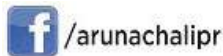




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News Flash

DC inaugurates Children's Park

BOMDILA, February 22: Under the visionary leadership of West Kameng Deputy Commissioner, Akriti Sagar, a dedicated Children's Park cum Open Gym has been inaugurated in Bomdila near the School Auditorium.

Designed to promote both recreation and fitness, the park features a range of child-friendly play structures along with modern open gym equipment. In today's digital age, where children are increasingly engaged in mobile gaming with limited physical activity, this initiative provides a much-needed space for outdoor play and exercise. By utilizing this facility, children can develop physical strength, enhance overall well-being, and adopt healthier lifestyle habits.

The park has been constructed through the MLA Local Area Development Fund in collaboration with the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of the State Bank of India (SBI), Bomdila.

Co-ordination meeting of HOD's and ZPM held

AALO, February 24: West Siang Zilla Parishad Chairperson (ZPC) Tumpu Ete on Monday, February 24 urged all the HoDs, BDOs and member secretaries to ensure proper implementation of schemes in each zilla segment.

The ZPC was speaking during a coordination meeting of HoDs, ZPMs, and members secretaries of West Siang district, which was convened at the ZPC office here.

Ete, who chaired the meeting, sought to know the reason behind the poor implementation of the 100 days wage employment under the MGNREGA.

Liromoba BDO in his response informed the ZPC that the government is going to conduct e-tender to avoid lapses.

Officials of the Forest Department urged the PRI members to discourage hunting of wild animals and start the Airgun Surrender Abhiyan in the entire district.

Later, the ZPC and ZPMs jointly appealed to the heads of departments to coordinate for overall development of the district.

VP Jagdeep Dhankhar attends mega Nyokum Yullo celebration at Boasimla



BOASIMLA, February 26: Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has stated that festivals play a vital role in preserving cultural heritage.

He said this while attending the first-ever joint mega Nyokum Yullo celebration in Boasimla, Kamle district in Arunachal Pradesh on Wednesday.

Addressing the gathering, the Vice President underscored India's rapid progress, calling it the fastest-

growing country in the world.

Dhankhar highlighted India's remarkable advancements in economic growth, infrastructure development, and social welfare schemes, stating that the nation has surpassed all others in these areas.

He also spoke about Arunachal Pradesh's vast hydropower potential, revealing that the state has a capacity of 50,000 MW. He noted that gener-

ating one megawatt of electricity requires an investment of Rs 10 crore, translating to a massive investment potential of Rs 5 lakh crore in the sector.

Union Minister and Arunachal West Lok Sabha MP Kiren Rijju, who was also present at the event, highlighted the transformative development in Arunachal Pradesh

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Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Participates in ET Now Business Conclave & Awards 2025

ITANAGAR, February 26: The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General K.T. Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), participated in the prestigious ET Now Business Conclave & Awards 2025 in New Delhi on Tuesday, February 25. The event brought together visionary leaders, policymakers, and industry experts to discuss India's transformative growth journey, focusing on data-driven insights, strategic planning, and innovative solutions for inclusive economic development aligned with India @2030.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor highlighted the ease-of-doing-business initiatives undertaken by the Arunachal Pradesh Government. He outlined investment opportunities in the state and emphasized its unique advantages for businesses.

The Governor said that Arunachal Pradesh remains the only State in the region unaffected by terrorism, enabling aggressive developmental initiatives. He highlighted key infrastructure advancements, including the expansion of road networks to the First Villages and the provision of 4G connectivity. State also produces largest

quantity of Kiwi in India, which is planned to be exported. He emphasized the strong nationalistic spirit of the people and the widespread use of Hindi and English, facilitating seamless communication for businesses.

Speaking on the State's tourism potential, the Governor described Arunachal Pradesh as a land of unparalleled natural beauty, making tourism one of its core economic drivers. He highlighted the diverse tourism opportunities, including eco-tourism, religious tourism, and adventure tourism, positioning the sector as a vibrant avenue for entrepreneurship and partnerships.

Discussing the State's hydropower potential, the Governor stated that Arunachal Pradesh has a capacity of 58,000 MW, nearly 40% of India's total hydropower potential. Several projects are operational or under construction, including the Dibang Multipurpose Hydro Project (2880 MW), one of India's largest. Once fully commissioned, these projects are expected to generate over ₹10,000 crore in annual revenue.

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Governor confers State Awards, Chief Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration



ITANAGAR, February 21: The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd) conferred the State Gold and Silver Medals to organizations of the State and meritorious persons for their outstanding merit and exceptional bravery, in the Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on Friday, February 21. The Governor also conferred the Chief Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration and felicitated the medal winners of the 38th National Games - 2025, Uttarakhand.

State Gold Medals were conferred to seven organizations and three individuals. Donyi Polo Mission School for the Hearing and Visually Impaired, Chimpu, the Department

of Cardiology, Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Naharlagun, Women Police Station, Itanagar, Project Vartak under Border Roads Organization, Donyi Polo Cultural & Charitable Trust, Itanagar, Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Khonsa and the Centre for Bear Rehabilitation & Conservation, Pakke Tiger Reserve, Seijosa were awarded the State Gold medal. Anant Mittal, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Minli Geyi, Inspector, Officer-In-Charge of Police Station, Seppa and Jimkam Khomrang, Constable, Police Station, Seppa received the State Gold Medal.

In recognition of their dedicated services towards the welfare

and progress of the State, Jambey Dorjee Dungen, Farmer, Salari, West Kameng District, Togum Gongo, APPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Khonsa, Tapan Datta, DFDO, Shi-Yomi District, Jyoti Panka, PGT, PM Govt. Higher Secondary School, Londing, Mato Bage, Deputy Forest Ranger, Shergaon Forest Division, West Kameng District, George Pajing, AAPDA Mitra Volunteer, Pasighat, East Siang District, Rishi Longdo, APPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kurung Kumey District, Neha Yadav, IPS, Principal, PTC, Banderdeva, Shri Chau Woipeng Manpoong, Circle Officer, Kurung Kumey District, Sudhanshu Dhama,

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APFRA aims to protect indigenous culture, not to target any religion informs CM

ITANAGAR, February 20: Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Thursday, February 20 asserted that the state's anti-conversion law, Arunachal Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act, does not target any particular religious group rather it aims to safeguard the indigenous faiths and rich cultural heritage of the state regardless of one's religious affiliation.

Defending his government's latest move to frame rules within six months for the implementation of the Arunachal Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act (APFRA), 1978, following the Gauhati High Court's directive, Khandu said: "The Act is not against any individual or any particular religious community", while requesting people to not misinterpret the law.

The Chief Minister's call came in the wake of the recent mass hunger strike staged by the Arunachal Christian Forum (ACF) across the State demanding repeal of the APFRA, terming it as "discriminatory" and "un-constitutional".

Khandu, who was addressing the people on the occasion of 39th Statehood Day celebration at the IG Park here, said that the Act has remained dormant for over 46 years owing to absence of a formal set of

rules, which is being addressed now as per the HC directive.

The legislation, enacted during the tenure of first Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister PK Thungon, envisions curbing forced religious conversions through inducement or fraudulent means. Violations of the Act carry penalties, including imprisonment up to two years and a fine up to Rs 10,000.

The Chief Minister assured that the government will conduct consultative meetings with the stakeholders, religious leaders prior to implementing the Act. He said that Home Minister Mama Natung has been tasked to hold dialogues with any groups to address their concerns/doubts. Accordingly, the first meeting with the ACF is being held on Friday, he said.

The Act will not be against any religion but for the good of all. He regretted that people are misinterpreting it by giving it political and religious colours. "Some people are misinterpreting it on social media and mainstream media platforms. This is not good for the peace and communal harmony in the state," he observed.

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Khandu attends Golden Jubilee celebrations of Nyokum at Chayangtajo



CHAYANGTAJO, February 26: As the rhythmic hymns of the Nyibus (priests) and foot-tapping traditional songs echoed through the picturesque town of Chayangtajo, Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Wednesday, February 26 joined the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Nyokum, the most important indigenous festival of the Nyishi community.

Addressing the gathering, he reaffirmed that the Arunachal Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act, 1978, is not against any religion but aims to safeguard the rich cul-

tural heritage of the state's indigenous tribes.

Dressed in traditional Nyishi attire, Khandu emphasized the importance of preserving indigenous identity and passing down cultural traditions like Nyokum to future generations.

He clarified that while the Act has existed for the last 46 years, it lacked operational rules. Following the Gauhati High Court's directive, the state government is now working on drafting rules that will remain neutral to all religions.

"Please don't get confused.

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DCM holds Pre-Budget Consultative Meeting with CBOs

ITANAGAR, February 21: A pre-budget consultative meeting with the Community Based Organizations for the State Annual Budget 2025-26 was convened by the Deputy Chief Minister and Minister-In-Charge, Finance, Planning & Investment, Chowna Mein at his Secretariat Office on Friday, February 21.

In his remarks, Deputy Chief Minister has expressed his gratitude to all the representative of the CBOs for their active participation and valuable inputs for the Annual Budget 2025-26. He said that their inputs have been instrumental in drafting people friendly policy as they carry the mandate of their respective communities.

He said that the objective of our government is to percolate down all developmental activities to the grass root level, so that no one is left behind and added that they all are instrumental to make that happen and called all the CBOs as an important part of 'Team Arunachal'.

He further said that their suggestions have been taken note of and will be considered for incorporation in the budget.

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

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Editorial

National Science Day

National Science Day is celebrated annually on February 28th in India, marking the discovery of the Raman Effect by Indian physicist Sir C.V. Raman on February 28, 1928. This day is dedicated to promoting science and its applications in everyday life, as well as encouraging young minds to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

The Raman Effect
The Raman Effect is a phenomenon in which light is scattered by molecules, resulting in a change in wavelength. This discovery revolutionized the field of physics and earned Sir C.V. Raman the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930. The Raman Effect has numerous applications in fields such as chemistry, biology, and materials science.

Importance of Science in Everyday Life
Science plays a vital role in our daily lives, from the food we eat to the technology we use. Scientific discoveries and innovations have improved our quality of life, increased our lifespan, and enabled us to explore space. Science has also helped us understand the natural world, from the intricacies of the human body to the vastness of the universe.

National Science Day Celebrations
National Science Day is celebrated across India with various events and activities, including science fairs, exhibitions, and lectures. Schools and colleges organize science competitions, quizzes, and debates to encourage students to participate in scientific activities. The Indian government also organizes national-level science competitions and awards to recognize outstanding contributions to science.

Promoting STEM Education
National Science Day is an opportunity to promote STEM education in India. The government has launched several initiatives to encourage students to pursue careers in STEM fields, including the National Science Talent Search Scheme and the Inspire Awards. These initiatives aim to identify and nurture young talent in science and provide them with opportunities to pursue higher education and research.

Challenges in Science Education
Despite the importance of science education, India faces several challenges in promoting STEM education. These challenges include inadequate infrastructure, lack of qualified teachers, and limited access to resources and funding. Additionally, there is a need to promote science education among girls and women, who are underrepresented in STEM fields.

Conclusion
National Science Day is a celebration of the importance of science in our daily lives. It is an opportunity to promote STEM education, encourage young minds to pursue careers in science, and recognize outstanding contributions to science. As we celebrate National Science Day, we must also acknowledge the challenges in science education and work towards creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for scientific research and innovation.

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22.	Itanagar-Tarasso	Day Service	Daily Service except Sat	05.30 am
23.	Itanagar-Sonajuli	Day service	Daily Service except Sun	01.00 pm
24.	Itanagar-Lilabari	Mail Service	Daily Service except Sun	07.00 am
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	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:00	Maio	10:40
	Maio	10:45	Vijaynagar	11:20
SATURDAY	Vijaynagar	11:25	Miao	12:00
	Miao	12:05	Mohanbari	12:45
	Mohanbari	13:00	Naharlagun	13:45
	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:30	Namsai	11:05
SUNDAY	Namsai	11:10	Tezu	11:30
	Tezu	11:35	Hayuliang	12:10
	Hayuliang	12:15	Tezu	12:50
	Tezu	12:55	Namsai	13:15
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VP Jagdeep Dhankhar attends mega Nyokum Yullo...

under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. He announced that the Trans-Arunachal Highway, set for completion soon, will connect every district headquarters in the state.

Additionally, the Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister informed the gathering about the central government's approval of the Rs 42,000-crore Frontier Highway project, the first road project in India to be sanctioned at such a large scale. He credited this achievement to Prime Minister Modi's commitment to enhancing connectivity and development in the Northeast.

The Nyokum Yullo (festival), a significant celebration for the Nyishi community, was marked by traditional rituals and cultural performances, symbolizing unity and progress in Arunachal Pradesh.

During the event, Vice President Dhankhar felicitated young mountaineer Kabak Yano, the first woman from the Nyishi community to summit Mount Everest.

Earlier, the Vice President was welcomed by Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt Gen (Retd) KT Parnaik, Union Minister Rijiju, State's Agriculture Minister Gabriel D Wangsu, and other dignitaries to the 'Land of the Rising Sun' on his arrival at the Itanagar airport.

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Participates in ET Now...

The Governor praised the tribal communities for their commitment to environmental conservation, underscoring Arunachal Pradesh's status as a Green State. He shared government initiatives that balance development with sustainability, including streamlined land acquisition policies and a single-window clearance system for businesses.

As an 'enabler Governor', the Governor reaffirmed his commitment to advising the State Cabinet and senior bureaucrats on policies that enhance the well-being and welfare of the people. He assured business leaders that Arunachal Pradesh offers vast opportunities for investment and collaboration.

On this special occasion, the Governor also presented awards to distinguished business leaders and organizations for their excellence in leadership and outstanding contributions across various sectors, including education.

Governor confers State Awards, Chief Minister's Award...

IPS, Superintendent of Police, Bomdila, Moyir Basar Kamdak, Deputy Superintendent of Police, SDRF, Chimpu, Kushal Bhandar Kaystha, Entomologist, Tawang and Dr. Tashi Phuntso, in-charge Principal, Govt. College, Bomdila, West Kameng District were conferred with State Silver Medals.

The Governor conferred the Chief Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration to two offices and the Department of Agriculture for the year 2024. The award was conferred to the Office of the Superintendent of Police, Itanagar for the exemplary work 'e-Services: Transforming Public Service Delivery in Arunachal Pradesh', which made the public delivery systems responsive, transparent and efficient, particularly by leveraging technology, while the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Papum-Pare District received the award in recognition of the exemplary work in 'Innovation Lab Project Creative Catalyst & Speak SMART East, which facilitated in implementation of innovative ideas, schemes, projects to meet stakeholder's requirement. The Department of Agri-culture received the prestigious Chief Minister's Award for 'Championing of Shree Anna (Millets) initiatives for the success of International Year of Millets 2023 (Mission mode implementation of schemes prioritized by the State Government including those announced in the Budget' and for the exemplary work in 'CPO Mill establishment in Arunachal Pradesh (Mission Mode implementation of Government of India schemes including specific categories/themes mentioned in the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration for the years)'. The award, which includes a cash prize of Rs. 10 Lakhs and an honorary Scroll, acknowledges your team's tireless efforts and commitment to excellence in public service.

The Governor presented the certificate of excellence to Sportspersons in recognition of their exemplary contribution towards sports in various events in the 38th National Games – 2025, Uttarakhand. Miss Khinsan Wangsu - Gold Medal (Taekwondo - Poomsae), Miss Ripky Nyodu - Gold Medal (Taekwondo - Poomsae), Miss Achum Sanga - Gold Medal (Taekwondo – Poomsae Female Group), Miss Radha Bangsia - Gold Medal (Taekwondo – Poomsae Female Group), Miss Lumter Uli - Gold Medal (Taekwondo – Poomsae Female Group), Miss Mercy Ngaimong - Gold Medal (Wushu - Jiansu), Miss Nyeman Wangsu - Gold Medal (Wushu - Daoshu), Shri Miching Taja - Silver Medal (Taekwondo – Poomsae Mixed-Pair), Shri Markio Tario -Silver Medal (67 Kg Weight Lifting), Miss Chera Loku - Silver Medal (Wushu - Taijiquan), Ms. Devi Dada - Bronze Medal (Kayak Cross), Shri Kamdon Boi - Bronze Medal (Judo), Shri Akash Kumar Ram - Bronze Medal (Taekwondo – Poomsae Male Group), Shri Kame Bagang - Bronze Medal (Taekwondo – Poomsae Male Group), Miss Balo Yalam - Bronze Medal (59 Kg Weight Lifting), Miss Yorna Roshni - Bronze Medal (Wushu - Nandao) and Miss Gyamar Yatup - Bronze Medal (Wushu – 48kg Taolu) received the letter of appreciation.

State Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein, ministers, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) Shri Tapir Gao, MLAs, senior government officers and special invitees were present on the occasion amongst other dignitaries and awardees. State Chief Secretary Shri Manish Gupta conducted the award ceremony.

On the special occasion, the Governor and the Chief Minister interacted with the award winners and distinguished guests over a High Tea in the General Bipin Rawat Hall, Raj Bhavan, Itanagar.

APFRA aims to protect indigenous culture...

Khandu informed that the rules are in the drafting stage and will be finalized after consultations with all stakeholders taking into consideration their apprehensions and recommendations.

"At this stage, I would just like to request the people not to jump into conclusions and add fuel to the misinterpretations. We may be Buddhist, Hindu, Christian or Indigenous Faith believers but we all are from tribal backgrounds with rich cultural heritage and traditions.

Please keep in mind that this Act is not to instigate one religion against another or to favour only one. This Act is to preserve our rich indigenous cultural heritage passed down by our forefathers and ancestors," he added.

On the developmental front, Khandu said that Arunachal Pradesh is a resourceful state and has the potential to grow in every sector. He said the government is framing various policies and is implementing those on the ground.

Talking about the hydropower sector, the Chief Minister said that in the coming 10 years, Arunachal Pradesh will generate Rs 10,000-crore revenue every year from free power and equity shares.

"The Centre has accepted the State Government's request for 26 per cent equity share from all upcoming hydropower projects and assured to pay the amount in the form of grant-in-aid," he disclosed.

In their speeches, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju and Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein highlighted the journey of Arunachal Pradesh, reaffirming their commitment to its continued progress and prosperity.

Khandu attends Golden Jubilee celebrations...

Reflecting on the festival's milestone, he remarked: "50 years from now, the children performing folk dances today will be organizing the centennial celebrations of Nyokum. We will be remembered as part of this history."

As a "Nyokum gift", Khandu announced a slew of new projects worth Rs 110 crore to boost infrastructure and connectivity in the Chayangtajo area, while informing that the list of projects will be handed over to local legislator Hayeng Mangfi.

Acknowledging that road connectivity has been a long-standing challenge in Chayangtajo, he informed that six inter-corridor road projects, spanning 2,178 km, are being vetted by the central government.

"Amongst these projects, the 391-km Itanagar-Seijosa-Pakkekessang-Seppa-Chayangtajo-Nyapin road is in the final stages of approval. I assure you that I will personally pursue this project with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to ensure work begins at the earliest," Khandu said.

Additionally, he informed that the upcoming Frontier Highway, once completed, will significantly improve connectivity across the difficult terrains of East Kameng.

For welfare and convenience of Chayangtajo people, Khandu assured to provide funds for development of the festival ground, construction of a mini-secretariat, a new sustainable drinking water project, upgradation of power transmission, and road connectivity to unconnected villages.

On Tuesday, Khandu inaugurated eight new projects worth Rs 26.50 crore and laid the foundation stones for projects worth Rs 223.50 crore, mostly under the Vibrant Villages Programme.

The Nyokum festival saw enthusiastic participation from people across the region. Among others, Industries Minister Nyato Dukam, Advisor to CM and former Home Minister Bamang Felix, local MLA Hayeng Mangfi, and other dignitaries attended the event.

DCM holds Pre-Budget Consultative...

18 representatives of CBOs have attended the pre-budget consultative meeting besides Advisor to DCM, Anupam Tangu, Secretary Planning & Investment, R K Sharma, Director (Planning & Investment), Pallab Dey and officials from Planning & Investment Department.

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	Guwahati	12:00	Guwahati	1:10
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	Guwahati			2:40
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	Guwahati			2:40
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NB:- Condition apply (VIP movement/ bad weather/patient evacuation/ technical snag/passengers availability and emergency etc)				

39th Statehood day celebrated across State

ITANAGAR, February 21: Arunachal Pradesh marked its 39th Statehood Day with a grand celebration at the Indira Gandhi Park here on Thursday, February 20.

Gracing the event, Governor Lt General (Retd) KT Parnaik unfurled the national flag and took the salute of the guard of honour, setting the stage for a day filled with pride and cultural vibrancy.

In his address, the Governor extended heartfelt greetings to the people, reflecting on the state's remarkable journey of progress. He urged citizens to foster unity, embrace diversity, and work towards improving Gross State Happiness.

Emphasizing his vision for a 'Viksit Arunachal', the Governor underscored the need for investment in infrastructure, education, and youth empowerment.

Highlighting Arunachal Pradesh's strategic significance, the Governor reiterated its vital role in national security due to its borders with Tibet-China and Myanmar. He acknowledged the state's deep-rooted traditions of self-governance through Buliang, Kebang, and Mukchum institutions, which uphold democracy, fairness, and accountability.

The Governor expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his commitment to the development of the Northeast, citing the 'Act East-Act Now' policy, which positions Arunachal Pradesh as the 'Gateway to South East Asia'.

He credited the 'Double Engine' Government for transforming the state through infrastructure growth, women's empowerment, education, and economic sustainability in border villages.

The Governor lauded Arunachal Pradesh's remarkable growth in the last eight years, mentioning that the State has witnessed remarkable growth across various sectors, including infrastructure, hydropower, education, agriculture, women empowerment.

He said that 4,000 km of roads have been constructed, linking all district headquarters via two-lane highways, with the 1,748-km Frontier Highway under mission-mode development.

The State, holding 40% of India's total hydropower capacity (58,000 MW), is advancing major projects, including the Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project (2,000 MW), Dibang Multipurpose Project (2,880 MW), and Siang Upper Multipurpose Project, which has been recognized as a strategic national priority.

He also cited that the 'Lakhpati Didi' scheme has enabled 4,332 women to earn over Rs 1 lakh annually, with a goal to support 25,000 women in five years.

The Governor acknowledged that while progress has been significant, challenges remain, emphasizing on reducing school dropout rates and ensuring 100% completion, enhancing waste management and maintaining a clean and green state, strengthening the fight against drug abuse, boosting tourism infrastructure and hospitality services, and improving governance through transparency and accountability.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, and Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein also addressed the gathering, reaffirming their commitment to Arunachal Pradesh's continued progress and prosperity.

During the event, the Governor also honoured Dr Rajnikant, general secretary of the Human Welfare Association, Varanasi, for securing GI registration for 18 indigenous products of Arunachal Pradesh, preserving the state's cultural identity.

A coffee table book titled 'Reminiscences in the Time (1947-1987)' was released to commemorate the occasion.

Adding vibrancy to the celebrations, traditional war and folk dances from various tribes, including the Aka war dance from Bomdila, Miji war dance from Nafra, Moche war dance from Khonsa, Moh Nole war dance of Muklom from Changlang, Buyu folk dance of Nyishi from Koloriang, Wancho war dance from Longding, and Tapu war dance of Adi tribe from Siang district, captivated the audience.

The Indian Army's 13 Grenadiers of 5 Infantry Brigade and 4/1

GR of 103 Infantry Brigade delivered an exhilarating band display. Besides a mega cultural display by the Apatani, Monpa, Nocte, Nyishi, Adi, Galo, Wancho, Tagin, Puroik, Aka, Miji, Bengali, Assamese and Gorkha (Nepali) dance troupes, the rendition of 'Hamara Arunachal' song resonated with patriotic fervour.

Tawang: The 39th Statehood Day was celebrated with immense enthusiasm and patriotic spirit across Tawang district. The grand event at the district HQs was marked by the unfurling of the national flag by Deputy Commissioner Kanki Darang in the presence of a large gathering, including Commander of Tawang Brigade, Brigadier Bhupal Singh, district SP Dr DW Thongon, and founder and director of Manjushree Vidyapeeth, Padmashree awardee Lama Thupten Phuntso.

Reflecting on the journey of Arunachal Pradesh as a full-fledged state, the DC, in his address, highlighted the challenges overcome and the progress achieved. He urged the public to uphold peace and brotherhood, essential for the prosperity and development of society.

As part of the celebrations, the DC presented commendation certificates to two dedicated electricians from the Power (Electrical) Dept, recognizing their exceptional service to the people of Tawang.

The event also featured various activities, including an exhibition showcasing stalls by Self-Help Groups, a blood donation camp organized by KDS District Hospital, and stalls set up by the Indian Army.

Adding to the vibrancy of the occasion, cultural performances were presented by students, members of Adi, Galo, Nyishi and Apatani communities, students of KDS Nursing School, lady officers of Tawang, and the Gorkha and Ketchengha cultural troupes.

Yachuli: Keyi Panyor district celebrated the Statehood Day 2025 in a unique way with "DC Aapke Dwar" program at Deed circle, under the initiative of DC Shiweta Nagarkoti Mehta, where various departments showcased government services available to the public. Jan Suvudha services were also provided, drawing a huge turnout.

Emphasizing her commitment to addressing the daily concerns of the public, particularly those in far-flung remote areas, the DC said, "Through initiatives like DC Aapke Dwar, we aim to bridge the gap between the government and the people, ensuring everyone has access to essential services and support."

She also held an interactive session with the public, addressing their problems and those of the youth, promising to find practical solutions. The DC also launched a Career and Counselling Guide to provide guidance to students of secondary and senior secondary classes.

Additionally, the Department of Information & Public Relations executed its flagship program, Arunachal Rising Campaign 2025, during the Statehood Day celebration, sharing pamphlets of services provided by the government.

The event was attended by SP Angad Mehta, CO (Yachuli) Taba Milka, CO (Pistana) Mide Bage, CO (Deed) Sylvia Koyu, and all the heads of offices of the district.

Yupia: Papum Pare Zilla Parishad Chairperson Nabam Yakum unfurled the national flag during the 39th Statehood Day celebration at Yupia, in presence of DC Jiten Bomjen, SP Taru Gusar and others.

In her address, the ZPC urged the attendees to uphold the state's honour and pride, expressing her appreciation for the attainment of Statehood.

Various stalls were set up, including those from the Agriculture and Horticulture departments, Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission, and the Police Department, which raised awareness about new criminal laws. The 31st Bn ITBP, Yupia also showcased their weapons.

At Sagalee, ZPM Techri Serbang unfurled the National Flag. The event's highlights included a colorful cultural presentation and the felicitation of 15 individuals who surrendered their airguns as part of the Airgun Surrender Abhiyaan.

ZIRO: Celebrating the 39th Statehood Day, Ziro-Hapoli MLA

Hage Appa hoisted the tri-colour. During his speech, he announced that Govt Polytechnic College, Ziro will become operational from this academic year. He also highlighted the important schemes sanctioned by the Pema Khandu Govt for Lower Subansiri district.

The Library and Research Depts had jointly set up stalls showcasing the old photographs and artifacts of the Apatani community and Ziro, from early NEFA days to till date.

Further, the cleanest village competition was conducted as part of the Statehood Day celebration during Jan-Feb, and Lempia village was awarded as 'cleanest village' title and Mudang Tage was awarded as 2nd cleanest village.

Aalo: The 39th Statehood Day was celebrated here at Gumin Kinn where the national flag was hoisted by ZPM Jumde Gamlin, who was recently conferred the Padma Shri award, the fourth highest civilian honour in India.

During her speech, Gamlin said that development activities are touching all the nook and corners of West Siang and she urged the public to cooperate for the fast developmental growth of the area.

Celebrated under the guidance of DC Mamu Hage, the programme was also attended by Aalo West MLA Topin Ete, SP Kardak Riba, ADC Mabi Taipodia Jini, and former minister Doi Ado, among others.

The Statehood Day was also celebrated with great pomp and show at Kamba ADC HQs. The event was celebrated at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Residential School, Kamba. Lt Col Atul Chandra of the 9 Grenadiers Mewar Div, Kaying attended the function as the chief guest.

Khonsa: The 39th Statehood Day of Arunachal Pradesh was celebrated with great enthusiasm across all administrative circles and schools, including Khonsa HQs, ADC HQs Deomali, EAC HQs Lazu, Circle HQs of Dadam, Bari Basip, Katang, Borduria, & Soha, and all government schools.

At Khonsa, local MLA Wanglam Sawin paid tribute to the veterans and pioneers who steered the state from the NEFA era to the present Arunachal Pradesh. He acknowledged the significant progress and prosperity the state has achieved since 20th February, 1987. He sought full cooperation from the public and government departments to ensure the successful implementation of infrastructure projects in Khonsa town for the benefit of the common masses. He appealed to all stakeholders and consumers to clear long-pending electricity bills to enable the Power department to improve the power supply.

He emphasized the importance of Atma Nirbhar schemes under various departments, particularly the agro-allied sectors. He urged work departments and bank managers to extend these schemes to genuine progressive farmers with sufficient land and feasible conditions for cultivating specific crops. He stressed that such schemes should be free from "political interference or backdoor entries".

On the occasion, the chief guest distributed fish seeds to 13 fish farmers under the Fisheries Department.

The highlights of the celebration included awarding of commendation certificates to eight government employees, launching of a 100-day Intensified TB Campaign, adoption of TB patients under the Nikshay Mitra initiative (one from Lapnan village adopted by DC Tirap and one from Chasa village adopted by DMO Tirap), a tug-of-war competition, where the DC Team emerged victorious, defeating both the MLA Team and the SP Team.

Cultural performances by the Noctes, Tutsas, Wanchos, patriotic song, and group dance performed by trainee girls from the Textile & Handicrafts department made the celebration a grand success.

The event was attended by Tirap DC Techu Aran & SP Singlatla Singpho, ex-army personnel, HoDs, GBs, ex-servicemen, and students among others.

The 39th Statehood Day celebration in Tirap district concluded on a high note, reflecting unity, cultural vibrancy, and the collective spirit of progress.

Wangsu attends Key Agricultural Events in Kanubari; Emphasises Sustainable Farming

KANUBARI, February 21:

In a significant development for Arunachal Pradesh's agricultural sector, the Department of Horticulture, Longding District, conducted a comprehensive training program on tuber crops in collaboration with the Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (ICAR-CTCRI), Thiruvananthapuram. The program, focusing on agrifood systems and sustainable income under MIDH 2024-25, drew an unprecedented attendance of more than 400 farmers from various villages across Longding district.

Gabriel D. Wangsu, Minister for Agriculture and Allied Sectors, who attended as Chief Guest, termed it a 'historic day' for both the district and state. The minister revealed that his visit to ICAR-CTCRI last December inspired this collaboration, which will be replicated further in other parts of Arunachal Pradesh. He assured the state government's full support for future initiatives and facilitating this collaboration.

A team of distinguished scientists from ICAR-CTCRI, including Director Dr. G. Biju, Principal Scientist Dr. R. Muthuraj, Senior Scientist Dr. D. Jaganathan, and Scientist Dr. P. Prakash, conducted sessions on advanced technologies in tuber crop cultivation. The training covered various aspects, including marketable bio-products, pre and post-harvest management, and integrated pest management. Practical demonstrations of bio-products from cassava, sweet potato and yams were also conducted.

Dr. G. Biju highlighted the significance of tuber crops in the context of global warming, describing them as



'future smart crops.' He commended Minister Wangsu's personal initiative in establishing this collaboration and assured continued support from ICAR-CTCRI.

ADC Kanubari, Kunal Yadav (IAS), praised the enthusiastic participation of farmers, describing it as a small step toward a big journey.

Earlier in the day, Minister Wangsu, the fifth Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting, where he addressed several crucial agricultural concerns. He expressed worry over declining products and Mithun populations in the state, calling for enhanced coordination between departments and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs).

During the SAC meeting, which was chaired by Dr. Lobsang Wangchu, Head of ICAR-RC for NEH Region, Arunachal Pradesh Centre, Basar, the minister announced several key initiatives. These included plans

for edible oil production in Kanubari, revival of unused departmental lands, and improvements in breed seed and feed supply. He also revealed that the state would soon release its Agriculture and Horticulture policy.

Dr. Utpal Kumar Bhattacharya, Senior Scientist-Cum-Head, ICAR-KVK Longding, presented the achievements and status reports during the meeting.

"Farming is a serious business requiring ample devotion," stated Minister Wangsu, emphasizing the need to identify progressive farmers and ensure quality seed and sapling supply through government nurseries. He also highlighted the importance of focusing on the Pongchu-Wakka region's specific agro-climatic conditions and assured his readiness to address any implementation challenges faced by the departments.

Registration drive on PM Vishwakarma Scheme held



YINGKIONG, February 21:

On the occasion of 39th Statehood Day, the District Industries Centre organized awareness cum registration drive at general round Yingkiong.

During the camp over 200 artisans attended the registration drive, more than 50 artisan and craftsmen had successfully registered and AADHAR corrections were made for another 50 artisans in various trades under PMVishwakarma scheme.

Deputy Commissioner of Upper Siang, Talo Jerang, visited the Industries registration stall during the event and emphasized the significance of the multiple benefits of the scheme and asked the department to ensure that scheme is im-

plemented in a proper way so that its advantages reach to the people who really need.

Mukkin Megu, Assistant Director of Industries, Upper Siang, emphasized the PM Vishwakarma Scheme's commitment to product enhancement, market integration, and streamlined bank loan processing. These initiatives are designed to empower artisans, enabling them to expand their market reach both nationally and internationally.

Megu also highlighted that the scheme aims to equip artisans with the necessary tools and support to improve their craftsmanship and business acumen. District officials were briefed on the verification and vetting process and were encour-

aged to raise awareness and assist artisans in applying for the scheme through Common Service Centers (CSCs). Addressing any pending verification stages was stressed to ensure artisans have access to skill development programs and loans.

It is mentioned that PM Vishwakarma scheme includes 18 traditional trades, such as carpentry, boat making, blacksmithing, gold smithing, tailoring, and more. Artisans will have the opportunity to take loans of up to ₹3 lakh. This initiative aims to empower artisans to scale up their businesses and showcase their craftsmanship on larger platforms. Artisans will be trained and on boarded on multiple forums such as ONDC, GeM, and MSME Mart.

Tawang launches targeted mental health interventions

TAWANG, February 24:

In a step towards strengthening mental health services, the District Counselling Centre here, under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP), on Monday, February 24 launched a comprehensive initiative titled 'Targeted interventions for anxiety disorders, stress, depression, PTSD, and general mental health'.

The initiative aims to enhance accessibility to psychological care, promote awareness, and provide effective mental health interventions across Tawang district.

The launch event, held at the DC office conference hall, was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Kanki Darang, in the presence of DMO Dr Rinchin Neema, District Programme Officer (NMHP) Dr Sangey Thinley, and others.

The event was organised by the District Health Society, demonstrating the district's strong commitment to mental health advancement.

The key objectives of the initiative are expanding mental health interventions for individuals suffering from anxiety, depression, PTSD, and stress-related disorders; strengthening community outreach



and awareness to reduce stigma around mental health issues; enhancing healthcare infrastructure to ensure access to professional counselling and medical support; and collaborating with local healthcare professionals and organisations to ensure effective programme implementation.

Speaking at the event, Darang emphasised the importance of addressing mental health challenges and ensuring that support is readily available to those in need. He highlighted that mental wellbeing is essential for overall community

development, and encouraged people to seek help without hesitation.

Dr Neema reiterated the district's commitment to improving mental healthcare services and ensuring that individuals experiencing mental health difficulties receive timely assistance.

The initiative marks a progressive step in the district's ongoing efforts to build a more resilient and mentally healthy society. With this launch, Tawang has taken a proactive approach in addressing mental health challenges and fostering a supportive environment for all.

DCM reviews small Hydropower Projects



ITANAGAR, February 22: Deputy Chief Minister of the State and Minister-In-Charge of Power & Hydropower, Chowna Mein convened an important meeting with the Small Hydropower Project Developers of the State to review the status of various Small Hydropower Projects at his Secretariat Office on Saturday, February 22.

Mein in his remarks said that the State Government is keen on developing small hydropower projects aligning with the goals of Atmanirbhar Arunachal and India's net zero goals as envisaged by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. He assured to provide full support to developers

to help overcome challenges and solving local issues by engaging with the local communities. However, he urged the developers to expedite their works and need to demonstrate their commitment for timely commissioning of projects.

Commissioner (Hydropower), Sonam Chombay informed that Cumulative allocated capacity in 35 alive Small Hydropower Projects is 570.75 MW which will bring-in a total estimated investment of Rs 7000 Cr in the State and generate employment for 7500 local youths. These projects, after completion, will earn revenue in terms of free power @ Rs 58.25 Cr/year after commissioning.

On the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister felicitated two power developers for timely commissioning of their projects namely, M/S Devi Energies Pvt Ltd Andhra Pradesh for Dikshi HEP(24MW) in West Kameng District and M/S Raajratna Energy Holdings Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad for Khangtang HEP (7.5 MW) in Tangwang.

In the meeting, Advisor to DCM Anupam Tangu, Secretary to Power, R K Sharma, Additional PCCF, D Dalai, Chief Engineering (Hydropower), Atek Miyu, Chief Engineering (T & D), T K Tara, Director (LM), Mamta Riba and 19 Power Developers were also present.

Pre-Nyokum Celebrated



PASIGHAT, February 22: The 6th Pre-Nyokum Celebration, organized by the Nyishi Students Union, took place at the Pasighat Gidi Notko Hall under the theme "Loss of Culture is Loss of Identity." The event emphasized the importance of preserving Nyishi traditions for future generations.

Bogong-II ZPM Ogam Mengu gracing the occasion as Chief Guest appreciated the students' efforts in cultural preservation. Bogong-I ZPM Tamut Tasung and DIPRO Deepali Dodum joined the celebration as Guest of Honour and Special Guest respectively. Nyishi elders, officers, engineers, professors, and students from other communities also attended, enriching the celebration.

The event showcased traditional dances, music, and cultural exhibitions. The leadership team, including Mai Taha Camdir (President NSU), Tarh Choti (Chairperson), Miching Tagia (Secretary), and Rughu Taham (Incharge) ensured the celebration's success, inspiring attendees to continue preserving Nyishi culture., informed the organizing committee adding that the Nyishi Students Union promotes the welfare, education, and cultural preservation of the Nyishi

community.

LIKhabali: Pre-nyokum celebration was graced by the Deputy Commissioner Rujim Rakshap and Lt. Col. Anil Khurdiya, Administrative Commandant, Likabali Military Station as the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively along with all the District Heads of Offices and prominent members of the locality as guests.

The mood of festivity was visible from the enthusiasm the members had displayed from the beginning when they welcomed the guests with the traditional Rikham-Pada dance. The popular ritualistic Buya dance, which is performed to seek blessings from the goddess was also performed and joined by all the guests.

Rakshap while addressing the people on the occasion wished everyone a very happy and prosperous Nyokum Yullo and underscored the importance of festivals in upholding the cultural values of the community. He said that "Festivals never divide people; it rather unites the people of all walks of life with even renewed bonding among them. Nyokum Yullo is a great festival of a big community of the state and it is celebrated not only to propitiate the gods and goddess

for overall wellbeing of the people but also to foster brotherhood among the folks and also to sustain the cultural heritage of the people." He further endorsed that a joint efforts and encouragements among members of all the communities is need of the hour for celebrating tribal festivals, which he said would rekindle its continuity in the society.

Lt. Col. Anil Khurdiya praised the rich cultural heritage of the tribal people and thanked the organising committee for inviting him to be among them and also for enabling him to have a pip into the cultural aspects of the festival.

Ginso Don, apprised everyone about the mythology behind the origin and celebration of Nyokum Yullo among the Nyishi community with a customised mythological deliberation about the festival. Cultural items were presented by artistes from Gensi, Likabali and Kangku circles and Itanagar on the occasion.

Earlier, Padang Sangyu, Organising Chairman of the Likabali Pre-Nyokum Yullo Celebration Committee 2025 welcomed the guests and sought blessings from the Nyokum Goddess for well-being of the people.

DLSA organizes one day Legal Awareness Camp for GBs



PASIGHAT, February 25: A one day Free Legal Awareness Camp was organized on Monday, February 24 by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), East Siang in collaboration with Legal Aid Cell, Faculty of Law and Forensic Sciences, Apex Professional University, Pasighat for the Gaon Burah/Buris (GBs) of Bilat Block, East Siang District.

The program commenced at 10:30 AM with the welcome and key-note address by Tayam Dupak, GB Secretary, after the arrival of participants and registration followed by the felicitation of the resource persons by the GB's of Bilat Block.

During the technical session, Adv. Tonning Pertin delivered his valuable lecture on "The Assam Frontier (Administration of Justice) Regulation, 1945" highlighting the significance of village authorities in the administration of justice process. The technical session continued with another speaker Adv. Taber Tamuk, who spoke on "Arunachal Pradesh Civil Court Act of 2021 and Amendment Act of 2022 & 2023" where he talked about the key points of the Act highlighting functions of inter-village customary courts within the state's legal framework.

The intensive technical sessions raised a lot of curiosity among the

audience and were followed by an interactive session where participants got the opportunity to clarify their doubts and exchange opinion and observations including filing of cases in civil court directly instead of customary court, compulsion of declaration of decision on the same day before both the parties etc.

More than 70 participants were present in the program including GB's of Bilat Block, resource-persons, Advocates, members of DLSA East Siang and Faculty and students of Apex Professional University. The Free Legal Awareness Camp ended with a vote of thanks by Adv. Sunny Tayeng, and a group photo session.

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER UPPER SIANG DISTRICT YINGKIONG

No.MUS/NHM/NPHCE/R/2024-25

Dated Yingkiong the 26th February 2025

"Advertisement"

Application are invited from citizens of India for filling up four (04) post of Multi Rehabilitation Worker under NPHCE, initially for a period up to 31st March 2025 (likely to be extended subject to receipt of good performance report/extension of program) at a consolidated pay of Rs.15,000/- per month under NPHCE, District Health Society, Upper Siang District, Yingkiong, Arunachal Pradesh. The post is non transferable from the district.

Eligibility criteria: -

1	Job Title	Multi Rehabilitation Worker under NPHCE
	Essential Criteria	A) 10+2 or equivalent qualification B) One and half year certificate course of Multi Rehabilitation Worker from a recognized institute. C) Registered as Rehabilitation Personnel under Rehabilitation Council of India Act 1992
	Desirable	At least 1 year experience of working in a hospital
	Age Limit	40 years
	Mode of Recruitment	Walk in interview
	Nature Of Service	Purely Contractual
	Term of Service	1 year or financial year ended whichever is earlier
	Remuneration	15,000/month
	Place of posting	1. CHC Tuting 2. CHC Mariyang 3. CHC Jengging 4. CHC Geku

Selection Process:- The selection will be done on the basis of merit obtained during Walk in interview

How to Apply:-

The interested candidate may appear in **Walk in Interview** to be held on **18th March 2025**, Upper Siang District, Yingkiong from **10.00AM to 1.00PM at DMO Office, Yingkiong** along with original document. Candidates may collect prescribed application form from DMO Office Yingkiong, Upper Siang District w.e.f 27/02/2025 on working hours between 10:00 AM to 4.00PM. Application along with all required documents with self attested copy should be submitted to **DMO Office, Yingkiong** latest by **10/03/2025 up to 4 pm**. The envelope should be superscripted as "APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF MULTI REHABILITATION WORKER UNDER NPHCE (NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR HEALTH CARE OF ELDERLY)."

Time line:-

- Date of issue of application form ----- 27/02/2025 (10 am to 4 pm) onwards
- Last date of submission of application form ----- 10/03/2025 (Till 4 pm)
- Scrutiny of application form ----- 11/03/2025 (10 am to 12 noon)
- Display of List of eligible candidate ----- 11/03/2025 (2 pm onwards)
- Issue of Admit Card ----- 12th and 13th March 2025.
- Date of Walk in interview ----- 18/03/2025 (10:00 am onwards)
- Tentative declaration of result ----- 18/03/2025 (4 pm onwards)

Instruction for the applicants:

- Application form will be accepted only when it is enclosed with photocopy of :
 - Class X, XII pass certificate (Xerox copy self-attested).
 - One and half year certificate course of Multi Rehabilitation Worker from a recognized institute.
 - Registered as Rehabilitation Personnel under Rehabilitation Council of India Act 1992.
 - ST/SC/OBC certificate (Xerox copy self-attested).
 - PRC certificate (Xerox copy self-attested).
 - Two recent passport size photograph & name at the backside.

N. B: Documents mentioned above are mandatory.

Sd/- (Talo Jerang)
Deputy Commissioner
Upper Siang District
Yingkiong

C- 202222 GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT ITANAGAR

No.LMD-13011(11)/10/2024

Itanagar Dated.....Feb'2025

DECLARATION

(Under section-19(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013)

WHEREAS, it appears to the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh that a total area of **16,187 Sq.mtrs (4 Acres)** of land is required at **Basam village, Mipi circle, Dibang Valley District**, Arunachal Pradesh for public purposes, namely for **establishment of ITBP BOP** at Basam village under Mipi circle, Dibang Valley District.

AND WHEREAS, a preliminary notification as required under section 11(1) of LARR Act'2013 was issued by the Department of Land Management vide Memo No. LMD-130H(I)/10/2024/957 Dated Itanagar, the 6th September'2024 notifying the intention of the State Government for acquiring of **16,187 Sqm (4 Acres)** of the said land and inviting public claims & objections to the proposed acquisition of land any.

AND WHEREAS, the Deputy Commissioner, Dibang Valley District, vide his Memo No.DV/LM-184(Abali-Basam)/2022/4511-18 dated 13th Sept'2024 certified that land is private land and free from public and Govt. projects and that there are no project affected families and therefore no compensation towards rehabilitation and resettlement are required to be paid under Section 31 of the LARR Act and has requested the State Govt. to issue the draft declaration under Section 19 (1) of the LARR Act,2013.

And WHEREAS, the Appropriate Government is pleased to note that it is satisfied that Chapters-II and III and Section-15 & 16 shall not apply to acquisition process in respect of the said land Basam,Mipi Circle.

AND NOW, therefore the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is pleased to issue the Declaration under section 19 of the Act specifying that the piece of land measuring **16,187 Sqm (4 Acres)** located at Basam Village under Mipi Circle under, Dibang Valley District is being acquired, the detailed description where of is as follow:-

Sl. No	Survey No.	Type of title	Type of land	Area under acquisition is Sqm	Name & address of the person interest	Boundaries description
01	N/A	Individuals Private Land	Horticulture land	16,187	Shri Midu Miwu, Basam village	N:-community land S:- Shri Midu Miwu E:- community land W:-community land

Trees		Structures	
Variety	Number	Type	Plinth area
Large cardamom (Horti)	4000	NIL	NIL
Plum (Horti)	500		
Walnut (Horti)	274		
Banana (Horti)	10		

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is further pleased to order as under:

- Except such parts of the mines and minerals which may be required to be dug or removed or used during construction phase of the project for the purpose of which land is being acquired, no mines, minerals, iron, stone, slate and others minerals lying shall be extracted or removed.
- A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Collector and DLRSO, Dibang Valley District on any working day during the working hours.

Sd/- (A.K Singh) IAS
Secy. (Land Management)
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar

Mentor Secretary of West Siang attended District review meeting



AALO, February 23:

Commissioner Home-cum mentor secretary West Siang C N Longphai, who was on a two-day official tour to the district, has stated that any projects/schemes proposal submitted to government must be routed through West Siang Deputy Commissioner, which has been made mandatory.

Chairing a district level review meeting at the DC's office conference hall here on Saturday, February 22 the mentor secretary directed all departments to submit the "details of the projects along with latest photography", and also asked for streamlining marketing of horticulture products to pave the way for exports.

During the meeting, Longphai

told the executing agencies to complete all major projects of West Siang district in time and not to compromise on the quality of works. He also asked the executing agencies to give special focus on achieving maximum physical work (at least 60%) within this financial year. He asked the RWD to maintain a timeline as it is mandatory in PMGSY projects and the progress report is to be submitted to the DC.

Local MLA Topin Ete said that the sports complex at Darka is in defunct condition and informed the house that he will manage the funds for proper functioning of the same.

To make West Siang a developed district, the mentor secretary urged all departments to complete all

major projects and flagship schemes of the government to complete in time.

After the review meeting the mentor secretary, accompanied by West Siang Deputy Commissioner Mamu Hage, SP Kardak Riba and HoDs, physically inspected the NH-13 Viaducts at Bagra, major infrastructure project of Aalo West and Liromoba constituencies.

DC Hage, and ADC Mabi Taipodia Jini also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier on Friday, the mentor secretary inspected the projects of Aalo township like construction of a 60-bedded General Hospital, mini secretariat, outdoor stadium, etc along with the DC and HoDs.

Plantation drive held



GOBUK, February 22:

A Cherry blossom plantation drive under the banner 'Mission Pink Gobuk' was held in Gobuk village, Upper Siang District Arunachal Pradesh on Saturday, February 22. Mission Pink Gobuk was organized by Bomging Ol-

ungAngong. Adv Dubom Tekseng, President Gobuk Welfare Society, Dr. Ahik Miyu, DTO Upper Siang, PRI members, Miss Mary Dalbong Brand Ambassador and public of Gobuk actively participated in Plantation drive. More than five thousand

Cherry Blossom saplings, locally known as DikongAppun were planted in Gobuk village. Sapling of Dikong Appun, generally found in mountains of Gobuk village were collected from forest and nurtured by the villagers.

Tawang DTF meeting on health programme



TAWANG, February 24:

Tawang DC Kanki Darang chaired a District Task Force (DTF) meeting on key health programmes such as MDR, CDR, JAS, HMIS, RCH, and ANMOL at the DC office here on Monday, February 24.

Addressing the health officials, including DMO Dr Rinchin Neema, Medical Superintendent Dr Tenzin Kunga, Deputy MS Dr Thutan Tsering, DTCC DPO Dr Urgen Lhamu, NCD DPO Dr Sangey Thinlay, AYUSH DPO Dr Namgye Dakpa, among others, the DC emphasised the importance of such meetings in assessing achieve-

ments, evaluating services, and identifying challenges for future improvements.

He commended the dedicated efforts of the medical officers and supporting staff, acknowledging their crucial role in successfully implementing various health programmes in the district. He further noted that "the achievements of the District Health Society have been recognised at the state level, reflecting the team's sincerity and commitment."

Earlier, the DMO provided a detailed overview of the district's health profile, covering aspects such as immunisation, antenatal

check-ups, institutional birth promotion, and family planning initiatives.

The meeting included a series of presentations by programme officers, covering updates on malaria control, tuberculosis control, AIDS control, non-communicable diseases, maternal health, and progress of schemes like the CMAAY and the PM-JAY.

The meeting concluded with discussions on strategies to enhance healthcare delivery and overcome existing challenges, reinforcing the district's commitment to ensuring quality healthcare services for all.

Workshop on 'Preservation of Indigenous Priesthood Culture' held

LIKABALI, February 26:

A workshop on the theme 'Preservation of Indigenous Priesthood Culture' was organized by the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA), Govt of Arunachal Pradesh in collaboration with the Lower Siang district administration, at the Central Kargu Gamgi Hall, Likabali on Wednesday, February 26.

Appreciating the overwhelming response shown by both the indigenous priest community and the indigenous faith believers of the district, Lower Siang Deputy Commissioner Rujijum Rakshap said that similar initiatives need to be carried out in other parts of the state to protect and encourage the indigenous faith and practices of the people.

He said that the priesthood institution needs to embrace dynamics of the society so that it survives the test of time. He advocated for removing complexity within the institution

and to simplify it further to make it handy for the followers, nevertheless, without compromising with its main ethos and ideologies.

"A priest needs to follow certain ethics and a healthy lifestyle by virtue of being the guardian of the important institution of indigenous faith and practices of the people. They should reciprocate the humble efforts undertaken by the Govt in trying to provide them with a better environment to grow and sustain in the dynamism of human civilization," the DC said.

"We need to emerge from the stereotypes of the priesthood institution of the older genres and assimilate in them with certain practices in consonant with the need and demand of time," he further added.

Terming Nyibus as the most revered members of the society, DMO Dr Nyage Geyi said that the role of priesthood culture and medical sciences are two different paths, both

leading to working for the general welfare of the society. He discouraged exorbitant ritual expenses prescribed by few priests, which he said should be amended and minimised making it affordable for all sections of the society.

Earlier, District Art & Culture Officer cum District Nodal Officer (DIA) Augusti Jamoh in his keynote address outlined the purpose and importance of the workshop, besides presenting a brief report on the activities undertaken by the department in the district.

A huge number of Nyibus from various parts of the district took part in the workshop, which had deliberations by senior resource persons and live demonstrations of ritual practices of the Gelo priests.

During the event, special focus was placed on 'Erap Gaanam', 'Rokbu-Roklap Beenam', 'Rogsin Kognam' and 'Agam Laayap', which are important and inevitable rituals performed by the priests on various occasions.

Pasighat promises to be the 'Most Happening City' in the State in the Future

Tayi Taggu,

It is a timeless secret that great civilizations anywhere in the world developed on riverbanks, and Pasighat is fortunate as lady-luck smiles on her. She is nestled in the eastern Himalayas, at 155 meters (509 ft) above mean sea level, on the right bank of the mighty Siang River. Almighty God 'Donyi Polo' is beaming with a smile, hinting to Pasighatians that their talisman and star favor them, which radiates energy to shine, signaling that Pasighat is on the path to becoming Arunachal Pradesh's most thriving city for generations to come. Pasighat has unparalleled growth opportunities and limitless scope in education, medical health, sports, agriculture, allied sectors, Industry, etc. However, any development works come with problems and challenges which are no less daunting, but the oldest town in the state is preparing itself for a better tomorrow; shading its old skin, rejuvenating and reincarnating itself for the next big lift. After a long lull and many lost decades, Pasighat is not only marching ahead but ready to fly and its wings were added by the Government of India which found it fit to include it in the Smart Cities Mission development in June 2017 which is a real blessing and proved to be a great game changer. After decades of stagnation, Pasighat is soaring ahead, boosted by its inclusion in the Smart Cities Mission in June 2017—a transformative milestone.

The basic requirement for any civilization is water which supports agriculture, and ecosystems. The Siang River, Pasighat's lifeline, has long supported life and offers world-class rafting opportunities, positioning the region as a hub for adventure water sports. Meanwhile, the Pasighat Smart City Development Corporation Ltd. (PSCDCL) has made significant strides, completing 33 of 43 projects with the rest set for completion by March 2025. Meeting this deadline remains a major challenge, pushing agencies and contractors to comply with the Ministry's directives is a

tough call.

Pasighat's growth potential is vast, with its location serving as a gateway to various districts and headquarters. Excellent medical facilities, esteemed educational institutions, and seamless connectivity via air, land, and waterways make it an attractive destination. Pasighatians may feel that change is slow and time-warped, yet it is no exaggeration that the Smart City projects rapidly transform Pasighat into a modern and vibrant city. Anyone who saw Pasighat two or three years ago and returns today would be amazed at the sea of difference and the rapid phases of development taking place. None of the newly built structures existed three years ago. The iconic four-lane concrete Smart Road from Siang Sadan (DC's Residence) to the District Civil Secretariat (DC's Office) via the Smart Guest House and Siang Guest House is the only four-lane concrete road in the state.

The Market Upgradation Iconic Buildings (Phases I & II) and the Open Theater in the heart of the city have enhanced its aesthetic appeal far beyond what Pasighatians could have imagined three years ago. The Recreation Centre now boasts a swimming pool, three badminton courts, a skating ground, a gym, children's playrooms, table tennis, billiards, a children's park, and a restaurant, adding to its charm. The Riverfront features more than 2 km of road exclusively for amusement, and morning and evening walks, offering a space for people to enjoy the refreshing Siang River breeze, surrounded by breathtaking views of the hills and the river's galloping current. The Smart Car Parking facility at Bakin Pertin General Hospital introduces a modern parking system with the latest technology. Meanwhile, the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) serves as the nerve center of the Smart City, monitoring 198 cameras across 36 locations, detecting theft cases, and providing live surveillance of road accidents to ensure swift assistance to victims. The Centurion Park near Siang Guest

House has become a breathing space for the city, featuring a walking path, round seating for social gatherings, an open gym for exercise and yoga, and a rejuvenation pond that directly taps fresh water from a natural fountain—an exemplary groundwater recharge initiative.

The District Library & Children's e-Learning Center now provides separate reading rooms to encourage students' reading habits. Two mini football stadiums, one at Daying Ering Higher Secondary School and another near Independent Golden Jubilee Higher Secondary School (IGJHSS), aim to promote student participation in sports and nurture future stars for the state and nation. Besides, a big stadium of 10,000 capacity already exists, and a fourth one is proposed as a cricket stadium.

The Rehabilitation Centre at Jarkong seeks to reintegrate drug addicts—who pose a serious social challenge—back into the mainstream. The Sewage Treatment Plant and Solid Waste Management Plant at Jarkong aim to curb the growing plastic and waste menace in the city. Several Smart Roads have also been developed to facilitate smoother vehicular movement.

A modern auditorium has been built for the Independent Golden Jubilee Govt. Higher Secondary School (IGJHSS), and the new Vivekananda Kendra School near the North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Folk Medicine stand out as a valuable addition to the city's educational infrastructure. These are just a few of the major projects undertaken by the Pasighat Smart City Development Corporation Ltd. (PSCDCL), while several smaller projects continue to be executed.

Upon completion, the Smart Guest House is set to become the finest in the state, featuring four presidential suites, four executive suites, 32 deluxe rooms, three seminar halls, and separate dining halls for VIPs and general guests, comparable to top-rated star hotels. The lingering question on many minds is how Pasighat

will become the most important city in the coming decades. The answer is clear: its strategic location is at the heart of Arunachal Pradesh. Serving as a vital gateway, Pasighat connects to many districts and headquarters, all reachable within one and a half to three hours, with only a few exceptions. All the district headquarters of Eastern Arunachal Pradesh are accessible from Pasighat within five hours, and it boasts the best medical facilities in the state after Itanagar.

Pasighat has carved out a niche as a future city, with a location that offers immense potential for growth as a financial and educational hub. It is also a center for agriculture, horticulture, palm oil, and industries, with vast land available to support a growing population. Furthermore, it is considered to be the rice bowl of the state.

If all goes according to plan, resurgent Pasighat will become the most connected city in the state, with access through air, railway, land, and inland waterways—proposals for which are already in the pipeline. Pasighat also serves as a key air travel hub for travelers from Tuting, Anini, Aalo, Mechuka, Roing, Tezu, Itanagar, and Guwahati, as it functions as a re-fueling depot for civil aviation in the Eastern sector of Arunachal Pradesh.

Pasighat has earned many laurels to her credit. Officially founded in 1911 by the British, it became the first administrative headquarters established in the North East Frontier Tract (NEFT). T.E. Furze, an Imperial Police (IP) officer, was the first Assistant Political Officer posted in Pasighat in 1912, as per records. The first airfield was established in 1946, when Pasighat was also known as Paglek, followed by the establishment of the first Agricultural Institute in 1950 and the first hospital in 1954.

Jawaharlal Nehru College (JNC), the first college in the North East Frontier Agency (NEFA), was established on July 3, 1964, becoming the torchbearer of education in the state. In the first three decades after Arunachal Pradesh became a Union

Territory and later a state, many prominent leaders and bureaucrats were alumni of JNC. Another landmark moment came in 1966, when the first All India Radio (AIR) station in NEFA was established in Pasighat, broadcasting in Adi language, a proud milestone for the region.

Today, Pasighat boasts three universities—Arunachal Pradesh University, Rashtriya Raksha University, and Apex Professional University—along with eight colleges in the belief that the destiny of a nation is shaped in its classroom. JNC, the oldest, has the largest student enrollment in the region, with 4,200 students per academic session. The College of Horticulture and Forestry (CHF) holds the No. 2 rank in India, and due to its outstanding performance, NITI Aayog has recognized it as a knowledge partner in the country. Other institutions include the College of Agriculture, Polytechnic College, College of Nursing, and the North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Folk Medicine, alongside three private colleges—DoyingGumin, Siang Royal, and Daying Ering. A proposed medical college is also set to be established soon, further strengthening Pasighat's claim as a medical hub of Arunachal Pradesh.

Pasighat was once on the verge of becoming the state capital, as high officials of NEFA strongly advocated for shifting the administrative headquarters from Shillong to Pasighat. The high official vision was to enhance governance by developing better roads, education, and healthcare infrastructure within NEFA. Pasighat was favored due to its vast plains, which provided an ideal setting for a new state capital.

However, opportunities are often fleeting, like Lady Luck, whose favor is easily swayed. To the dismay of many Adis, a small but influential group opposed the proposal, launching a campaign against the establishment of the capital in Pasighat. Their resistance was enough to deter the decision-makers, and with a heavy heart, the officials abandoned their plan. The

debate over who was right or wrong continues to divide the Adi society, yet the only takeaway is that history offers lessons for the future.

Pasighat is well-connected to Assam via NH-515, and the Bogibeel Bridge has been a game-changer for North Assam and Eastern Arunachal. The 227-km Murkong-selek-Pasighat-Tezu-Rupai railway line, currently under construction, is being undertaken as a strategic defense project. Additionally, Pasighat plays a crucial logistical role in major hydropower projects, with 500+ 16-wheel trucks expected to transport construction materials daily for the 2,880 MW Lower Dibang Valley Dam. The proposed 11,000 MW Siang River Dam will require even more staggering thousand-plus trucks per day, positioning Pasighat as the economic and financial hub of Arunachal Pradesh for the coming decades and beyond.

Pasighat is also home to the Daying Ering Wildlife Sanctuary, one of the state's most renowned wildlife parks. The sanctuary hosts Indian elephants, wild pigs, sambhar, and barking deer, along with the Bengal Florican, a critically endangered bird with fewer than 2,000 individuals left worldwide. This rare species can be spotted in March, April, and May. Furthermore, Pasighat houses the headquarters of Adi Baane Kebang and Central Donyi Polo Yelam Kebang, which serve as the de facto cultural parliament overseeing the cultural, linguistic, traditional, and religious aspects of the Adi people.

Victor Hugo said, "Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come." The idea of thriving, and harmonious Pasighat is no longer a distant dream. Overcoming its historical errors, Pasighat has traversed a beautiful journey of development and prosperity, where every effort has been made to make the life of Pasighatians meaningful and the journey has begun.

(The contributor is the present Deputy Commissioner of East Siang District).



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

DC

No. DC(Capital)/Land-01/2025

Dated 19th February 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public of Itanagar is hereby informed that the District Administration (Capital) is seeking an expression of interest from the public for donating land for the construction of Secretariate for District Administration (Capital).

Schedule of Land

1. Area required : 16000 Sq Mtr.
2. Location : - Attached with NH-415, (Between Chimpu to Naharlagun)

The interested person may submit the details of land along with all relevant documents to the undersigned by 3rd March 2025.

Sd/- [Talo Potom], IAS
Deputy Commissioner
Capital, Itanagar



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, (APIC)
ITANAGAR.**

Memo No. APIC/VT/PR-15/2024

Dated Itanagar, the 21st February 2025

PRESS RELEASE

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the hearing for the following Appeal cases were fixed on **Tuesday, the 27th February 2025 at 1:30 PM, (Afternoon)** before the Hon'ble Court of Shri Vijay Taram, State Information Commissioner are postponed and therefore, it has **been re-scheduled to Thursday, the 29th April 2025 at 1:30 PM.**

SL. NO	CASE/APEAL NO.	HEARING STAGE	NAME OF APPELLANT/ COMPLAINANT	NAME OF RESPONDENT
1.	APIC-249/2024	2nd	Shri Chow Puwan Chowpoo, (M) 9366132795	PIO-Cum-O/o District Agriculture Officer, Namsai District, A.P. Pin Code-792103
2.	APIC-281/2024	2nd	Shri Mamu Sono, (M) 9436215521	PIO-Cum-EE, WRD Namsai District, A.P. Pin Code-792103
3.	APIC-282/2024	2nd	Shri Mamu Sono, (M) 9436215521	PIO-Cum-EE, WRD Namsai District, A.P. Pin Code-792103
4.	APIC-278/2024	2nd	Shri Mamu Sono, (M) 9436215521	PIO-Cum-EE, WRD Namsai District, A.P. Pin Code-792103
5.	APIC-291/2024	2nd	Shri Taram Kenji & Shri Nan-gan Ganesh. (M) 9774920743/8414088290	PIO-Cum- O/o Commissioner, IMC, Gohpur, Itanagar, P/Pare District, A.P. Pin Code: 791111
6.	APIC-296/2024	2nd	Shri Riya Taram & Shri Ben-gia Tahar (M)9383103387/9402443699	PIO-Cum-EE, PWD, Sangram, K/Kumey District, A. P. Pin Code: 791118

Therefore all above PIOs and Appellants are hereby directed to appear before the Hon'ble Court of Shri Vijay Taram, State Information Commissioner in person or through online mode on the above cited date as scheduled.

NB:- the PIO & the Appellant can also avail online mode of hearing by downloading "**Webex App**" from Google Play store and may contact **Shri Himamshu Verma** at Mob:- **8319014957** for further technical assistance.

Sd/- (Vijay Taram)
State Information Commissioner
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
Itanagar



**DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE
Government of Arunachal Pradesh**

**HANDHOLDING
TRAINING ON EXPORTS**

in association with the
Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)



17th - 21st March, 2025

College Campus of IIFT at Kolkata

The Handholding Training aims to educate entrepreneurs on export procedures, documentation, incentives, and opportunities, helping them maximize their export potential.

The 5-day residential Handholding Training on Exports for Arunachal Pradesh is limited to 25 participants. Selection will be based on a first-come, first-served basis, followed by a phone interview and application review by a committee.

- ✓ Name
- ✓ Email-ID / Contact No.
- ✓ Male / Female
- ✓ Address
- ✓ Work Experience
- ✓ Designation
- ✓ Products (Being Exported / Intend to Export)
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ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS 2024-25



Hon'ble Cabinet approved the Innovative Arunachal Pradesh State Youth Policy 2025 during the Cabinet Aapke Dwar at Nyapin, Kurung Kumey District



Conducted 4th Edition Arunachal Yuva Samanvay at Jirdin, Aalo, West Siang District w.e.f. 28th to 31st Jan' 2025 and opening ceremony was attended by Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein



Conducted Battle of Minds at D.K. Convention Hall, Itanagar w.e.f. 24th to 26th Jan' 2025, Ld. Chief Secretary was attended the Finale.



Participation of Arunachal Pradesh State Contingent in 28th National Youth Festival Flagged Off by Hon'ble Governor on 7th Jan' 2025



Conducted consultative meeting with Inter-department and CBOs, NGOs & Students Organization of 5 (five) major basin for formulation of Arunachal Pradesh State Youth Policy



Conducted State Level Viksit Bharat PPT Challenge at D.K. Convention Hall, Itanagar w.e.f. 26th to 27th Dec' 2024



Observed Constitution Day by conducting of Padyatra from Akashdeep to I.G. Park Itanagar on 26th Nov' 2024



Conducted 7th Edition National Level MTB Tawang Challenge at Tawang w.e.f. 25th to 26th Nov' 2024



Clinched 3rd Prize in the Tableau Display during the celebration of Independence Day on 15th Aug' 2025 at I.G. Park, Itanagar



Conducted National Exposure Youth Programme with Shillong, Meghalaya at Bomdila & Ziro w.e.f. 30th Sept to 4th Oct' 2024



Celebrated 10th International Day of Yoga at SLSA Complex, Itanagar on 21st June 2024, Hon'ble Minister (SYA), Shri Kento Jini has consented the programme.



Conducted 1st Ever 5 (five) days North East Zonal Level Basic Course on Route Settler and Belayers of Sport Climbing at Chimpu, Itanagar w.e.f. 3rd to 7th Aug' 2024



**With Best Compliment from
Department of Youth Affairs
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar.**

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH

No. DPO/PP/INVESTMENT/2023-24

Dated Yupia, the 14th February'2025

ADVERTISEMENT

Applications through online portal are hereby invited by the Department of Planning & Investment, GoAP Itanagar from the interested budding and young entrepreneurs having unique and innovative ideas to take part in the ARUNACHAL PRADESH ENTREPRENUERSHIP PROGRAMME (APEDP-4.0) for the year 2024-25.

The applicants/entrepreneurs are requested to apply online by login to the webpage www.startup.arunachal.gov.in

OBJECTIVES:-

- I. Create an inclusive entrepreneurial spanning across Arunachal Pradesh that support and nurture entrepreneurship.
- II. Promote a spirit of entrepreneurship in Arunachal Pradesh, create thriving and respectful environment for entrepreneurs through government recognition, easy support accessibility and creation of numerous opportunities.
- III. Identifying a promising entrepreneur from the state and support them to scale from idea stage to successful business ventures.
- IV. Motivate and empowers the youth of the state to become job givers rather than job seekers and enable inclusive livelihood creation.

PROGRAMME BENEFITS:-

- I. Under this programme, 50 starts up will be selected.
- II. Top 10 (Ten) winners will get a seed money of Rs. 5 (five) lakhs each and the next 40(forty) winners will get Rs. 4 (four) lakhs each.
- III. The winner will be provided with 9 (nine) months of incubation and pre-incubation support at Arunachal Pradesh innovation & investment park (APIIP) Itanagar.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:-

- I. A resident of Arunachal Pradesh above 18 years of age or an Arunachali currently working or residing outside the state, but wishes to return back to the state and become an entrepreneur.
- II. The entity has a promising idea and plan or prototype/working model

WHO CANNOT APPLY:-

- I. The venture should not belong to the following industry like Alcohol, Tobacco, Gambling, Firearm and Explosive.

TIME LINE

- I. Last date for submission of application is 28/02/2025

Sd/- (Shri Jiken Bomjen)APCS

Deputy Commissioner

C-175680

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH

DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT

ITANAGAR

No.LMD-13011/11/2024/2133

Dated Itanagar the 13th February'2025.

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

(issued under Section 11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation & Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Re-settlement Act, 2013)

WHEREAS the power and function of the appropriate authority under the Right to Fair Compensation and Tansparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 vest in the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh which shall be exercised and discharged by him within the state.

WHEREAS, the Requiring Body Border Road Organization has sent a requisition vide No 2001/LA/T-K-S-B/NHSL/13/E2 Dated 07th December 2024 for acquisition of land to an extent of **141.050 Ha** for construction of National Highway Single Lane **(NHSL) Tapa-Karu-Sering Bagan**.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh that the land is likely to be needed at the locality more fully described in the schedule below for a Defence purpose for an area measuring 141.050 Hectares located at Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh. It is hereby notified that the land in the locality/localities in the schedule below is likely to be acquired for the above said purpose at expenses of the requiring body.

NOW THEREFORE, this notification is made under the provisions of section-11 (1) of the Right of Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013 and to all whom so ever it may concern.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh hereby also authorizes the officers and officials for the time being engage for the said purpose with their servant and workman to enter upon and survey any land and to do all other acts in pursuance of the provision of section 12 of the above said act.

Under section-11 (4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e sale/Purchase/gift, specified in the preliminary notification or create any encumbrance on such land from the date of publication of this notification without prior approval of the Collector.

Any person interest in the said land and whomsoever has any objection to the acquisition of the said land, may within 30 (Thirty) days from the date of publication of this notification provided under section-15 of the Act, file such objection in writing before the Deputy commissioner, Kurung Kumey District Arunachal Pradesh.

SCHEDULE OF LANDS

(Specification of Land)

Sl. No	District	Circle	Location	Project Name	Length (Km)	Area to be Acquired (Sqm)	Boundaries
01.	Kurung Kumey	Damin	Tapa- Karu- Sering- Bagan	Tapa-Karu- Sering-Bagan NHSL	81.686	1410500 Sqm	North: Karu South: Tapa East: Goying West: Bagan

Sd/- (A.K. Singh), IAS

Secretary (Land Management)

Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

Itanagar

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH

DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

ITANAGAR

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File No. DPR-14012(14)/2/2022-Part (2)/9426

Dated Itanagar the 19th February' 2025

WALK-1N-INTERVIEW

The Department of Panchayati Raj, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar is conducting walk-in-interview for APST/Non-APST individuals for filling up the posts of Contractual Staff for the State Panchayat Resource Centre (SPRC) at HQ and District Panchayat Resource Centres (DPRCs) in Anjaw, East Siang, Lohit, Lower Subansiri, Namsai, Papum Pare, Shi Yomi, Kamle & Dibang Valley districts under the Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) scheme on a contractual basis.

As per the scheme guidelines, the engagement of the candidates shall be purely on a contractual basis initially for 1 (one) month, which may or may not be extended (contractual period) depending on receipt of funds from the Govt. of India. The posts are purely contractual and co-terminus with the scheme. Details of the posts and desired qualifications are as under:

A. State Panchayat Resource Centre (SPRC)

1. Associate Professor

Sl. No.	Details	Description
1.	Name of the Posts	Associate Professor
2.	No. of Posts	01
3.	Emoluments	Consolidated Pay @ 0.80 lakhs per Month
4.	Essential Qualifications	Master's Degree in any discipline with 65% or above marks.
5.	Desirable	Experience in relevant field will be given preference.
6.	Age Limit	Within 45 Years

2. Assistant Professor (Information Technology)

Sl. No.	Details	Description
1.	Name of the Posts	Assistant Professor (Information Technology)
2.	No. of Posts	01
3.	Emoluments	Consolidated Pay @ 0.60 lakhs per Month
4.	Essential Qualifications	Master Degree in Information Technology (IT)/ Computer Science/Computer Application Management Information Systems (MIS)/ Communication Technology with 50% or above marks for APST and 55% or above marks for Non-APST.
5.	Desirable	Working experience in the relevant field will be given preference.
6.	Age Limit	Within 40 Years

3. Assistant Professor (Finance & HR)

Sl. No.	Details	Description
1.	Name of the Posts	Assistant Professor (Finance & HR)
2.	No. of Posts	01
3.	Emoluments	Consolidated Pay @ 0.60 lakhs per Month
4.	Essential Qualifications	Master's Degree in Finance/ Commerce/ Public Finance/ Human Resource Management (HRM)/ Economics/ Business Administration with 50% or above marks for APST and 55% or above marks for Non-APST.
5.	Desirable	Working experience in the relevant field will be given preference.
6.	Age Limit	Within 40 Years

4. Assistant Professor (Agri & Allied)

Sl. No.	Details	Description
1.	Name of the Posts	Assistant Professor (Agri & Allied)
2.	No. of Posts	01
3.	Emoluments	Consolidated Pay @ 0.60 lakhs per Month
4.	Essential Qualifications	Master's Degree in Agriculture Science/ Horticulture/ Animal Husbandry/ Agricultural Engineering/ Fisheries Science/ Agronomy/ Agri-Business Management with 50% or above marks for APST and 55% or above marks for Non-APST.
5.	Desirable	Working experience in the relevant field will be given preference
6.	Age Limit	Within 40 Years

5. Assistant Professor (Women Empowerment)

Sl. No.	Details	Description
1.	Name of the Posts	Assistant Professor (Women Empowerment)
2.	No. of Posts	01
3.	Emoluments	Consolidated Pay @ 0.60 lakhs per Month
4.	Essential Qualifications	Master's Degree in Social Work or relevant field with 50% or above marks for APST and 55% or above marks for Non-APST.
5.	Desirable	Working experience in the relevant field will be given preference
6.	Age Limit	Within 40 Years

B. District Panchayat Resource Centre (DPRC)

6. Thematic Expert (LSDGs)

Sl. No.	Details	Description
1.	Name of the Posts	Thematic Expert (LSDGs)
2.	No. of Posts	09
3.	Emoluments	Consolidated Pay @ 0.40 lakhs per Month
4.	Essential Qualifications	Master's Degree in Social Science with 45% or above marks for APST and 50% or above marks for Non-APST.
5.	Desirable	Working experience in the relevant field will be given preference
6.	Age Limit	Within 40 Years

7. Training Consultant (LSDG & MIS)

Sl. No.	Details	Description
1.	Name of the Posts	Training Consultant (LSDG & MIS)
2.	No. of Posts	09
3.	Emoluments	Consolidated Pay @ 0.40 lakhs per Month
4.	Essential Qualifications	Master's Degree in Computer Science/Computer Application/ Information Technology/ Management (Finance)/ Commerce or Economics with 45% or above marks for APST and 50% or above marks for Non-APST.
5.	Desirable	Working experience in the relevant field will be given preference
6.	Age Limit	Within 40 Years

8. Reseat ch-cum-Training Assistant

Sl. No.	Details	Description
1.	Name of the Posts	Research-cum-Traming Assistant
2.	No. of Posts	09
3.	Emoluments	Consolidated Pay @ 0.25 lakhs per Month
4.	Essential Qualifications	Bachelor's degree in any discipline with 40% or above Marks
5.	Desirable	Strong communication and interpersonal skills, along with knowledge of both English and Hindi languages.
6.	Age Limit	Within 40 Years

9. Accounts & MIS Assistant

Sl. No.	Details	Description
1.	Name of the Posts	Accounts & MIS Assistant
2.	No. of Posts	09
3.	Emoluments	Consolidated Pay @ 0.25 lakhs per Month
4.	Essential Qualifications	Bachelor's degree in Commerce. Finance, Accounting or Business Administration with 40% or above marks.
5.	Desirable	Strong communication and interpersonal skills, along with knowledge of both English and Hindi languages.
6.	Age Limit	Within 40 Years

10. MTS/Sweeper

Sl. No.	Details	Description
1.	Name of the Posts	MTS/Sweeper
2.	No. of Posts	09
3.	Emoluments	Consolidated Pay @ 0.10 lakhs per Month
4.	Essential Qualifications	Minimum qualification of 8th grade pass.
5.	Desirable	Knowledge of both English and Hindi
6.	Age Limit	Within 40 Years

Note: Recruitment will be done on a contract basis through walk-in Interview.

Interested candidates appearing in the said interview are mandatory to fill up their biodata in a prescribed format which will be given at the venue of the Walk-in-Interview at the time of registration.

The other terms & conditions of the Walk-in-Interview are as under:

Terms & Conditions:

- No calling letter will be issued for the Walk-in-Interview.
- The interested candidate may come straight to the interview venue on the scheduled date and time.
- The candidates have to produce all the relevant documents in the original: Educational Qualification Certificates, Other Qualifications for the relevant post, Working Experience Certificate for the relevant post, Caste Certificate, Aadhar Card and Two Passport Size photographs to the board at the time of walk-in-interview.
- The Candidate will stand in the que and enter the interview room on the basis of first come first serve.
- No TA/DA will be paid for the said interview.
- Other terms & conditions not specifically mentioned above shall be governed by the rules and guidelines issued and enforced by the state government from time to time for contractual staffs.
- The registration counters for candidates will open on 03 March' 2025 at 9 AM.
- Registration counters will remain open till 12:00 pm on the same day.
- No Registration will be done after 12:00 pm.
- The Walk-in-Interview will be conducted on 03rd March' 2025 from 10 AM onwards at Conference Hall, Directorate of Panchayati Raj, Itanagar.

Sd/- Secretary (PR)

Government of Arunachal Pradesh

Itanagar

CM inaugurates 50-bedded inmate's hostel 'Deepak Nabam Living Home'; assures to provide budgetary support

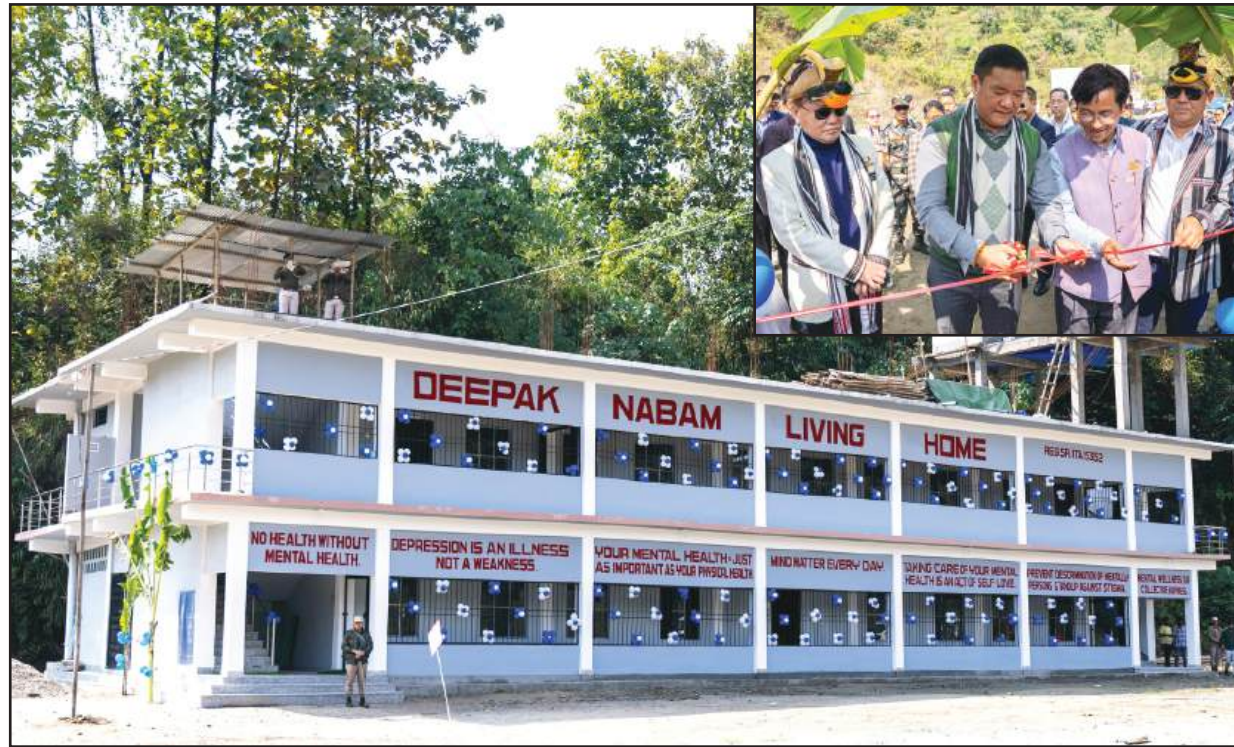
SOPO, February 24:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has assured budgetary support for infrastructure development as well as running of the Deepak Nabam Living Home – a shelter home for the underprivileged and senior citizens managed and run by philanthropist Deepak Nabam.

Inaugurating the 'A Home for No Home', a 50-bedded inmates' hostel at the charity's extended premises at Sopo, near Doimukh, Khandu heaped praises on Deepak Nabam for his dedication and service to the old-aged, orphans and the homeless.

"The government cannot always reach every marginalized and underprivileged individual. This is where compassionate individuals like Shri Deepak Nabam Ji step in. Through Deepak Nabam Living Home, he has selflessly dedicated himself to providing care and shelter to those who have no one to turn to. His relentless service has even been acknowledged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji in Mann Ki Baat," Khandu said.

Khandu, who had visited the Living Home at Itanagar in 2021 for



the first time, was overwhelmed by the services rendered by the charity and took note of the cramped housing the inmates were living in. He had

then urged Deepak Nabam to look for a new location with sufficient space where new infrastructure could be developed to provide spacious and

better living conditions to the inmates.

With no policies in place for the government to fund the procurement of land for the charity, Khandu donat-

ed the cost of the land – a sprawling area of 21000 sqmtr at Sopo, from his personal resources.

He also laid the foundation stone for the Halfway Home for the Mentally Disabled in the new premises.

"I am truly honoured to support his noble cause by laying the foundation for the Halfway Home for the Mentally Disabled at Sopo, Doimukh, and inaugurating the 'A Home for No Home' 50-bedded inmates' hostel, an assurance I had made during my 2021 visit to Deepak Nabam Living Home," he said.

To ensure sustainability of the humanitarian cause, Khandu committed to provide recurring expenditure support in the budget of at least Rs 20 lakhs per year.

Foreseeing a surge in the number of inmates in near future, he assured to provide funds for development of new infrastructure and facilities for the mission. He asked the deputy commissioner and the PWD to discuss with Deepak Nabam and prepare a master plan for a future-ready infrastructure inclusive of each and every requirement and facility. He went on to assure that some funds will be kept reserved in ad-

vance for the same in the forthcoming budget.

Khandu appealed everyone to support the mission and called for donation from everyone who can afford to spare some amount from their personal coffers to sustain the mission.

"Not everybody can run such a mission even if they wanted to. It requires another level of compassion, dedication and sincerity. We are lucky that Deepak Nabam has these qualities and rendering services to the needy. We should stand rock-solid behind him. This would be our contribution to this hugely humanitarian cause," he observed.

Pointing that the mission started by Deepak Nabam is a never-ending service to humanity, Khandu suggested Nabam to institutionalize the mission as a society or a trust.

"Compassion and care define a society's true strength. My deepest appreciation to Deepak Nabam Ji and his team for their selfless dedication to humanity," Khandu added.

Present on the occasion were Rajya Sabha MP Nabam Rebba, local legislator Nabam Vivek and officials of the district administration.

Mein attends Silver Jubilee Nyokum Yullo Celebration in Yangte



YANGTE, February 26:

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein has reiterated the government's commitment to promote tribal languages, customs, and traditions, and assured continued support for the preservation and promotion of the state's rich cultural heritage for the posterity.

Attending the Silver Jubilee Nyokum Yullo celebration at Yangte in Kra Daadi district, on Wednesday, February 26 the Deputy Chief Minister emphasized the significance of preserving one's cultural identity. "As Arunachalees, we must continue to take immense pride in our roots, for they embody the spirit of being Arunachalee," he said.

Extending Nyokum greetings to the people of Yangte, Mein said, "Nyokum Yullo is more than a festival; it is a living legacy, an ancestral treasure passed down through generations. It reminds us of the importance of safeguarding our heritage, which defines who we are."

During his speech, the Deputy CM assured to sanction funds for the construction of a cultural podium and an open hall at Nyokum Yullo Ground, Yangte.

On the occasion, Mein released a festival souvenir titled 'Ane Yangte Mor-Pale', published by the festival celebration committee, commemorating the Silver Jubilee Nyokum Yullo celebration in Yangte circle.

The event was a vibrant reflection of age-old traditions, fostering unity and pride among the people. The event witnessed the presence of several distinguished guests, including Urban Affairs, Land Management and Civil Aviation Minister Balo Raja, Kra Daadi Deputy Commissioner Charu Nili, and Zilla Parishad Chairperson Charu Menia, among others.

At Itanagar, Union Minister of Food Processing Industries Chirag Paswan graced the 46th Nyokum Yullo celebration as chief guest, while the IMC Mayor Tamme Phassang attended the 5th Nyokum festival at Naharlagun.

MoS Lauds Arunachal's Aquaculture Potential during Maiden Visit

ITANAGAR, February 20:

Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs & Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, George Kurian, highlighted Arunachal Pradesh's potential to become a surplus fish-producing state during his first official visit to the region.

The Minister was warmly welcomed at Itanagar by Gabriel D. Wangsu, Arunachal Pradesh's Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Fisheries and other portfolios. The two ministers engaged in comprehensive discussions regarding their concerned departments.

During his visit, Minister Kurian toured private fish farms owned by Dado John of Nonpu village and

Tana Hari of Emchi, Doimukh, where he interacted with local beneficiaries. Secretary (Fisheries) Hage Tari provided a detailed briefing on the state's diverse aquaculture resources and ongoing departmental activities.

Speaking about the state's potential, the minister emphasised Arunachal Pradesh's unique position with its distinct agro-climatic zones and diverse resources. "The state has the capability not only to meet internal demand but also to export table fish," he stated. He urged the department to work closely with farmers to maximize benefits from Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and State Plan Schemes.

Recognizing the currently unorganized nature of the fisheries sec-

tor, Kurian highlighted the National Fisheries Digital Portal (NFDP), recently launched by the Department of Fisheries, Government of India. This portal facilitates the registration of fish farmers and other stakeholders, formalizing the sector and enabling them to access various government schemes. He appealed to farmers and stakeholders to register on the NFDP in large numbers to avail themselves of these benefits.

During his visit to the fish farms, the minister was accompanied by Director of Fisheries Shri J. Tabla, officers from the Directorate of Fisheries, DFDO Yupia and officers from the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Dairy Development, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

Education Minister inaugurates three -day Annual APU fest 2025

PASIGHAT, February 22:

Education Minister PD Sona inaugurated the second edition of the Arunachal Pradesh University Festival (APUFest) at Hill Top here in East Siang district on Saturday, February 22.

The three-day event will showcase creativity and cultural and sporting fiesta.

Addressing the gathering, Sona said, "Education is the most powerful tool to shape the society, the country and the world," and informed that "the state government is rolling out a master plan for revamping and transforming the education sector in a time-bound manner, with special focus on elementary and primary education."

Grooming the future generation to excel in higher education will be possible only by imparting quality, holistic and value-based education at the primary and elementary levels, the minister said.

"These efforts will be reflected in the upcoming state budget under Mission Shikshita," he added.

"We are preparing a new innovative project for public libraries to inculcate the reading habit among the young generation and engage their free hours through various recreational activities, and the proposed libraries will have activity, cultural, music and café provisions," Sona further informed.

Roing MLA Mutchu Mithi in his



speech spoke on the fast growth of the state in all sectors, and sought support from the people to the state government's developmental initiatives.

Earlier, Pasighat MLA Tapi Darang in his speech thanked the state government for providing fund for infrastructural development of the JNC and the APU, with special reference to the 200-bedded hostels (a 100-bedded girls' hostel and a 100-bedded boys' hostel) at the APU, and requested the minister to take steps to create additional faculty posts for various departments of the APU, adding that 'education hub Pasighat may be provided with one more additional college to meet up the growing number of students.'

APU Vice-Chancellor Tomo Riba apprised the gathering of the ef-

forts to create a pool of quality human resource, and of the efforts to make the APU an institute of eminence in the country.

Earlier, APU Registrar Narmi Darang presented a report highlighting the academic, research, cultural, and other activities of the nascent university.

APUSU president Kabang Tamut highlighted the facets of the APUFest, and submitted a memorandum to the minister.

DC Tayi Taggu, SP Pankaj Lamba, Chief Councillor Okiam Moyong Borang, JNC Principal Tasi Taloh, Controller of Exam M Tayeng, faculty members, non-teaching staffs, public leaders, students, and cultural teams, among others, joined the festival's inaugural function.

Tawang gears up for zonal round of 20th Tadar Tang football tourney

TAWANG, February 21:

Tawang district is gearing up for the zonal round of the 20th Tadar Tang State Level Football Tournament for the west zone.

The tournament is scheduled to be held at the Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso High Altitude Stadium here from 17 to 23 March.

Addressing a preliminary coordination meeting at the DC's conference hall on Friday, Deputy Commissioner Kanki Darang emphasised the need for coordination and cooperation from all stakeholders to ensure the successful conduct

of the tournament.

Tawang District Football Association president Urgen Dorjee provided details regarding the participating teams and the logistical arrangements required for the comfort of players and officials.

He sought the support of the Indian Army and various civil departments to facilitate the smooth execution of the event.

Earlier, District Sports Officer (i/c) Sangey Tsering highlighted the need for minor renovations at the Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso High Altitude Stadium and urged the depart-

ments concerned to ensure necessary arrangements.

Tawang Olympic Association president Dr Rinchin Neema and Lt Colonel Digvijay of the Tawang Brigade shared inputs and assured their full cooperation for the event's success.

Superintendent of Police Dr DW Thongon, executive members of the District Football Association and the District Olympic Association, representatives from the Tawang Brigade, and officers of the departments concerned attended the meeting.

Training programme on mushroom cultivation



ITANAGAR, February 21:

Twenty-eight individuals took part in a training and demonstration programme conducted by the Horticulture Department at the Mushroom Development Centre (MDC) here on

Friday, February 21.

Addressing the programme, Horticulture Director Leki Ering said that "emphasis should be given to hands-on training, rather than theoretical knowledge, during the training

programme."

Highlighting the growing interest in mushroom cultivation in the region, Ering advised the participants to "gain maximum skills and knowledge from the training programme."

Earlier, MDO Rumro Sorum informed that the MDC is imparting such training in five batches. "Today's training was for the first batch," he said, adding that more such training programmes would be conducted in Balijan, Dolumukh, Sagalee, and other places.

During the technical session, Sorum enumerated the nutritional benefits of mushroom and dwelt on cultivation techniques on oyster mushroom and its growing demands in the market.

JM Yage Pari delivered a presentation on the basics of mushroom cultivation and block preparation.

TAWANG, February 25:

The District Health Society, Tawang, in collaboration with the Indian Army, successfully organized an integrated mega health camp at Govt Higher Secondary School, Lhou under Jang sub-division, benefiting over 250 villagers from various villages in Lhou circle.

The camp provided free medical services, including screening for various ailments including non-communicable disease (NCD) and tuberculosis (TB), dental check-ups, electrocardiography (ECG), ultrasonography, specialist consultations in orthopaedics, ENT, paediatrics, gy-

naecology, and general medicine.

The camp was jointly inaugurated by Tawang Deputy Commissioner Kanki Darang and Zilla Parishad Chairperson Leki Gombu, in presence of Deputy Commander, East Tawang Brigade, Col Pramod Gahlot, DMO Dr Rinchin Neema, Medical Superintendent of KDS District Hospital, Dr Tenzin Kunga, senior doctors from both the Indian Army and Civil Hospital.

Registration for government's flagship health assurance programmes like Chief Minister's Arogya Arunachal Yojana (CMAAY) and Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan

Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) were also carried out during the camp.

The villagers including Gaon Burahs and Panchayat members extended their heartfelt gratitude to the specialist doctors, health workers, and Indian Army medical personnel for their dedicated service in bringing essential healthcare facilities to their doorstep.

This initiative reflects the strong civil-military partnership in ensuring accessible healthcare for the rural population of Tawang, further strengthening community well-being and cooperation.