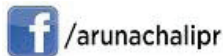




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Governor administers oath to APPSC members



ITANAGAR, December 14:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd) administered the 'Oath of Office' and 'Oath of Secrecy' to the newly appointed members of Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) in the Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

Col. Koj Tari (Retd.) and Ms. Rosy Taba took oath as the members of APPSC.

Chief Secretary Shri Dharmendra conducted the function.

The First Lady of the State SmtAnagha Parnaik, Chief Minister

Pema Khandu, Cabinet Ministers and distinguished guests attended the function along with other officials and public functionaries.

Earlier, the Cabinet of Arunachal Pradesh in its meeting on Tuesday considered the recommendations of the Screening Committee for selection of Chairman & Member of APPSC and also the judgment dated 08.12.2023 of the Gauhati High Court, Itanagar Permanent Bench, Yupia in WP(C) No. 213(AP)12023 & WP(C) No. 223(AP)12023.

On the recommendation of the Cabinet of Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor in exercise of the powers conferred by the provision to clause

(1) of Article 316 of the Constitution of India read with clause 4 of the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission Regulation, 1988 has appointed Prof. Pradip Lingfa to the post of Chairman, APPSC, Prof. Ashan Riddi for the post of Member, APPSC, Col. Koj Tari (Retd) for the post of Member, APPSC and Ms. Rosy Taba for the post of Member, APPSC.

They shall hold the office for a period for term of 6(six) years from the date on which they enters upon the office or till they attain the age of 62 years, whichever is earlier, in terms of provisions of clause(2) of Article 316 of the Constitution of India.

State Govt committed to preserve indigenous culture & languages - CM

BALEMU, December 14:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu attended the annual Shar AmartalaTorgya Festival on Monday at the Thegtse Sangye Choi Long Monastery hereat Balem, a small hamlet at the trijunction of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Bhutan in West Kameng district.

The religious festival is being held under the patronage and blessings of Padmashree His Eminence The 14th Thegtse Rinpoche.

Addressing a huge gathering of devotees from West Kameng, Tawang and Bhutan, Khandu expressed gratitude to the Almighty for being able to attend the third celebration of the festival at Balem for the second time.

He appreciated all the MLAs of West Kameng and Tawang districts for responding positively to his appeal for generous contributions in construction and development of the monastery that he inaugurated earlier in the day.

"Being Monpas, it is our duty to contribute in whatever possible way to develop a monastery especially in a place that has a religious significance for us. I appreciate all Monpa MLAs for their contributions. However, my special thanks go to Un-



ion Minister for Earth Science Kiren Rijiju, Buragaon-Thrizino MLA KumsiSidasow and Bomdila MLA DongruSiongju for their generous contribution who though hail from West Kameng district are non-Monpas," he said.

Khandu, who inaugurated the Mindrol Wang Thri Khang Zang Gatsal or the Dharma Teaching Stage of the monastery, on behalf of all Mon people, expressed gratitude to Thegtse Rinpoche for reviving the

lost religious glory of Amartala (Balem) by initiating to open the study centre for preservation of Buddhist culture.

Amartala (Balem) is a place of great religious significance.

"We the Mon people have been following Buddhism since centuries. It is our culture. And it is our duty to preserve this culture for posterity and maintain our indigenous identity," he advocated.

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News Flash

Chief Minister calls on the Governor

ITANAGAR, December 14:

State Chief Minister Pema Khandu called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, here on Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

The dignitaries discussed Viksit Bharat programmes, Seva AapkeDwar, Vibrant Border Village projects and other security issues.

During the meeting, the Governor stressed the importance of adopting a mission-oriented approach by all stakeholders to realize the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047. He emphasized active participation from government officials and the youth of the State in advancing this vision.

Drawing from his recent tour of Longding, Tirap, and Changlang Districts in eastern Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor shared his observations. He highlighted the need for increased awareness campaigns and government officials to make special efforts to connect with the people.

Furthermore, the Governor underscored the significance of real-time monitoring for the success of Viksit Bharat, advocating for the use of automation to achieve this. He directed district officials to automate their offices and datas for efficient implementation.

Chief Secretary Shri Dharmendra was also in attendance at the meeting.

State representing in 1st Khelo India Para Games 2023

ITANAGAR, December 13:

An interaction programme with the state contingent bound for 1stKhelo India Para Games 2023 slated to be held at New Delhi from December 10to 17, 2023 was organized by the Directorate of Sports recently in Hotel Obsidian Blue, Itanagar.

Sanjeev Tana Tara, Vice-Chairman, Sports Authority of Arunachal, Bamang Tago, Secretary General, Arunachal Olympic Association attended the function as Chief Guest & Guest of Honour respectively along with Director (Sports) Tadar Appa & his officers, representatives from Paralympic Association of Arunachal, Arunachal Olympic Association & state level Associations.

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Rijiju inaugurates Permanent Seismological Observatory MoU signed for enhancing the services in region



BOMDILA, December 13:

In a significant stride towards enhancing safety and understanding seismic activities, Union Minister for Earth Sciences, Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the Permanent Seismological Observatory here at Bomdila on December 10 last.

This observatory, established at Government College, Bomdila, holds great significance for Arunachal Pradesh, a region situated in seismic zone V, known for its vulnerability to earthquakes.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by the presence of

HonchunNgandam, Minister of Science & Technology, GoAP, KumsiSidasow, MLA Thrizino, Dr. M Ravichandram, Secretary, Minister of Earth Sciences, GoI, Repo Ronia, Secretary, Science & Technology, GoAP, Tana Tage, Director, Centre for Earth Sciences & Himalayan Studies, GOAP, Smti Akriti Sagar, DC Bomdila, HODs, officials of National Centre for Seismology, Ministry of Earth Sciences, and Department of Science & Technology, along with students and the public of Bomdila township.

The observatory, established in collaboration with the National Centre for Seismology, Ministry of Earth Science, aimed to comprehensively understand the region's seismicity, unravelling both surface and subsurface seismic aspects.

Addressing the gathering, Rijiju emphasized the crucial role of the Department of Earth Sciences and highlighted the potential benefits of the observatory in earthquake detection, enabling advanced precautions to minimize casualties.

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DCM chairs 25th NERPC meeting;

Discusses critical issues in power sector, focusing on challenges & opportunities for progress

KOLKATA, December 13:

NERPC Chairman and Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Chowna Mein chaired the 25th North Eastern Regional Power Committee (NERPC) Meeting at Kolkata on December 9 last.

The meeting was organized and hosted by NTPC Ltd and NERPC Secretariat at The Oberoi Grand, Kolkata. The meeting addressed critical issues in the power sector, focusing on the challenges and opportunities for progress in the region.

During the session, Mein highlighted the significance of collective efforts toward a more promising and sustainable future in the power industry. The discussions resulted in crucial decisions aimed at advancing the growth of the power sector in the North Eastern Region, ensuring a consistent electricity supply, and enhancing the standard of living for residents.

The DCM emphasized key initiatives, including Mock Black Start Exercises aligned with IEGC 2023, showcasing a commitment to pow-

er sector preparedness. Proactive measures, such as the installation of surge arresters and the reconductoring of transmission lines to High-Temperature Low Sag (HTLS), were underscored in his speech.

Expressing his delight, Mein announced the finalization of the Guwahati Islanding Scheme, planned by NERPC under the Ministry of Power's directive. He urged stakeholders to expedite the implementation of this scheme and explore the feasibility of similar Islanding Schemes for other NER State capitals. He thanked for the approval of full funding, covering 100% of the costs, for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition/ Energy Management Systems(SCADA/EMS) upgradation across all State Load DispatchCenters (SLDCs) in NER States, adding that significant project, with an estimated budget of approximately Rs. 80 Crores per state, marks a substantial advancement in bolstering the power infrastructure of the region.

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Mein inaugurates 3 projects in Tirap;

Reiterates state government's commitment to holistic development

BORDURIA, December 14:

Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein on Monday inaugurated a Composite bridge over Charju River, an Auditorium Hall at Borduria CO (Hqs) and an Indigenous Prayer Hall, 'Rangsoam Hum' at Borduria in Tirap district.

The newly constructed 50-meter Composite bridge over Charju River, linking Deomali to Hukanjuri, has been funded by RIDF XXIII (NABARD) with an approximate cost of Rs 5.14 crores and executed by APPWD. The bridge will not only streamline travel between Deomali and Hukanjuri Check Gate bypassing Assam, but will also benefit areas such as Namsang, Sippini and Sum-sipathar by providing a direct route to Khonsa without traversing Assam and reducing travel time & distance.

The Community Hall at Borduria CO (Hqs) was constructed by UD and Housing. It will serve as a centre for conducting important meetings and social gatherings. Additionally, the inauguration of the Rangsoam Hum (Indigenous Prayer Hall), built at an estimated cost of Rs 50 Lakhs by the PWD, holds cultural and spiritual significance, serving as a focal point for preserving and promoting indigenous faiths and practices.

He lauded the initiatives of lo-

cal Legislator, WanglinLowangdong in his endeavors, which is in sync with the interest of the state govt. Mein emphasized that the enhanced accessibility provided by the composite bridge will serve as a catalyst for further progress. He said that with the enhanced road communication, other developments will follow in the area uplifting the socio-economic conditions of the people.

Underscoring the significance of the Auditorium Hall at Borduria CO (Hqs), he cited that such infrastructure is essential in every district hqsand even in circles which can be used for holding important meetings and official functions. He further said that we cannot stop modernization arising out of globalization, but at the same time we must not forget our roots. He reiterated that we must accept modernization with adherence to traditions. He added that the Rangsoam Hum (Indigenous Prayer Hall) will facilitate preservation and promotion of indigenous faiths and practices.

The DCM reiterated state government's commitment to holistic development, spanning crucial sectors such as road communication, education, healthcare and access to clean drinking water.

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Youths must be educated, disciplined, motivated

and must imbibe 'Nation First' spirit: Governor

Governor advises VCs, Principals & faculties to motivate students to contribute in providing suggestions for Viksit Bharat@2047



ITANAGAR, December 14:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participated in the 'Ideas for the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047' programme at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on December 11, 2023.

The Raj Bhavanorganised the screening of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the people inviting youth of the nation to contribute ideas for Viksit Bharat, panel discussion on Viksit Bharat@2047 and provided a platform to the students to share their views on the subject.

The Governor said that Viksit Bharat@2047 is the driving force for every Indian, particularly the youth to find solutions to every challenge, innovative ideas to march forward and vision to plan out strategies to be a

developed, progressives, caring nation and Viswa Guru by 2047. He said that Prime Minister has charted the way and now the onus is on the people of the State to rise to the expectation of the apex leadership.

The Governor said that along with the five pillars to make India self-reliant, i.e. economy, infrastructure, technology-driven system, vibrant demography and demand, national security is also very vital for a nation to progress. He said that strong-armed force and efficient police are big deterrents for anti-nation elements and unfriendly nations.

The Governor said that youth of the State must be educated, disciplined and motivated. He called upon the youth to imbibe the 'Nation First' spirit and said that a good leader,

good environment and good intention will contribute to Nation building.

The Governor expressed his desire that youth of Arunachal Pradesh actively participate in the programme and provide innovative and progressive ideas, which can bring socio-economic development to every part of the country. Sit down, discuss and come up with suggestions. Think big and take care of the minute details, he advised.

The Governor requested the Vice Chancellors, Principals and members of the faculty to motivate students to contribute in providing suggestions for Viksit Bharat@2047. He said that today's leaders have set the motion but it is the youth of the day who will realize the accomplishment.

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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

International Migrants Day

On 18 December 1990, the General Assembly adopted a resolution on the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.[1]

Each year on December 18, the United Nations, through the UN-related agency International Organization for Migration (IOM), uses International Migrants Day to highlight the contributions made by the roughly 272 million migrants, including more than 41 million internally displaced persons,[2] and the challenges they face.

This global event, supported by events organized by IOM's nearly 500 country offices and sub-offices as well as governmental, international and domestic civil society partners examines a wide range of migration themes, Social Cohesion, Dignity, Exploitation, Solidarity to advocate for migration guided by the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society.

Reasons for the Day

In 1997, Filipino and other Asian migrant organizations began celebrating and promoting 18 December as the International Day of Solidarity with Migrants. This date was chosen because it was on 18 December 1990 that the UN adopted the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

Building on this initiative, 18 December with support from Migrant Rights International and the Steering Committee for the Global Campaign for Ratification of the International Convention on Migrants' Rights and many other organizations – began late 1999 campaigning online for the official UN designation of an International Migrant's Day, which was finally proclaimed on 4 December 2000.

The United Nations proclamation of the International Migrants Day is an important step, offering a rallying point for all those concerned with the protection of migrants. The UN invited all UN member states, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to observe this day by disseminating information on human rights and fundamental freedoms of migrants, sharing experiences, and undertaking action to ensure the protection of migrants.

International Migrants Day is seen as an opportunity to recognize the contributions made by millions of migrants to the economies of their host and home countries promotes respect for their basic human rights.

Global actions to celebrate International Migrants Day

Making migrants' voices heard is the common thread throughout International Migrants Day events. Since 2016, International Migrants Day has also served as the platform for the gala final event of IOM's three-week-long Global Migration Film Festival (GMFF) which in 2019 featured more than 620 screenings of migration-themed movies and panel discussions about IMD2019's theme of Social Cohesion in 107 countries around the world.



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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
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9.	Itanagar-Koloriang	Night Service	Daily Service	02.30 pm
10.	Itanagar-Guwahati	Day Service	Daily Service	06.00 am
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Legal awareness program at Mengio

MENGIO, December 13:

A one-day legal awareness program was held at Mengio Village by Friends of Life, NGO in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) and District Administration on Saturday last.

APSCW, Vice Chairperson, Smti Nabam Yahi, while speaking on the occasion exhorted the women to participate in greater numbers in such programs as "they educate the rural women in particular about their legal rights and provides a platform for them to interact with the experts".

Former Chairperson AP-SCW and Resource person Adv. SmtiRadhila Chai Tech spoke on the 'Legal rights of Women'. She stated that "these rights are in place to ensure equality and empowerment of women."While elaborating about the forms of violence/abuse against women vizphysical, mental, economical and sexual, she encouraged the women to report any cases of abuse."Tolerating and hiding the abuse will only encourage the perpetrators, leading to increase in



crime against women in the society", she added. She also advised the women to be economically independent.

Expressing her concern on the increasing cases of 'adolescence marriages', shesaid that "mothers can be a strong ally in this fight and advocate for girls continued education".

Smti Take Riniyo, Superintendent, Tax Excise, spoke on

'Psychological Empowerment of Women.'Stating that women's sense of self worth can be improved through right psychological interventions, she advised the women "to be confident, self-aware and be positive thinking."She also spoke about the need for a balanced diet and exercise for overall physical wellbeing.

Emphasizing on the imperative need to protect the fu-

ture generation from drug menace, sheurgedthe PRI members, GBs and the locals to aid in curbing the ganjacultivation in area."Few people may benefit from the ganja cultivation, but a whole generation is destroyed because of the drugs," she added.

Smti. Nabam Yagar, ZPM Mengio, members of Friends of Life, NGO, Goan Buris and public of Mengio attended the program.

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State Govt committed to preserve indigenous...

Informing that Monpas are the second only indigenous community, after the Khamptis, to have their own script, he appealed the younger generation to learn the script so that it does not fade away with time.

The state government, on its part, he said is committed to preserve the indigenous culture and languages of all the indigenous communities of the state.

"Khamptis and Monpas are lucky to have their own script, which are now being taught in the schools. We are working along with community-based organizations of rest of the communities to evolve their own script if possible or use the Roman script to teach indigenous languages to our young kids so that we always remain connected to our roots," he informed.

Khandu also informed that for the Mon region, teachers are being recruited to teach the Bhoti script (script of the Monpas) in schools. Delving on developmental projects in Balemuru area in particular and Kalaktang subdivision in general, Khandu said the area, being the gateway to Arunachal Pradesh from the western-most part of the state, it has a huge tourism potential for growth.

"Balemuru, like almost all foothill areas of the state, remained under-developed due to one main reason – insurgency. We all know Bodo insurgency, when at its peak, affected the growth of Balemuru. All thanks to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, insurgency has ceased to exist in Assam and as a result there is peace all along our boundary with Assam," he said.

Khandu also mentioned that the inter-state boundary issue with Assam has been almost resolved due to the support of the central government.

"We have proposed to develop all entry-points to our state, including Balemuru and Bhalukpong in West Kameng district, with state of art infrastructure and facilities to welcome tourists and give them a feeling of awe for the treasure trove that is waiting for them further into Arunachal Pradesh," he revealed.

Referring to the serpentine road with several twists and turns from Balemuru towards Kalatang and beyond (OKSRT road), Khandu informed that the road by BRO was built on the old alignment of the yesteryear's NEC road.

"We have taken up with the BRO and have proposed a new alignment that will start from the Balemuru bridge-point and go along the river to Kalaktang. This will be about 25-26 kms shorter than the existing road and would be a huge relief for travelers going to Kalaktang, Shergaon, Rupa, Bomdila, Dirang or Tawang," he said.

Responding to a request by the Rimpoché, Khandu assured sanction for installation of a 100KVA distribution transformer in Balemuru, a 63KVA generator set and high-mast lights for the monastery, fencing for the Cultural Center and a Guest House. He also assured extension and upgradation of the Festival Ground.

Present on the occasion were MLAs Phurpa Tsering, KumsiSidesow, Dorjee Wangdi Kharma, DongruSiongju, Tsering Tashi and Tsering Lhamu along with district administration officials, Panchayati Raj leaders and others.

Rijiju inaugurates Permanent Seismological Observatory...

Rijiju also shared the government's plans for further technological advancements in the region, including the establishment of a Doppler Radar System in West Kamengdistrict. This system is envisioned to provide precise forecasts of rain, temperature, humidity, etc., aiding farmers in planning their cultivation based on accurate weather data.

"The future of the nation is in our hands," Rijiju stated, while emphasizing the importance of contributing to science and encouraging students to pursue careers in the field. He also called upon elected public representatives and government officials to actively participate in the PM's vision for the nation's development over the next 25 years, emphasizing that development is a collective effort.

In a move towards collaborative efforts, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the Centre for Earth Sciences & Himalayan Studies (CES&HS), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, and the Centre for Seismology (NCS), Ministry of Earth Science, Government of India to enhance services in the region.

As part of the technological advancements, the official website was launched by the Union Minister on the occasion, offering real-time meteorological data from stations installed across Arunachal Pradesh. A collaborative effort with the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), the website provides data from 54 Automated Weather Stations (AWS), with a total of 80 operational in the state. These AWS will play a crucial role in monitoring weather conditions and providing valuable information to various sectors.

The Union Minister also inaugurated an Open Gym at Shanti Deva Vidyalaya, Bomdila, and interacted with the students.

In his closing remarks, Rijiju urged all concerned stakeholders to participate in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, stressing the importance of spreading awareness about government schemes through an IEC van that should cover all parts of the district by 26th January, 2024.

DCM chairs 25th NERPC meeting...

Addressing the challenges in commissioning hydro projects, Mein encouraged project developers to adopt innovative and environmentally friendly designs, aligning with India's non-fossil energy capacity targets. He commended the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh for signing MoUs for the development of 12 Hydro Projects with NHPC, SIVN, and NEEPCO, marking a commendable stride toward realizing the country's energy goals.

Recognizing the unique challenges of the North Eastern Region, including geographical constraints and adverse weather conditions, Mein affirmed the NERPC forum's pivotal role in collective problem-solving. He highlighted the Revamped Distribution Sector Schemes (RDSS) aimed at reducing Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses and urged Distribution Companies (DISCOMS) and State Governments to prioritize settling outstanding bills for sustainable business operations.

He also initiated formation of Power Ministers' Forum for North Eastern Region for effective persuasion of issues in the power sectors in the Region.

The meeting was also attended by Ministers of Power from North Eastern States; Nandita Gorlosaof Assam, Abu Taher Mondal of Meghalaya, Ratan Lal Nath of Tripura, K.G. Kenye of Nagaland, Advisor to Power(Arunachal), Balo Raja, Member Secretary (NERPC), Kishore B Jagtap, Director (Finance) NTPC Ltd, Jaikumar Srinivasan, Officers of the Central & State Governments and Representatives from Central & State Power Utilities, among others.

Mein inaugurates 3 projects in Tirap...

He also appreciated the intricate handloom and handicrafts crafted by local artisans of the state, while emphasizing upon the importance of awareness generation about the Geographical Indication (GI) Registration of local products and recognizing its role in enhancing marketing opportunities for these unique creations. Advocating for the "vocal for local" ethos, he championed the promotion of indigenous handicrafts and cultural practices, aiming to create sustainable income sources and boost tourism.

Mein was joined by Wangki Lowang, Minister of PHE&WS, DoTCL and IT, Wanglin Lowangdong, MLA Borduria-Bogapani, MLA Khonsa East, Wanglam Sawin, and MLA Khonsa West, Chakat Aboh and ZPC, ChathongLowang, among others.

Youths must be educated, disciplined, motivated and must imbibe...

A panel discussion on Viksit Bharat@2047 was conducted on the occasion, moderated by Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar of RGU. Panel members, former State Chief Information Commission and educationist Dr. Joram Begi, Director, NERIST Dr. Narendranath S, HoD Chemistry, RGU Dr. Rajesh Chakraborty and Associate Professor, Education, RGU, Dr. Chintal Siva Shankar shared their views and interacted with the participants. Students from the colleges, Chandir Tabia Tegi, Sonam Yanki, Rinchin Lhamu, Jarjum Gadi and Netan Dema Thungonalso share their views on Viksit Bharat@2047.

Vice Chancellors, members of the faculty and students from all the universities and affiliated colleges, including Central University - Rajiv Gandhi University and State University - Arunachal Pradesh University and National Institute of Technology, along with officials of Higher Education Department participated in the programme.

State representing in 1st Khelo India Para...

1st Khelo India Para Games is brainchild of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India under the guidance of Prime Minister of India to provide a platform to promote sporting culture amongst Persons with Disability to showcase their talent at higher level sporting platforms. The game will be conducted at international level. So, the players nomination has been directly done by concern Paralympic Committee of India (PCI)/ National Sports Federation.

Over 1400 participants from 32 states & union territories including Services Sports Board will compete in 7 sports disciplines viz para-Athletics, Para Archery, Para Badminton, CP Football, Para Table Tennis, Para Shooting &Para Power lifting. Among North eastern states Assam, Meghalaya & Arunachal Pradesh will witness the Para athletes competing in the game.

The Para Athletes of Arunachal who have qualified included - Biri Takar (SL-4), Dangu Talik (HS-6) &Bamang Rade (HS-5) in Para Badminton and Tech Sonu (74 kg) &Tarh Radhe (65 kg) in Para Power lifting.

As per the Games schedule, the Para Badminton team have to leave for Delhi on December 8 & Para Power Lifting on December 10.The state contingent is led byKarbiaDodum, AD (Sports) as Chef De Mission, Nada Appa, SO (Hq) as Nodal Officer &Ms Geeta Karki, Badminton Coach as Support staff, a release from Department of Sports stated.

Governor calls for concerted efforts to make VBSY successful;

Flags off VBSY Van from Longding for remote villages in district; visits SAD 2.0 Camp



LONGDING, December 13:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, UYS (Retd.) interacted with the Government officials, Gaon Burahs, Panchayat members, Village Chiefs and public of Longding District here at Longding on December 7, 2023.

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

benefits to get themselves registered.

The Governor emphasised that there must be concerted efforts to make Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra successful. He impressed upon 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 the Prime Minister.

Giving a boost to the programme, the Governor flagged off the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Van from Longding for remote villages of

the district.

The Governor and the First Lady of the State Smt Anagha Parnaik visited 'Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 Camp at Longding and distributed certificates and farm machineries to the beneficiaries. They also participated in the signature campaign for 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' programme.

State Minister of Rural Works, Science & Technology, Honchun Ngandam, Kanubari MLA Gabriel Denwang Wangsu, Longding MLA Tanpho Wangnaw, Director General of Police Anand Mohan, Deputy Commissioner Bani Lego and Superintendent of Police Tumme Amo were present in the meeting amongst others.

Governor participates in Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Tirap;

Emphasizes on timely implementation, ensure quality & optimum use of allocated fund

KHONSA, December 13:

In his continuous effort to reach out to the people, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, UYS (Retd.) interacted with Government Officials, Goan burahs, Panchayat members and public of Tirap District at Khonsa on December 7, 2023.

The Governor informed the villagers that in the spirit of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas aur Sabka Prayas', Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra with special focus on tribal communities. He called upon the people, especially 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 said that it for the good of the society, its progress and development. The Goan burahs, Panchayat members and government officials have the responsibility to ensure that the eligible beneficiaries avail benefits. He said that it is the collective responsibility of all stakeholders to make Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra successful for socio-economic development of every citizen in Arunachal Pradesh and all must work in a Mission mode.

Reviewing the progress of the Central and State Governments' development projects, programmes and schemes in the district, the Governor emphasized on timely implementation, ensure quality and optimum use of allocated fund. He stressed on strengthening education and health sectors and enhance infrastructure.

The Governor advised the officials to be accountable, responsible and work on priority and efficiently manner. He urged them to go for automation, which will help in proper planning, implementation and prioritizing projects and schemes. He said that instead of passing order, the officials must be go to the ground and monitor.

MLAs Wanglam Sawin and



SmtChakat Aboh, District Prabhari of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Ateesh Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary, MSME, Govt. of India, Director General of Police Anand Mohan and Zilla Parishad Chairperson SmtChatnongLowang were also present on the occasion.

Deputy Commissioner Hento Karga briefed that Governor about the developmental progress of the district, while Superintendent of Police Rahul Gupta gave an overview PowerPoint presentation on the security scenario of the district.

Responding to the memorandum submitted by ZPC Tirap and President ATGBWA, Governor Parnaik assured to prioritize the posting of adequate administrative officers and the construction of a guest house for GBs in Khonsa town. He highlighted the importance of concerted efforts for the success of VBSY, urging GoAP officials to work in mission mode for 100% program saturation.

On December 8, at an event at Thinsa village, Governor Parnaik, accompanied by the First Lady Ana-

gha Parnaik, awarded certificates to meritorious students under the Beti Bachao - Beti Padoo schemes and Dulari Kanya certificates. The Governor, along with District Parbari and DC also visited the Seva AapkeDwar 2.0 camp at Thinsa village and Governor flagged off 1 AGEY Vehicle for 1 Self Help Group of Khonsa Block funded by Arunachal State Rural Livelihood Mission (ArSRLM) under Arunachal Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY) Scheme.

At the camp, they distributed Job Cards, ST/PRC, Birth Certificates, LPG Cylinders, and farm machinery to beneficiaries. The Governor and the First Lady actively participated in the signature campaign for the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' program.

Despite challenging weather conditions, Governor Parnaik's visit to Tirap was marked by constructive discussions, commitments to development initiatives, and active participation in community-centric programs, showcasing the state's dedication to inclusive growth.

Governor visits Changlang, participates in Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra programme

HoDs to reach out to people, and personally monitor progress of projects onground - Governor



CHANGLANG, December 13:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, UYS (Retd.) participated in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra programme at Changlang on December 8, 2023.

He appealed to the people to avail maximum benefits from the State and Central Governments schemes and programmes. He also administered the Viksit Bharat Sankalp pledge to the people on the occasion, who including elected representatives, Panchayat members, Gaon Burahs and government officials to make India developed and self-reliant Nation by 2047, remove any trace of colonial mindset, celebrate our heritage, strengthen unity, respect those who protect the country and perform the duties of a citizen.

The Governor reiterated that in the spirit of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas aur Sabka Prayas', Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra with special focus on

tribal communities. He advised the people of Changlang District to ensure that the villagers of the district staying in remote areas, avail benefits from the Central Government programmes and schemes. He stressed that they must reach out to those eligible beneficiaries, who are yet to avail benefits to get them registered.

In his maiden visit to Changlang District, the Governor reviewed developmental progress of Central and State Government programmes being implemented in the district. He emphasized upon the district heads of the department to go out of their offices, reach out to the people, particularly the beneficiaries and personally monitor the progress of projects on the ground.

The Governor advised the officials to automate their offices and data. He said that it is just a three month long exercise but will enormously help them in analyzing ground reality over the week, month and year; enable better focus, planning and outreach of the programmes

and in achieving the target.

The Governor expressed his concerns about school dropout rate, drug addiction and execution of women and girl child related welfare schemes. He said that, when the Prime Minister is so concerned about welfare issues, our officials and government machinery must put in concerted effort to implement the socio-economic programmes on ground.

The Governor was delighted to see the efforts being made by the Self Help Groups, NGOs to rehabilitate persons addicted by drug abuse. One such person narrated his efforts to be reformed. Such reformed youth need to be made 'Anti Drug Ambassador' at the State level and should help others to reform, the Governor opined.

Deputy Speaker, Tesam Pongte, MLAPhosumKhimhun, Director General of Police Anand Mohan, Deputy Commissioner in-charge, S. Mining and Superintendent of Police KirliPadu were present amongst others.

“Nayi Chetna 2.0” observed



KHONSA, December 13:

The Department of Women and Child Development observed “Nayi Chetna 2.0”, a community led campaign on Elimination of Gender Based Violence and Raising Awareness about the Right and Entitlement of Women and Children” at the new NBF Hall, Khonsa here today.

The program saw participants from various Women groups such Women Welfare Association, Nocte Mother's Federation, Nocte Women Association and All Tutsa

Women Welfare Association, Mother Teresa Charity Home (CCI's) sister's from Khonsa and Borduria, Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Members and Anganwadi Workers from various centre's within Khonsa town and villages such as Lapnan, Kheti, Thinsa, Khonsa Village.

The program started with welcome address by H. Bangsia, Deputy Director, WCD, wherein she briefed on the implementation of Beti Bachao, Beti Padho Scheme.

Ms Phojam Aboh, Centre Administrator (OSC) gave a pres-

entation on Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act and the existence of One Stop Centre in the district that caters to women inflicted by any form of violence.

On the occasion, Adv Nilwang Khete, Legal cum Probation Officer (DCPU) addressed on POCSO Act and its punishments and Taphek Lowang, Protection Officer (DCPU) spoke on Child Marriage and its consequences and Adoption.

Later, the program concluded by taking gender pledge.

APLS organizes “Open Mic” program

PASIGHAT, December 13:

Sponsored by 'The House of Commons', Pasighat, the APLS East Siang Unitsuccessfully organised an 'Open MIC' program here at Pasighat on Saturday, which was well participated by a number of participants along with their parents who also recited and sang their own compositions.

APLS (ESB) President Ponung Ering Angu, welcomed the gathering and spoke on the importance of literary events and its advantages. She asserted that such events serve as the building bridges and links between different communities adding that language being no barrier to the new generation. It is also a beautiful celebration of an art form, which helps in inculcating knowledge besides encouraging creative habits in children and the younger generation while in the process of discovering and appreciating the hidden talents in the society.

During the open mic program, each participant passionately presented their self-composed poems, spoken wordsin their creative way, among which the young performers 10 years old Rubu Daniel, 6 years old Miss Ayang Doley and 8 years old Miss LuniBurang were the youngest participants. The child participants were presented with mementos by APLS (ESB) to encourage them to continue this passion forward.

The fun-theme set by the or-



ganisers for the event was an ethnic ensemble (Traditional attire) line-up in which the bestdressed male and female in traditional dresses category were chosen and accordingly prizes were distributed. The idea behind the costume series was to encourage the participants especially the younger generations to wear their beautiful traditional dresses and take pride in their own cultural identity.

The Open Mic was followed by another quickround titled - why thisismy favourite bookwhereKen-nong Darang and Julia shared their

favourite books and spoke on why it was their favourite books. Books like "Doying- Folktales of the Adis", "The last Lecture", "The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse", written by different authors were discussedduring the interactive session.

Cultural Secretary Dr. PonungPertinand Convenor Gaby MiyumDiyumalso spoke on the occasion and culminated with a vote of thanks by the PresidentPonung Ering Angu who extended thanks to the participants and the sponsor of the event.

Monthly DLMC cum e-pragati review meeting held

YUPIA, December 13:

The District Level Monitoring Committee meeting for the month of December, 2023 cum the e-Pragati review meeting was convened in the DC Conference Hall, Yupia on December 8 last under the chairmanship of the DC- cum- Chairman DLMC Papum Pare, JirkenBomjen.

The Chairman, while reviewing the schemes under MLALAD, NEC, PM/CM flagship programmes and the saturation schemes, through detailed power point presentations said that there is a need to "handhold" certain sections of the society to achieve "saturation" or 100% coverage of beneficiaries of the schemes.

He exhorted the departmental

heads to give special focus on achieving the 100 per cent goal in the targeted saturation schemes.

He emphasized on using all the outreach programmes of the government like Sarkar Apke Dwar pe and Viksit Sanklap Bharat Yatra to ensure last mile coverage of beneficiaries for the holistic development of the district and improving the districts rankings in the state level.

While seeking cooperation from all the departments, Bomjen emphasised "on team work and discourse for effective implementation of schemes at the ground level".

DPO- cum- Member Secretary DLMC, Smt. Lokam Chayu informed that the DLMC meetings which were

earlier held quarterly will now be held monthly. She also briefed about the importance of Geo tagging and monitoring and urged all the departments to submit utilisation certificates on time.

The participating departments highlighted the status of the physical and financial positions of the Central and State flagship projects, MLALAD, NEC schemes implemented in Mengio circle and the saturation schemes in the district.

Issues pertaining to the implementation of the schemes with special reference to credit link schemes, selection of beneficiaries and IEC bottlenecks were also discussed during the meeting.

Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 & Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra held



BASARNELLO, December 13: Doimukh MLA Tana Hali Tara inaugurated the Seva aapke dwar 2.0 and flagged off the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) for Balijan sub-division at Basarnello on December 8 last.

The VBSY, IEC Van will be traveling to Habia, Lenka, Patila and Chessa under Balijan Sub Division to create awareness on centrally sponsored welfare schemes. During the VBSY, efforts will be made to enroll all the left out beneficiaries for various

programs.

Addressing on the occasion, Tara said that the commitment of the government for an inclusive development is evident from the programs like VBSY and SKAD camps. He urged all to avail the benefits of the program and help the government achieve 100 percent saturation in all the targeted schemes.

Underscoring the role of PRI members in creating awareness on govt policies and programs, Hali

urged all the PRI members to be proactive and educate the masses about the government initiatives.

He later inspected the stalls put up by the departments and interacted with the officers and the beneficiaries.

He also distributed gas connections to beneficiaries under PMUY.

Altogether 700 people benefited from the SKAD, coordinated by CO Sangdupota Dr. Hera Panggeng.

SAD 2.0 Camp held



ZIRO, December 13: A Seva Aap Ke Dwar 2.0 camp was organized at Ngilyang Grayu Govt. Secondary School Lempia here on December 8 last.

In all, 38 certificates under PMMVY, SBBS, PMAY (U), PM Svanidhi schemes were distributed to beneficiaries during the camp.

Inaugurating the camp, Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner H.P Vivek said the camp is an effort to supplement the normal official delivery system to public and they should come forward and avail the same which is being brought to their doorsteps.

The DC also urged the De-

partments to provide the best possible services to public with a view to lessen their visits to District Secretariat for official related works.

The camp was also attended by all HoD's of line departments, ZPM's of Bulla village and 416 villagers from Bulla, Tajang, Reru and Kalung.

Public avail services & benefits from SAD & VBSY



SUNPURA, December 13: The Lohit District Administration continued its 2nd Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 cum Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

(VBSY) campaign yesterday at Upper Primary School Bekhuliang under Sunpura block in presence of ZPM and EAC Sunpura and all HoDs of

the district.

The Bekhuliang and Bedagam are the remotest villages under Lohit district. The general public availed various services and benefits at their doorstep.

Sunpura ZPM, Smti Angenlu Minin Chaitom inaugurated the Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0. In her address, the ZPM informed that the SAD 2.0 cum "VBSY" outreach programme aims to ensure last mile delivery of the various PM/CM Flagship schemes so that the beneficiaries get benefitted and ensure more participation of the public at large.

The programme featured delivery of services by various departments to the beneficiaries and facilitation and distribution to the beneficiaries, besides certificates to the achievers under various schemes of Govt. of India and State Govt.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Daporijo



DAPORIJO, December 13: The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra was launched in Upper Subansiri district on December 6 last along with other parts of the state.

While launching the Yatra, DC Punga Tato urged the departments to disseminate the new initiatives and achievements of govern-

ment through this program by aiming needy beneficiary to grasp the opportunity of the schemes for larger participation.

During the first day of program, a free health checkup, awareness campaign, awarding of certificates to the successful beneficiaries, testimonials of beneficiaries and

56 number of new beneficiaries in CMAA/PMAY were recorded on the spot.

Tapak Rakmi, DPO-cum Nodal Officer said that the Yatra would held in various notified locations of entire Upper Subansiri district aiming to achieve the target and continued till the end of January 2024.

SAD 2.0 camp at Kombo Tarsu Mobuk Village

AALO, December 13:

The Seva Aap Ke Dwar 2.0, an outreach programme of the state government was conducted at Kombo Tarsu Upper Primary School under Kombo Circle in West Siang district. The programme organized on December 8 last was aligned with IEC Van on Viksit Bharat Sankalp, Kombo Tarsu-I-II, GP(s).

ZPM, Momar Lolleninaugurated the Seva Aap Ke Dwar camp as chief guest. In his speech, he urged the villagers to avail the govt facilities which are in their door steps. The state Govt is trying its best to provide better services to its people, he said, adding that we have numerous schemes which is for the welfare of the people. He further urged upon the people of the village to enquire about the schemes of each department.

Seva Aap Ke Dwar is an initiative of the govt to keep pace with the needs of people at their doors step.

More than 360 beneficiaries availed the facilities from various departments and more than 1000 people



gathered during IEC Van display and Seva Mission.

Miss Kartu Bam, CO Kombo successfully conducted the SKAD. HoDs, Panchayat leaders and officials

from various departments provided their services, while the GPCs of both the GP(s) had well coordinated with the administration for successful conduct of the SKAD.

Sawin flags off VBSY for Bari-Basip & Khela Bunting

NEW BUNTING, December 14:

The "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" for Bari Basip and Khela Bunting Blocks was flagged off by Khonsa East MLA, Wanglam Sawin in presence of ZPM Khela-Bunting Tumwang Lowang, ZPM Bari-Basip Tediap Hallang, Dr. Ripi, Circle Officer cum BDO Bari Basip/Bunting-Khela, and L. R. Roy, DPO, BJP President of Tirap Unit Kamrang Tesia.

The VBSY program was carried out yesterday at New Bunting, Khela and Lamsa village.

While interacting with the PRIs and participants, CO cum BDO Dr. Doni informed that the VBSY program is very important as various aspects related to the Central Sponsored schemes, including "Ghar Ghar KCC Abhiyaan," a campaign aimed at reaching every eligible beneficiary of PM-Kishan scheme for Circle level. She asked all concerned members to participate and contribute their views to ensure the successful implementation of the government initiative.

Local MLA Wanglam Sawin, while gracing the VBSY, urged everyone to avail central/ state government-



sponsored schemes under various departments. Sawin also distributed KCC and other documents during the VBSY program.

The program was attended by 213 of participants from various villages under Bari Basip and Khela Bunting Blocks.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) for urban launched in Tirap



KHONSA, December 13:

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) for urban area was launched on December 7 last from 0900 hrs at Khonsa Taxi Stand by the District Prabhari Ateesh Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary, MSME, Gol in presence of MLA Wanglam Sawin, DC Hento Karga, Dr Suhas Dhandore DC, H&FW, Gol, ZPC/ZPMs/ HoDs/GBs/SHGs/Khonsa Bazaar Committee/beneficiaries under various govt schemes and general public of Khonsa

township.

MLA Sawin, while addressing the gathering, asked the people of the district to avail benefit of various PM/CM flagship programmes.

District Prabhari administered the pledge on 'Hamara Sankalp Viksit Bharat' to all present and highlighted the benefits of various PM flagship programmes.

Earlier, the DC welcomed all present and briefed about the various

PM/CM flagship programmes.

Certificates under the various schemes of Health and family Welfare Department, Women & Child development Department, Food & Civil Supply Department, Urban Development & Housing Department were distributed to the beneficiaries by the MLA and District Prabhari through the concerned HoDs.

On the occasion, the ZPC, Tirap thanked all to make the programme successful.

Educational excursion in NERIST organized

NIRJULI, December 13:

In a bid to nurture scientific curiosity and foster a spirit of inquiry among students, Alphabet Public School embarked on an enlightening journey to the Mechanical and Agriculture labs of the North Eastern Regional Institute of Science & Technology (NERIST) here recently.

The educational excursion was organized by the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan NERIST, led by Professor P. Lingfa, Regional Coordinator UBA NERIST and Dr. T. Patel, Coordinator UBA NERIST.

The initiative, which aims to bridge the gap between academia and rural development, has been actively engaging with schools to expose students to cutting-edge technologies and innovations in various fields. The visit to the Mechanical and Agriculture labs was a part of this ongoing effort to inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers, and agriculturists.

Professor P. Lingfa, who spearheaded the lab tour, emphasized the importance of hands-on experiences in shaping young minds. "Our goal is not just to impart theoretical knowledge but to provide students with real-world insights. The Mechanical and Agriculture labs at NERIST are equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, and we believe that exposing students to such environments can ignite their passion for learning and exploration," said Professor Lingfa.

The students, accompanied by their teachers and guided by NERIST faculty members, had the opportunity to witness live demonstrations and interact with various experiments and prototypes. The Mechanical lab showcased advancements in robotics, mechatronics, Bio-diesel oil and materials science, while the Agriculture lab focused on sustainable farming practices, precision

agriculture, and agri-tech innovations.

Dr. T. Patel, Coordinator of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan NERIST initiative, expressed enthusiasm about the positive impact of such programs on students. "Education extends beyond textbooks. Experiential learning in labs like these not only enriches their academic knowledge but also nurtures critical thinking and problem-solving skills," stated Dr. Patel.

The Unnat Bharat Abhiyan team at NERIST plans to continue organizing such educational initiatives, fostering collaborations between academic institutions and schools to create a holistic learning experience for students. As these young minds return to their classrooms, the echoes of the lab experiences at NERIST will undoubtedly resonate, shaping the future trajectory of their academic and professional journeys.

Educational Scenario of Longding

While I was on an awareness tour at the picturesque village of Kamhuanoknu in Pongchau circle of Longding, I was requested by school faculties to pay a visit to the school (which has smart class and smart board). It was already dark and as soon as I entered the school the light went off and it was pitch dark all around. Too much for smart education!! We smirked and laughed together.

It is said that education is the bedrock of any society and without education no society can flourish. In the case of Arunachal, it has the dubious distinction of being ranked top from the bottom in the index related to education. The government of Arunachal has been trying a lot to improve the system of education. Despite that some institutional, infra-structural/logistic and policy issues can be seen if we look at the educational scenario closely. These problems grappling the system would be mostly same for most of the district.

When I was in Longding I interacted with the DDSE and some principals; they shared that most of the schools are facing acute shortage of subject teachers. Also, they shared about the various issues in transfer posting of the teachers. The DDSE shares about the shortage of

skilled and trained manpower which hampers the normal office administration and leading to slow pace of activities in the district. Then he informed about the lack of internet facilities in most of the schools in the district owing to which various online based activities cannot be carried off in time effectively.

Another issue that is common for most of the departments in Longding district is the issues of banking services. The lone SBI bank in the district headquarter is overburdened and unable to provide basic services like opening of account for the beneficiaries. Due to non-opening of Bank accounts at least on an average 42.2 percent of children are deprived of the benefits from Prime Minister's and Chief Minister's flagship programs like Vidhya, sanitary napkin schemes, uniform schemes and other schemes.

On the positive note it is to be noted that Longding has very healthy enrollment in the majority of schools in the district in 2023-24 the enrollment is 10774 (Boys 5093 and Girls 5681) which is comparable to any other district of the state with healthy enrollment.

However, in order to ensure that the quantity becomes quality it is important that we need to look

into the issues and try to address the same. It is good that we adopt smart boards, smart/online classes; but it is equally important that basic infrastructure like-power backup and internet is ensured so that the actual results can be realized. Then, without adequate numbers of trained human resources any project is bound to taste the dust.

Also, all the programs of the government are connected with each other like a chain with the most important link being the banking system. The problems in the banking in the district like Longding should be studied properly and necessary corrective measures must be taken up at the earliest to ensure that benefits of various schemes reach the needy.

To add, an ASER-like survey with some modifications should be carried out throughout the districts of Arunachal Pradesh to understand the needs of the various schools/students. Reforms in the education sector is something that cannot be neglected, ignored, sidelined or made to wait as "School is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside"-our future will be determined by the system of education that we build.

(Nyatum Doko served as DIPRO Longding and is currently posted as DIPRO Lohit)

RRU students visit infantry unit at Rayang Military Station



PASIGHAT, December 13:

Students from Rashtriya Raksha University, Pasighat had an unparalleled opportunity to gain first-hand insight into the operations and experiences of an infantry unit during to Rayang military station here on Saturday.

The visit, organized in collaboration with Spear Corps, Indian Army was part of RRU's commitment to providing students with real-world experiences and fostering a deeper understanding of various career paths within the armed forces.

Throughout the day, the delegation, comprising of 45 students and 3 professors were introduced to the daily routines, equipment and the rigorous training required to uphold the unit's mission. From interactive demonstrations to engaging discussions, the visit provided an immersive learning experience for the students.

The students had the opportunity to engage in Q&A sessions with infantry personnel, gaining insights into the challenges and rewards of serving in the unit. Senior Army offi-

cials also interacted with the students and the faculty members. Additionally, they had hands-on experiences with some of the equipment used in daily operations, allowing them to appreciate the practical aspects of infantry work.

The visit concluded with expressions of gratitude from both the students and the infantry unit members, emphasizing the value of such interactions in bridging the gap between civilian life and military service.

Indian Knowledge System & Human Rights : Implications for a Just & Peaceful Better World

(On occasion of World Human Rights Day today on 10 December 2023)

“As we mark the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, let's remember that it's not just a historical document but a living testament to our shared humanity—a timeless guide.” “Now, more than ever, it is time for human rights,” said UN Human Rights Chief, Volker Türk, in his message for Human Rights Day.

While observing 76th World Human Rights Day today on 10 December 2023 on a canopy theme "Freedom, Equality and Justice for All" recognises the work of human rights defenders worldwide who act to end discrimination, we are witnessing the familiar patterns of genocides, mass murders, and massive violations of human rights caused by the rise of racism, xenophobia, sexism & religious intolerance that tear people apart within nations. No less disturbing for the protection of human rights, world peace and security are new threats stemming from environmental degradation, terrorism, biomedical tech., drug addiction and HIV/AIDS. The scourge is universal. We are living in the world of global terrorism and warfare.

Thus 'if we want to preserve this humanity, we must give every chance to peace, freedom and conviviality. Because lasting peace is a prerequisite for the exercise of all human rights and duties,' says Federico Mayor, the Director General of UNESCO. So there is talk of human rights.

Human Rights are a universal phenomenon because rights have been imbibed in our society over the years. It is a realisation that without Human Rights (HRs) we cannot live as human beings. They include all fundamental freedoms and are based on mankind's demand for a life in which the inherent dignity and worth of each human being will receive respect and protection. It is possible only if we respect and take care of the needs and rights of one another. Let us, therefore, understand how this phenomenon of human rights has come up.

Human rights as a global phenomenon are inherent in nature, which refers to fundamental freedom and basic liberties without which one cannot live with peace, happiness, respect and dignity. The idea that there are equal rights for everybody and freedoms that apply to everybody is an idea of modern times. This idea of Human Rights first emerged with the Magna Carta of 1215 and the Bill of Rights and 1689 in England and spread with the Declaration of Independence of the USA in 1776 and the Declaration of Rights of Man and the Citizens in France in 1789, but the idea of Human Rights only really took place on a Universal dimension with the adaptation by the UN General Assembly of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in 10th December, 1948 after which 10th December is observed as World

Human Rights Day every year. Later two more documents were adopted namely:

- International covenants on Economic, Social & Cultural Rights (ICESCR) & its optional Protocol
- International Covenant on Civil & Political Rights (ICCPR) & its optional Protocol.

These three documents together constitute the International Bill of Human Rights.

VALUES-BASIS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The very first Para of the preamble of the Declaration says that recognition of the inherent dignity &...equal.... Rights of all members of the human family are the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world. Para 5 of the preamble states that the people of the United Nations have in character reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights...." Again, Article 1 states, among other things, that "all human beings are born free.... Equal in dignity.... Endowed with reason & conscience" and calls upon all human beings "to act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood."

So the Declaration enjoys upon all to enjoy and tells all others to enjoy freedom, justice and peace. This freedom, peace, justice, dignity are feelings and experiences as well as Human values. Likewise, Article 5 says that "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment." Article 12 says, "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy.... Nor to attack upon his honour and reputation." The intention of Article 5, enunciated in positive terms, is that "everyone should be kind, considerate, compassionate or dignified in his behavior with others."

The intention of Article 12 is that "every person must allow others the freedom of privacy... and should treat everyone else respectfully and gracefully." Further, Article 20 states, "everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association." Thus all these HRs asserts the various values like a) Kindness, b) Compassion, c) Care for others, d) Respect the dignity 7 honour e) Maintaining peace, f) Universal brotherhood, g) Fellow feeling etc. Therefore values are the roots or basis of all HRs enshrined in UDHR and Consequently in Constitutions of various countries.

Human Rights & Indian Knowledge System

The Indian Knowledge Systems comprise of Jnan, Vignan, and Jeevan Darshan that have evolved out of experience, observation, experimentation, and rigorous analysis. This tradition of validating and putting into practice has impacted our education, arts, administration, law, justice, health, manufacturing, and commerce. This has influenced classical and other language

es of Bharat, that were transmitted through textual, oral, and artistic traditions. It includes knowledge from ancient India and, its successes and challenges, and a sense of India's future aspirations specific to education, health, environment and indeed all aspects of life.

Though the expression 'Human Rights' seems to be western originated and western-oriented as values are the basis of all Human Rights, Indian (Bharatiya) traditional values have the oldest pedigree about it. The Vedas including Upanishads (Shruti) are the primordial source of "Dharma," a compendious term for all Human Rights and duties essential for peace and happiness to individuals and society. The Smritis and the 'Puranas' are collections of the rules of Dharma including civil rights and criminal liabilities (Vyavahara Dharma-the Code of Conduct) as also Raja Dharma (Constitutional Law) where as Kamandaka, Sukraniti and Kautilya's Arthashastra are on Raja Dharma. All these intend for securing peace and happiness to all.

"Dharayate eti Dharmah" Justice K. Ramaswamy in a Supreme Court Judgement in the case of A.S Narayan Dixitulu Vs. State of Andhra Pradesh (1996) after referring to a plethora of literature on the meaning of Dharma stated: "The world Dharma denotes upholding, supporting, nourishing that which upholds, nourishes or supports stability of the society maintaining, social orders and general well being and progress of mankind."

The proclamation "Vasudheiva Kutumbakam" connotes to "humanity as family," the concept of global village/citizenship. As the natural desire of all human beings is "Peace and Happiness" these are the basic human rights for which all those world bodies and Declarations are striving for. In the words of Frederico Mayor, the Director General of USECO, the basic right which underlies all human rights is the Right to peace-the right to live in peace." So there is a UNESCO programme for 'Culture of Peace.'

The idea that all should enjoy peace and happiness is age old in India as Shikshyavali of Taittiriya Upanishad says: "Sahanabhavatu.... Ma bidisabahi, Om Shantih, Shantih, Shantih"

"May He (God) protect us both together... may we not hate anyone. Let there be peace, peace & peace."

"Sarve Jana Sukhino Bhavatu" - 'Let all be happy' is the highest ideal of human life.

RIGHT OF EQUALITY

Regarding Right to Equality and spirit of Brotherhood IKS -Rig Veda says "Ajyesthasoakanishthasotestasambhrataravahaduhusaubhagaya ... San Bhrtaran." No one is superior, nor inferior... All are brothers marching forward to prosperity." "Samani Propa Saha Vanabhagah" "All have equal rights

on food, water..." says Arthervada. Giving high status and honour to women Manu Smriti says "JatraPujyanteNarihRamanti Tatra Devataha"—The land where women are honoured is a land of deities.

RIGHT OF EDUCATION

Veda proclaims three types of pious obligations viz a) Devruna, b) Pitruna, c) Rishiruna, Supreme Court of India in Mohini Jain's (1992) and Unikrishnan (1993) cases upholding the right to education as fundamental right say "... Education as are of these pious obligations of the human society...." The importance of the education was emphasized in the "Neetishatakam" by Bhartruhari (First Century BC.)" Neetishatakam says: "Vidyanam narasya... Vidya bihina pasuh- "—"Education is the special manifestation of man... A man without Education is a beast." Article 26 of UDHR & Article 41, 45, 46 of Indian Constitution speaks about right to education.

Human Rights Vs Duty/Responsibility

The difference is when western expression talks of Human Rights, Indian tradition Dharma emphasises on Human Duties and Responsibilities. The Universal Declaration of HR has in all 30 Articles, out of which 29 Articles talk of "Right" only. Only part of Articles 29 makes a brief reference to Duties. Therefore, HR is of negative affirmation. The Indian Constitution, however, gives a better expression to Duties of an Indian Citizen in Article 51A, added to the Constitution in 1976-77. It enjoins on its citizens to have compassion for living creatures, to live with the spirit of brotherhood, to abjure violence i.e. adopt non-violence, to have honesty and to treat women with respect. Doubtlessly all these talk of inculcating some moral values in the self.

THE ROLE OF EDUCATION

Jesus Christ told "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." In spite of all these proclamations and assertions, why has our Garden world become a jungle of thrones, squeezing the joy out of existence at every moment? What can be done? We have the capacity to overcome all these. However, what is missing is the wisdom. Knowledge proliferates but wisdom languishes. Gandhiji had said "Information without formation leads to deformation." This is the cause of the present predicament. What we need is to internalise knowledge and values empowerment of human beings.

Here comes the role of education in its true sense, which is futuristic, and Value Based, not mere literacy or Human Rights literacy only. Frederico Mayer states, "In education nothing can replace the friendly words of a teacher, or the caresses and smiles of parents. The real education is by example... and love". Again, it contains values like sweetness, cheerfulness and

love. However, daily experience is different. For example, everybody knows not to be angry and hurt the feelings of others. Still in everyday life we almost all angry upon others in our family itself and destroy the family peace by violating human rights in our micro-world family.

The crux of the problem is lack of inner powers as in this case power of tolerance, patience that creates mental stress and tensions, which is the root cause of all violations, violence, crime and illness. In the worlds of renowned Psychiatrist and Professor at University of Wisconsin, Sir S.L. Halleck, "The Stresses that lead to mental illness are often the same stresses that lead to crime".

"This syndrome of stress and strain can be cured not by money spent in hospitalisation or years spent in prisons for 'illness or Human Right violations' but by RajaYoga Meditation, diving into one's inner self... his spiritual entity"... says Justice Krishna Iyer.

Because human actions done in relation to other human beings are determined partly by inner nature, habits i.e. personality traits. These die-hard personality traits (Samskaras) are to be changed. He says "Humanism and Compassion, fundamental in all Human Rights and Article 51A of our constitution, takes us to practice egalite and fraternity. So it needs not skin-deep but soul-deep search which takes us to meditative exercises and contemplative moods, which is our legacy."

So to change the personality traits of 'culture of violence' to 'culture of peace', to reduce mental tension, we need holistic spiritual wisdom and Yogic Meditation, which has stood the test of silence, psychiatry, medical experiments and visionary experiences. In the words of Justice Krishna Iyer, victory must be won by Raja Yoga (Meditation) in the battle against bhoga (indulgence), if Roga (malady) that besets our Yuga (era of the world cycle) is to be beaten back.

So education should have a paradigm shift – a shift of values, social practice and global view based on universal set of Human Rights values i.e. freedom, fraternity, equality, cooperation, peace, social justice etc. Therefore, we need radical humanism, dynamic secularism and synthesis of material and spiritual values instilled thro' our educational system to root out socio-cultural disbelieves and Human Rights violations sans which this planet earth will be no more. It is rightly said, 'you take care of spirituality, it will take care of you all.' This will be "appropriate educational strategies for Human Rights" at all levels thro' all agencies as desired by International Congress on Education for Human Rights and Democracy, Montreal, 1993.

EDUCATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND VALUES

Prof. (Dr.) Jayadeba Sahoo, Sr. Faculty, Brahma Kumaris, RERF & Sr. Professor (Ex-Dean & Head), Faculty of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University.

International Educationists' Conference on "Human Rights & Values Education: To Achieve Goal of U.N. Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004)" on June 22 to 25, 1997 was organized jointly by Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mount Abu; International Association of Educators for World Peace (IAEWP); World Council of Curriculum & Instruction (WCCI), Rajasthan Council of Educational Administration & Management (RCEAM); Council of Teacher Education (CTE); & 12 other Teacher Education organizations addressed by His Excellency Shri Ballram Bhagat, Governor of Rajasthan and Gujarat. Hon'ble Justice V.S. Malimath, Member, National Human Rights Commission; Shri Kameng Dolo, Minister for Rural Development, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh; Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister for Education and Health, Govt. of Delhi; Prof. Naresh C. Mahtur, Vice-Chairman, University Grants Commission, etc. The Conference resolved and adopted a declaration called Abu Declaration, 1997 on "Human Rights & Values Education."

The Living Values Education Programme (LVEP): A Panacea

For the purpose specifically "Living Values-An Educational Programme (LVEP)" has been developed by Brahma Kumaris in cooperation with UNESCO & UNICEF and is being implemented by cooperation with UNICEF in 100 other countries proves a boon. Its approach is experienced, participatory and flexible, allowing it to be adapted according to varying cultural, social and other circumstances. So education authorities and other interested organisations working in this field should make use of it as an instrument of youth policy and programme for creating and sustaining positive change among children & youth for better Governance, betterment of society of Culture of Peace (COP).

Epilogue/Conclusion:

To conclude in the line of Dr. Winsome Gordon, Director of Primary & Secondary Education, UNESCO, "UNESCO gives high priority to programmes promoting human values. All these values are to be found in Living Values: An Educational Program (LVEP) that is reaching out to people all over the world. Such an initiative should be encouraged by the global community at this time when there is a concerted effort towards world peace and the knowledge that peace must come from within." All Governments should follow the footprint of (inter) national bodies to implement LVEP to empower youths for better governance to make a world of Culture of Peace (COP) and Non-Violence and a better place to live in resulting true Developed India- VikasitBharat. Sooner the Better.

Wishing you all a very very Happy Human Rights Day.

-- OM PEACE --

MLA inaugurates multi-village water supply project



NAMSAI, December 13:

Namsai MLA, Chau Zingnu Namchoom inaugurated the multi village water supply project for Wagunpathar-I, II, IV and Mokrun on December 8 last.

Addressing the gathering, the MLA stated that unlike olden days, having supply of treated water in villages would go a long way in making the village healthy and disease free. Therefore, he urged the villagers to inculcate a sense of

ownership and take responsibility in maintaining the treatment plant.

On the occasion, he also inaugurated a community hall at Mokrun village and 10 meters span bridge at Wagun IV village.

Among others, Nang Urmila Mancheikhyn, ZPC Namsai, C.R Khampa, DC Namsai were also present.

The water supply project has been sanctioned under Jal Jeevan Mission which will cater

potable water facility to 170 households @ 55 litres per capita. The plant is IoT operated which enables automatic pumping as well as supply to distribution network of Wagunpathar-II and zonal tanks at Wagunpathar-I, IV & Mokrun. It can be operated through mobile and transmit the gathered data to the users.

The project was handed over to the Village Water and Sanitation Committee.

Drug Awareness Camp at Angu Village



AALO, December 13:

In a collaborative effort to address the dual challenges of drug abuse and to guide youths towards meaningful careers, the Alumni Association of SFS college, Aalo organized a one-day Drug Awareness cum Career Counselling here at Angu Village on Sunday under the leadership of Organizing Secretary, Kappil Kamsin in collaboration with Mother's Vision, SFS College, Alumni Forum,

All Angu Kamsi Students Union and all PRI members of Angu Village.

On the occasion, Kennedy Bagra of Mother Vision NGO, threw light on the detrimental effects of drug abuse and the importance of community involvement in combating this social challenge. He said that Mother Vision activities provided a firsthand look at the efforts being made to create awareness and support affected by substance

abuse.

The Alumni President, Kappil Kamsi shared valuable insights and experiences, inspiring the students to pursue paths that align with their passions and skills.

Asst. Professor Inkey Tayeng from SFS college, Kemmar Bagra, Inspector Aalo Police and Fr. Jose Karipadathu, Principal SFS College also spoke during the awareness programme.

Inter-state drug peddlers apprehended

NAHARLAGUN, December 13:

Papu Hills Police apprehended two inter-state drug peddlers here recently and recovered suspected drug items from their possessions.

According to police sources, an information was received from some source on December 4 last around 1100 hours, that one individual was in possession of contraband substance heroin for selling near Yupia trijunction point. Accordingly, a police team from Pappu Hills PS acted swiftly and apprehended the

individual identified as Nima Tsering (32 years) and seized 15 vials of suspected heroin weighing approx 20.5 gm from his dwelling place in the presence of EAC, Naharlagun. Upon interrogation, the apprehendee revealed that he procured the heroin from one Kalita based at Laluk area in Assam.

Again, on December 6 last, a team comprising of SDPO, Naharlagun Paul Jerang, APPS, OC Pappu Hills Damgen Dulom, SI(P) T W Salingpa, SI(P) U Kirty, ASI PK Riram, H/C D

Gurung, H/C F Bedi, Ct. G Kipa, Ct. T Sikom, Ct. Tagrik Toni and Tasso Tagur under the close supervision of SP, Naharlagun Mihin Gambowas formed and a tactical trap was laid to track down the drug supplier. As planned, the drug peddler identified as Bitu Kalita (21 years) was apprehended with help of Assam Police from Tunijan area near Laluk town in Lakhimpur district, Assam and recovered 20 vials containing suspected heroin weighing approx 22.910 gms from his possession.

Free ENT Surgery Camp at BPGH; 17 successful surgeries & 180 OPD patients benefitted



PASIGHAT, December 13:

Vivekananda Kendra Arun Jyoti, Arunachal Pradesh organized a two-day Free ENT Surgery Camp in association with MENTS Hospital, Bengaluru at Bakin Pertin General Hospital, Pasighat from on December 6 and 7 last.

Reportedly, during the camp, 17 surgeries were successfully done for Tympanoplasty, while 180 ENT patients were examined at OPD by the visiting doctors. Patients from East, West, Upper and Lower Siang districts and Lower Dibang valley district were benefitted during the camp.

During the valedictory function held at the BPGH Conference Hall,

noted blood donor Ayi Aini Taloh, being the Chief Guest, stated that doctors perform humanitarian work in society. Aided by modern scientific innovation, the boundaries of medical technology extended to unimaginable limits. If every doctor does his/her work with utmost sincerity and perfection, he/she will be serving the society best way possible. She appreciated the organizer Vivekananda Kendra Arun Jyoti for successful conduct of the camp and urged the visiting doctors to extend their services to the unprivileged in far flung areas like Pasighat and other remote places of Arunachal Pradesh in near future too.

Taking privilege, Taloh briefed about the benefits of voluntarily blood donation and motivated especially the young generations to come forward and follow the path shown by her for saving precious human lives.

From MENTS, Bangalore, Team Leader Dr. PS Pradeep Kumar, ENT Surgeon and his team comprising ENT Surgeons Dr. H. Ramesh, Dr. MK Manjunath, Dr. Shreyash Pradeep, and Dr. Meena Pradip, Anesthesiologist and S. Sagar, OT Assistant extended their precious services with the help of doctors and assistants of BPGH during the camp.

More such free camps are planned in the state, informed VKV Arun Jyoti Arunachal.

Dadam CO bided farewell

KHONSA, December 13:

The Elite Society of Dadam Area (ESDA) organized a poignant farewell program at the new NBF building in Khonsa today, to bid adieu to the outgoing BDO cum CO, Dadam Pik Tayom.

The event, attended by members of PRIs and Dadam Area Students Union from across Dadam circle, was a collective expression of sincere appreciation for Tayom's dedicated services, particularly his pivotal role in implementing government schemes within Dadam Block at the grassroots level.

In his address, Tayom expressed gratitude to all the members of ESDA for organizing the farewell program and underscored the hard-working and supportive nature of the people in Dadam area villages, emphasizing their crucial role in the successful implementation of government initiatives. He also commended the local MLA Smt. Chakat Abob, Chiefs, GBs, PRIs, Elite Society of Dadam Area, and Dadam Area Youth Association for their unwavering support during the fight against COVID-19 and other significant government programs.

President ESDA, Tirang Sumnyan, expressed appreciation for CO Tayom's tremendous efforts in the interest of the public of Dadam circle and Tirap district as a whole during his six-year tenure.

Sharing his experiences, Ga-



wang Sumpa, Publicity Secretary ESDA, acknowledged the dedication, sincerity, and good behaviour of the outgoing administrative officers. He recalled working under Tayom when he was in charge of DIPRO, Tirap district, for a year, highlighting the friendly atmosphere created by him during his tenure.

Senior ESDA members, including Wangthian Hakhun, Head-

master GSS, Dadam, Wangnoam Hakhun, Former GPC Dadam, Pantoam Kamhwa, former ESDA President, and many others spoke on the occasion, praising the outgoing officer and extending best wishes for his new place of posting at Tribin in Lepa Rada district.

The program featured cultural items, including welcome song and farewell songs.

Man sentenced to 20 years imprisonment

PASIGHAT, December 13:

The Special Judge POCSO Act, East Siang District sentenced one Tami Tatak of Mori Village, PO/PS Rumgong, Siang District to 20 years of imprisonment with a fine of Rs 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) under section 376/506 of IPC read with section 6 of the POCSO Act recently.

He was held guilty of rape and committing aggravated penetrative sexual assault against a 12 year old girl child. The child survivor and perpetrator are close relatives.

In the month of August 2021, the survivor-child fell seriously ill and she was unable to walk, so owing to her deteriorating health the family did a ritual on 14th August, 2021. Later on, the horrific incident came to light on 26.8.2021 only, when the survivor-child disclosed to her younger sister that Tami Tatak has badly beaten her up and raped her many times and threatened to kill her if she discloses the incident to anybody. The survivor-child also had been inflicted with severe inju-

ries at the hips and waist region due to which she couldn't walk properly.

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

Awareness programme on elimination of gender-based violence conducted



AALO, December 13:

The Department of Women and Child Development, West Siang District conducted a programme with regard to elimination of gender-based violence and raising awareness about the right and entitlement of women and girls as part of "Nayi Chetna 2.0 here at Aalo on December 7 last.

Smt. Liyum Padu, Centre Administrator (OCS), West Siang, the Resource person of the programme gave an orientation on Domestic Violence Act, 2005, Preven-

tion of Sexual Harassment at workplace Act, 2013, Domestic Incident Report (One Stop Centre), Emergency Response System (112) and Women Helpline, Establishing linkage between Gender Resource Centre.

Protection Officer (DCPU), Dege Kamki imparted awareness on Prevention of Children from Sexual Offence Act 2012 and special rights under CrPC with victim Compensation etc, Prohibition Child Marriage Act, 2006 and Child line (1098).

District Coordinator (MSK),

Dagbom Riba spoke on Hub for Empowerment, Shakti Shadan, Sakhi Niwas and Smti Marbom Riba Bagra, President, APWWS, West Siang District, Aalo speaks about the women rights in work place.

Earlier, the programme started with welcome address from Smt. Yabi Riba Ete i/c Deputy Director (ICDS), Aalo.

Around 60 members participated in the programme from NGO, APWWS, Supervisor, Gram Sevika, AWWs from ICDS Project, West Siang District, Aalo.

West Siang DFA Football Tourney concludes

AALO, December 13:

West Siang District Football Association (WSDFA) concluded its 5th edition of WSDFA tournament here at Darka Football Ground on December 7 last. The tournament was kicked off on November 7, 2023.

Topin Ete, and Brigadier Md. Shahid Ahmad, Commander 5th Infantry Brigade, Aalo graced the final match of boys as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively and Akar Hagong as Special Guest.

Chief Guest Topin Ete, State Executive Member BJP (AP), while appreciating the WSDFA for successful completion of District Tournament, said "now a days sports have big opportunities to all youngsters and appealed all to be in discipline and sincerity". He added that football have given lots of legacies and have given a number of legends to West Siang District. "Gumpe Rime, National Coach for Goal Keeping is the key example from West Siang", he said.

Brigadier Ahmad added for similar tournament to the local youths from Army in consultation with District Sports Officer.



In total, 16 teams (Boys) from various football clubs under West Siang District participated in the tournament. West Siang being the centre of football lovers since time immemorial in Arunachal Pradesh, the WSDFA has first ever simultaneously organized football tournament to girls' teams, in which final match was played in between NYIKO FC (Girls) and Legend FC (Girls) on November 6, during which, the rival NYIKO FC defeated the opponent by 4-0 goals.

The final match of boys has

been played between KABU FC and DARKA FC, where KABU FC won the title by 3-1 goals and became the champion of the tournament.

President WSDFA appealed all to co-operate with his association, despite ground shortage. They are organizing the event every year for the betterment of football upliftment in the district. The WSDFA is also organizing free coaching to children in age group 6-12 years at various locations in West Siang, besides supervising all zonal level such tournaments.

ICR DA to introduce smart classes for students of Classes VIII - XII



ITANAGAR, December 12: The Itanagar Capital Region District Administration with an aim to improve the overall education scenario and also keeping in view the importance of digital tools and technologies for learning, is starting smart classes for the students of Classes VIII to XII here at Itanagar in collaboration with BYJUS.

ADC Shweta Nagarkoti informed that initially the project will be implemented in the two Government schools of Itanagar viz GHSS Aruno-

daya and Mallo Tarin GHSS as a pilot project.

The ADC further informed that the project has been initiated with a vision to make quality content and teachers accessible to students anywhere. She said that the app would be significant for education as it provides interactive and engaging learning content across various subjects. By incorporating innovative teaching methods, she hoped that the students would get motivated in learning thereby increasing their interest

in studies.

The teachers after undergoing online training will provide classroom education through the smart monitor installed in classrooms with the help of BYJUS app. The students have also been provided access to the app through which they can go through their courses from any devices at home or anywhere.

The project is being sponsored by BYJUS under CSR. All the teachers of Class VIII to XII of GHSS Arunodaya attended the training.

District Level Mukhya Mantri Sports & Literary Championship 2023 kicked off



MANI, December 13: DDSE Papum Pare T.T Tara today kicked off the 2nd Edition of the District Level Mukhya Mantri Sports & Literary Championship 2023 at Govt Secondary School Mani.

Altogether 150 students from various schools of Papum Pare (Rural) will be competing in various tracks and field events such as shot put, javelin, discus throw, 100 mtr, 200 mtr, 400 mtr, 4x400 relay race, 1500, 3000, high jump, long

jump and literary events like elocution, quiz, extempore speech, essay and drawing competitions.

The winners of these sports and literary events will then participate in the State Level championships to be held at Namsai from 19th -23rd Dec' 2023.

Speaking on the occasion, DDSE Tara said that the "impetus by the government to ensure all round development of the children is clearly evident through this event

and the onus is upon the children to utilize the opportunity to hone their skills."

He emphasized on the importance of sports for our health and well being and also highlighted the value of such literary and athletic competitions in a student's life and encouraged them to perform well.

He further advised the students to maintain discipline and sportsman spirit throughout the championship.

Awareness on gender- based violence marks 'Nayi Chetna' 2.0

BOMDILA, December 12: Under 'Nayi Chetna' 2.0, a community-led campaign against gender-based violence is taking place from November 25 to December 22 next.

The Deputy Director of the

District ICDS Cell, Bomdila organized series of awareness sessions on the Domestic Violence Act, 2005, the Sexual Harassment at the Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013, and the POCSO Act, 2012.

These sessions were held at the conference hall, Circuit House, Bomdila, and were attended by frontline workers from AWCs/CCIs/OSCs, police, PRIs, women employees, and various departments.

Blankets, warm clothes distributed to Jail inmates

YINGKIONG, December 13: In a humanitarian gesture, the Sikiing Kojee Charitable Society led by its Chairperson Dr Mity Jopir along with executive members of SKCS distributed blankets and warm clothes to 22 (twenty two) Convicts and UTPs of Sub- Jail, Yingkiong here today.

The team interacted and provided Psycho Social Support to the inmates of jail. While, Miss Damini Tali, Clinical Psychologist, District Hospital, Yingkiong highlighted the negative impact of drugs and ways to fight out from its clutches, Smti Gekiam Jijong SKCS member motivated the inmates

and asked them to find ways of how to remain a good human being.

Earlier, Dr. Mity Jopir, Chairperson highlighted the objective of such initiative and said that it was part humanitarian effort of the society to reach out to inmates and to sensitize them on how to lead a healthy life.

English tabloid Ap Direct Weekly launched



ZIRO, December 12: A weekly English tabloid titled Ap Direct Weekly was launched during the 6th Foundation Day celebration of Diibo Gaon Bura-Buri Association at Dobi Kutu here on December 6 last.

The tabloid was formally launched by local MLA and Minister Agriculture and Allied Er.Tage Taki in presence of Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime, Diibo ZPM's Bamin Gumbo, Koj Yana and denizens of Diibo village.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Taki applauded the yeomen contribution of young and enterprising newspaper editor turned gaon-bura Yachang Tacho, who had earlier published a weekly newspaper

'The Subansiri' and now devoted to the cause of gaon buras-buris of the District. The work of Yachang Tacho in devising a short-term English education course for the illiterate gaon buras-buris which even attracted national media attention is indeed worth appreciating and I urge other like-minded citizens of Ziro Plateau to come forward and devise similar innovative and practical initiatives for the betterment of Ziro Plateau and its people, said Taki.

Informing that the District Administration had provided the essential reading and writing materials to gaon bura-buri school the previous year, DC Bamin Nime said he was moved by the enthusiasm and posi-

tive spirit of the elderly red coated village custodians who wanted to read and write defying their age barriers. Similarly, I am also willing to be an annual subscriber of the weekly tabloid launched today or any other positive activity happening for the betterment of Ziro Plateau and its people, the DC said.

The AP Direct Weekly tabloid is printed and published by the AP Direct India in collaboration with the Subansiri unit. Owned by Tage Laling with Dani Taling as chief editor and Tage Tajung as executive editor, the tabloid will initially print 100 copies per week and increase its production based on market demands of the readers.



GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
OFFICE OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
CAPITAL: ITANAGAR

DC

No. DC/Capital/Jud-01/2023 Dated Itanagar, the 28th November'2023

ORDER
(U/S 133 CrPC)

Whereas, it has been observed that various illegal hoardings are being put up by private persons/NGO/Association in the RoW of NH-415 and sector roads without any approval from the Competent Authority.

And whereas, it has also been observed that posters/pamphlets are being on both sides of the NH-415/Sector roads, which gives an ugly looks to the aesthetic beauty of the Capital Complex.

And whereas, such hoardings and posters are causing unnecessary distraction to the drivers of the vehicle and thereby increasing the chance of accidents, endangering life of pedestrians and general public and hence became a public nuisance.

And whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has also imposed restrictions on such huge hoardings on Highway, etc. on account of the above reasons. And whereas, such hoardings/posters are creating public nuisance and which should be removal immediately.

As whereas, as per section 3(1) of the Arunachal Pradesh Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 1997

"whoever defaces any property in public view by defecating or spitting or urinating or pasting pamphlets, porters or writing or making with ink, chalk, paint or any other material or method except for the purpose of indication the name and address of the owner or occupier of such property, shall be punishable..."

Therefore, I, Talo Potom, IAS, Highway Administrator-cum-District Magistrate-cum Deputy Commissioner., Capital, Itanagar, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under section 133 CrP.C r/w section 3(1) of the Arunachal Pradesh Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 1997, the EAC, Itanagar/Naharlagun, along with Public Premises Protection Force (PPPF) are hereby directed to remove all such illegal hoardings/signboards/posters which are causing public nuisance in Itanagar Capital Region on 29th November'2023 at 0700 hours onwards.

The Superintendent of Police, Capital, Itanagar/Naharlagun are directed to provide adequate security for the same.

Given under my hand and seal on this 28th November'2023.

Sd/-(Talo Potom) IAS
Deputy Commissioner
Capital, Itanagar

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH ARUNACHAL PRADESH HELICOPTER NON-SCHEDULE FLIGHT PROGRAMME OF 2ND MI-172 SKYONE AIRWAYS PVT LTD HELICOPTER FOR NAHARLAGUN - GUWAHATI - TAWANG SECTOR WEF - 01.12.2023					
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MONDAY	Naharlagun	08:30	Guwahati	09:50	01:20
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SUNDAY	OFF / MAINTANANCE				
NB:-					
1. Conditions apply (VIP movement/ bad weather/ patient evacuation/ technical snag/passenger availability and emergency etc).					
2. The passenger service will be operated to all sectors subject to fulfillment of safety norms & other measures duly confirmed by the concerned Administrative Offices.					
Sd/-(Tamuna Messar) Director of Civil Aviation Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Naharlagun					

Governor participates in 75th anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights celebration

NGOs & civil societies have a crucial role in raising awareness for promotion & protection of human rights - Governor

ITANAGAR, December 14:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participated in the 'One-day State Level Human Rights Awareness Programme' at Itanagar on Sunday, December 10, 2023. Arunachal Pradesh State Human Rights Commission (APSHRC) organized the programme, while commemorating the 75th anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Governor also launched the official website of the Arunachal Pradesh State Human Rights Commission on the occasion.

Greeting the people on the occasion, the Governor said that the special occasion coincided with the Amrit Kaal celebration as we prepare ourselves to be a progressive, developed and caring nation, aimed at becoming the Vishwa Guru by 2047.

The Governor said that in its endeavour to reinvigorate the



Universal Declaration of Human Rights in true sense, the Central Government has launched the Viksit Bharat Sankalp programme to ensure that every citizen receives the basic amenities. It is encouraging to note that the spirit of Human Rights is fully ingrained in various Yojanas being implemented by the Govt. of India towards elimination of poverty, availability of essential services, ensuring dignity and support for women & girl child and integrating the backward & tribal population as part of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. It is an inherent part of governance and will increase the gross national happiness graph of the nation, which in turn will indicate that Human Rights is maintained and delivered, he said.

The Governor said that to implement and maintain a healthy human rights record, there must be good governance, proper monitoring and enthusiastic participation of all. He said that every citizen must endeavour to create a conducive environment for upholding the fundamental rights and human rights, while abiding his fundamental duties.

Sharing his observation and experiences in his service life, the Governor said that Indian Armed forces have perception management concepts in its dealing and follow a principle of 'Iron Fist and

velvet glove' to ensure that there is no human rights violation and collateral damage to innocent citizens. He said that NGOs and civil societies have a crucial role in raising awareness for the promotion and protection of human rights. NGOs and CSOs act as planners and implementers of developmental plans, reaching marginalized sections, mobilizing local resources, and creating an environment of rights-based democracy. They play a vital role in building a self-reliant and sustainable society, acting as mediators between people and the government, he said.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Justice Indira Shah, Chairperson, APSHRC said that every person is entitled to basic amenities and security and every nation has to ensure it under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations. She said that entitlements include basic education, healthcare, housing and services.

The Chairperson said that in spite of many challenges, the State Human Rights Commission is committed to a holistic plan and collaborative approach. She appealed for active cooperation of all stakeholders.

Member, APSHRC, Bamang Tago and Joint Secretary, APSHRC JalashPertin also spoke on the occasion, highlighting the activities of the commission, since its inception on 24th January 2020.

Large numbers of legal experts, senior officials and representatives from the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Guwahati, Human Rights Alert, Itanagar Municipal Corporation, Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for women, Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Service Authority, Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society, Police officers and personnel and students from various educational institutions participated in the programme.

Certification Programme for RO & ARO concludes



ITANAGAR, December 13:

The second phase of five days Certification Programme for Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers of Assembly Constituencies and Assistant returning Officers of Parliamentary Constituencies in three simultaneous batches in view of the forthcoming Elections 2024 concluded on December 8, 2023 at Dorjee Khandu State Convention Centre, Itanagar.

11 (eleven) National Level Master Trainers, deputed by the Election Commission of India arrived at Itanagar to impart the certification programme in two phases viz - first phase from November 28 to

December 2, 2023 and the second phase from December 4 to December 8, 2023.

The exhaustive training programme covered sessions on Nomination including Instructions on Criminal Antecedent, Scrutiny of Nominations, Withdrawal of Candidature and Allotment of Symbol, E-Roll, District Election Management Plan, Model Code of Conduct, Paid News and MCMC, Expenditure Monitoring, IT applications, Postal ballot, EVM and VVPAT Hands-on, Polling Party and Poll Day Arrangement, Counting and Declaration of Results etc.

The State Civil Servants

from across the state attended the Certification Programme and participated in the evaluation at the end of the programme. The evaluation was done online and it was directly monitored by the ECI.

Chief Electoral Officer, Pawan Kumar Sain urged all the participating officers to make the most of training programme and sought for their honest feedbacks on the training module from the participants.

Shania Kayem Mize, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer is the State Nodal Officer Training. The elections in the state of Arunachal Pradesh is scheduled next year in 2024.

Poi Pee Mau Tai 2118 celebrated

"Every festival has an underlying message for youths of the society" - Mein



NALUNG, December 14:

The New Year Festival of the Tai communities 'Poi Pee Mau Tai 2118' was celebrated at Nalung in Namsai District here on Wednesday, under the aegis of Tai Khamti Development Society (TKDS) and the Chief Patronage of Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein.

The festival has been graced by Education Minister, Taba Tedir as the Chief Guest and PHE & WS Minister, Wangki Lowang as Guest of Honour.

Addressing the occasion, Mein stated that every festival has an underlying message for the youths of a society. Likewise, the Poi Pee Mau Tai Festival shares the message of love, unity and communal harmony, besides promoting the rich culture and traditions of the community.

In line with the Govt's proactive role in preserving the cultural roots of the land, Mein reaffirmed the priceless contribution of the unsung heroes of Arunachal Pradesh who valiantly fought the British troops for the freedom of their motherland.

He lauded the Rang Mahotsav Theatre Team led by the Project Director, Riken Ngomle for bringing

forward the significant tales of the unsung heroes in front of the people. Praising the young amateur artists of the state, who participated in the play and played a vital role in narrating the History of Arunachal Pradesh to the rest of the country, Mein added that the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav has brought in cultural revolution in the State and mooted an idea of making a documentary film on the life of Chaupha Planglu and the Khamti War against the British colonial rule. He cited that similar documentary films on Ninu Massacre and Abor Wars can also be made subsequently.

Speaking about the future possibilities in the realm of reimagining the State's history, Mein noted that the youths of Arunachal Pradesh are extremely talented and the Govt is supporting them in honing their inner potentials by facilitating them with adequate exposure platforms.

Extending greetings of the Poi Pee Mau Tai Festival, Chief Guest, Minister Tedir too commended the youths for their talents. He lauded the promising sports personnel of the State who have collectively brought laurels by representing Arunachal Pradesh in national as well as in-

ternational platforms, especially in the field of boxing, taekwondo, judo, karate, etc. He also urged active participation from all stakeholders towards eradication of the drug menace in the society, as it limits the youths from exploring their full potential.

Tedir in his speech also stated that the Govt, in its effort to preserve the indigenous cultures of the State, is providing fund in every district for the celebration of local festivals. He further exhorted the elite groups of the society, community leaders, parents, the teachers and the youths to focus and work towards improving the educational scenario.

Guest of Honour, Wangki Lowang also lauded the Tai Khamti community for zealously preserving their age old culture, traditions & the language along with the script. He said the Poi Pee Mau Tai Festival has the potential to promote tourism in the region and attract tourists from all over the world.

The festival was also attended by Deputy Speaker APLA Tesam Pongte, MLAs Karikho Kri, Jummum Ete Deori, Chau Zingnu Namchoom and Chakat Aboh, among others.

DCM, ministers participate at special SAD 2.0 & VBSY

LEKANG, December 14:

Special Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 and Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra were held at Govt Primary School, Nongkhon Satghoria in Lekang on Wednesday. The program was graced by Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, Ministers Taba Tedir, Wangki Lowang, Kamlung-Mossang, MLAs Chakat Aboh, Chau Zingnu Namchoom, Jummum Ete Deori, SP, SDO, Namsai, HoOs, GBs, PRI members and the general public.

Interacting with the beneficiaries of various schemes, Mein mentioned that Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is being conducted across the country to ensure that the benefits of all the flagship schemes reach the targeted beneficiaries. He emphasized the importance of Soil Health Card and urged all to get their soils tested.

Envisioning the dream of becoming a developed country by 2047, he advised all to have know how of all the services and assistance being provided by the government. He further directed the officials to disseminate information on government schemes & policies in every nook and corner of the district and state as a whole. He also talked about the concept of doing away with money culture and promote transparency.

The DCM highlighted PM Modi's vision of 'Vikas', which is being reflected through the wide distribution of Govt schemes and initiatives across the State. He noted that despite the diversity in culture, food and languages among the people, extending from Tawang to Kanubari, their unity and harmonious coexistence is one of the important factors towards attaining 'Vikas' as a Nation.

He expressed Govt's commitment towards preserving the cultural roots of Arunachal Pradesh, under which every department of the State is diligently working to bring all round development for the benefit of the people. He also shared his optimism about the nation's trajectory to becoming the third-largest economy and urged officials to ensure the benefits

of government schemes reach even the remotest of villages.

The Deputy Chief Minister also commended the positive impact generated through the State-centric Seva Aap Ke Dwar 2.0 campaign, and emphasized on its seamless integration with the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra campaign launched recently by PM Modi for nationwide distribution of central flagship schemes. The combined camps have created a robust framework for the dissemination of all Govt schemes and benefits pertaining to both State and Central Governments.

On the occasion, Mein also explored the exhibition stalls put up by SHGs, small businesses and entrepreneurs under various government departments, engaging with the diverse range of products and services on display.

Education Minister Taba Tedir, on the occasion said that government has taken the responsibility of addressing all issues right from housing to hygiene through beneficent schemes and urged all to avail maximum services. "The education sector has progressed manifold since 2014, there has been significant increment in the number of IITs, IIMs, Medical Colleges in the country", he said.

Minister UD Kamlung Mossang said that it should be a conjoined effort of all to shoulder the responsibility of achieving the target of becoming a developed nation by 2047. He mentioned that all the schemes should be judiciously implemented and the same should be monitored strictly.

Wangki Lowang, Minister PHE & WS, stated that inclusive development cannot be achieved without the participation of general public, "equal participation in this front is the need of the hour", he stated. He further urged the public to inculcate a sense of belongingness and take ownership of public properties to maintain sustainability.

Earlier, Lekang MLA Smti Jummum Ete Deori, in her welcome

address said that all efforts have been made by the government to provide service right from the grassroot level, a glimpse of which can be seen in this VBSY cum SAD program, she said.

Beneficiaries were distributed Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin Card, along with several other services catered to them under the ambit of both camps that included felicitation, certificates and rewards to farmers, beneficiaries and women achievers of various schemes. Under the Satat Krishi Activities, Agri-Drone demonstration was given. The idea of Natural Farming and importance of Soil Health Card was explained in detail by officials of KVK, besides, Health camp, PM Ujjwala new enrolment and biometric authentication, Registration on PMJJBY/PMSBY, MY BHARAT volunteer enrolment, opening of bank accounts, distribution of farm equipments, Poshan basket etc were some of the services provided on the spot. The program also included 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubani,' wherein beneficiaries shared their success stories and welcome dance by school students.

On the occasion, the DCM along with other dignitaries and people present also took the 'Hamara Sankalp Viksit Bharat' pledge, which constitutes making India developed and self-reliant by 2047; removing any trace of colonial mindset; celebrating our heritage; strengthening unity and respecting those who protect the nation; and performing the duties of a citizen.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is aimed at achieving 100% saturation of central Govt flagship programs by reaching out to every remote corners of the Nation. The campaign seeks to combine awareness, recognition and the direct provision of essential services to contribute to the holistic development of the region.

IEC campaign van was used to show the achievements of various flagship schemes and programmes.

Rijju graces Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra program;

Underscores govt's commitment to development & upliftment of rural communities



DIRANG, December 13:

Union Minister of Earth Sciences, Kiren Rijju, graced the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra program at Rama Camp under the Dirang Circle of West Kameng District on Saturday.

In his interaction with the public, Rijju underscored the government's sincere commitment to the development and upliftment of rural communities. Outlining the goals of various schemes, he informed the public about the government's comprehensive efforts across sectors to enhance services. Initiatives such as

JJM, Garib Kalyan Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, PM Awas Yojana, Kisan Credit Card, Khelo India, etc., are among the focal points of these endeavours.

He also praised the Chug Village for its cleanliness and urged the elders to inspire youths to maintain a clean society. Rijju emphasized the need to reduce plastic usage and advocated for a complete ban on single-use plastic.

The Union Minister further directed the District Administration to ensure that the Mobile IEC van

carrying government messages on schemes covers all villages in the district, promoting public awareness.

Under the theme "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani," beneficiaries shared their testimonies on how government schemes positively impacted their livelihoods.

Union Earth Sciences Minister Rijju also honored the beneficiaries on the occasion.

DC Bomdila, SP, ADC Dirang, ZPMs, HODs, PRI members, SHGs, and the public of Lish, Chug, and Rama Camp attended the event.