madhurendra Kumar on the occasion, the participants revisited the history of the Constitution of India.

Prof. Ashan Riddi Director, Institute of Distance Education, while thanking the speaker, also gave his insight on relevance of Constitution of India.

The session saw participation of numbers of students, scholars and prominent teachers from different departments and states.

Li Ning 10th CM Veteran & Sub-Veteran State Badminton Championship wraps up with grand finale



ZIRO, November 28:

The Li Ning 10th Chief Minister Veteran and Sub-Veteran State Badminton Championship 2023 concluded on November 25 last at Ziro, leaving fans and participants alike with memories of thrilling matches and competitive camaraderie.

Organized by the Lower Subansiri Badminton Association (LSBA) under the aegis of the Arunachal Badminton Association (ASBA) and hosted by the Ziro Badminton Club (ZBC), the event lived up to its promise of delivering top-notch badminton action.

The inauguration ceremony,

held on November 22 last was graced by the presence of Puna Hinda, Managing Director of M/s PH Construction as Chief Guest, and Nilly Likha Tabo, ZPM Pistana as the Guest of Honor.

The ceremony set the stage for a competition that brought together 206 participants from 21 districts, all vying for glory across various categories, including Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Women's Singles, and Women's Doubles in age groups ranging from 35+ to 55+.

The closing ceremony, held with great enthusiasm was graced by Likha Maj, former Chairman of the

Rubber Board and Managing Director of Green Gold and Keni Bagra, APPS, SP Lower Subansiri as Chief Guest and Guest of Honor. The ceremony was a fitting tribute to the winners who emerged victorious in their respective categories.

The tournament, conducted under the chairmanship of Er. N. L. Togu and Hano Hailang as the Organizing Secretary, was deemed a resounding success, showcasing not only the athletic prowess of the participants, but also the spirit of sportsmanship that prevailed throughout the event.

Innovative Science Programme for teachers launched

BOMDILA, November 28:

Gurushala, a teacher capacity building program, an initiative of Indus Towers Ltd. and Vodafone Idea Foundation and implemented by Pratham Education Foundation, launched a six-month Science Programme for educators in collaboration with the office of Deputy Director of School Education (DDSE), West Kameng district.

The program commenced on November 23 last at Asvagosh Library, Bomdila with teachers teaching science to students of grades 6 to 8 with the aim to equip educators with creative tools and strategies to make science education more engaging and relevant for students.

The Science Programme began with face-to-face training sessions centered on the theme of "In-

troducing Everyday Science in the Classrooms". Teachers underwent a comprehensive two-day training focused on hands-on experiments, activity-based learning, and promoting scientific temper. Customized science kits will be distributed to schools associated with the participating teachers, who will receive training on utilizing these kits effectively in their classrooms.

Designated as Education Leaders, these teachers will play a crucial role in conducting Teaching-Learning Material (TLM) and activity-based classes, instigating transformative changes in fostering scientific temper. To provide continuous support and professional development, virtual training sessions will complement the face-to-face training.

The 2-day training involved hands-on problem-solving, skills-boosting fun activities and sessions on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) to promote interdisciplinary education and to lay the foundation for innovation. Additionally, Teaching-Learning Material creation and teacher-led sessions, allowing teachers to prepare and deliver were conducted. The training concluded with an orientation session on using the science kit and manual.

The collaborative program of the Department of Education, West Kameng district with the Pratham Education Foundation is an initiative of District Administration, West Kameng under the guidance of DC Smti. Akriti Sagar.

Awareness session on RTI Act conducted

LUNGLA, November 28:

State Information Commissioner, Sonam Yudron, conducted an awareness session on the Right to Information Act at the conference hall of ADC Lungla here on Saturday, November 25 last.

The program was attended by the ADC i/c, Deewan Mara, ZPM Thutan Gombu along with other officers and members of the public.

Addressing the gathering, the SIC highlighted the importance of timely information provision by PIOs to avoid misunderstandings and doubts.

Emphasizing the significance of proper documentation and record-keeping, she suggested the documentation of project sites before, during, and after completion through photography. Additionally, she advised the dissemination of detailed project information on nearby notice boards after completion, enabling public access.

The SIC also stressed on the need to refrain from misleading appellants and discussed the nuances of maintaining secrecy concerning sensitive information related to national security and per-

sonal safety.

Furthermore, detailed explanations regarding various provisions of the RTI Act 2005 were provided.

Earlier, in his welcome address, i/c ADC Deewan Mara, quoted the Dalai Lama, highlighting the impact of transparency on trust and security. He expressed gratitude to the SIC for organizing the awareness program.

The open discussion session allowed PIOs and the public to address their queries and clarify doubts related to the RTI Act.

Community outreach program organised



NAHARLAGUN, November 28:

A community outreach program was organised by Arunachal Nursing College, TRIHMS, Naharlagun in collaboration with Magic Club Arunachal for students of Government Primary School, Rakap and Indrajuli at Rakap Govt. Primary School under Sangdupota Circle, Papum Pare district recently.

Awareness program on - Good Touch & Bad Touch, Good manners & bad manners, Health & Hygiene and environmental protection was presented to the students of both the schools

through dance, skit, songs and deliberation.

Ms. Neelam Rupa, Lecturer, Arunachal Nursing College, Naharlagun who is also the spokesperson of Magic Club Arunachal, advised the students not shy to away from reporting any inappropriate that they encounter in school or home to their parents and teachers. She also outlined that such programs deeply influence the nursing students to be more humble, down to earth and serve as a platform to understand the rural Arunachal.

Ijum Gadi, Chairman of Magic club Arunachal introducing the acronym of MAGIC as Making Arunachal Green, Incredible and Clean (MAGIC) encouraged the students to be more obedient towards the teachers and punctual in attendance. He also advised the students to do hard work as it is the key to success.

Ms. Yaluk Padung also shared life lessons to the students. Also, reiterated all concerns to carry water bottle of their own. And works toward green Arunachal.

Governor reviews developmental programmes of Kurung Kumey District

Governor expresses his concern about the slow implementations of Govt welfare initiatives & shortage of departmental officers in district



KOLORIANG, November 28:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) visited Kurung Kumey district on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

In his maiden visit to Koloriang, the Governor reviewed developmental programmes and schemes of the district.

Local MLA Lokam Tassar, Deputy Commissioner, Ibom Tao, Superintendent of Police Bomken Basar, District Heads of Department and former elected leaders were also present in the meeting.

The Governor expressed his concern about the slow implementations of welfare initiatives of the government and shortage of departmental officers in the district. He suggested the use of technology and automation for planning and project implementation.

The Governor emphasized on education, health and agriculture. He appealed to elected representatives, Panchayat members, Gaon Burahs and youth to focus on students completing minimum basic education, i.e. 10 plus two which will provide them opportunities for employment, he

said.

The Governor reiterated for village volunteers, especially womenfolk for health and sanitation inspector, who can be trained in health care, hygiene and sanitation. They can lead the way to ensure cleanliness in villages and could be incentivized by the State government, he said.

The Governor, while highlighting the initiatives of the Government in the health sector, particularly to eradicate Tuberculosis and Cancer, urged the people to adopt TB patients under the Nikshay Mitra programme.

The Governor stressed on the agrarian community to become Atma Nirbhar (Self-reliant) by focusing on agriculture, horticulture and allied sectors.

The Governor said that for progress and prosperity, there must be good infrastructure, including roads, hospitals, educational institutes and other basic facilities in the district. The successful implementation of the programme under Vibrant Village Programme of our visionary Prime Minister Narendra Modi will help in reverse migration, as soon as development reaches the border

areas.

Earlier, the Governor interacted with Goan Burahs, Panchayat members, government officials and people of Koloriang. He shared his concern of drug addictions amongst the youth of the State.

The Governor called upon all stakeholders to prepare the youth for recruitment in Army/paramilitary forces, so that we can contribute to the raising of additional battalions of Arunachal Scouts.

The Governor visited Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Koloriang and interacted with the teachers and students of the school. He said that the VKV schools are synonyms with discipline, good grooming and respect for all and exhorted them to excel as a model school. The Governor felicitated achievers of the school during his visit.

The students presented a patriotic song and traditional group dance on the occasion. The alumni of the school also were present on the special occasion for the school.

Earlier on the day, the Governor made an aerial tour of Sarli, a remote village border village and touched down at Huri.

Physics Dept of DNGC collaborates with APEDA to promote energy efficiency

ITANAGAR, November 28:

In a stride towards promoting energy efficiency and awareness, the Department of Physics at Dera Natung Government College (DNGC), Itanagar, joined hands with Arunachal Pradesh Energy Development Agency (APEDA).

Together, they organized a comprehensive one-day Retailer Training-cum-Workshop program on November 20, 2023, adhering to the standards of the labelling program by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power. The event took place in the College Conference Hall.

Er. Asi Linggi, Deputy Director of APEDA, inaugurated the program. Emphasizing its objectives and significance of star labeling for elec-

tronic appliances, Linggi stressed the global commitment to achieving net-zero emissions by 2070, underlining the collective responsibility to create a sustainable and safer Earth for future generations.

Dr. M. Q. Khan, Principal of DNGC, praised APEDA's initiative in raising awareness among students about energy conservation and efficiency. He underscored the crucial role energy plays in our daily lives.

Resource person for the event, Rana Pratap Poddar, an Energy Auditor from IVENCO EWSA SERVICES, facilitated an engaging and interactive training session. Poddar acquainted participants with the standards and labeling protocols for electronic appliances, emphasizing

the BEE star labeling and rating system.

The program featured three highly successful technical sessions, offering valuable insights from a consumer perspective. The culmination of the event was marked by an energetic quiz competition, showcasing the enthusiastic participation of students. Thupen Eton, Minyir Ingo, and Chello Nimey secured the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes, respectively.

The program well coordinated by Dr. Hage Doley saw the active involvement of nearly 100 students. Faculty members from various departments of the college also attended, contributing to the success of this enlightening initiative on energy efficiency.

Awareness Campaign on legal adoption; Libang vouches for legal adoption



ITANAGAR, November 30:

The Women and Child Development (WCD) Minister Alo Libang urged the prospective adoptive parents to take recourse to legal adoption means to adopt children during the ongoing celebration of National Adoption Awareness Month-2023 organized at the state Banquet Hall here on Wednesday, November 29 last.

Appreciating the department for holding the awareness campaigns throughout the districts, the Minister also directed the WCD department to leave no stone unturned in spreading the awareness on legal adoption in every nook and corner of the state.

On the occasion, two short videos on 'Adoption and its Punitive Provisions' with the objective of promoting adoption and making people aware of legal adoption was released by the Minister.

The awareness campaign had been organized by the state WCD department in collaboration with Central Adoption Research Authority (CARA), New Delhi with the theme 'Adoptive Parents and Prospective Adoptive

Parents Meet' to create awareness on legal adoption with special emphasis on adoption of older children, in accordance with the sub-theme of 'Adoption of Older Children'.

While informing that the National Adoption Month was celebrated during the month of November every year and this year also the celebrations had started from 1st November which would culminate tomorrow, WCD Director T.P. Loyi in her welcome address said awareness on legal adoption was very important and vital for prospective adoptive parents. The department has developed two short videos for awareness purpose which would also be disseminated to all the districts soon, and I appeal the participants to create awareness on legal adoption and to avoid illegal adoption which is punishable, said Loyi.

In her keynote address, Deputy Director (ICDS)-cum-nodal officer of Mission Vatsalya C. Tangiang briefed the activities undertaken by WCD department during the month-long celebration at state and district levels.

Senior professional (CARA) Nidhi Kataria presented a PPT on Adoption Regulations-2022 with special focus on the changes in the guidelines. Nidhi informed this year the main focus was 'Adoption of Older Children' and urged to encourage and emphasis more on foster adoption of older children. The CARA senior professional further stressed on providing counselling to prospective adoptive parents and to strictly follow the rules and regulations related to adoption.

In the interactive session involving the Specialized Adoption Agencies (SAAs) and Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs), different issues relating to adoptions were discussed in detail.

The programme was attended by WCD Secretary Mimum Tayeng, Chairperson Oju Welfare Association Ratan Anya, Chairperson Nani Maria Society Desai Linggi, President Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society Kani Nada Maling, prospective adoptive parents and adoptive parents.

Literary competitions winners felicitated



ITANAGAR, November 30:

Deputy Commissioner Capital Itanagar, Talo Potom along with the ADC Capital Itanagar, Smti Shweta Nagarkoti yesterday felicitated the winners of various literary competitions held earlier on August 11 last at GSS G- Sector Naharlagun.

In the Senior patriotic essay writing competition (Class XI- XII) Bamang Mating, class XII, GHSS Ganga Itanagar stood first, while Lingdung Takum, Class XII, GHSS Arunodaya stood second and Tai Kaya, Class XI, GHSS Polo Colony stood third and were felicitated with a certificate and an amount of Rs 6000, 5000 and 3000 respectively. In Junior category (class IX-X), Bengia Bima, Class X, GSS G- sector Naharlagun, Kamang Pabin, Class X, GHSS Polo Colony and Biri Yasi, Class IX, GSS Chimpu stood 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively and were awarded with a certificate and Rs 5000, 4000 and 2500.

In the Senior Painting Competition Category (Class VI to VIII), Lijum Bole, Class VIII, GSS G- Sector Naharlagun, Suren Munda, Class VIII, GUPS, Jollang Itanagar and Dani Rebe, Class VIII, GSS, G- Sector Naharlagun stood 1st, 2nd and 3rd and were awarded with certificates and cash prize of Rs 4000, 3000 and 2000 respectively and in Junior category (Class III-V), Teri Manju, class V GUPS Pappu Nallah, Yade Hina, Class IV, GUPS Model Village, Nlg and Lokam Peter, Class V, GUPS, Damsite stood 1st, 2nd and 3rd and received certificate and cash award of Rs 3000, 2000 and 1000 respectively.

Charu Peter, Class XII GHSS, Ganga, Nik Tape, Class XII, GHSS, Polo Colony, Naharlagun and Bamang Osha, Class XI, GHSS, Itanagar stood 1st, 2nd and 3rd with cash award of Rs, 6000, 5000 and 3000 along with certificates in the senior extempore speech competition (class XI-XII), while in the Junior category (Class IX-X), Likha Tasso from GSS, Nirjuli Tarh Ona from

GSS, Nirjuli and Biri Yaming, GSS P- Sector Itanagar stood 1st, 2nd and 3rd with cash award of Rs 5000, 4000 and 2500 respectively with certificates. All three winners are student of class X.

The DC wished the best to the students to do better in life. Terming the students as the future of the State, the DC urged them to work with sincerity and dedication to achieve success in life.

The ADC also lauded the students for their exemplary performance.

The program began with an opening song by the students of GSS G- sector Naharlagun.

Earlier, Tori Gadi APO (festival), while welcoming all presented the keynote address. He informed that the event was conducted by DDSE, ICR establishment in collaboration with District Administration Capital Itanagar. He further informed that from next year onward, various other activities like debate competition, quiz competitions etc would be included during such competitions.

Coordination meeting discussed VBSY 2023 in LDV district

ROING, November 30:

A coordination meeting regarding the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra 2023 Campaign for Lower Dibang Valley district was conducted here yesterday, in presence of Prabhari Officer Devesh Gupta (Director, Ministry of Commerce & Industry), Deputy Commissioner Soumya Saurabh, heads of departments and Administrative Officers.

Prabhari Officer Devesh

Gupta outlined the objectives of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra 2023 Campaign being to educate and disseminate information about the welfare schemes of the government to the masses and reaching out to the unreached at the grass root level, holding interaction/ experience sharing sessions to get feedback from the masses and hoped for a success conduct of the campaign in the district.

DC, Soumya Saurabh informed all about the saturation status of flagship CSS and SSS in the district.

The Prabhari Officer inspected various Centrally Sponsored Schemes of GHSS Roing, PMAY(U) house, JJM Project at Bomjir, EMRS Dambuk, interacted with PRI, GBs and Public of Dambuk and visited the Anglo-Abor War Memorial at Bongal Yappo.

State Prabhari participates VBSY at Tawang



LHOU/TAWANG, November 30:

Chandrakar Bharti, State Prabhari for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, participated in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at Old Market Tawang here yesterday, focusing on both urban and rural areas, including Lhou-dung and Paigong gram panchayats.

The event at Lhou-dung and Paigong gram panchayats coincided with the 4th Seva Apke Dwar 2.0. camp, held at Thupten Choling Balika Vidyalaya.

Over twenty government departments offered various services to villagers, such as Aadhaar registration, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojana (PMJJY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Beema Yojana (PMSBY), Ujjwala Yojana beneficiary registration, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, AB-PMJAY, CMAAY, and many more.

Participants also took the pledge for Viksit Bharat Sankalp.

Addressing the occasion, the

State Prabhari, VBSY highlighted the nationwide launch of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra on November 15 last, except in states with ongoing elections. He emphasized the shared goal between the VBSY of the Union government and SAD camps of the state government, aiming to reach villagers and citizens to provide necessary services through various welfare schemes. The objective is to achieve maximum coverage of eligible beneficiaries and identify and register those who might have been left out.

State Prabhari VBSY discussed components of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, including 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubani,' where beneficiaries share their success stories, and 'Dharti Kahen Pukar ke,' featuring skits on soil and other pollution, performed by villagers using local dialects to convey important messages. He commended the villagers for their active participation and encouraged them to utilize the camps and programs to their fullest.

Additionally, he mentioned plans to extend similar awareness programs to all gram panchayats through the VBSY IEC van.

Earlier, DC Tawang Kanki Darang mentioned that VBSY IEC has covered over 20-gram panchayats and aims to reach all 87-gram panchayats in Tawang district by January 24, 2024. Expressing gratitude to the State Prabhari's presence, DC pledged collective efforts toward achieving a developed Bharat by 2047.

The event included beneficiaries sharing their stories, SHG groups presenting skits on soil pollution, and students from Thubten Choling Balika Vidyalaya performing Monpa songs and dances. Certificates were awarded to the beneficiaries, and the Additional Secretary interacted with officials and villagers at department stalls during the SAD camp. The VBSY IEC film was screened through the VBSY IEC Van to conclude the event.

Chanum Hosai crowned 1st ever Mrs Tirap 2023



KHONSA, November 28:

In a historic event that marked a significant milestone for the Tirap district, the All Tirap Women Forum (ATWF) successfully organized the inaugural Mrs. Tirap Pageant Contest, 2023 with a theme "No to Gender Bias - No to Domestic Violence".

The Mrs. Tirap Pageant 2023 not only celebrated the beauty of women but also served as a testament to their intelligence, talent, and resilience in the evolving landscape of Tirap district.

The event took place at Nehru Stadium, Khonsa, on Sunday with Kanubari MLA Gabriel Denwang Wangsu gracing the occasion as Chief Guest and Mualin Agan, NPP State Secretary as Guest of Honor. The program started with Samroy Sei "A romantic song" presented by elderly women of Kheti village.

Addressing on the occasion, Wangsu referred the beauty pageant of Mrs. Tirap as a milestone, highlighting the changing dynamics in tribal societies. He emphasized

that beauty should not only be physical, but should also encompass inner beauty and intelligence.

Guest of Honor, Agan in his speech praised ATWF for providing a platform to showcase the hidden beauty and talent of married women. He commended the respectful attitude of the tribal indigenous people of Tirap towards women.

MLA Wanglin Lowangdong praised the organizing committee and all married women for bringing forth this program to showcase their talent, integrity, womanhood, and love as mothers. He emphasized the need for gender equality in India and acknowledged the efforts of women in the region.

Tirap DC, Hento Karga praised the ATWF for creating a pleasant atmosphere and emphasized the importance of showcasing the capabilities of women in the TCL region. He appreciated the theme of the Mrs. Tirap Pageant, "No to gender bias - No to domestic violence," stating that it reflects the progressive mindset of women in the region.

The highlight of the evening was the coronation of Chanum Hosai, a devoted mother and wife of Jiwang Hosai from Terun village, who was crowned Mrs. Tirap 2023. The title came with a cash prize of one lakh, presented by ZPC Tirap Miss Chathong Lowang.

The first Runner Up, Smti Neelam Tante Wanghop, received a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-, and the second Runner Up, Smti Phepan Diven, cash prize of Rs. 30,000/-. The Mrs. Tirap Pageant 2023 showcased a blend of grace, intellect, and charisma among the contestants, captivating the audience in attendance. The event was further embellished with electrifying performances by Hatwang Hosai, Milli Lowang, and Jack Paul.

The panel of judges, consisting of Er. Telem Kitnya, APO (RE), Writer cum Singer Alenso Chai, Dr. Chathung Lowang, Smti Julie Humtok, and Dr. Reena Mudang, faced the challenging task of selecting the Mrs. Tirap Pageant, 2023 from the pool of talented contestants.

Chalo Loku celebrated with enthusiasm across Tirap district Libang commends Nocte Community for diligently preserving their rich culture

KHONSA, November 28:

The 55th Nocte Chalo Loku celebration at Khonsa Nehru Stadium on Saturday, Nov 25 last saw distinguished presence of Health Minister Alo Libang as Chief Guest and Puna Hinda, MD-PH Construction as Guest of Honour. Chalo Loku, celebrated by the Nocte community after the paddy harvest, marks the commencement of the New Year.

Speaking on the occasion, Libang commended the Nocte Community for diligently preserving their rich cultural heritage and highlighted the extensive development initiatives undertaken by the state government, covering regions from Longding in the east to Tawang in the west. He mentioned the imminent inauguration of the new General Hospital building at Khonsa, constructed by PWD, and the ongoing efforts of the health department in combating drug abuse under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan.

On the occasion, Libang congratulated the Nocte community and

emphasized on the longstanding tradition of tribal festivals rooted in agriculture. He stressed the need for practical application, protection, and promotion of cultural practices by present and future generations, stating that mere verbal commitment to cultural preservation is insufficient.

Puna Hinda, in his speech, urged the youths of Tirap and Longding to abstain from drug abuse and become responsible citizens. He expressed concern over the detrimental impact of drug abuse on the future of Tirap and the entire state of Arunachal Pradesh. Hinda informed on the completion of long-pending road projects by PH Construction, acknowledging the support and advice received from MLAs Wanglin Lowangdong and Chakat Aboh.

Chief Patron and MLA Wanglin Lowangdong, while wishing festival greetings, emphasized the importance of unity among Noces from various clans, villages, political parties, and denominations to preserve and promote

ancestral traditions and culture.

MLA Chakat Aboh, ZPC Tirap Chathong Lowang, ZPM Khonsa Wanghong Panka, Khela Bunting ZPM Tumwang Lowang, SP Tirap Rahul Gupta, Chairperson NWA (Nocte Women Association) Smti Chasuum Wangchadong, Heads of Departments, and dance troupes from Kheti, Huakan, and Chasa attended the programme.

The festivities featured captivating cultural performances by troupes from Huakan, Kheti, Chasa, and a mesmerizing dance by Khonsa town women.

At Deomali, Dy. Speaker Tesam Pongte graced the Loku celebration and expressed hope that the festival would foster peace, unity, and emotional integration among the people of the state.

Guest of Honour and ADC Deomali, Vishakha Yadav, also extended greetings to the Nocte community and spoke on the significance of the occasion in bringing prosperity, happiness, and tranquillity to society.

Coordination meeting for conduct of APSSB Exam

KHONSA, November 28:

Tirap Deputy Commissioner Hento Karga, presided over a coordination meeting on Saturday, that brought together officials from various departments, including DC / SP / Observers / Coordinators, Magistrates, and the Nodal Officer.

The primary objective of the meeting was to ensure the seamless and impartial conduct of the Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board (APSSB) examination, scheduled on Sunday, November 26, 2023.

In the meeting, DC emphasized the importance of cooperation and effective coordination among all stakeholders to guarantee the

integrity and fairness of the upcoming APSSB exam. The Nodal Officer for the APSSB Exam in Khonsa provided comprehensive insights into the guidelines and protocols that will govern the examination process. The meeting served as a platform for open discussions, allowing participants to address any potential challenges and devise strategic solutions to uphold the highest standards of examination integrity. Every attendee was encouraged to contribute actively to the planning and execution of the examination, ensuring a smooth experience for both organizers and candidates.

The DC also expressed confidence in the collective efforts of the

team, highlighting the significance of their roles in maintaining the credibility of the APSSB examination. The commitment to transparency, fairness, and adherence to established guidelines was reiterated throughout the meeting, emphasizing the shared responsibility of all involved parties.

As the APSSB examination date approaches, the coordination meeting stands as a testament to the dedication of the officials in Khonsa to conduct a successful and unbiased examination process. The organizers remained committed to upholding the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, fostering an environment conducive to a free and fair examination.

organizations.

She also highlighted some instances where the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC) had penalized PIOs for failing to furnish information promptly to appellants.

On the occasion, the SIC urged upon the PIOs to promptly respond to the appellant's requests and avoids unnecessary delays. She further expressed gratitude to all participants for their attentive participation.

Superintendent of Police, Tawang, DW Thongon, praised the

informative session, affirming its benefits for all attendees. He assured that all RTI inquiries would be addressed promptly, aiming to resolve matters before they escalate to higher authorities.

During discussion, an appellant inquired about provisions for inspecting projects, while PIOs sought clarity on conducting ongoing hearings at the Commission. They also appealed the SIC for measures to address appellants who fail to attend hearings and suggested streamlining information collection at the PIO's office.

Sanlom Sumnyan crowned Miss Chalo 2023 Pongte emphasizes peace as foundation for comprehensive development

KHONSA, November 28:

The fervour and beauty of the Nocte Chalo Loku Celebration reached its pinnacle at Nehru Stadium, Khonsa, as the 55th Nocte Chalo Loku celebration committee hosted the Miss Chalo Loku Pageant 2023.

The star-studded evening culminated in the coronation of the stunning 19-year-old Miss Sanlom Sumnyan, daughter of Late Wanye Sumnyan from Kapu village, who was crowned Miss Chalo Loku 2023. The esteemed title came with a cash prize of one lakh, presented by the Chief Guest and Deputy Speaker APLA Tesam Pongte. Nyamthian Tangjang and Phebung Wangsu earned the titles of 1st and 2nd runners-up, respectively, adding to the excitement of the grand event.

In his speech, Deputy Speaker Pongte expressed his joy to be part of the Miss Chalo 2023 Beauty Pageant on the eve of 55th Nocte Chalo Loku Celebration. Responding to a question posed to the contestants about Tirap being one of the oldest districts but lagging behind in development compared to other parts of the state, Pongte emphasized that peace is the foundation for comprehensive development. He urged everyone to foster love, unity, and cooperation to bring about peace and pave the way for the rapid development of the Tirap district.

Guest of Honor, SP Tirap Rahul Gupta, lauded the vibrancy and colourfulness of the tribal festivals of Arunachal Pradesh and considered them among the most vibrant and colourful festivals in India. Gupta urged the community to embrace modernization without forsaking ancestral culture, assuring full cooperation from the police department for successful, peaceful celebrations.

Loku Cultural Secretary Manglang Agi, while thanking all, acknowledged the generous contributions of 1 lakh each sponsored by DFDO S.K Jawal and EE (RWD) Likwang Lowang, and Rs. 30,000/- (thirty thousand) sponsored by Er. L. Jini, AE(WRD), Khonsa, while the T-



Shirts for the event were sponsored by Nahang Tangjang, Vice-President NCLC 2023.

The Miss Chalo Loku Pageant 2023 not only celebrated beauty and grace but also highlighted the cultural richness of the community, marking it as a significant milestone in the 55th Nocte Chalo Loku Celebration, besides the pageant also showcased the blend of grace, intellect, and charisma of the contestants, captivating the audience in attendance.

Chief Patron of NCLC 2023 and MLA Wanglin Lowangdong,

along with other guests including Smti Chakat Aboh, MLA, Khonsa West, ZPMs Khonsa, Khela-Bundling, Changlang, and Smti Chasuum Wangchadong, Chairperson NWA, graced the occasion. The grand finale was further embellished by captivating performances from Nokngam Lukham, Minam Goi, and Thuptem Tsering.

The panel of judges, consisting of Dr. Chanwang Mongchan, Alenso Chai, and Adv. Senya Lowang, faced the challenging task of selecting the Miss Chalo Loku 2023 from the pool of talented contestants.

Cataract Blindness Backlog Free (CBBF) Campaign held

LONGDING, November 28:

A Cataract Blindness Backlog Free (CBBF) Campaign under the Pradhan Mantri Netra Jyoti Abhiyan 2022-23 was conducted in Longding district.

The campaign was flagged off by Longding Deputy Commissioner, Bani Lego on November 17 last in presence of DMO Dr Worar Taku and Dr Kato Lego (Nodal Officer, CBBF) and other medical staff.

As a part of the campaign, 8 ophthalmic assistants, led by Oph-

thalmic Surgeon Dr. Chowdim Tayang, Howdim Tayang & Dr. Yapa Gupa from Tezu and Ziro Hospital carried out a door-to-door survey from November 17 to 21, 2023. The team took screening operable cataract cases and visited all the villages in the district.

A total of 158 individuals were identified. Subsequently, patient lifting and pre-operative check-up were done on November 23 last at District Hospital, Longding by the consulting

team. An aggregate of 54 patients were admitted for the Surgery.

Longding-Pumao MLA, Tanpho Wangnaw inaugurated the surgical drive conducted the next day on November 24, 2023 and dedicated the campaign to the people of the district. He interacted and communicated with all the patients and complimented the team for their tireless efforts. The surgeries were done on following two days November 24 & 25 last.

VBSY preparedness for Papum Pare reviewed; Yatra to commence from Dec 3

YUPIA, November 28:

The Prabhari Officer for Papum Pare district, Anand Kumar Jha, DS (GP), Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas reviewed the preparations for the upcoming Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) in Papum Pare district at the DC Conference Hall here on Tuesday.

The VBSY for Papum Pare will commence from December 3 next. During the Yatra, the IEC van allotted for Papum Pare will travel

to all the Gram Panchayats creating awareness on centrally sponsored welfare schemes.

VBSY is a nation-wide outreach initiative aimed at informing and empowering citizens about the central Government's flagship schemes.

Jha, who is also the nodal officer for the Jal Shakti Abhiyan, Papum Pare called for coordinated efforts from all the officers to "achieve 100 per cent saturation of the 21 flagship wel-

fare schemes identified by the GoI."

Earlier, Papum Pare DC Cheechung Chukhu highlighted the preparations for the VBSY. He also highlighted the IEC van route for Papum Pare and appealed to all public to 'avail the benefits of program.

He further directed DPO Smti Lokam Chayu to form event committees at the Panchayat level to ensure successful conduct of the VBSY. Members of the VBSY attended the review meeting.

Niausa Village Water Supply Project inaugurated

LONGDING, November 28:

Longding MLA Tanpho Wangnaw inaugurated the Niausa Village Water Supply Project under Jal Jivan Mission at Niausa village in Longding District here on Tuesday.

The project will cover 175 households of Niausa village.

MLA Wangnaw, who was the chief guest of the programme, appreciated the efforts of the PHED department towards addressing the issue of water scarcity. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, he said that the inauguration of the water supply project is one of the cherished dreams of the villagers that was long overdue - "it is like a dream coming true for the denizens of the village," he added. "The present govt is endeavoring hard and is committed to ensure that the issue of water scarcity in the district

is resolved soon", Wangnaw said.

DC, Bani Lego said that with the inauguration of the project it will not just add to the convenience of the people but also will lead to saving of time and thereby will have a multiplier effect in the development process of the area. He added that such kind of developmental activities and initiatives should be appreciated and celebrated by all together. "The entire Niausa will be covered under the JJM scheme in a phase wise manner" he added.

Speaking at the occasion, Er Tage Nipa, Executive Engineer PHED informed that it was a humongous task as the length of the pumping main is 2.10Km and the water had to be lifted to the height of 503 mtr vertically. He also said that this was one of the three projects under Jal Jivan Mission which have been completed and the works on

other two projects to provide Water Supply at Zating and Taying Zong is ongoing and will be completed soon in the days to come. Nipa said that as there is no land compensation under JJM scheme, getting a land for the project is often challenging; he appreciated the villagers of Niausa for donating the land for the project which helped in completion of the project successfully.

On enquiry, Tage Nipa informed that "one of the Major Components of the project is 'Installation of solar water pumping system which includes automation for auto pump on/off depending on water level for dry run protection of intake pumps and overflow control". "The system will also provide a total water delivery report on a daily basis," he added.

The program was attended by HoDs, PRI leaders, officers and people of the Niausa village.

Mein reviews pending issues in implementation of CSST&DS-AP project



ITANAGAR, November 28:

An important meeting of Power, Forest, Land Management and Deputy Commissioners has been convened by the Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh and the Minister-In-Charge of Power & NCER, Chowna Mein to review the pending issues being encountered in implementation of the project "Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening of Transmission & Distribution System in Arunachal Pradesh" (CSST&DS-AP) on November 23 last here at State Civil Secretariat.

Citing the significance of the

project to ensure reliable and uninterrupted power supply to all parts of the State, the Deputy Chief Minister urged upon the Deputy Commissioners to take up this scheme on priority basis. He asked them to take the pending land issues seriously and to gear up the acquisition of land and also to resolve all pending issues by December 24, 2023. He suggested them to create a separate shell for the project and also to take the help of local representatives to resolve the complicated issues.

The meeting also discussed

various measures to expedite the implementation of the scheme and ensure timely completion of all pending projects.

Chief Secretary, Dharmendra, PCCF, Jitendra Kumar, Advisor to DCM, Anupam Tangu, Commissioner (Power), Ankur Garg, Secretary Power, R K Sharma, Secretary (LM), A K Singh, Chief Engineer (Transmission), T.K Tara, CGM (PowerGrid), P V S Sudhagar, GM (PGCIL), Vineet Kumar, Deputy Commissioners, DFOs and DLR-SOs from 20 districts attended the meeting.

ALF authors brighten National Book Week Celebrations in Lohit & Anjaw

TEZU, November 28:

Author-delegates of the Arunachal Lit-Fest 2023 cheered up the National Book Week Celebrations in Lohit and Anjaw, as the Bamboosa Library, Tezu organised a series of reading promotion events to provide rural youth an opportunity to interact with eminent writers.

The delegates were Prof K.P Mohanan, former Secretary Kerala Sahitya Akademi, K Ashtamurthi, leading short story writer in Malayalam and Dr A Venugopalan, senior Nuclear Scientist & Publisher of the Dimdima Children's magazine from Mumbai. The delegates addressed the students, teachers and readers at the VKV Tafrogam, Tezu, Govt Sec School, Walong, Kendriya Vidyalaya Tezu and the readers and volunteers of Bamboosa Library, Tezu.

While Prof Mohanan spoke

on the importance of extensive reading by youth, he pointed out that this would greatly help promote creating a vibrant mother language literature in Arunachal. In a talk organised by the English Dept of the Indira Gandhi Govt College, Tezu, Prof Mohanan elaborated on "Literature and Language Identity". While lauding the active participation of university and college students in Lit-Fest 2023, he urged the faculties and students of Tezu College to take keen efforts to promote their own mother language literature. Referring to the writings of Arunachal's eminent writer Mamang Dai, he said that with commitment, Arunachal can produce many new writers with a pan-Indian readership.

Dr Venugopalan spoke on nuclear energy as well as on how children's magazines can be used by students and teachers to promote

creativity and educational standards in Arunachal schools. He assured that the Dimdima magazine shall gladly encourage Arunachal students to bring out their writing skills.

The Coordinator, Lohit Youth Library Network also participated in the reading sessions in Lohit and Anjaw.

During their stay at Itanagar and Tezu, the delegates from Kerala also interacted with several Arunachal scholars and authors. In Anjaw, they also interacted with senior army officers and were taken to visit the Wacha Border Personnel Meeting Complex of the Indian Army near the Indo-China border.

The guests from Kerala expressed their great happiness to see the happy temperament and positive outlook of the Arunachali youth they interacted with.

VBSY launched in West Siang District

AALO, November 28:

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) was launched at Old Market (Urban), Aalo in West Siang District here on Tuesday.

During the launching of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), West Siang Deputy Commissioner, Ms Mamu Hage inspected the departmental stalls which provide services to different beneficiaries, Central

Flagship programme and screening of messages of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in IEC Van, besides Sankalp pledge was administered by Er. H. Welley, EE UD & Housing, the Nodal Officer of West Siang District.

The programme was organized under the supervision of Marjum Karga, DPO cum District Nodal Officer, Aalo. The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra of Gram Panchayat level of

West Siang District will be organized in the coming days.

Seventeen beneficiaries of different government schemes shared their experiences in "Meri Kahani Meri Jubani", while more than 250 beneficiaries were benefited during the launching of Viksit Bharat SankalpYatra. The health department alone screened more than 234 persons.

Joint review meeting of RD, PR & ArSRLM of Lohit District held

TEZU, November 28:

A combined review meeting of RD, PR & ArSRLM of Lohit District was held under the Chairmanship of Amarnath Talwade, Secretary, RD & PR, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh here on November 23 last.

T. Miso, Director, PR along with other officers from RD & PR, ArSRLM from Itanagar participated in the meeting, which was attended by Lohit Deputy Commissioner, ZPM Tezu, PRIs members, Project

Director-cum-DPDO, DRDA, Tezu, BDO, Tezu and Wakro, BMM, ArSLM, Tezu and other officers/officials of DRDA/ Block.

Addressing the meeting, the Secretary, RD emphasized on conversion of schemes for the fruitful implementation of all the Rural development activities in the state. He also requested all concerned to work sincerely for achieving the targets under various centrally sponsored programmes.

Director, PR also kept his views and suggestions for successful implementation of schemes under Panchayati Raj institutions.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by DC Shashvat Saurabh.

In the morning hours, the Secretary along with other concerned officer/officials visited various RD & PR, ArSRLM scheme/projects implemented in Tezu CD Block.

National workshop on "Advanced production technologies & entrepreneurship development"

PASIGHAT, November 28:

A two days National level workshop on "Advanced production technologies and entrepreneurship development prospects in Arecanut, Mushroom and Ginger crops in context to North East region" was successfully organised by the Department of Horticulture on November 23 and 24 last at the College of Horticulture & Forestry auditorium, Pasighat.

There were an overwhelming participation of one hundred and three progressive farmers and various SHGs from East Siang, nearby district and neighbouring state of Assam.

Gracing the occasion as Chief Guest, Pasighat West MLA Ninong Ering, while appreciating the department for conducting such workshops also highlighted about potential of horticulture sector due to presence tropical, subtropical and temperate climate in the state. He also emphasised on importance of dignity of labour and commercialization of horticulture in the state.

Guest of honour, Somnath Roy Chowdhury, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Apex

University, Pasighat stressed on importance of value addition of these crops which can change the economic status of our farmers.

Special Guest, Dr SM Hussain, Head of KVK East Siang, spoke about importance of and potential of Arecanut, Mushroom and Ginger crops in the region for sustainable farming and area expansion.

The Director Horticulture briefed about the importance of conducting such workshop program frequently to establish communication between farmers, extension workers and scientist in the field of horticulture.

Earlier, the training started with welcome address by DHO AR Ering, while the Key Note address was presented by the Director Horticulture Ngawang Lobsang.

In the technical session resource persons, Dr. Daya Ram, Consultant Mushroom, Dr. Rajendra Prasad University CAU, Samastipur, Bihar, Dr. P Raja, Prof, Department of Plant Pathology, CHF, CAU, Pasighat and Dr. RC Shaky-

war, Assoc Prof, Department of Plant Pathology CHF, CAU Pasighat delivered on various topic on production technology, spawn production and post-harvest handling of mushrooms. Dr. LS Singh, Senior Scientist, CPCRI, Kahikuchi, Assam and Dr. Barun Singh, Assoc Prof, Department of Fruit science, CHF, CAU Pasighat gave detailed presentation on commercial production technology of Arecanut crop. Dr. DM Barman, Deputy Director, Spice Board Guwahati and Shri Biju Pariyar, Additional Director, Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Sikkim guided the participants on advance production technology and recent approaches in post-harvest-handling/value addition of ginger crop.

The two days program was also attended by extension functionaries from different districts of the state including Oyin Tayeng, SDHO Pasighat, Nuka Dai, HDO Bilat, Dr. Aido Taloh, HDO Ruksin and Bini Tagom, HMO Mebo.

Later on the concluding day, Dr DK Pandey, Head of Social Science, CHF, Pasighat gave away the certificate of participation to all the trainees.

MLA dedicates 92 projects to people of Doimukh

DOIMUKH, November 28:

Doimukh MLA Tana Hali Tara dedicated 92 projects executed from 2019-2023 by various departments to the people of Doimukh, Gumto and Banderdewa Circle at a mega inaugural event organized at the SDO ground here on November 24 last.

Out of the 92 completed projects dedicated on the day, 12 were under PWD, 5 under RWD, 6 under Power, 9 under Education department, 49 under PHED, 8 under WRD and 3 under UD department.

Few major projects included the development of all-weather road from Tani Happa village to Green old Integrated farm at Tarajuli, 11KV line from Doimukh to RGU (6Kms) and installation of 2 high mast towers at Rajiv Gandhi University, installation of 100 KVA substation from Potung colony to Dull Happa, Augmentation and extension of water supply to RGU, Augmentation and extension

of water supply to Banderdewa, Augmentation and strengthening of water supply at Denka Village, PMGSY roads from NEEPCO to Lekha, Emchi to Amba, Doimukh to Buka-II etc.

Addressing on the gathering, the MLA said that "Holding mass centralized inaugural programme is economical both in terms of money and time and gives a bird's view of the major projects completed within the given time frame." He requested the public to take ownership of the government assets and protect them.

Lauding the efforts of the Head of Offices for completing the projects within the deadlines, Hali added that," The will to serve the public and a cohesive team spirit beyond any party affiliations is the mantra to deliverance of good service to the people".

Reiterating his will to further glorify Doimukh subdivision, which is one of the oldest sub divisions estab-

lished way back in 1948, Tana Hali Tara sought support and cooperation from the people of Doimukh.

The MLA further informed that a similar inaugural program was also held in Balijan in July, 2023 last, where 156 projects were dedicated to the public of Balijan Circle. Few important projects included - new office building of ADC Balijan, Office of the AE WRD, Sangdupota, Steel Girder Bridge with RCC decking over river Papum at Ramghat, bridges over Mugoli, Tengabari, Lenka, Holongli, Drupa rivers.

ZPM Sangdupota, Hina Camdir Tok, ZPM Gumto Chukhu Bablu, Senior citizens Ganya Lazi, Yorum Nilo, Phasang Sikap, Nabam Pali, SDO Tana Yahoo also spoke on the occasion.

SP Taru Gusar, PRI leaders, HoOs, GBs and public of Gumto, Doimukh and Banderdewa circles attended the event.

Awareness campaign on career prospects in RBI held

ITANAGAR, November 28:

A one-day program on "Awareness campaign on career prospects in Reserve Bank of India", initiated by RBI, Itanagar branch in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, Dera Natung Government College (DNGC), Itanagar was organized on November 22 last at the Conference hall of DNGC, Itanagar.

A total of 83 students from various departments of the college attended the program.

Principal Dr. M.Q Khan, while highlighting the prevalent problem

of unemployment in the state and the nation, lauded the efforts of RBI in conducting such programs for the students. He also encouraged the students to grab such opportunities and reap maximum benefit out of such programmes.

The first resource person, Raju Manpang, Manager RBI, Itanagar Branch, in his presentation briefed the history and functions of RBI. He also delivered a presentation on the salary, promotional aspects and other benefits attached with such career at RBI, while Chhouraj Kumar Deori,

Assistant Manager, RBI conducted a quiz competition among the students and prizes were given to the winners.

Students actively participated in the question and answer session after the presentation by the resource persons.

Earlier, Dr. Wangda G. Gyana, HoD (in charge), while welcoming all highlighted the importance of organizing such awareness program for the students.

Ms. Pate Jumshi, Assistant Professor also spoke on the occasion.

Consultative review meeting on progress of special summary revision of electoral rolls held

ITANAGAR, November 28:

The Special Summary revision exercise with January 1, 2024 as the qualifying date is currently under way from October 27, 2023, to December 9, 2023 and final publication of electoral roll is scheduled on 5th January 2023.

A consultative review meeting on progress of the special summary revision of electoral rolls was held here recently, which was chaired by State Chief Electoral Officer, Pawan Kumar Sain with SPNO Chukhu Apa, District Election Officers and Superintendent of Police of all the districts.

On the occasion, the CEO

gave guidelines to the officers participating in the meeting regarding qualitative improvement in the special summary revision by increasing the Elector Population ratio (EP ratio) in their respective districts He urged all the DEOs to ensure that the appointed Booth Level Officers are proactively performing house to house verification. The Demographically Similar Entries, Photo Similar Entries, dead and duplicate voters were to be removed as per SoPand all the pending forms in the district are to be disposed of on priority.

Other important issues such as deposition of licence firearms to

be ascertained by DEOs and SPs, strengthening vigilance in check gates, status of electoral offences and preventive measures to put in place were discussed.

Speaking on the issue, SPNO Chukhu Apa directed all the SPs to provide accurate datas related to FIR on electoral offence cases.

The Chair prioritized that election related activity should be performed with utmost dedication and there should be no room for lackadaisical approach.

Joint CEO Liken Koyu and Deputy CEO Shania Kayem Mize were also present in the meeting.

Legal awareness prog on human rights & child abuse held

ROING, November 29:

A one-day Legal Awareness Programme on "Fundamental Human Rights, Child Abuse and Child Labour and Gender Equality" was conducted at Dambuk on Wednesday by Arunachal Pradesh Women and Child Welfare Society, an NGO in collaboration with the District Administration, LDV and sponsored by the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW).

Chairperson (APSCW) Ken-

jum Pakam, addressing the public gathered, stressed for all to know the rights and provisions for the protection of women and children, the knowledge of which will truly empower womenfolk.

Member Secretary (APSCW) Sangeeta Yirang highlighted the roles and responsibilities and the functions of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women in uplifting the status of women.

Anisha Apum Chairperson (AW&CWS) and Yarnam Pertin (AW&CWS) also spoke on the occasion.

Resource Persons Advocate Madan Miili spoke on Fundamental Human Rights, Protection Officer (DCPU) Ngapi Meto on Child Abuse & Child Labour and Advocate Buliya Pulu on Gender Equality.

A skit on violence against women was presented by students of KGBV, Dambuk.

Special Talk on "Fresh vegetables for health & boosting immunity"

RONO HILLS, November 30:

The Department of Horticulture, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, RGU, organized a special talk by an invited speaker Dr. Ranjit Chatterjee, Professor and Ex Head, Department of Vegetable and Spice crops, Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya, West Bengal on the topic "Fresh vegetables for health and boosting immunity" on Tuesday, November 28 last.

Participating in the session, Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Prof. Saket Kushwaha, acknowledged the intrinsic link between the consumption of vegetables and overall health. He stated that vegetables, with their rich array of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants, are the cornerstones of a nutritious diet. He also stated that the journey from the farm to our tables involves intricate processes, and it is the realm of food processing that transforms raw produce into convenient and nutritious products, ensuring that the benefits of vegetables are accessible to all.

RGU Registrar, Dr. N T Rikam spoke on emphasizing the importance of consuming a diverse range of vegetables to ensure a wide spectrum of nutrients.

Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Prof. Sumpam Tangjang appreciated the organizers for choosing the relevant topic in today's context as everyone is more conscious about the health post



pandemic. He talked upon including diverse organic vegetables in our diet.

Head of the Department of Horticulture, Dr. Arindam Barman, also spoke and gave emphasized upon the importance of consuming "microgreens" as a source of nutrients for boosting immunity and overall health.

Expert for the session, Prof. Ranjit Chatterjee started the session with brief introduction on fresh vegetables as a treasure trove of essential nutrients which play a pivotal role in maintaining a robust immune system. Vitamins such as A, C, and E, along with minerals like zinc and selenium, are found abundantly in a variety of vegetables. These nutrients act as powerful antioxidants, helping the body neutralize harmful free radicals and protect cells from

damage. He also stressed upon the health of our gut which is intricately connected to our overall well-being, including the strength of our immune system. He also spoke about opting for locally grown, seasonal vegetables which ensures the freshest produce with maximum nutritional value.

The Expert also talked about the importance of new term "microgreens" due to their concentrated nutrient content. They are considered a healthful addition to a balanced diet. They may contribute to overall health and wellness by providing essential vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants.

The lecture was completed with a very good interactive session between the participants and expert. More than sixty (60) participants attended the event.

Constitution Day commemorates passage of Women's Reservation Bill

State govt taking strides toward women-led development - Khandu

ITANAGAR, November 28: Extending gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi under whose leadership the Nari

Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam was introduced and passed unanimously by both the Houses of Parliament, State Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that women in India will now exercise greater legislative powers, and play an even greater role in the development of the country.

Speaking at the Constitution Day celebrations at the State Legislative Assembly here on Sunday, Khandu said that this Constitutional Amendment provides 33 percent vertical reservation to women in all three categories in Parliament-General (including OBC), Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

"It is worth mentioning that there were 4 attempts by previous governments for passing the Women's Reservation Bill, which was first brought by the then government in 1996. But it was only due to the steadfast determination of the Narendra Modi government that the Bill could become law in 2023.

The Bill serves as another reminder of the BJP government's unerring focus on women's empowerment and women-led development. It is a significant move that this year's Constitution Day has been rechristened as the Pink Constitution Day, commemorating the passage of Women's Reservation Bill," Khandu



said.

He further said that to fulfil the aspirations of the Prime Minister, the state

government is taking strides toward women-led development, embracing progress,

empowerment and equality for a brighter, inclusive future. He informed that 47.34% of Panchayat representatives in Arunachal Pradesh are women and expressed hope that the number of women representatives crosses 50%, including in the State Legislative Assembly.

"Our government has provided more than 50,000 women with LPG connections under the Pradhan

Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. We have sanctioned more than 47,000 houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Close to 99% of our households have been provided household water connections. We have constructed more than 27,000 toilets under the Swachh Bharat Mission. Nearly 1.5 lakh beneficiaries are receiving free rations under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana. Our 6,225 Anganwadi Centres regularly provide nutritional and health support to 1.8 lakh pregnant women, lactating mothers and children. Our State currently serves 34,226 beneficiaries under the Poshan Abhiyan. We have also ensured safe deliveries of 25,563 women through the Pradhan Mantri

Matru Vandana Yojana. We have mobilized more than 85,000 women into SHGs and provided them with Rs. 33 Crore bank credit to enable them to take up entrepreneurship activities," Khandu added.

Paying rich tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr. B R Ambedkar on his 125th birth

anniversary, he said that as Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution, Dr.

Ambedkar has left an indelible mark and legacy on the history of modern India. "The Constitution is a living document that represents a vision for a dynamic and modern India. That India was one of the first countries to offer equal voting rights to women is

also, a testament to the vision of our founding fathers," he said.

Present on the occasion were Governor Lt General (Rtd) KT Parnaik as the chief

guest, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Harivansh Narayan Singh as the keynote speaker, Speaker P D Sona, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, Deputy Speaker Tesam Pongte, cabinet ministers and MLAs.

Earlier in the day, Governor Lt General KT Parnaik unveiled a statue of Mahatma

Gandhi themed 'Into the Future' to mark the occasion outside the Assembly building. The statue is first of its kind in the country, depicting that a child leads the Father of nation.

Uphold the gallant traditions of Indian Armed Forces in guarding sensitive borders - Governor to troops



WALONG, November 28:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) met the troops of Indian Army and personnel of Indo Tibetan Border Police, Border Roads Organization and Arunachal Pradesh Police at Walong in Anjaw District on November 25, 2023.

The Governor said that the international border of Arunachal Pradesh is sensitive and strategically important for the security of the nation. He exhorted the forces to be alert and uphold the gallant traditions of Indian Armed Forces in guarding the sensitive borders.

The Governor shared fine points of border management with the security forces. He encouraged the personnel to maintain physical fitness and sound mental alertness. He also shared modern-day security design and steps with the personnel to keep the border safe and secure.

The Governor advised the security forces to be vigilant and instill a sense of security amongst the people. He emphasized on reinforcing the

goodwill amongst the local population for the troops and personnel.

During his daylong tour to Anjaw District, the Governor laid a wreath at the Walong War memorial.

Earlier, at Kibithoo, the 2 Div General Officer Commanding Major General VS Deshpande and 82 Mountain Brigade Commander Brig. R. Bhandari Briefed the Governor on the operational preparedness and security measures in place for maintaining the sanctity of Line of Actual Control. They also informed the Governor of the bonhomie existing amongst the security forces and local population and cordial relations with the District Administration.

Director General of Police Anand Mohan, Anjaw Deputy Commissioner Talo Jerang, Superintendent of Police, Rike Kamsi, officers and troops of Bihar, Assam and Punjab regiments and personnel from Indo Tibetan Border Police, Border Roads Organization and Arunachal Pradesh Police and Indian Air Force officers were present on the occasion.

Lepa Rada leads all in achieving ODF (Plus) status

ITANAGAR, November 28:

The district of Lepa Rada has become the first district of the State to achieve the milestone of ODF (Plus) status. This distinction signifies the significant progress made by the district in enhancing Sanitation and Solid Liquid Waste Management, ultimately improving the overall quality of life for its residence.

All the Gram Panchayats of 82 Villages of Lepa Rada District have been declared as Open Def-

ecation Free Plus in various categories such as ASPIRING -74 villages, RISING category (1 No) and 7 villages in MODEL category.

It is pertinent to mention here that Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)-Ph-II, launched by Govt. of India, with key objective to sustain the ODF status of villages and to improve the level of cleanliness in rural area through Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) activities, making all villages ODF

Plus.

The journey of Lepa Rada District to ODF Plus status has been a result of dedicated effort made by the District Administration and Department of PHE & WS and the active participation of the public. The achievements will certainly lead to a better quality of life for its residents, contributing to the overall development of the district, stated a release from Mission Director, SBM (G), PHE & WS department.

Mein inaugurates Transformative Developments at Mahabodhi Centre on Founder's Centenary Celebration



DEOMALI, November 28:

In a momentous tribute to the revered Founder of Mahabodhi Society in India, Venerable Dr. Acharya Buddhakarakhita, on account of his birth centenary, DCM Chowna Mein graced the 38th Annual Poi Kanto Sangha & Maha Kathina Ceremony at the Mahabodhi Centre, Natun Basti, Deomali in Tirap District on Monday.

Mein, known for his commitment to education and development, took part in unveiling pivotal infrastructure expansions at the Centre, underscoring the commitment to providing a holistic approach to human resource development.

The ceremony featured the inauguration of an extended Venerable Acharya Buddhakarakhita Boy's Hostel with a dining hall and enhanced amenities. Additionally, a newly consecrated Meditation Hall was introduced, providing monks and students with a serene space for spiritual contemplation and mindfulness.

He also launched the second phase of Mahabodhi Rising Wisdom School in the Centre. New classrooms, a library and a computer lab are part of this phase, which aims to improve the learning environment and give students modern facilities for their academic journey. The school imparts both monastic teachings and NCERT curriculum to the students. Emphasizing on this, Mein stated that GoAP is supportive of all

initiatives that preserve the ancient culture and heritage of the land. He also assured continued support of the Govt towards the infrastructure development of the school.

Reflecting on Acharya Buddhakarakhita's life, the DCM emphasized the importance of preserving age-old culture and traditions for overall growth and development. He recalled Acharya's dream of establishing a Buddhist University in Arunachal Pradesh and his efforts to draft plans for it. While a college named Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College was established in Namsai, Mein expressed his enduring vision for a Buddhist University in the State, echoing the ancient legacy of institutions like Nalanda University, where education and culture coexist harmoniously.

He expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Mahabodhi Educational, Cultural and Social Welfare Society of Arunachal Pradesh for their sacrificial life for humanitarian service to the society and for imparting value-based educations to the children. He emphasized the pivotal role such initiatives play in human resource development and empowerment of the region. The ceremony marked not just the physical expansion of the Mahabodhi Centre but also a spiritual tribute to the ideals and teachings of Most Venerable Acharya Buddhakarakhita, inspiring generations to come.

Most Venerable Acharya Buddhakarakhita, born in Imphal, Manipur, and an engineer graduate from Kolkata, played a pivotal role in the Indian Freedom Movement. Having experienced the violence of the Second World War during his military service, he later renounced worldly pursuits to seek peace and truth. His journey led him to the path of Buddha, and under the guidance of the Most Venerable Chandamani Mahathera, he became known as Venerable Acharya Buddhakarakhita. He scarified his whole life in study, practice and teaching of the Buddha's words by establishing Mahabodhi Society, Bengaluru.

The event was also attended by Minister of PHE, DoTCL & IT, Wangki Lowang, President Maha Bodhi Society, Venerable Kassapa Mahathera Bhante, Gen Secy Maha Bodhi Society Venerable Ananda Bhante, Director of Mahabodhi Society, Venerable Asaji Bhante, Former Minister Wangpha Lowang, DC Tirap, ADC Deomali & SP Tirap among other dignitaries.

Later, the DCM paid a visit to Adhyayan -The Learning Pavilion at Govt Upper Primary School at NTC Deomali and at Wangcha Rajkumar Govt College, Deomali, Tirap. This is the district's modern learning centre with innovative ideas, initiated by ADC Deomali, Vishakha Yadav to instill reading habits amongst the school children and college students with attractive features and updated information creating a conducive atmosphere for studies.

He also visited the Digi-kaksha' (Smart Classroom), a unique initiative by the ADC at Govt Upper Primary School, NTC Deomali and interacts with students and teachers. 'Digi-kaksha' is a digital class room that focuses on integrating digital tools into the curriculum, ensuring that students have access to technology-enhanced learning experiences, and preparing them for a tech-driven future. Mein lauded the initiative of Ms Yadav and assured govt support for further strengthening the man power and infrastructure requirements of the Govt Schools and the College.

Mein graces 401st birth anniversary of Mahabir Lachit Barphukan

SILAPATHAR , (Assam), November 24:

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein graced the Silver Jubilee of Kala Niketan as Chief Guest here on November 24 last.

The event was organized in collaboration with the State Level Advisory Committee, Students and Youth Welfare, Government of Assam, at Maduripathar Lachit Saman-nya Kshetra, also commemorating the 401st birth anniversary of Mahabir Lachit Barphukan.

On the occasion, Mein, along with other dignitaries present, paid homage to the legendary hero. A book dedicated to the iconic Assam warrior, named 'Mahayodha Lachit' was also released.

In his address, Mein highlighted Lachit Barphukan's courage, bravery, resolution and love for his motherland. He underlined how Barphukan, through his strategic brilliance, saved Assam from the clutches of the Mughal invasion. He emphasized that 'Lachit' was more than just a name; he is a symbol of national pride, an awakening, and most importantly, he is one of the reasons why the cultural heritage of Northeast India thrives today.

Mein also highlighted Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's tribute, stating that without Lachit Barphukan, the North East wouldn't be part of India today. Adding on to the significance of the region's fearless warriors, Mein stated that the role of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav campaign in further identifying the unsung heroes of Arunachal Pradesh and other parts of Northeast India.

He urged the Northeastern States to work towards economic development in line with PM Narendra Modi's vision of a fully developed region by 2047. He further emphasized that the region will continuously live through Lachit's legacy by focusing on development and empowerment. He extended special thanks to Assam Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma for his developmental initiatives and restoring harmony & brotherhood in the region.

The event was attended by distinguished personalities, including MP (Lok Sabha) Pradan Boruah, Cabinet Ministers (Govt of Assam) Bimal Borah and Jogen Mohan, MLA Jonai, Bhubon Pegu, DC Silapathar, Ankur Bharali, Indian Sprinter Hima Das, Arjuna Award Winner, Nayanmoni Saikia, among others.

Governor visits Vibrant Border Village Hurii

Governor calls upon villagers to avail benefits from Central Govt programmes & schemes



HURII, November 28:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) visited Hurii, one of the Vibrant Border Village in remote Damin Circle of Kurung Kumey district on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

He interacted with Goan Burahs, Panchayat members, government officials and villagers of Hurii. Local MLA Lokam Tassar was also present in the meeting.

The Governor said that the State of Arunachal Pradesh is making progress in every sector and to enhance the pace of development, it needs the cooperation and contribution of the people. He exhorted the villagers to encourage their children to go to schools and colleges, maintain cleanliness and hygiene in the village, protect their flora and fauna and assist the State machinery in implementing welfare programmes, schemes and projects in their area.

The Governor informed the villagers that in the spirit of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas aur Sabka Prayas', Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has launched the Viksit Bharat Sankap Yatra with special focus on tribal communities. He called upon the villagers to avail benefits from the Central Government programmes and schemes. He advised those who are yet to avail benefits to get themselves registered.

The Governor advised the government officials to work in a mission mode and ensure that all the eligible persons are registered as beneficiaries and 100% saturation is achieved. He laid the onus on the district administration and elected representatives to reach out to the distant villages to accomplish the target before coming Republic Day and realize the vision of Prime Minister.

The Governor said that in order to take development to border

areas, the Government of India has initiated a Vibrant Border Village programme, where basic needs of the people will be addressed. He said that it is a collaborative developmental approach and requires concerted effort of the local habitants and the security forces.

The Governor commended the villagers for their very good cordial relation with security forces in their area. He said that security forces are for the security and wellbeing of the people in the area.

Later, the Governor interacted with security forces stationed at Hurii, including Rajputana Rifles, Indo Tibetan Border Police and Border Roads organization. He advised them to carry out regular training and remain alert while patrolling at the line of Actual Control.

The Governor advised the security forces to guide the youth of the area to join the Indian Armed Forces.