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News Flash

DC inspects ongoing project

PASIGHAT, March 5: East Siang Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu on Wednesday, March 5 inspected the ongoing construction work the 'Storeroom cum Technical Workshop' of the Information and Public Relations Department at Hi-Region area, Pasighat being executed by the East Siang Rural Works Department (RWD).

Accompanied by the DIPRO Deepali Dodum, AE (RWD) Tonmoi Bhattacharaya, contractor Issac Jamoh and IPR officials, the DC inspected the constructions of the building's storing facilities, workshop and associated drainage system, toilet and water supply facilities including power supply & electrification and appreciated the executing agency adding that the RWD has completed the work timely as per specification without compromising quality.

DTFI conveys meeting on Special Vaccination Campaign 3.0

DAPORIJO, March 4: The District Task force for Immunization Upper Subansiri convent a meeting on Special Vaccination Campaign (SVC)3.0 at Tadak Dulom District Hospital Daporijo.

Tasso Gambo DC-Chairman said that this SVC 3.0 was very special campaign and equally vital, further urged concerned Officers and health workers to put their out most efforts pertaining to immunizations, no one children should be left out in this regard, cent cent achievement be expected in next review meeting being fixed on April, poor performers shall be fixed responsible he warned, he cited example that, every villages are now road connected only few are left, hence every children could be head count within a days and fully vaccination are reachable if they could perform their duty sincerely and dedication he directed.

The DRCHO Tade Rago presented the road maps and achievements of immunised and left out children, briefly narrated the aims & objectives of SVC 3.0.

The DMO Kaya Lapung urged to ground level health workers to furnish correct report and accordingly upload the report on time enable to check and kept correct data report.

Dr. Dulum Dulom, Pokke Rime DDSE, Dr.Saikia and Taw Ekke i/c DIPRO including health Anganwadi workers were actively participated during the meeting.

Arunachal GI Mahotsav 2025 50+ GI registrations by 2029 target: Mein



NEW DELHI, February 28:

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein attended the Arunachal GI Mahotsav 2025, the state's first-ever Geographical Indication (GI) Mahotsav held in the National Capital city at Select City Walk, Saket.

This landmark event was a significant step in promoting the rich cultural heritage, craftsmanship, and indigenous products of Arunachal Pradesh.

Pradesh.

The festival aims to promote the State's, 'Craft, Cuisine, and Culture' and highlighted the state govt commitment to protect, promote, and celebrate its unique identity and GI products.

DCM Chowna Mein who is also the Chief Patron of the GI Mahotsav 2025 and the brain behind the festival, in his key note address

emphasized that Geographical Indication (GI) plays a vital role in safeguarding products tied to specific geographical regions. These products are integral to the state's heritage and economic development. Arunachal Pradesh, with its 26 major tribes and 100 sub-tribes, is rich in natural resources and biodiversity, reflected in its traditional handwoven textiles, arts, crafts, indigenous agricultural produce, and culinary traditions. And through GI registration, we aims to secure legal protection, foster economic growth, and preserve the cultural fabric of Arunachal Pradesh, he said.

He informed that the GI journey of Arunachal Pradesh began in 2014 with the registration of Arunachal Orange and Idu Mishmi Textiles & Handicrafts, was followed by applications for Adi Kekir (Local Ginger), Khao Tai (Khamti Local Rice), and Monpa Maize (High Altitude Local Maize) in 2016. In 2024, Arunachal Pradesh achieved a historic milestone with the registration of 18 new GI products, bringing the state's total to 20. Notably, this includes India's first-ever GI-recognized handmade paper and millet-based wine, Marua Apo.

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NHIDCL Executive Director calls on the Governor



ITANAGAR, March 4:

The Executive Director (Projects) of National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), Regional Office, Itanagar, Brig. Ashish Gupta (Retd.) called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on March 4. The Executive Director briefed the Governor regarding NHICL projects in the State.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh stated that the pace of socio-economic development in the State is closely linked to the successful implementation of infrastructure projects, particularly road connectivity. He said that well-constructed and properly maintained roads are crucial

for ensuring timely development, enhancing accessibility, and fostering economic growth in the region.

Underscoring the significance of road infrastructure, the Governor pointed out that robust road networks will play a vital role in strengthening national security as we have a long international boundaries, unlocking the Arunachal Pradesh's vast tourism potential, and facilitating the export of perishable agricultural and allied sector products, like Kiwi and Oranges. He said that seamless transportation is essential for improving market access for farmers and entrepreneurs, boosting economic opportunities, and attracting investment in the state.

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Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Implementation Improves Sex Ratio In Arunachal: Minister Dasanglu Pul

ROING, March 3:

A Beti Janmotsav under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme was conducted at Roing, Lower Dibang Valley district, to mark the 10th Anniversary of the implementation of BBBP scheme. The programme was attended by Minister for Women & Child Development, Cultural Affairs and Science & Technology Dasanglu Pul, Advisor(Home & Education) MLA Mutchu Mithi, MLA (Dambuk) Puiunyo Apum, Joint Secretary(WCD) Sangeeta Yirang, DC Soumya Saurabh, SP Ringu Ngupok, heads of offices, Anganwadi workers, students and officers and officials of WCD department.

Minister Dasanglu Pul, addressing the gathering, highlighted the benefits of BBBP and urged women to utilize government schemes for their empowerment. She advocated for the creation of awareness on girl

child trafficking and other related issues and advised for parental participation and support in keeping the girl child safe.

She also highlighted the important decisions of the state government regarding Child Adoption in giving priority on adoption within the district and the state, creation of contractual posts to manage the Child helpline and women helpline in the districts, allocation of funds for construction of quarters for CDPOs in outpost blocks and construction and renovation of working women's hostels in the districts.

MLA Mutchu Mithi spoke on the achievements of women and their outperformance to men in all sectors and stated that women have to come into responsible positions to play a pivotal role in the society and take the state forward.

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Health Minister Wahge launches Gastric Cancer Epidemiology and Risk Study at Ziro Valley



ZIRO, March 4:

Biyuram Wahge, Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has launched the four days gastric cancer screening program from March 5 to 8 at Gyati Takka General Hospital (GTGH) Hapoli, Ziro. The gastric cancer screening program is being organized by Dr. B.Boroah Cancer Institute (BBCI), Guwahati in association with State Cancer Society of Arunachal

Pradesh, Naharlagun and Gyati Takka General Hospital, Ziro and supported by District Administration, Lower Subansiri District & Community Advisory Board (CAB). While addressing the gathering, Wahge termed cancer as a big challenge tooursociety as when a person suffers from cancer then it does not affect the patient only but it also affects the whole family. While praising the initiative, he expressed his happi-

ness to be part of the historymaking project and asked the hosting department andlocal CBOs to cooperate with the Dr. B. Boroah Cancer Instituteto make the program successful.Further, he assured of all the possible helps from his side. In the programme, the Health Minister has also launcheda campaign 'Action Against Stigma', an initiative of TB Association of India.

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Joint consultative meet discusses de-reservation & rationalization of Drupang RF, Itanagar WLS

YUPIA, February 28:

Itanagar MLA Techii Kaso suggested for conducting consultative meetings amongst the actually affected people of the villages before finalization of the de-reservation and rationalization proposal for Drupang Reserve Forest and Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary, during a joint consultative meeting of MLAs, DCs, admin officers, Forest and land Officials of Papum Pare, representatives from NES, ANSU, ANYA, APPDSU and Aboriginal Tribal Inhabitant Villagers of Itanagar Capital Region, Panchayat leaders and officials of the land department held in the DC Conference Hall, Yupia on February 28.

The meeting was held to discuss the roadmap for de-reservation and rationalization proposal for Drupang Reserve Forest and Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary.

"By engaging with affected villagers and studying the ground reality, the committee can ensure that the voices of local communities are heard and considered in the decision-making process leading to a more comprehensive understand-

ing of the proposal's impact." Kaso added.

14-Doimukh MLA Nabam Vivek while speaking during the meeting advocated for forming local committees at the ADC level to understand the ground realities and modulate plans that are sustainable.

He also emphasized on seeking public consent and opinion before finalizing the draft for de-reservation, ensuring that the voices of local communities are heard and considered.

DC, ICC Talo Potom while presenting a brief on the draft proposal spoke about the need for rationalization and de-reservation.

"The need for diversion of forest land to non-forest purpose; addressing the resentment of the natives villagers and establishing their rights; regularizing the already constructed govt. infrastructures and public settlements; catering to the growing population and to define clear boundaries for ecological restoration have necessitated the de-reservation," he informed.

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Dukam inaugurates Oyan Bane Kebang Gumin-Soyin Dere



PASIGHAT, March 04:

The Minister for Commerce & Industries Minister, Nyato Dukam has inaugurated Oyan Bane Gumin Hoyin Dere (Murong), funded under NEC, Gol and RWD Pasighat Division as executing agency in presence of Local MLA Ninong Ering, State BJP President, Kaling Moyong, DC Tayi Taggu, SP Pankaj Lamba and the Oyan block ZPM Bimol Lego, HGB Jotin Bori, Chief Advisor Oyan Dere Organising committee Boken Pao, Chief councilor Okiam moyong Borang, dist. BJP President Mirem Komutamong host of dignitaries. The

inaugural function was organized by Oyan Dere (Murong) organizing Committee, led by President Mojit Pao.It may be mentioned that old community hall was established in 1989-90.

Dukam, who is also the Guardian Minister of East Siang district, highlighted the state government's proactive development initiatives, under Chief Minister Pema Khandu, which have transformed the state including Sille -Oyan,a key administrative Circle under Ruksin Sub - Division in East Siang. He commended the community members,

PRIs, GBs, youth volunteers of Recovering Warriors, and Intellectuals of Oyan for their inspiring initiatives and enthusiasm to develop Oyan in all sectors.

He also highlighted the crucial role of the Community Hall (Dere) in enriching the socio-cultural life of the people and assured support for development including provision of a boundary wall. The Minister also stressed on joint fight against drug menace, hardwork, self-reliance and dignity of labour for driving the state towards prosperity 7 self-sufficiency.

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Adi-Galo Summit 2025 held at Likabali

LIKABALI, March 1:

A historic milestone was achieved as Likabali hosted the first-ever Adi-Galo Summit 2025, marking a significant step toward unity, cultural integration, and mutual cooperation between the two communities.

The summit witnessed the signing of a holistic Joint Declaration between the Adi Baane Kebang (ABK) and the Galo Welfare Society (GWS), laying down guiding principles for fostering socio-cultural harmony and addressing shared challenges. The declaration was signed by Tadam Libang, President ABK, and Marnya Ete, President GWS, in the presence of elected legislators, members of the frontal wings of both organizations, and key stakeholders from both communities.

The event was graced by Mutchu Mithi, MLA Roing and Advisor to the Minister of Education, as the Chief Guest, and Larji Riga, President of the Tagin Cultural Society, as the Guest of Honour.

In his address, Mithi hailed the initiative as historic and emphasized that unity between two of the most progressive communities of Arunachal Pradesh should be built on trust, respect, and honesty.

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

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Editorial

International Women’s Day

International Women’s Day is celebrated annually on March 8th to commemorate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women around the world. The day also serves as a call to action for accelerating gender equality and empowering women to reach their full potential.

The origins of International Women’s Day date back to the early 20th century, when women’s rights activists in the United States and Europe began organizing protests and demonstrations to demand equal rights and suffrage. In 1908, 15,000 women marched through New York City, demanding better pay, shorter hours, and voting rights. This event marked the beginning of a movement that would spread across the globe, inspiring women to fight for their rights and challenge the status quo.

In 1911, International Women’s Day was first celebrated in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland, with hundreds of thousands of women attending rallies and demonstrations. The day gained international recognition in 1975, when the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring March 8th as International Women’s Day. Since then, the day has been celebrated annually, with women’s rights activists, organizations, and governments around the world using the occasion to promote gender equality and empower women.

The theme of International Women’s Day changes each year, reflecting the diverse challenges and opportunities faced by women around the world. In recent years, the themes have included “Time is Now: Rural and Urban Activists Transforming Women’s Lives,” “Press for Progress: Women’s Rights are Human Rights,” and “Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change.” These themes serve as a focus for the celebrations and events held around the world, highlighting the importance of gender equality and the need for collective action to achieve it.

International Women’s Day is important because it promotes gender equality by highlighting the achievements of women and the challenges they face. The day empowers women by providing a platform for them to voice their concerns, share their experiences, and demand equal rights. It also raises awareness about the issues that affect women, such as violence, discrimination, and inequality, inspiring individuals, organizations, and governments to take concrete steps to address these challenges.

Despite the progress made in promoting gender equality, women around the world still face numerous challenges. Violence and discrimination against women are pervasive, with millions of women and girls experiencing physical, emotional, and psychological abuse. Women also have limited access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities, which can limit their potential and hinder their development. Furthermore, women are underrepresented in leadership positions, including in politics, business, and other fields, which can perpetuate inequality and limit their influence.

In addition to these challenges, women also face stereotypes and bias, which can limit their opportunities and hinder their progress. These stereotypes and biases can be perpetuated by societal norms, cultural expectations, and institutional policies, making it difficult for women to break free from these constraints. However, by promoting gender equality and empowering women, we can challenge these stereotypes and biases, creating a more just and equitable society for all.

In conclusion, International Women’s Day is a celebration of the achievements of women around the world and a call to action for promoting gender equality and empowering women. The day highlights the importance of collective action in achieving gender equality and the need for individuals, organizations, and governments to work together to address the challenges faced by women. As we celebrate International Women’s Day, we must also acknowledge the progress made towards gender equality and the work that remains to be done. By working together, we can create a more just and equitable society for all, where women and girls have the opportunity to reach their full potential.



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1.	Itanagar-Shillong	Night Service	Daily Service	05:00pm
2.	Itanagar-Nyapin	Night Service	Mon /Thu/Sat	02.00pm
3.	Itanagar-Aalo	Night Service	Daily Service	02.30pm
4.	Itanagar-Daporijo	Night Service	Daily Service	12.00 noon
5.	Itanagar-Yingkiong	Night Service	Alternate Day	01.00pm
6.	Itanagar-Seppa	Night Service	Daily Service	12.00 noon
7.	Itanagar-Khonsa	Night Service	Sun/Mon/Wed/Thu	01.00 pm
8.	Itanagar-Tezu	Night Service	Tuesday only	01.00 pm
9.	Itanagar-Koloriang	Night Service	Daily Service	02.30 pm
10.	Itanagar-Guwahati	Day Service	Daily Service	06.00 am
11.	Itanagar-Aalo	Day Service	Daily Service	05.30 am
12.	Itanagar-Pasighat	Day Service	Daily Service	06.00 am
13.	Itanagar-Tirbin	Day Service	Mon/Thu/Sat	05.30 am
14.	Itanagar-Bomdila	Day Service	Daily Service except Fri	06.00 am
15.	Itanagar-Palin	Day Service	Sun/Wed/Fri	06.00 am
16.	Itanagar-Sagalei	Day Service	Mon/Wed/Fri	06.00 am
17.	Itanagar-Ampoli	Day Service	Sun/Tue/Thu	06.00 am
18.	Itanagar-Mengio	Day Service	Sun/Tue/Thu	06.00 am
19.	Itanagar-Kimin	Day Service	Daily Service except Sat	12.00 noon
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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
25.	Itanagar- Jote	Day Service	Daily Service except Sun	& 01.00 pm

HELICOPTER SERVICE				
Arunachal Pradesh Helicopter Non-Schedule Flight Service Local Sector (Dauphin Pawan Hans) wef 01.10.2014				
DAY.	STATION	DEP.TIME	STATION	ARR.TIME
MONDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Pasighat	10:05
	Pasighat	10:30	Pangin	10:50
	Pangin	10:55	Medukha/Mongong	11:45
	Medukha/Mongong	11:50	Pangin	12:40
	Pangin	12:45	Pasighat	13:05
TUESDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:15	Khonsa	10:45
	Khonsa	11:00	Kongding	11:20
	Londing	11:15	Khonsa	11:35
	Khonsa	11:40	Changlang	12:00
WEDNESDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:10	Pasighat	10:40
	Pasighat	10:45	Roing	11:05
	Anini	11:35	Roing	12:05
	Anini	11:45	Roing	12:15
THURSDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:00	Maio	10:40
	Vijaynagar	10:45	Maio	11:20
	Miao	11:25	Mohanbari	12:00
	Miao	12:05	Mohanbari	12:45
FRIDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:30	Namsai	11:05
	Namsai	11:10	Tezu	11:30
	Tezu	11:35	Hayuliang	12:10
	Hayuliang	12:15	Tezu	12:50
SATURDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:30	Namsai	11:05
	Namsai	11:10	Mohanbari	11:35
	Mohanbari	12:05	Naharlagun	13:55
	Mohanbari	14:20	Naharlagun	15:05
OFF DAY				
SUNDAY OFF/MAINTANANCE				
NB:- Condition apply (VIP movement/ bad weather/patient evacuation/ technical snag/passengers availability and emergency etc)				

Arunachal GI Mahotsav 2025...

Mein further thank the continuous efforts of NABARD, and Padma Shri awardee, Dr. Rajnikant, for application for 24 more products which are currently in the pipeline. He further asserted that Arunachal Pradesh aims to secure 50+ GI registrations by 2029, ensuring sustainable development and the continued growth of its heritage industries.

The Arunachal GI Mahotsav 2025 also served as a platform for vocal for local while showcasing the state’s traditional textiles, indigenous agricultural produce, and craftsmanship, thereby strengthening economic opportunities for local communities. He also highlighted the State’s tourism potential and invited people from the mainland of India to visit Arunachal and experienced the beauty of this Himalayan State.

A key highlight was the theme song of GI Mahotsav 2025, “Symphony of Arunachal” cultural performance by Tani Daughters, as well as the launch of the Arunachal GI Brochure and performance by singer, music composer and song writer, Taba Chake in the opening day.

The festival was graced by Union Minister for Education, Dharmendra Pradhan as the Chief Guest and also attended by Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs & Minority Affairs, Kiren Rijiju, Chief Minister Pema Khandu, State’s Tourism Minister, P.D. Sona and Agriculture Minister, Gabriel D Wangsu, MP Tapir Gao, MP from Nagaland, Phangnon Konyak, MP from Assam, Amarsing Tisso, Padma Shri Dr. Rajnikant, MLAs from Arunachal Pradesh, CS Manish Gupta and others.

NHIDCL Executive Director calls...

The Governor urged the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) to expedite infrastructure projects with a strong focus on quality and timely execution. He emphasized that NHIDCL holds a key responsibility in facilitating Arunachal Pradesh’s developmental efforts and ensuring that road connectivity serves as a catalyst for the state’s overall progress.

The Governor called for a concerted effort from all stakeholders to ensure that road projects are completed efficiently, contributing to the State’s growth, security, and prosperity.

Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Implementation Improves Sex Ratio...

He also spoke on the need for discussion on the practice of polygamy, a practice that demeans the self respect of women.

MLA Puinnyo Apum spoke on the various schemes to uplift women and stressed on the benefits of availing the schemes.

Jt. Secretary Sangeeta Yirang, DC Soumya Saurabh and SNO (Mission Shakti) Bahe Koyu also spoke on the occasion. CWC member Rema Mito and Chairperson (Nani Maria Society) Desai Linggi shared a success story of CCI Roing.

The event featured the taking of BBBP Pledge, a cake cutting ceremony and gift distribution for new born baby girls and CCI Children.

It has to be noted that the implementation of BBBP has led to significant improvement in the sex ratio, with 14 districts out of 25 districts (as per the available data) having more than 900 females per 1000 males in 2023-24. The Sex Ratio in the state is 948.68 females per 1000 males compared to the 930 National average in 2023-24 as per HMIS; five districts (Shi Yomi, East Kameng, Kamle, Upper Siang and Tawang) having more than 1000 SRB in 2023-24; As per recent statistics, the dropout rate of the girls at secondary and higher secondary levels has gone down to 12.5 % in 2021-22 in comparison to 30.89% in 2019-20 and the 1st Trimester ANC Registration, which is crucial for early identification and management of potential pregnancy complication, is also shown to be considerably improved in the state.

Health Minister Wahge launches Gastric Cancer Epidemiology...

Hage Appa, MLA of Ziro thanked BBCL, Guwahati for choosing Ziro for this initiative and urged people to come forward voluntarily for screening and help the medical teams in ongoing research on gastric cancer.

Dr. Subu Tasso Kampu, President of Apatani Women Association Ziro (AWAZ) highlighted the importance of women in health care, both in hospitals as doctors and nurses and in the families as managers of kitchens. She said, as usually womenfolk take care of cooking at homes so it is of utmost necessary for women to know which foods are responsible for gastric cancer and related diseases. She further informed the gathering that through widespread campaign and community mobilization, her team has managed to get 160 volunteers registered for the gastric cancer screening program. Also, she appreciated the District Administration for involving her organization, AWAZ in the program and assured of cooperations in future also.

While highlighting the theplan of the program, Dr. B.B. Borthakur, Director of BBCL, Guwahati has informed the gathering that gastric cancer is the 5th most common cancer and the 4th leading cause of cancer death worldwide and unlike rest of India, Ziro Valley has reported highest number of gastric cancer cases, 1 in every 35 females and 1 in every 65 males. He said, since exact causes of gastric cancer is unknown so they are studying the pre-disposing factors leading to gastric cancer and conclusively finding out the conditions for intervention. He further told that such screening programs will be conducted in 3 other places of Arunachal Pradesh, namely Dirang in West Kameng, Pasighat in East Siang and in Namsai District.

Dr. Koj Jarbo, Medical Superintendent, GTGG, Ziro and Hage Komo, Chairman, Community Advisory Board (CAB) also spoke on the occasion. The launching program has also been attended by Rani Perme, SDO, Dr. Nani Rika, DMO, Dr. Bamin Tada, Secretary for NE, TB Association of India, Tai Arun, DIPRO in-charge, CBOs and officials from the district administration and health department.

Joint consultative meet discusses de-reservation & rationalization...

He further highlighted the contents of draft proposal which included the areas and villages proposed for rationalization; which however was opposed by the members of Aboriginal Tribal Inhabitant Villagers of Itanagar Capital Region (ATIVICR) stating that the "The proposal to rationalize the Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary in their ancestral land by the state government will never be accepted".

Nera Techi, General Secretary, (ATIVICR) however suggested that " Out of the 140.8 sqkm of the notified Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary 66 sq.Km constituting the upper ridge areas can be considered for rationalization."

Techi Toka, Chairman of ATIVICR, also expressed dissatisfaction at the inclusion of the Itanagar Capital Region (ICR) and several other villages within the boundaries of the wildlife sanctuary.

Manish Kumar Jha, DyDC while assuring co-operation requested the local committees formed for the purpose to have consultations with the affected people to work out an amicable solution.

Gamru Ruja, President ANYA, Mai Arun Camdir, President ANSU, APPDSU President Gollo Lento, representatives from NES, forest officials also spoke and voiced the need to be empathetic to land donors and other affected people.

The other points discussed during the meeting included protecting the catchment areas to prevent environmental degradation and ensure sustainable development, the requirement of a strong political will to drive the de-reservation and rationalization process forward, the need for identifying alternate land for de-reservation, ensuring minimal environmental impact, cooperation among all stakeholders, including government officials, local communities, and civil society organizations.

The joint consultative meeting concluded with a consensus on the need for a collaborative approach to address the complex issues surrounding the de-reservation and rationalization of Drupang Reserve Forest and Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary by consultation with all stakeholders, to ensure that the de-reservation and rationalization process is transparent, inclusive, and environmentally sustainable.

Dukam inaugurates Oyan Bane Kebang...

The Guest of Honour, State BJP President & former MLA, Kaling Moyong urged for promotion & protection of our dialects & languages which is an vital essence of our culture & tradition & called upon for working together as " Team Arunachal " for common goal of progress and development.

Earlier, Local MLA Ninong Ering addressing on the occasion said that the community spirit and youth initiative for working together for progress/ transformation is a matter of great pride and sought the support and guidance of the Guardian Minister in addressing the socio-economic aspirations of the people.

DC Tayi Taggu urged youth & community to work for environment protection, village health & hygiene, education and for taking care of the assets created for the people.

Earlier, Senior Citizen & Chief Advisor of the organizing committee, Boken Pao expressed gratefulness to the State Government and the local MLA for fulfilling the need for a well equipped Community Dera and sought continued support for Sille-Oyanarea's development, as the people have always been contributing in all development efforts. Earlier, ZPM Oyan Bimol Lego extended the welcome address to the dignitaries and gathering on the inaugural function. District BJP President Mirem Komut, Chief Councillor, Okiam Moyong Borang ADC Ruksin Kiran Ningo, CO Oyan Dubom Apang, President Oyan Bane Kebang, Mojit Pao., District President BMS, Mipet Tayeng, HoDs among others. Cultural presentations were other highlights of the inaugural function.

Adi-Galo Summit 2025 held...

Larji Riga welcomed the move, highlighting the deep cultural affinity shared by both communities and stressing that their reunion was inevitable.

Other key speakers called for the revival of the Bogum Bokang Kebang, the erstwhile apex body representing both communities, to function as a unifying platform under which ABK and GWS could collaborate. There were also calls for ensuring an inclusive approach to governance and community welfare, emphasizing long-term cooperation and broader perspectives over localized differences.

The Joint Declaration received strong support from community leaders and legislators, who urged an end to past disputes and ego-driven divisions. Speakers stressed the importance of nurturing this newfound unity, ensuring that the younger generation carries forward the spirit of collaboration and shared heritage.

The summit concluded with a commitment from both ABK and GWS to uphold the resolutions outlined in the declaration, with provisions for necessary amendments in the future to align with evolving socio-political dynamics.

This historic event is expected to set a new precedent for inter-community cooperation in Arunachal Pradesh, strengthening ties between the Adi and Galo communities for generations to come.

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	Roing	13:00	Mohanbari	13:30
	Pasighat	13:40	Naharlagun	14:35
	Mohanbari	09:00	Mohanbari	09:55
	Naharlagun	10:45	Miao	10:00
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	Vijaynagar	12:30	Mohanbari	13:10
	Miao	13:30	Naharlagun	14:25
	Mohanbari	09:00	Mohanbari	09:55
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	Mohanbari	10:50	Yingkiong	11:25
	Pasighat	11:30	Tuting	11:50
	Yingkiong	11:55	Singa	12:15
	Tuting	12:20	Tuting	12:40
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	Yingkiong	14:00	Mohanbari	14:35
	Pasighat	14:40	Naharlagun	15:35
	Mohanbari	09:00	Ziro	09:30
	Naharlagun	09:50	Tali	10:20
FRIDAY (Pawan Hans MI-172)	Ziro	10:25	Damin	10:55
	Tali	11:00	Ziro	11:20
	Damin	11:25	Naharlagun	11:55
	Naharlagun	09:00	Ziro	09:30
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	Daporijo	11:40	Daporijo	12:15
	Taksing	12:20	Ziro	12:50
	Daporijo	13:30	Naharlagun	14:00
	Ziro	09:00	Naharlagun	09:55
OFF DAY				
SUNDAY OFF/MAINTANANCE				
NB:- Condition apply (VIP movement/ bad weather/patient evacuation/ technical snag/passengers availability and emergency etc)				

HELICOPTER SERVICE				
Arunachal Pradesh Helicopter Non-Schedule Flight Service Local Sector (MI-172 Pawan Hans/Skyone) wef 01.10.2014				
DAY.	STATION	DEP.TIME	STATION	ARR.TIME
MONDAY (Pawan Hans MI-172)	Naharlagun	08:00	Guwahati	09:20
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	Tawang/Lumla	12:00	Guwahati	11:15
	Guwahati	13:00	Naharlagun	13:10
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	Guwahati	13:30	Naharlagun	14:50

DC Keyi Panyor issues first trade license via online



YACHULI, February 28:

In a small ceremony on Friday February 28, Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta, Deputy Commissioner of Keyi Panyor District has handed over the first trade license of the new district issued via online single window EODB portal to a local entrepreneur, Khoda Bath (M/S Passa Valley Restro) in the presence of Tai Arun, Trade Development Officer, Keyi Panyor District, Sylvia Koyu, Circle Officer-cum-DIPRO in-charge and officials of the Department

of Trade & Commerce.

The online single window EODB portal is a step towards ease of doing business and good governance in the state. It is a good news for the business community of Keyi Panyor District that henceforth, to apply for new trade license, applicants do not have to travel to DC office at Yachuli but they can apply from their homes through computers or mobile phones by logging in the website www.eodb.arunachal.gov.in.

Renewal of trade licenses issued via offline mode can also be done via the same online portal. The applicant has to first register and apply for one time renewal for physical application (Backlog). However, for any trade license related assistances, public can visit the office of the Department of Trade & Commerce where all the officials have been well trained for smooth and efficient delivery of public services via online single window EODB portal.

Illegal Tobacco and Substance seized and disposed

TAWANG, February 26:

The District Enforcement Squad, under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) and the District Level Coordination Committee, conducted a surprise raid in the township from February 21st onwards to ensure compliance with the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) 2003, specifically Sub-Section 6(b).

As a result of the operation, more than 35 shops were penalized for violating the Act. The shop owners were also made aware of

the provisions of COTPA 2003 and the harmful effects of tobacco and substance abuse. Such raids are conducted quarterly across the district to curb illegal tobacco sales and raise awareness about public health concerns.

On February 26 the seized and sealed items, including cigarettes, hand-rolling tobacco, chewing tobacco, and other abusive substances, were officially disposed of at the designated dumpsite near Changbu. The disposal process was carried out in the presence of San-

gey Norbu, Town Magistrate, along with police officers and officials from the District Tobacco Control Cell.

The district administration, Tawang has urged all vendors and citizens from time to time through various official communications to abide by the COTPA Act and contribute towards a tobacco-free environment. The authorities remain committed to strict enforcement of the law and will continue their efforts to protect public health through regular inspections and awareness campaigns.

Indian Army Strengthens Bonds with Border Communities

JANG, February 27:

In a remarkable display of goodwill and commitment to community welfare, the Indian Army conducted a special ceremony on the eve of Losar to hand over essential medical equipment to the Community Health Centre (CHC), Jang. The ceremony was attended by Indian Army officials, ADC Jang Hakraso Kri, healthcare professionals, village representatives and school students. This initiative reinforces the Army's dedication to uplifting the border communities of Arunachal Pradesh by enhancing healthcare infrastructure and providing better emergency care, diagnostics, and

treatment facilities.

This public-spirited effort is a continuation of the Indian Army's Operation Sadbhavana, which focuses on fostering goodwill, improving infrastructure, and empowering remote communities along India's borders. From constructing schools, community centers, and sports facilities to improving access to healthcare, the Army has been actively working to strengthen ties with local residents and ensuring the holistic development of these strategically significant regions. These efforts have transformed perceptions of the Army from mere protectors to trusted partners in progress.

The event at CHC Jang is yet another testament to the Indian Army's unwavering commitment to fostering unity, development, and security in the border regions of Arunachal Pradesh.

ADC, Jang Hakraso Kri, expressed deep gratitude to the Indian Army for its generous support in strengthening healthcare infrastructure in the border region. The ADC acknowledged the Army's continuous efforts in fostering goodwill and unity, emphasizing the critical role this assistance plays in enhancing emergency medical services for local residents and neighboring villages.

National Seminar to Explore Revive Indigenous Knowledge Traditions begins at RGU



RONO HILL, February 27:

A Two-Day National Seminar on "Reviving and Reimagining Indigenous Knowledge Traditions in Contemporary Discourses" begins at RGU. The Seminar is being organized in blended mode by the Department of English, RGU. Around fifty presenters hailing from different parts of the country will discuss upon issues related to the theme of the seminar in the course of two days which will deliberate upon the strategies for reviving indigenous knowledge traditions and its significance in contemporary discourses. The interdisciplinary nature of the seminar will allow for wider exploration of the theme.

The Welcome Address was delivered by Prof. K. C. Mishra, Head, Dept. of English. Dr. Doyir Ete, Associate Professor and Convenor of the Seminar described the objectives of the Seminar. Dr. Ete pointed out how the present seminar will contribute largely to a reorientation of our understanding of indigenous knowledge systems and help to uncover our rich heritage. The Inaugural Session of

the seminar was chaired by Prof. S. K. Nayak, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (i/c) of Rajiv Gandhi University who was also the Chief Guest of the program. In his address, Prof. Nayak laid stress on the need to document indigenous narratives so that the knowledge and wisdom contained in them can be preserved for posterity. He expressed that this two-day National Seminar will bring to the fore important aspects related to indigenous knowledge systems.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. Debarshi Prasad Nath, Professor and former Head of the Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University, Assam. The topic of his Keynote Address was "Using Indigenous Knowledge Tradition in Our Times: Prospects and Challenges". In his Keynote Address, Prof. Nath drew attention towards the need to look back at our indigenous practices as storehouses of solutions to present maladies that are caused by neo-liberal practices. Referring to certain classical texts and practices, he threw light on how indigenous practices

have the potential to improve sustainable growth and help towards the maintenance of ecological balance.

Prof. S. S. Singh, the Dean, Faculty of Languages, RGU also spoke on the occasion. He congratulated the Department on organizing a seminar of such contemporary relevance and said that the rich wisdom of indigenous knowledge systems can benefit all communities.

Prof. Indranil Acharya, Professor and former Head, Department of English Literature, Language and Cultural Studies, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal will deliver the Plenary Talk on the topic "Language Revitalization through Translation of Endangered Indigenous Languages: A Study" on March 28.

The program was attended by Deans, Heads of Departments, faculty members, administrative officers, research scholars and students from other departments. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by the Co-convenor of the National Seminar, Dr. Bompi Riba, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, RGU.

National Science Day celebrates at Tezu

TEZU, February 28:

Fun and thrill marked the National Science Day celebrations as the Bamboosa Library, Tezu organised an exciting session of sci-fun activities for school students here. The session was conducted by well-known popular science teacher-educator and solar energy expert Bappu Deshmukh, Pondicherry. With a range of common daily-use items like coins, water, a ball, match-stick etc, supported by video-clips, he guided the students to discover and explore various scientific phenomena.

A keenly contested popular science Quiz for class 5 students, was also conducted by the Bamboosa Library team, to stimulate their curiosity and general awareness. The class 5 students who have just commenced their vacation, were invited to form teams of 2 members, to enable a large number of students to participate in the quiz. The team of Rinzingliang Tayang (VKV Tafrogam) & Srinilu Malo (VKV Sunpura) won the first prize, closely



followed by Dhamisi Dele & Deme Mipi (both VKV Sunpura students from Roring) winning the second prize. Doreen Lisa Padu (VKV Sunpura) & Kenu Padu (VKV Tezu) secured the third prize. Teams from the Police Welfare School, Tezu & the TCM Govt UP School were awarded consolation prizes.

The entire celebration was a

joyous and stimulating time for students, parents and the library volunteers.

In view of the long vacation for school students, Bamboosa Library proposes to conduct monthly quiz on a range of topics from next month, to help students develop their reading enthusiasm and learning skills.

Village outreach program on Solid waste management successfully conducted



AALO, March 1:

5 days village outreach program on Solid waste management as a part of Doluem Kaken be molaju (Let's make villages beautiful) successfully conducted in total 10 gram panchayats of Bagra Circle. Jumi Ete, Circle Officer, Bagra along with Officials of PHE & WS, UD & H, ArSLM, Geter

Ete Bagra visited and conducted solid waste management program in Doji Jeko, Takpu Bagra, Lipu Bagra, Higi Bagra, Angu, Pushi Doko, Pigi Moli, Jeyi Bagra, Beye and Ngomdir. The program started from 24 February and ended on 28 February 2025. The village outreach program was attended by the Goan Buras, Panchayat

Leaders, SHGs, CBOs and villagers. The villagers were given awareness on solid waste management and encouraged to make their villages clean and beautiful by conducting cleanliness drive, using dustbins, reduce, reuse and recycle waste for a healthy environment, eradicate diseases and to promote village tourism.

SJETA Minister meets Queer Community, assures support for LGBTQIA+ rights and welfare

ITANAGAR, March 2:

The Minister for Social Justice, Empowerment, and Tribal Affairs of Arunachal Pradesh, Kento Jini, met with members of the queer community from AP Queer Station. Led by its founder, Sawang Wangchha, the discussion addressed several critical issues faced by the community. Wangchha submitted a list of proposals seeking assistance from nodal government departments in organizing advocacy and workshop programs on the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act. He highlighted that government departments currently have limited knowledge of the Act, leading to inefficiencies in its implementation and inadequate support for the community.

Additionally, he requested government assistance in conducting sensitization and awareness pro-

grams, as well as support for organizing an annual queer event in June to celebrate Pride Month. He emphasized that such initiatives are crucial for the upliftment and visibility of the queer community in the state.

Trans pioneer Miss Bips also raised concerns about the challenges faced by the transgender community, including social discrimination. She urged the government to prioritize efforts in preventing HIV and other diseases, which are increasing among both the queer and heterosexual populations in Arunachal. She further stressed the need for a Transgender Welfare Board to safeguard the community's well-being.

Miss Bips also highlighted the importance of improved healthcare facilities specifically for transgender individuals, the establishment of separate public toilets for the community,

and dedicated help desks at banks to enhance accessibility and support.

Minister Kento Jini assured the community of his commitment to assisting them within his capacity and official protocols. During the discussion, he acknowledged that the concept of gender and sexual minorities (LGBTQIA+) is still relatively new in the state, and while public understanding may take time to develop, he pledged to provide all possible support from his end.

The members expressed their satisfaction and happiness, noting that the minister was very cooperative and forward-thinking in addressing the needs of gender and sexual minorities. They remain hopeful that the same level of commitment and energy will be reflected in the efforts of the department responsible for supporting the queer community in the state.

Monthly review meeting of NCORD held



YINGKIONG, March 3:

The monthly review meeting of NCORD, convened by the District Police, was chaired by Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman Talo Jerang at the DC Conference Hall, Yingkiong to review action undertaken by various stakeholders towards making drug-free District. This meeting is a crucial step in the district's efforts to combat drug abuse and trafficking.

During the meeting, the NCORD committee discussed various strategies to counter the menace of drug abuse, including strengthening coordination among different agencies, enhancing awareness pro-

grams, and improving rehabilitation services for affected individuals.

While reviewing the action initiated by various departments including Police dept, DC Talo Jerang appreciated their effort and advised Police dept to conduct awareness programme in coordination with all stakeholders and said 'by working together we can create more informed and engaged community. We must always try to contribute our services through which we can create a safer and drug free society. DC also stressed upon creating more awareness at educational institute across the district among teachers and stu-

dents.

SP cum Convener Token Saring also highlighted the efforts of district police to tackle the issues of drug abuse by focussing on specific identified vulnerable areas thereby enhancing the surveillance and awareness. DSYP Gocham Sakter also gave presentation on activities of District Police towards a drug free district in last 3 years and various awareness efforts. HoDs from Line dept apprised the DC about action initiated by them. ABK (Apex) Upper Siang Unit and ABK (Youth wing) also shared their views in combating drug menace.

Workshop on Right to Information Act held in Changlang



CHANGLANG, February 27:

A workshop on the Right to Information (RTI) Act was successfully conducted in Changlang District, bringing together key officials and stakeholders to discuss the significance and implementation of the Act.

The session commenced with a welcome speech by Maman Padung, Registrar, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC). This was followed by an address from Vishal Sah, Deputy Commissioner, Changlang District, who emphasized the importance of transparency and accountability in governance through the RTI Act.

A detailed Power Point pres-

entation on the Right to Information was delivered by State Information Commissioners, Khohey Thalley and Dani Gambo who highlighted the Act and the roles of First Appellate Authority (FAA), Public Information Officers (PIOs) and Assistant Public Information Officers (APIOs). In addition, Odi Menjo, PA to State Chief Information Commissioner (HSCIC), presented an insightful session on the RTI Act and its relevance to the Indian Constitution.

The workshop was further enriched by the presence of Retd. Major General Jarken Gamlin, Hon'ble State Chief Information Commissioner, who provided a comprehen-

sive briefing on the RTI Act, along with major court rulings that have shaped its implementation over the years. He emphasized upon the role of all stakeholders involved for smooth flow and facilitation of information to the applicants under RTI Act.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Rosalind Pertin, EAC, Khimiyang. The workshop was well-attended by Public Information Officers (PIOs), Assistant Public Information Officers (APIOs), and other concerned officials, making it a significant step toward promoting awareness and effective use of the RTI Act.

State level “Run for Unity” Marathon organized at Pasighat

PASIGHAT, February 28 :

The fourth edition of the annual school State level event on theme of “Run for Unity” Marathon Race Competition, participated by young talented athletes from various schools of the State, was organized today with enthusiastic participation by young school athletes - with an 18 KM Mini Marathon Run flagged off from GHSS Mebo (Romdum) and culminating at DEM, GHSS. Around eighty Athletes from various schools of eleven districts participated in the Marathon Race, organized by the Department of Education, East Siang under the aegis of Directorate of Secondary Education, GoAP.

The event was attended by DC East Siang, Tayi Taggu, SP, Pan-kaj Lamba, Director of Secondary Education, GoAP, Marken Kadu, ZPC Olen Rome, Chief Councillor, Okiam Moyong Borang, Jt. DHS Dr. T. Tali , DDSE

Odhuk Tabing , Principal IGJGHSS , Pasighat O. Tabing, District Sports Coordinator & Organising Secretary 4th Edition “Run for Unity”, Tanya Padung among others.

The dignitaries gave away the prizes to the winners comprising of Trophy, Certificates and Cash Prizes of Rs. Fifty thousand for winner, Rs. Thirty thousand and Twenty thousand for the second and third runners up.

In the Boys category, Agalumso Tawsik from Lohit district clinched the gold medal with Taba Jobang representing Papumpare district & Phongam Wangpan of Longding District taking the Silver & Bronze Medals respectively.

In the Girls Category, Yanu Mane from Shi-Yomi and Yanam Ruku also from Shi-Yomi and Yaris Goi (East Siang district) reached the finishing line at the second and third places respectively. DC East Siang in his speech

encouraged the youth and students to make games and sports integral part of their life , as he stressed on the power of Games and Sports in promoting a healthy body and mind and promoting leadership and team spirit.

The DC also urged the young athletes to be change makers and keep away from drugs and addictive substances adding that sports can also open various avenues for them in life.

Director, Secondary Education Marken Kadu also spoke on the scopes for meritorious sportspersons and the objectives for organizing the event.

DDSE Odhuk Tabing also spoke on the occasion.

The event is also aimed to promote national integration and unity and solidarity and celebrate the spirit of unity in diversity of the country and also to nurture young talents from schools of various districts .

Fodder Bank inaugurated at Vibrant Village Zemithang

ZEMITHANG, March 4:

A significant step towards supporting livestock farmers in extreme winter conditions was taken with the inauguration of a Fodder Bank at Vibrant Village Zemithang on March 4. The initiative was inaugurated by Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Chairman, Agricultural Scientist Recruitment Board (ASRB), New Delhi, in the presence of Deputy Commissioner, Tawang, Kanki Darang, Dr. Kadirvel G, ICAR-Agricultural Technology Research Institute, Zone-VI, Guwahati, Deewan Mara, CO, along with senior officers and local villagers.

The Fodder Bank aims to ensure adequate fodder supply for livestock during extreme cold winters, supporting farmers in maintaining the health and productivity of their animals. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Sanjay Kumar emphasized the importance of livestock care and urged farmers to treat them with the same concern as human beings. He also advised KVK scientists to focus on producing seedlings suited to the local climate and to collaborate with the army and state departments for the benefit of farmers.

Furthermore, Dr. Kumar encouraged farmers to explore second-



ary agriculture, including mushroom cultivation, vermicomposting, and the cultivation of sea buckthorn, to enhance their income and agricultural sustainability.

On this occasion, essential agricultural inputs such as vermi beds and seeds were distributed to farmers and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) from various villages. An exhibi-

tion stall was also organized by KVK Tawang, showcasing innovative agricultural practices and technologies to support local farming communities.

This initiative marks a progressive step towards strengthening the agricultural and livestock sectors in Zemithang and empowering farmers with sustainable solutions for extreme climatic conditions.

‘The Reading Nest’ inaugurated at District Library

BOMDILA, March 5:

Akriti Sagar, Deputy Commissioner of West Kameng, inaugurated The Reading Nest – A Dedicated Space for Knowledge and Learning at the District Library, Bomdila, in the presence of various Heads of Departments (HODs), students, members of the NGO Doctors For You (DFY), and the general public.

While inaugurating The Reading Nest, DC Sagar urged students to make the most of this state-of-the-art learning facility, which offers internet access, books on competitive exams, fiction, comics, and a diverse range of subjects and themes. She acknowledged the shift in learning trends with the advent of the internet but emphasized that books remain one of the most reliable and convenient sources of knowledge. She also lauded District Library & Information Officer (DL&IO) Lobom Tamin and his team for their dedication in transforming the limited reading space into a well-equipped learning hub.

Welcoming the attendees, DL&IO Lobom Tamin shared in-

sights into the journey of renovating the District Library, Bomdila. He highlighted that The Reading Nest is designed to provide a conducive environment for readers, where they can access a variety of books, engage deeply with them, and utilize the internet for learning purposes.

Speaking on the importance of reading habits, Tamin pointed out that despite the internet's convenience, not all information available online is accurate, whereas books generally offer more reliable knowledge. He stressed that excessive mobile phone usage negatively impacts concentration, as users are often distracted by notifications and multiple screens at once, whereas reading a book requires deep focus and enhances concentration.

He also noted that reading improves vocabulary, comprehension skills, and helps reduce stress. Tamin further cited studies indicating that students with strong reading habits tend to perform better academically.

He also appealed to parents to actively promote reading culture

at home, encouraging their children to develop a love for books.

As part of the initiative, the District Library has launched a month-long awareness campaign under the theme “Read and Lead.” To promote reading habits, a free membership drive will be conducted throughout the month, and various competitions, including reading and storytelling, will be held at the end of the month. Additionally, there are plans to establish a Reading Club in Bomdila Township, and interested individuals will be invited to join once it is formed.

Expressing gratitude, DL&IO Tamin thanked DC Akriti Sagar and DFY for their support in making The Reading Nest a reality.

He also acknowledged the contributions of Doctors For You (DFY), which funded the project under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.

With this initiative, the District Library, Bomdila, takes a significant step towards reviving reading habits and fostering a culture of knowledge and learning among the community.

DC Likabali reviews 25 CM Action Points

LIKABALI, March 3:

The Lower Siang District Deputy Commissioner Rujum Rakshap has taken a meeting with the District Heads of Departments today to review progress of works both under 25 CM Action Points and other major infrastructure Projects in the district for their proper and immedi-

ate implementation and also to address the pending issues if any. He appealed to the officers to be always at their toes to execute the projects in letter and spirit as these projects are chosen ones to ensure balanced overall development of the area and are being constantly monitored by the CMO.

All the district heads of departments including the GM, NHID-CL, PMU Ziro, CO, HQ 44 BRTF and LDM, SBI, Lower Siang district had apprised and updated the progress of the works under their respective domains through power point presentation with regards to execution of the projects.

Scientific advisory meet of KVK Tawang held



TAWANG, March 5:

The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Tawang for the year 2025-26 was held at Zomkhang Hall, with Deputy Commissioner (DC) Tawang, Kanki Darang, gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. Deep Jyoti Baruah, Principal Scientist (Fisheries), Gogamukh, Assam, attended the meeting as the Guest of Honour on March 5.

The meeting was chaired by TD Neckom, Chairman of SAC and Director of Agricultural Marketing, Itanagar, and was attended by several distinguished officials, including Dr. H.C. Bhattacharya, Scientific Consultant, ATARI Guwahati, Dr. A.P. Milton, ICAR Research Complex, Meghalaya, Senior Scientists, District Horticulture Officer (DHO), District Agriculture Officer (DAO), Subject Matter Specialists (SMS) of KVKs, and progressive farmers of Tawang.

During the meeting, the SMSs of KVK Tawang presented the annual

report and the action plan for the upcoming agricultural season. Agricultural experts, including Dr. H.C. Bhattacharya, provided valuable recommendations for enhancing the action plan to address local agricultural challenges.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Kanki Darang emphasized the importance of teamwork in KVK and urged the officials to provide effective technical support and guidance to the concerned departments to increase agricultural productivity. Addressing the scientists and Subject Matter Specialists (SMS), he remarked, “You have chosen this field to serve the nation. It is your responsibility to remain dedicated to your organization and the farmers. With sincere and committed efforts, we can transform Arunachal Pradesh into an agricultural producer state.”

Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee and Director of Agricultural Marketing, TD Neckom, extended his gratitude to all participants. He reiterated the mandate of KVKs, which is

to transfer sustainable and locally suitable technologies to farmers. He emphasized that work should be planned according to the needs of farmers rather than the convenience of officials. He also informed that Arunachal Pradesh has 17 functional KVKs, with: 9 under the Department of Agriculture, 2 under the Department of Horticulture, 1 under the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary, 4 under ICAR

Dr. Deep Jyoti Baruah, Principal Scientist from IRAI, Assam, also shared his insights and encouraged agricultural stakeholders to adopt innovative and sustainable farming techniques.

The meeting concluded with an interactive session where farmers shared their experiences and concerns, and experts provided technical solutions. The SAC meeting reaffirmed the commitment of KVK Tawang to improving agricultural practices, increasing productivity, and ensuring sustainable development in the district.



RONO HILL, February 28:

The Department of Mass Communication, Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), successfully organized a One-Day National Seminar on “Culture, Community and Communication in the Digital Era (CC-CDE-2025)” on March 4. The seminar brought together distinguished academicians, media professionals, and researchers to deliberate on the evolving intersections of digital media, culture and artificial intelligence (AI). The event, held at the Mini Auditorium of RGU, saw active participation both offline and online.

The inaugural session commenced at 10:00 AM with a lighting of the lamp ceremony, attended by eminent dignitaries. Prof. Uttam Kr. Pegu, Dean Faculty of Communication Studies welcomed all the dignitaries coming from various universities of India. In his inaugural address, Prof. Jayadeba Sahoo, Honourable Vice Chancellor (Acting), emphasized the significance of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) and the responsible use of new media and AI in academic and media discourse. He accentuated the importance of integrating traditional knowledge frameworks with digital innovations to foster research, cultural preservation, and ethical communication practices.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Govind Ji Pandey, Head, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. His speech explored various dimensions of communication in the digital era, focusing on the democratization of media, the enduring relevance of face-to-face communication in an new media driven world and the paradox of social isolation despite hyper-connectivity. He also highlighted concerns related to digital divides, cultural homogenization, and ethical challenges posed by AI in media discourse.

A major highlight of the seminar was the panel discussion on ‘Media in the Age of Artificial Intelligence,’ held from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Moderated by Dr. Sunil Koijam, Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Communication, the discussion featured esteemed panelists from various institutions. The panelists examined AI's impact on journalism, media ethics, misinformation and human communication. They also proposed solutions to AI-related challenges, including enhancing media literacy, developing ethical AI policies and ensuring responsible AI applications in communication. The session concluded with an engaging

Q&A session, allowing participants to interact with experts.

The technical sessions, beginning at 1:15 PM, provided a platform for research paper presentations and scholarly discussions. Scholars and media professionals analyzed the interplay of culture, community, and communication in the digital era, focusing on inclusive, accountable, and culturally sensitive digital communication strategies. The seminar witnessed participation from leading institutions, including Mizoram University, Gauhati University, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Tezpur University, Saint Xavier's University (Kolkata), Central University of Karnataka, Sikkim University, and Amity University (Haryana).

Through CCCDE-2025, Rajiv Gandhi University facilitated critical academic discussions on digital communication, artificial intelligence, and media ethics. The seminar served as a valuable platform for knowledge exchange, interdisciplinary collaboration, and deeper engagement with contemporary media challenges. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Kh. Kabi, Head, Department of Mass Communication, followed by the distribution of certificates to participants.

One-day Sensitisation workshop on various Acts for workplace safety of women & prevention of domestic violence



PASIGHAT, March 1:

A one-day sensitization and orientation programme on protection of women from Domestic Violence Act 2005 (PWDV), Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act 2013, Training on filing up on online complaint at SHE-Box for stakeholders was organized by the WCD Dept. East Siang at DC's Conference Hall on Friday here. The meeting was attended by HoDs/ representatives of Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) of departments/ Officials and Staff members of WCD and One Stop Centre, Pasighat (OSC).

DC Tayi Taggu stressing on zero tolerance for violation of women

safety and dignity at workplaces said today women are working in various sectors in various capacities and such sensitization workshops empower women and stakeholders to know their rights adding that homes, workplaces should be place of joy and dignity for women.

SP Pankaj Lamba also commended on the initiative to create awareness for all stakeholders including law enforcement aspects and the leveraging of technology for redressal through SHE-Box portal of WCD Ministry, Gol.

Deputy Director (ICDS) cum Protection Officer (PWDVA), East Siang, Machi Gaoin her PPT presentation, highlighted on the objectives to empower and provide a safe

and enabling workplaces for women and create awareness on the roles of stakeholders in the successful implementation of the Acts. As Resourcerperson, she presented on the step by step procedures to file online complaint at SHE-Box Portal.

The sensitization session by Resourcer persons, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Counsel, DLSA, East Siang Advocate Nyame Dabi, in her PPT presentation on Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act 2013 & Domestic Violence Act, stressed on the mandatory need to form Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) at each office or any place of work with more than 10 employees and local complaint committee with less than that.

Assam-based drug peddler apprehended with Contraband at Ruksin

PASIGHAT, February 28:

Under ongoing Operation Dawn 2.0, the East Siang Police successfully apprehended a drug peddler and seized approximately 30.72 grams of suspected heroin on 27th Feb.

Acting on credible intelligence regarding an individual engaged in the illicit sale of narcotics, the Anti-Drug Squad (ADS) of East Siang Police conducted a swift operation. The accused, Shri Nani Rana Saikia, son of Shri Rana Saikia, a resident of Murkong Selek, Jonai, Dhemaji District (Assam), was apprehended at Ruksin town by an ADS team comprising Sub-Inspector Igel Lollen, Of-

ficer-in-Charge (OC), Ruksin Police Station; Sub-Inspector Y. Lomri, OC, Silile Oyan Police Station; and other personnel from the police station. The operation was carried out under the guidance of ADS Incharge, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Ayup Boko.

A search and seizure operation was conducted in strict compliance with the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, in the presence of an Executive Magistrate, Ruksin. As a result, four plastic tobacco containers containing approximately 30.72 grams of suspect-

ed heroin were recovered from the possession of the accused.

Accordingly, a case has been registered at Ruksin Police Station under Section 21(b) of the NDPS Act, 1985.

Superintendent of Police, East Siang, Pankaj Lamba, IPS, commended the efforts of the ADS team and reiterated the district police's firm commitment to a zero-tolerance policy against drug-related offenses. He further urged the public to report any such illicit activities, emphasizing that community cooperation is vital in ensuring a drug-free East Siang.

Workshop on the theme of “ Meaningful & Purposeful Life” organizes at Pasighat



PASIGHAT, February 28 :

A Workshop on the theme of “Meaningful & Purposeful Life” was organized here at DC's Conference Hall with the objective to guide and equip participants with helpful insights and strategies for a purposeful life in contributing for overall well-being and productivity. The Speaker was Dr. T.P. Sasikumar, well known Educationist and former Space Scientist (Former Deputy Director PMO, New Delhi) and organized by

Sanskriti Public School, Pasighat.

The enlightening Workshop was attended by DC Tayi Taggu, SP Pankaj Lamba, HoDS from various departments, Officers and Staff of DC Office, Chairman & Staff of Sanskriti Public School among others.

The former Space Scientist shared and led a discussion on the concept of purpose and meaning to living a fulfilling life on various aspects on enhancing physical, mental, social and spiritual capacity and strategies

for practical applications in our life to “design a better life for ourselves”. He stressed on the values of dedication and devotion and goal setting with practical tips and view professional and personal challenges by building resilience in pursuit of one's goals and passion with a new and vibrant & positive outlook and spirit and for giving the best in the field of public services to the people and society.

The objective of the Workshop was to help participants to discover and ignite their inner spark, purpose and passion and equip them with practical tools and strategies to live a more meaningful and purposeful life.

Alongwith Introduction round alongwith warm welcome, the participants also provided positive feedback on the workshop for citing the strengths and practical contents, opportunities for reflection and self-discovery, supportive and encouraging environment, added the inputs from Sanskriti School Team.

Secretary RD & PR inspects work sites under Leparada District



BASAR, March 3:

Dr. Sonal Swaroop Secretary (RD and PR), GoAP visited Leparada District on a two day official tour from 28th February to 1st March 2025. Secretary RD and PR overtook a comprehensive review meeting with all officials and functionaries of Rural development (RD) and Panchayat Raj (PR) department at DC's conference hall,

Basar in presence of PD-cum DPDO Leparada Shri Ejum Angu, to access the progress, performance and address issues, challenges involving both the departments.

During the visit, Dr. Swaroop undertook a whirlwind inspection of the work sites in more than 20 GPCs under Basar and Tirbin Circle, also inspecting MNREGA and SOR ac-

tivities alike. She further visited Deke village area and inspected Gako cluster farming both located under Tirbin circle to overview the activities undertaken under PMKSY2.0 (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana). While interacting with the beneficiary of the project, Ld. Secretary expressed her satisfaction on proper utilization of government assistance and assured more such programmes for the remaining eligible beneficiaries in the coming days. Ld. Secretary also visited 3% State Own Revenue (LSDG) Pagi village. Further, interacting with all 12 SHG groups involved in Pigery, poultry, fishery, and cluster farming, she assured them to localize the marketing chain through concerned departments of the District on successful completion of commencing projects.

Ejum Angu, Project Director (RD)- cum-DPDO, Leparada District along with all BDOs, EO(REs) and Panchayat Technical Assistants accompanied Ld. Secretary on her visit to all the worksites.

Importance and Values of Nokte Ancient Indigenous Salt Wells

Unexplored Heritage: The Nokte Ancient Salt Wells

Gawang Sumpa

The Nokte community in Tirap district, Arunachal Pradesh, has a remarkable yet lesser-known historical asset—the indigenous salt wells, especially located in Old Paniduria village and its surroundings, such as Borduria and Pullung villages. These ancient wells, like the Wakhathong Sumphong in Borduria, were once an essential source of locally produced salt, offering a glimpse into the self-sustaining practices of the past.

Historical and Cultural Significance

The salt wells were not just a natural resource but an integral part of the region's economy and culture. During the Ahom kingdom era, the Noktes were known to trade salt in exchange for clothes and other goods from Assam. This tradition of salt production has been passed down through generations, with specific clans like the Lowang Medam (hum-dong) and Wangha families of Sahla now known as Borduria taking the responsibility of managing the wells.

Economic Potential for Sus-

tainable Livelihoods

Reviving and exploring these indigenous salt wells could offer immense economic benefits for the local farming communities. Salt production, as a local industry, could help farmers diversify their income streams and improve their financial stability. By focusing on this unique local product under the “Vocal for Local” initiative, the government and local representatives can promote sustainable economic development in the region. Utilizing development funds to revive these salt wells could lead to more sustainable projects compared to traditional infrastructure investments like protection walls and steps.

Preservation and Archaeological Significance

Given the deep historical importance of these salt wells, there is a growing need for the government to preserve and declare them as archaeological heritage sites. Exploring these sites would not only unveil valuable cultural history but also boost tourism and education about indig-

enous practices. Public representatives of Tirap district should strongly advocate for the preservation of these wells, ensuring that the legacy of salt production is not lost to time.

Community Empowerment and Local Knowledge

The indigenous knowledge surrounding the preparation of salt—such as the types of bamboo used in the process—could be revitalized and passed down to younger generations. This would empower the community by reconnecting them with their ancestral traditions while also fostering local entrepreneurship.

In conclusion, the ancient indigenous salt wells of the Nokte community represent a significant part of the region's heritage, with untapped economic, cultural, and educational potential. By reviving these wells, we can contribute to sustainable livelihoods, preserve historical practices, and promote local products, strengthening the cultural identity and economic resilience of the Nokte people.

First ever Alumni Meet, Dept. of Edu RGU held



RONO HILL, March 1:

The first-ever alumni meet of the Department of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University, was conducted on March 1, at the Department of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills. The event was graced by Tapi Gao, former Director of Elementary Education, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, as the Chief Guest, and Johny Miji, State Project Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, as the Guest of Honour. More than 150 alumni from across the state, along with the existing students and the faculty members of the department, attended the program.

Since its inception in 1988, the Department of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University, has significantly contributed to the development of the state by producing a wide range of academicians, administrators, and other human resources. Thus, the main motto of the first-ever alumni

meet was to bring together all the alumni to relive golden moments with their teachers, fellow alumni, and the existing students of the department, as well as to strengthen the bond between the Department of Education and its alumni for future endeavors.

The formal session of the program commenced with a welcome note by Mini Meto, General Secretary of the Alumni Association, Department of Education, RGU, followed by the felicitation of the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, and the alumni who had traveled from different parts of the state. Prof. P.K. Acharya, Head of the Department of Education, RGU, and one of the senior alumni members, briefed the gathering about the history of the alma mater and its numerous achievements. Following him, both the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour, in their speeches, congratulated the Alumni Association of the department for successfully organizing its first-ever alumni

meet. They further expressed that the event would open doors for building relationships among the alumni and with their alma mater, leading to collaborations, mentorship opportunities, and future endeavors for the development of both the department and the state.

The senior-most alumni faculty member, Prof. T. Lungdim, during his speech, reminisced about his journey as an alumnus and faculty member in the department. He advised the student participants to continue learning and become catalysts for change and development in society. The formal session concluded with a vote of thanks by the President of the Alumni Association, Jumgam Riba, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Government Model College Basar, Arunachal Pradesh. The program was made vibrant with several cultural performances presented by the B.Ed., ITEP, and M.A. Education students.

Guardian Minister assesses various dev programs implemented in LDV



ROING, March 3:

A Review Meeting to assess various schemes and projects implemented in Lower Dibang Valley district was taken by Minister of Women & Child Development, Cultural Affairs and Science & Technology and the Guardian Minister for LDV, Dasanglu Pul and Mentor Secretary Pige Ligu, in the presence of MLA Mutchu Mithi, MLA Puinnyo Apum, ZPC Mama Miso, ZPMs, DC Soumya Saurabh, heads of offices and Administrative Officers.

During the meeting, Minister Dasanglu Pul addressed various issues, provided guidance and strategised ways to achieve district development goals. She made a commitment to monitor and check the status of development projects in a timely

manner and promised to highlight any issues that crop up, for its early resolution.

MLA (Roing) Mutchu Mithi highlighted important issues under the Roing constituency of lack of a doctor at CHC Hunli, requirement of power transmission line from Aha Afra MHS at Abrango to Hunli sub division (7 kms), problem of Water scarcity faced in Roing township and the need for a consolidated project to address the issue, repair and maintenance of Roing Bypass road etc and the need for solutions to the problems.

MLA Dambuk Puinnyo Apum highlighted the lack of all weather road connectivity of Paglam area under Dambuk constituency and the dilapidated condition of the Govern-

ment Secondary School, Paglam and hoped for the understanding and support of the government in addressing the issues.

Mentor Secretary Pige Ligu appreciated the detailed presentation given of the projects being implemented in the district and stressed on the need to highlight the issues so that it can be put forward to the government for follow up solutions to be worked out. He advised all departments to keep panchayat members informed about projects being implemented as they can aid in solving problems at that ground level.

DC Soumya Saurabh briefed about the projects being implemented, problems being faced and the way forward target goals for all the departments.

Workshop on export procedures, packing Agri-Horti products



DIRANG, March 4: The Department of Trade and Commerce, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh in association with the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata and Indian Institute of Packaging, Kolkata is conducting an Awareness-cum-Training Workshop on Export Procedures & Documentation and Packaging of Agri-Horti Products at Dirang, West Kameng District from March 4 to 6 .

The inaugural session of the Awareness Training was attended by Akriti Sagar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner as the Chief Guest, Circle Officer, Themang, Moyir Kato, Officers from the Department of Trade and Commerce-Mekory Dodum, Trade Development Officer, Bomdila and Joshlin Tayeng, Trade Development Officer, Directorate office-Itanagar, Officers from various stakeholder departments of Dirang administration and participants comprising of farmers, members of Self-Help Groups & Farmers Producers Company, Prospective Exporters, from the district.

The event was organized in line to launching of export promotion drive initiated by the Govt. of India with focus on reducing imports, increasing exports and identifying opportunities and products for ag-

gressive marketing of the region's business potential and strategic collaboration between different levels of government and the private sector to facilitate exports.

As the State Govt strive to promote the growth of agriculture and horticulture in Arunachal Pradesh, it is essential to equip farmers, entrepreneurs, and stakeholders with the knowledge and skills necessary to tap into the global market. This workshop aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the export procedures, documentation requirements, and packaging best practices for agri-horti products.

In her address, Akriti Sagar Deputy Commissioner extended her gratitude to the Department of Trade and Commerce headed by Saugat Biswas, Commissioner, Trade & Commerce, for organizing the workshop and expressed her enthusiasm for such an overwhelming response from all quarters for their participation. Extending her gratitude to the Professor from Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Dr.Gautam Dutta, she urged the participants to interact with the Resource Persons from the Indian Institute of Packaging and the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade with their problems and not be apprehensive to put forward their queries.

Dr. Gautam Dutta, informed the audience that the state possesses rich agricultural and horticultural produce, mineral resources, handicrafts, and processed food products, all of which have immense export potential. He highlighted that lack of awareness among small-scale entrepreneurs regarding export procedures, documentation, and market linkages is a common hindrance and therefore, this workshop is designed to create awareness regarding the regulations and compliance including the importance of packaging, and also promote the export market with the use of innovative packaging design & development, standardization.

The technical session of the awareness workshop includes topic on Export Scenario from respective districts based on Products & Prospects, Export Procedure & Documentation: a Step by Step Guide, Identifying Products and Foreign Markets for Exports by Indian Institute of Foreign Trade and dissemination of information about the trends and technology in packaging with Introduction to Packaging including Symbols, Registration, Consumer Packaging, Tariff and Non-Tariff Barriers for Agri-Horti Products, to be imparted by the professionals of Indian Institute of Packaging.

Nissai Wangsa Saham crowned Mrs TCL-2025

KHONSA, February 28: In a historic event marking a significant milestone for the Tirap, Changlang, and Longding (TCL) districts, the organizing committee headed by President Wiwan Wangsu Ramra successfully organized the inaugural Mrs. TCL Pageant Contest 2025. The grand event took place at Nehru Stadium, Khonsa, on Friday, with Hon'ble Minister for Women & Child Development (WCD) and Cultural Affairs, Dasanglu Pul, gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest. HMLA of the 29th Basar Constituency, Nyabi Jini Dirchi, attended as the Guest of Honor, while MLA Chakat Aboh and Adviser to the Minister of Transport, and MLA Wanglam Sawin were present as Special Guests.

The distinguished gathering included ADC Khonsa, Tana Bapu, SP Tirap, Singjatla Singpho, Chairperson NWA, Smti Chasum Wangchadong, Nyason Sawin, wife of HMLA Sawin and many other esteemed guests.

The formal proceedings commenced with a warm welcome speech by Smti Wiwan Wangsu Ramra, President of ATWF, who expressed her gratitude to the Chief Guest, Guest of Honor, Special Guests, sponsors, and other dignitaries for their presence and support in making the event a grand success.

The highlight of the evening was the coronation of Nissai Wangsa Saham, a devoted mother from Longding district, who was crowned Mrs. TCL 2025. The prestigious title came with a cash prize of ₹1,20,000, presented by Chief Guest and Hon'ble Minister for WCD, Dasanglu Pul.

The First Runner-up, Khoancha Tekwa, received a cash prize of ₹80,000, while the Second Runner-up, Tumcha Rangyang, was awarded ₹50,000. The prizes were presented by Nyabi Jini Dirchi, HMLA-29 Basar, and Chakat Aboh, HMLA-56 Khonsa West A/C, respectively.

The Mrs. TCL Pageant 2025 showcased a captivating blend of grace, intellect, and charisma, drawing immense appreciation from the audience. The event was further enriched by electrifying performances from Agi Brothers, Nawai Wangsu, the GHSS Girls Group Dance, the Wancho Group Dance by Angun and her team, and a variety of other acts, including harvesting fusion dance performed by Moktowa women.

A distinguished panel of judges, comprising Retired DD (IPR) Denhang Bosai, Advocate Anita Lego Wangpan, C.A. Laxmi Pandiyyar, K.C. Lowangcha (DDSE), and Motwan Kitnya (TGT Political Science), undertook the challenging task of selecting the winners from an exceptionally talented group of contestants.

Hon'ble Minister for WCD and Cultural Affairs, Dasanglu Pul, appreciated the organizers of Mrs. TCL 2025 for inviting her to grace



the grand event. She commended the participants, highlighting the remarkable achievement of a mother of four children showcasing her hidden talent on such a prestigious platform. She also lauded the enthusiastic support from the audience and acknowledged the husbands of all twelve contestants for encouraging their wives to participate.

She remarked that the women of Arunachal Pradesh are no longer lagging behind but are excelling in every field, with many now holding high-ranking positions. She emphasized the improved pass percentage of women in the education sector and passionately urged the youth of TCL, and Arunachal Pradesh as a whole, to shun drug addiction, which ruins futures. She encouraged everyone to take advantage of various central and state government-sponsored schemes for a sustainable livelihood.

The Guest of Honor, MLA Basar, Nyabi Jini Dirchi, hailed the Mrs. TCL Beauty Pageant as a milestone in the evolving dynamics of tribal societies. She highlighted that true beauty lies not only in physical appearance but also in intelligence and inner strength.

Special Guest Chakat Aboh, HMLA-56 Khonsa West and Adviser to the Minister of Transport, commended the organizing com-

mittee for creating a platform that unveils the hidden beauty and talent of married women. She asserted that a married woman's life extends beyond the kitchen and household duties, emphasizing that women can contest elections, participate in sports, engage in cultural activities, and even compete in beauty pageants. She encouraged all women to pursue their dreams while balancing family responsibilities and urged the continuation of such events in the future, including participation in Mrs. Arunachal.

While attending the event as a Special Guest, MLA Wanglam Sawin, lauded the organizers of the 1st Edition of Mrs. TCL 2025 for providing a platform for women of TCL to showcase their hidden talents before a large audience, describing it as a commendable step toward women empowerment.

Make Up Artist Sandra Ramwa and Choreographer Dr. Chanum Hosai were also felicitated by the organizing committee on the occasion.

The Mrs. TCL Pageant 2025 was not just a celebration of beauty but a testament to the intelligence, resilience, and evolving role of women in the "TCL" Tirap Changlang & longding districts. The event set a strong precedent for future editions, inspiring women to embrace their potential and break societal barriers.

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

No.DC-ICC-17016/72/2022-JUD

Dated, Itanagar the 4th March'2025

NOTICE

With reference to the notification vide No.LLJ-11027(11)/1/2024/931 dated 16th January'2025 and letter No.LLJ-11027(11)/1/2024/1014 dated 7th February'2025, the date of submission of applications for the appointment of 1(one) post of Notary Public for Itanagar Capital Region is extended. Hence, all the eligible candidates are hereby directed to submit their details in Form-I or Form-II of the Notaries (Amendment) Rules, 2024 at DC Office, Itanagar on all official working days till 10/04/2025.

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

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS DIVISION ZIRO
LOWER SUBANSIRI DISTRICT-791120

No. ZRW/Tend/EDU-1/2024-25

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Ziro, Lower Subansiri District, (A.P), invites on behalf of Governor of Arunachal Pradesh sealed item rate tenders under 2(Two) envelope system from the registered contractors of appropriate class under civil category domiciled within their respective territorial jurisdiction as per The Arunachal Pradesh District Based Entrepreneurs and Professionals (Incentives, Development and Promotional) Act 2015.

Sl.No	Name of works	Estimated cost (Rs. In lakhs)	Earnest Money (1 % of NIT Amount)	Time allowed for completion	Last date and time for receipt of application, for issue of Tender form	Last date and Time of submission of tender at EE,RWD, Office Ziro	Last date and Time of opening of tender at EE,RWD, Office Ziro	Place of sale of tender documents	Cost of bid document	Class of Contractor
1	Infrastructural Development of Mihin Bagang GSS, Hapoli (Lower Subansiri)	Rs. 7,94,47,047.00	Rs. 7,94,470.00	12 months	07/03/2025 upto 1300 hrs	08/03/2025 upto 1300 Hrs	08/03/2025 at 1330 Hrs	Office of Executive Engineer Rural Work Division Ziro	Rs.10000.00	Appropriate Class

The earnest money should be deposited along with the tenders in the appropriate form as per the tender documents. The tender document shall be issued on production of valid registration certificate of appropriate class and on payment by demand draft drawn in the favour of **Executive Engineer, RWD, Ziro-791120**, payable at **SBI, Ziro** for amount (non-refundable) as shown above.

The tender documents are available for issue in the office of Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Ziro from **01/03/2025 to 07/03/2025** between office hours **10:30 Hrs to 1300 hrs** on all working days.

It is compulsory for the bidder, at his own cost, responsibility and risk, to visit, examine and familiarize himself with the site of works and its surroundings including source of earth, water, Construction materials etc.

A pre-Bid meeting will be held on **05/03/2025** at 1100 hrs. in the office of the **Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Ziro** District Lower Subansiri, Arunachal Pradesh.

In case of the opening date falling on non-working day (holiday), the tender shall be opened on the next working day

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Rural Works Division, Ziro,

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS DEPARTMENT
LIKABALI: DIVISION::LOWER SIANG DISTRICT
Email: eerwdlikabali@gmail.com

No. EERWD/LKB/SASCI/NIT/2024-25

Dated 4th March 2025

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT
(SASCI)
e-Procurement Notice

The EE, RWD, Likabali Division, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh on Behalf of his Excellency Governor of Arunachal Pradesh invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of buildings under **SASCI 2024-25**, for 7 (Seven) number of proposals from the contractors eligible under the Arunachal Pradesh District Based Entrepreneurs And Professional (INCENTIVES, DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONAL) (AMENDMENT) ACT,2020 {Act No. 7 of 2020} Notification Date the 2nd November 2020. Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: **06/03/2025**.

The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in www.arunachaltenders.gov.in The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.

Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 19/03/2025 up to 0900 hours

For further details please visit www.arunachaltenders.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RWD, Likabali Division,
Lower Siang District,
Arunachal Pradesh

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DIRECTORATE OF SPORTS
CHIMPU, ITANAGAR

No. DSYA/INCENTIVES/41/2010(pt-I)

Dated Itanagar the 4th March, 2025

**CALLING ALL MERITORIOUS SPORTSPERSONS
TO APPLY FOR CASH INCENTIVES AWARDS!**

The Directorate of Sports, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Chimpu, Itanagar extends a warm invitation to all exceptional sportspersons to apply for the prestigious Cash Incentives Awards. These remarkable awards are set to be presented during the grand celebration of National Sports Day in the year 2025.

Eligibility Criteria for Cash Incentives:

- Timeframe of Excellence:** Awards will exclusively honor events that took place between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2025.
- Medal-Winning Triumphs:** Recognizing medal winners of Regional, National, and Inter-National Level Championships.
- Organisation:** Championships must be organized by recognised Sports Federations & it must be their Official Calendar Events.
- Exclusivity Clause:** Open/Ranking/Style/Invitation/Friendship/Memorial Tournaments are not eligible for consideration.
- Pinnacle Performance:** Only the athletes' highest achievements for the respective Financial Year will be taken into account.
- Selective Disciplines:** Eligibility is confined to the Olympic and Non-Olympic Sports Disciplines outlined in the Cash Incentives Rules of the State Sports Policy 2017.

Submission Guidelines:

- Proper Format:** All applications must be submitted in the prescribed format.
- Year-Wise Excellence:** Submit your application showcasing achievements for each financial year, spanning from 2023-24 to 2024-25, to the relevant associations.
- Verified Credentials:** Concerned associations are responsible for submitting duly verified certificates, along with forwarding from the Secretary General or President.
- Unified Approach:** Individually submitted applications will not be entertained.
- Reference to Office Order:** As per office order no. DS/ Monitoring & Evaluation /01/2024 dated 17th September 2024, all registered sports associations were instructed to submit monthly reports to the Sports Authority of Arunachal and the Department of Sports, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. It was clearly stated that failure to submit these reports would result in a halt of grants. **Therefore, associations are required to comply the order while forwarding any cash incentive application to this office.**
- Deadline Alert:** The last date for submission to the office of the Director Sports, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Chimpu Itanagar is 5 PM 4th April, 2025.
- Anticipated Recognition:** Selected awardees along with previous pending awards will be honoured during the National Sports Day celebration on 29th August 2025. The final list of awardees will be determined, a stipulated time for claim/objection also be given only after careful review and subject to the availability of funds.

A committee will meticulously review the applications submitted by the athletes, and the verdict of the committee shall stand as conclusive. No modifications will be entertained once the list has been finalized.

Sd/- (Tadar Appa)
Director Sports
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
Chimpu, Itanagar

APPLICATION FORMAT FOR CASH INCENTIVES AWARDS

(Note for the applicant: only submit the name of the coach under which the athlete has been trained, not the one who represented the athlete in the participation, all fields are mandatory)

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| 1. | Name of the Applicant | : |
| 2. | Sports Discipline | : |
| 3. | Contact Number | : |
| 4. | Email | : |
| 5. | Father's Name | : |
| 6. | Permanent Address | : |

YEAR WISE HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT:

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| 1. | 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 | : |
| | Name of the Coach | : |
| | Signature of the coach | : |
| 2. | 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 | : |
| | Name of the Coach | : |
| | Signature of the coach | : |

I hereby solemnly affirm that the information provided and the sports certificates enclosed herein are accurate and genuine to the best of my knowledge. I also confirm I am fully prepared to accept any consequences that may arise if the certificates are determined to be inauthentic.

Date:

(Name & Signature of the Applicant)

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY
DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES::NAHARLAGUN
Email: arunachalsacs@gmail.com

MAIDS- No. I/5/2008(P)-III(E) Computer No.27165

Dated Naharlagun, 21th February 2025.

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Applications are invited from the Citizen of India for filling up vacant post(s) of **Medical officer FI- ART Centre, District Hospital Namsai and Technical Officer (SRL) TRIHMS** under Arunachal Pradesh State AIDS Control Society, (APSACS) DHS, Naharlagun on contractual basis for a period up to **31st March 2025**. Which may be extended based on performance.

The selection of the candidates will be done through **Written Examination**.

Sl. No.	Designation /Remuneration	No. Of Post.	Essential Qualification.	Essential experience
1.	Medical Officer, FI-ART Centre, District Hospital Namsai. (Rs.72000/-) (Rupees Seventy two Thousand)	01 (One)	MBBS with valid registration from the respective State Medical Council/NMC. Desirable: Work Experience in HIV/AIDS programme in field settings. Those with MD Medicine/Diploma in Medicine will be preferred.	6 months work experience. Post graduates from Clinical discipline will also be considered, good working knowledge of Computer MS office.
2	Technical Officer (SRL) TRIHMS, Naharlagun. (Rs. 35000/-) (Rupees Thirty Five Thousand)	01 (One)	B.Sc in Microbiology/Biochemistry/Biotechnology/ Life Sciences Desirable Qualification: • M. Sc in Microbiology/ Biochemistry/ Biotechnology/ Life Sciences/ OR B. Tech (Biotechnology)	• 5 years of experience of working in any diagnostic laboratory for candidates with B.Sc in the above subjects • 2 years of Experience working in any diagnostic laboratory for candidates with M.Sc/ B. Tech in the above mentioned subjects • Candidates with experience of working in accredited labs or those labs who have applied for accreditation will be preferred

List of eligible /Rejected candidates shall be notified in the Notice Board of APSACS, DHS, Naharlagun.

Application(s) in prescribed formats along with all relevant documents and 2(Two) recent pass port Sized Photographs (colour) may be submitted in the office of the A.P State AIDS Control Society,(APSACS) Directorate of Health Services, Naharlagun during the office hour. The last date of the submission of the application shall be 1600hrs of 20,h March 2025,

The formats can be collected from APSACS o/o DHS, in any working day between 10 am to 4 pm till 19th March 2025.

Sd/- (Pawan Kumar Sain), IAS
Commissioner (H&FW) cum Chairman APSACS
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.
Itanagar.

Directorate of Social Audit Unit
(A Government of Arunachal Pradesh Agency)
Mini Secretariat, 1st Floor
NH - 415, C - Sector, Naharlagun – 791110::

No. DAP/SAU-29/2018-19/

Dated Naharlagun, the 25th February 2025.

EXTENSION OF LAST DATE OF APPLICATION:

In continuation of this Office Advertisement No DAP/SAU-29/2018-19/1122 dated 07/02/2025, the last date for submission of application for the post of Director of Social Audit Unit, Arunachal Pradesh with a fixed remuneration of Rs.80,000/- is hereby extended from 25th February 2025 to 1600 Hours of Monday, 17th March 2025 .

2. The Qualification Criteria for Retired Govt. Servant as per the Recruitment Rule is reproduced below –

‘Retired Govt. servant (not below the rank of Deputy Secretary) with sufficient experience in the field of Audit and Government Accounts. He/she should have proven administrative ability to handle Human Resource with varying skill levels.’

Sd/- Tarh Tabin
Director of Audit & Pension
-cum-Social Audit Unit
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
Naharlagun.

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, TRAINING & RESEARCH
NAHARLAGUN

No. DME/P&D-25/2024

Dated: 25/02/2025

Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT)

- The Directorate of Medical Education, T&R (hereinafter called “Tender Inviting Authority”) hereby invites sealed Tenders (under two envelope system from eligible manufacturers or their authorized distributors/ stockiest/ whole seller for Materials & Supplies Items during the year 2024-25
- A complete set of Tender Documents may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the Tender Inviting Authority and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 20000/- by Cash and obtained money receipt of the same.**
- The tender paper can be obtained from the office of Directorate of Medical Education, T&R Naharlagun on any working days from 27/02/2025 to 04/03/2025 till 1200 noon.**
- Tenders must be submitted / delivered to the address given below at or before 1200 hours on **04/03/2025** and same shall be opened on the same day at 1400 hours by board. All bids must be accompanied by an Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) as specified in Tender Document.
- Tenders will be opened in the presence of the Tenderers' representatives who choose to attend at address given below and at the time and date given in tender document.


(Dr. Hage Ambing)
Director of Medical Education, T&R
Naharlagun

Lt. Chow Inkalit Mannou Memorial Football Tournament 2025 concludes



NAMSAL, March 3:

The Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Chowna Mein, graced the closing ceremony of the 1st Edition of the Lt. Chow Inkalit Mannou Memorial Football Tournament 2025 at the APIL Ground in Namsai.

The tournament was held in memory of the late Lt. Chow Inkalit Mannou, a respected educator and a community leader who made innermost contributions in the field of education and preservation of Tai Khamti literature.

Lt. Chow Inkalit Mannou, a first batch graduate from Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat and served the people of the State as a devoted teacher. He retired as Principal of Government Higher Secondary School, Tezu and after retirement served the society as advisors to Chongkham Village Council and Tai Khamti Singpho Council in Namsai District and worked for the welfare and upliftment of the society. He played a pivotal role in the modification of new Tai Khamti Tonal Script.

In his address, the Deputy Chief Minister acknowledged the in-

valuable contributions of Lt. Chow Inkalit Mannou to the upliftment of education and preservation of Tai Khamti Literature. He added that the tournament stands as a tribute to Mannou's enduring legacy, emphasizing that it is a celebration of his lifelong commitment to the growth and well-being of his community.

Mein in his speech lauded the Mannou family for organising such a tournament in their father's memory and providing a platform to the youths of the area to showcase their talents.

He further said that the efforts will be on to improvise this football stadium and asserted that it will be made as a training ground to nurture the budding football talents of not only Namsai but also of adjoining districts too.

He later gave away the trophies to the winning teams and congratulated the teams, individual players, organizers, and volunteers for their collective efforts in making the tournament a resounding success. He also stressed the importance of continuing to nurture and promote sports

across Arunachal Pradesh, recognizing it as a vital avenue for youth development. He expressed his hope that the successful conclusion of the first edition of the tournament would pave the way for many more editions in the future, further empowering the youth of Arunachal Pradesh through sports.

Lekang Sports Club, emerged as the champions of the tournament, displaying exceptional skill and teamwork throughout the competition. They took the trophy with a 2-0 goal against the Tezu Bazaar football club who emerged as runners up. As the winners, Lekang Sports Club was awarded a trophy and cash prize of 2 lakh while the runners up was awarded a trophy with a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh.

Also present in the occasion were Advisor and MLA Dr. Mohesh Chai, Advisor and MLA, Chau Zingnu Namchoom, former Minister, Nokul Chai, Commissioner (retired), Tape Bagra, IGP P N Khrimy, Chairman of CIMMFT Jaleeng Mannou, and representatives from the TKSC, TKDS, as well as senior public leaders, HODs, among others.

DA organises one day mega "Seva Aapke Dwar"

DAPORIJO, February 28:

The District Administration was organised One day mega "SEVAAPKI DWAR" program in District Head Quarter Daporijo at Rijo Mini Out door Stadium, in where various departments including Stake holders and NGOs were took participated, more than 950 beneficiaries were got benefited, from health checkup, registration of birth/death certificate, ST/PRC, Aadhar, soil and health cards registration etc. During SEVA APKI DWAR program the Gaurdian Minister Balo Raja Shri Nyato Dukam Minister IPR& P, mentor Secretary Nyali Ete Secretary IPR&P, Urban and all the MLAs were witness and graced the occasion.

While gracing the program the Guardian Minister for Upper Subansiri District, Balo Raja Minister, Urban Affairs, LM&CA along with Nyato Dukam Minister IPR & P, Industry etc. and Mentor Secretary for Upper Subansiri, Nyali Ete Secretary IPR & P and Urban took a review meeting With HoDs and took stock status of various ongoing projects of Upper Subansiri and its constraints.

The guardian minister urged that, every government functionaries must pro active and innovative ideas, they should not depend on elected representatives or Government while achieving and framing of program and policies.



Nyato Dukam Minister for IPR & P, Industry etc. Said that sometimes many technical loopholes are seen on the part of engineering departments, he stressed that this must not be happened during the implementation of projects, thereby engineering wings must properly survey and vetting in minutely while preparing of DPR / estimates to avoid the technically loopholes in future he directed.

Taniya Soki Daporijo MLA, Nakap Nalo MLA Nacho, Rode Bui Dumpyorjo MLA were also spoke and attended during the review meeting.

Nyali Ete Mentor Secretary

said that, objective of guardian Minister and Mentor Secretary are to address the grievances and initiatives of District to the Government level for over all development of District in particular and state as a whole.

Tasso Gambo DC briefly placed the achievements and constraints of District before the ministers.

The concerned HoDs were presented achievements and constraints of respective department through power point presentation.

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks by Taya Yullu EAC Daporijo H/Q.

Hundreds participate in Subansiri Marathon



DAPORIJO, March 1:

The first-ever Subansiri Marathon, a fourteen-kilometer run from Lida to Dumpyorjo, was successfully held on March 1 with more than two hundred participants. The marathon was organized under the motto "Zero Drug and Swachh Upper Subansiri" to promote a healthy, drug-free, and clean society.

The event was flagged off by Balo Raja, Minister of Land Manage-

ment, etc., in the presence of Nyali Ete, IAS, Secretary of Urban Development and IPR, and Tasso Gambo, Deputy Commissioner of Upper Subansiri.

Addressing the participants, Balo Raja highlighted the importance of sports in keeping youth engaged in productive activities and away from drug abuse. Nyali Ete, IAS, appreciated the efforts of the organizers in bringing the community together for

a noble cause, while Tasso Gambo, Deputy Commissioner, emphasized the need for collective action toward a cleaner and drug-free district.

The marathon saw overwhelming enthusiasm from runners of all age groups, making it a landmark event for the district. With its success, the Subansiri Marathon is expected to become an annual tradition, encouraging fitness, unity, and social awareness in Upper Subansiri.

Pul inaugurates NWA office, Heritage Centre



KHONSA, February 28:

Women & Child Development Minister Dasanglu Pul inaugurated the office of the Nocte Women Association (NWA) and the Arunachal Indigenous & Heritage Centre in Khonsa, Tirap district, on Friday, February 28, calling it a significant step towards women's empowerment and the preservation of indigenous heritage.

Addressing the gathering, Pul underscored the importance of

strengthening women's voices and safeguarding traditional culture.

"Women play a crucial role in shaping society and such initiatives will empower them while also preserving our rich indigenous heritage," she said.

Pul lauded the Nocte Women Association for its efforts in advocating women's welfare and fostering social progress.

"This initiative will open new

avenues for socio-economic upliftment, ensuring greater participation of women in development activities," she said.

The Arunachal Indigenous & Heritage Centre, on the other hand, aims to serve as a hub for promoting and protecting the diverse cultural traditions of the state's tribal communities.

Pul said the centre would facilitate research, documentation, and awareness programmes to sustain indigenous practices and heritage.

She further expressed optimism that the newly inaugurated centres would serve as platforms for cultural preservation and community-driven initiatives aimed at holistic growth in the region.

The event was attended by MLAs Chakal Aboh, Nyabi Jini Dirchi, and Wanglam Sawin, along with Nocte Women Association chairperson Chasuum Wangchadong, Tirap deputy commissioner Techu Aran, superintendent of police Singjatla Singpho and other officials.

One-Day workshop on RTI awareness held in Khonsa



KHONSA, February 28:

A workshop on the Right to Information (RTI) Act was conducted by Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission at the DC's office conference hall in Khonsa on February 28. The team of APIC was comprised of its head major general Jarken Gamlin SCIC, Kopey Thallei SIC, Doni Gambo SIC, Maman Padung, Odi Menjo. The awareness workshop on the RTI Act, 2005, aimed to empower citizens to access government information, ensuring transparency, accountability, and good governance.

SIC Khopey Thallei presented a ppt and provided a comprehensive briefing on specific sections of RTI Act, and highlighted major court rulings that have shaped its implementation over the years.

State Information Commissioner Dani Gambo delivered a presentation on practical issues pertaining

to executing RTI and how to deal with them.

SCIC J. Gamlin emphasized on the role of all stakeholders in ensuring the smooth flow of information to applicants under the Act. And told the information seekers to be practical in seeking information. Information should be sought with a good intention and not for extortion. And to use this right responsibly.

Further, he categorically stated that a case may be disposed off ex parte if the appellant fails to be present at the time of hearing without giving prior information of their absence whatsoever. And also suggested PIOs that while delegating someone to appear before the court of SIC, the matter in question may be thoroughly briefed beforehand to avoid wasting court's valuable time. He further said that the flow of information is made easier at present days, it

can be shared electronically via email, whatsapp etc.

Additionally, the CIC's PA, Odi Menjo, conducted a session on the RTI Act and its relevance to the Indian Constitution.

Speaking on the occasion, Khonsa ADC & In-charge Deputy Commissioner Tana Bapu underscored the importance of transparency and accountability in governance through the RTI Act. He urged officials from various departments to gain a thorough understanding of the Act and its guidelines. He also commended the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC) for organizing this essential training program.

The session provided valuable insights into the RTI Act, 2005.

The workshop was attended by PIOs, APIOs, HoDs, Admin officers and other concerned officials.

RONO HILL, March 3:

Rajiv Gandhi University organised one day National Seminar on "Indian Knowledge System with reference to NEP 2020". Prof. Jayadeba Sahoo, Hon'ble Vice chancellor i/c chaired the session and Prof. Otem Padung, finance officer, was the guest of Honour. Prof. Bharat Kumar, Prof. Kaushal Kishore and Dr. A. K. Mishra addressed plenary sessions as resource person.

Prof. P. K. Acharya, Head, Department of Education in his welcome address shared brief and concise history of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS), its contribution in Indian culture, promotion of values and NEP2020's recommendation to integrate Indian Knowledge System at all level of education. Prof. Acharya, welcomed all the dignitaries on the dais and off the dais, Deans of various Faculties, Heads of various Departments, Directors of various Centres, research scholars, students and media personnel and expressed his deep sense of gratitude for their kind presence.

Dr. Sushant Kumar Nayak, coordinator of the national seminar, shared concept note of the seminar and how various themes of the seminar have been selected. How, in the context of India's Northeastern region, including Arunachal Pradesh, the integration of IKS takes on added significance. The region's indigenous knowledge systems deeply connected with ecological wisdom, sustainable practices, and community living, resonate with the principles of IKS. NEP 2020 aims to preserve India's cultural heritage while displaying its value on a global stage. This aligns with the vision of transforming India into a knowledge superpower.

Prof. Elizabeth Hangsing, Dean Faculty of Education, in her address emphasized the issue of Sustainable Development and how Indian Knowl-

edge System may help in overcoming the challenge of Sustainability. Prof. Elizabeth expressed her concern about the vast treasure of traditional knowledge that remains unexplored, lack of awareness among masses about IKS, and advocated and highlighted the integration of ancient wisdom with modern technology by using Artificial intelligence in documenting and preserving the traditional knowledge systems.

Prof. Bharat Kumar Panda, Head, Department of Education, Central University of Odisha in his key note address talked about, history of development of NEP 2020. Difference between NEP 1986 and NEP 2020, extracting the gist of the feedback from 37 lakhs respondents, difference between Bhartiya Vidya and Western Education, how skills took the form of cast in India, NEP 2020 about individual and social development and role of NEP 2020 in making India a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Prof. Otem Padung, Finance Officer and Guest of Honour highlighted the concept of matching in his address. Prof. Padung stated that knowledge keeps on changing. He gave an example that the level of knowledge at the time of our great grandfather was completely different than it is in our time. How this change has occurred, an account of it must be maintained. Today we face a serious challenge in the form of climate change and if we analyse the cause- the knowledge that we have created is a cause behind climate change. He stated that we say that knowledge is power but actual knowledge is in the application of knowledge not in possession the knowledge.

Prof. Jayadeba Sahoo, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor i/c in his address to the gathering clarified how education differentiates human beings from animals. Literacy rate is going up, formal educa-

tion rate is also increasing in India, Job providers are there and job seekers are also there but still we are facing the problem of unemployment. The reason, he pointed out, a mismatch between the education that our system provides and the need and requirement of job providers. Wester Education teaches us to fight about our right and survival of the fittest but ignores the concept of inclusive growth. IKS is a complete package in the form of 14 Vidyas and 64 Kalas of ancient Indian disciplines of knowledge and art that address the epistemological crisis of the education system.

Prof. Kaushal Kishore, Head, Department of Education, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi delivered an online lecture on Multidisciplinary concept of Education and importance of flexibility in education system and how NEP 2020 addresses both these issues. He explained need of Multidisciplinary education and how a Chinese learner who visited Nalanda University for Ayurveda Knowledge and understood various other forms of knowledge as he learnt Sanskrit to know about Ayurveda system of healing.

Dr. A. K. Mishra, State liaison officer- cum SNO (NEP 2020), Director of Higher and Technical Education Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh delivered a talk on how to incorporate IKS into higher education by citing the contribution of various ancient scholars like Charak, Susruta, Aryabhata, Vrahmir, Chanakya, Panini, Sankardev and many others.

Dr. Tayum Saroh, Deputy coordinator shared instructions and information about various technical sessions and proposed vote of thanks to all the administrators and academicians for their contribution in various capacities like moral support, financial support, motivation, guidance in organising this national seminar and participation of paper presenters.