

Health Benefits of Tomato

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Atomato is a technically a fruit, because it's seed-bearing and develops from the ovary of a flowering plant. Botanically speaking, vegetables consist of other plant parts, like roots, leaves, and stems. But when it comes to nutrition, tomatoes. A medium tomato provides just 22 calories, and about 5 grams of total carb, with 3 as sugar and 1.5 as fibre. But this low-calorie, low-carb package is chock-full of nutrients, and has been linked to a variety of health benefits.

Tomatoes are a great source of vitamins: A single tomato can provide about 40% of the daily recommended minimum of vitamin C. What's more, tomatoes supply vitamin A, which supports immunity, vision, and skin health; vitamin K, which is good for your bones; and potassium, a key nutrient for heart function, muscle contractions, and main-

taining a healthy blood pressure and fluid balance.

They protect heart health: Tomatoes contain an antioxidant called lycopene, which is responsible for their red color. Research suggests that in terms of heart health benefits, it's more effective to eat tomatoes and tomato products than take lycopene supplements. Other studies have shown that higher blood levels of lycopene are tied to lower death rates for people with metabolic syndrome, a cluster of risk factors that raise the chances of developing heart disease, diabetes, and stroke.

Improve you vision: Lycopene is also good for your eyes. And that's not the only peeper-protective nutrient in tomatoes; they contain lutein and beta-carotene as well. According to research, those nutrients support vision and protect against eye conditions in-

cluding cataracts and macular degeneration.

Boost digestive health: The fluid and fibre in tomatoes may be helpful if you're prone to constipation. (According to the USDA one large tomato contains 6 ounces of fluid, and 1.5 grams of fiber.) Just be aware that in some people, the acidity from cooked tomatoes may trigger or worsen acid reflux and indigestion.

Help with diabetes management: Tomatoes may be a protective food for people with type 2 diabetes: In one study, people with diabetes who supplemented with cooked tomatoes for 30 days experienced a decrease in lipid per oxidation, a chain reaction in which substances called free radicals attack fat, leading to damage that ups the risk of heart disease. This is particularly important, because diabetes doubles the risk of stroke and heart attack.

Guard skin health: A study found that the combination of tomato paste and olive oil protected against sun damage, and boosted the production of pro-collagen, a molecule that gives the skin its structure and keeps it firm and youthful. Scientists believe that the lycopene in tomatoes is key. It's at its highest concentration when tomatoes have been cooked, and olive oil boosts its absorption from your digestive system into your bloodstream.

Protect against cancer: Observational studies have found links between the superstar compound lycopene and fewer incidences of prostate, ovarian, lung, and stomach cancers.



Pariksha Pe Charcha program held

YUPIA, March 1:

Papum Pare Deputy Commissioner, Jiken Bomjen said that “Education empowers individuals by providing them with knowledge, skills, and confidence to pursue their goals and make informed decisions”.

DC Bomjen was addressing the students, parents and teachers here during a Pariksha Pe Charcha program held by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) in collaboration with the District Administration at the auditorium Hall of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya (NSCBV), Yupia on March 1.

Terming perseverance, hard work and discipline as the mantra for success in life Bomjen added that ‘there is no substitute to hard-work and further advised the teachers and the parents to provide love, support, and guidance, shaping their child's values, beliefs, and behaviours.

DC Bomjen also spoke about the sports quota provisions and exhorted the students to take part in co curriculum activities.

Addressing the gathering Anya Ratan, Chairperson, AP-SCPCR said that “One of the most poignant aspect of ‘Pariksha Pe Charcha’ is that it encourages a

collaborative effort of the parents, teachers and students approach to education, where the collective support becomes the cornerstone of success.”

She also emphasized on the role of parents and teachers as vital in moulding the character of a child.

Encouraging the students to actively participate in the Pariksha Pe Charcha program she further informed that “Children, teachers and parents can apply for participation through the My Government portal and take part in the ‘Pariksha Pe Charcha’ with the Prime Minister.”

A.D Sharma, member District Resource Group cum co-ordinator NCPCR dwelt on the techniques for a stress free examination preparation while R.K Rob through a Power Point presentation cited the role of the parents in creating a stress free environment for the children to grow to their fullest potentials.

Pre recorded videos of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Pariksha pe charcha was shown to the children as a part of the program.

APSCPCR members Taba Champa, Miti Libang, DDSE T T Tara, DD ICDS Arotty Tayeng, Bhaskar Chakraborty, NCPCR N.E Region, SDO Doimukh I/C Nyalisa Raji, SMC members and more than 300 students attended the program.

Training programme on “Python Programming” & “3-D printing using solidworks” held

NIRJULI, March 1:

A five-day training programme on ‘Python programming’ and ‘3D printing using Solid works’,

organised by the Itanagar-based NIELIT, in association with the NERIST and Guwahati (Assam)-based Tech booster Pvt Ltd, , March 1.

Forty-six students from the departments of ME, AE, CE and ECE, NERIST, attended the training, which had been inaugurated on 24 February by NERIST Director Prof Narendranath S, in the presence of NIELIT Itanagar Director (i/c) Rintu Das, Dean (Administration) Prof M Chandrasekaran, ME HoD, Prof S Mahto, Tech booster, Guwahati senior trainer-cum-designer Monoj Dutta, and others.

During the training, the students were taught about Python programming language, and provided with hands-on practice on its applications in various areas. They were also imparted training in 3D modelling using Solid works “to gain experience of a seamless integration of user-friendly 3D design tools with advanced data management capabilities, enriched by innovative conceptual design features and precise subdivision modelling techniques,” according to an official release.

Keyi Panyor becomes 26th district of Arunachal

YACHULI, March 1:

“In September 2023, I promised you that I will come back to give you what you have cherished for long – a new district. Here I am today with it,” said Chief Minister Pema Khandu while inaugurating the state’s 26th district – Keyi Panyor – at Yachuli on, March 1.

The new district, carved out of Lower Subansiri - will have its headquarters at Ter Gapin – Sam Sarth area near here.

Congratulating the people, Khandu said that the aspirations of the people, especially of the Yachuli Assembly Constituency, simmering since years, has been at last fulfilled.

“Heartiest congratulations to the wonderful people of the newly created district and Yachuli constituency! Let’s embark on a new journey together to make this district a shining example of development for others,” he said to a thunderous applause.

Wishing the people of the newly created district for a fruitful journey ahead, Khandu expressed optimism that the journey would be ‘corruption free’.

“Everything good, historic and noteworthy, especially for the Nyishi community, began from Yachuli area. I am afraid and you will agree, ‘money culture’ in electoral politics also began from here. Today, as we start a new journey, let’s pledge to make Keyi Panyor the first district to root out this culture for others to follow suit,” he beckoned.

Khandu called upon religious and community leaders, whom people listen to, to strongly campaign against ‘cash for vote’ practice prevalent in the state now that the parliamentary and assembly elections are round the corner.

“I cannot stress more on the need to combat corruption for a prosperous future. A strong commitment is key, and I believe that people’s support will be instrumental. Together, we can build a corruption-free ecosystem,” he said.

The new district, Khandu pointed, has huge potential in agriculture and horticulture and advised the local community mem-

bers to focus on these sectors. He assured that the state government will provide all support needed.

To the practice of submitting memorandums consisting of local demands during such occasions, Khandu said that the practice should be done away with.

He stressed that it is the responsibility of the government to give all facilities and implement developmental projects even before the people start demanding (through memorandums).

“Why should the government wait for the people to demand? It is our responsibility and duty to give to the people what they need before they come asking,” he said.

He assured that all infrastructural needs of the newly created district will be fulfilled and that people are not forced to come knocking on the government’s door.

“I share in the joy of the people and assure them that all infrastructure needs will be met. Yachuli’s potential is immense. With a robust road network, we can accelerate production and exports,” Khandu added.

To mark the occasion, the Chief Minister handed over the new district flag to the incumbent deputy commissioner and superintendent of police.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minister for Earth Science Kiren Rijiju, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, MPs Tapir Gao and Nabam Rebia and host of cabinet colleagues including local representative and Education Minister Taba Tedir and MLAs.

It may be noted that the State Assembly had on February 8 last passed the Arunachal Pradesh (Re-organization of Districts) (Amendment) Bill, 2024,

paving the way for creation of two new districts Keyi Panyor and Bichom.

The 27th district Bichom is scheduled to be inaugurated early next week.

APSCPCR team visits Anjaw

HAWAI, March 1:

A three-member team of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (APSCPCR), along with staffers of the DCPU, the DLSA and the WCD department, visited Chambab village and the Govt Upper Primary School in Manchal circle of Anjaw district, in connection with POC-SO-related cases, on March 1.

The team, comprising Ngurang Achung, Niri Chongrowju and Honluk Lukham, interacted with the members of the public, the school management committee, teachers, panchayat leaders, gaon burahs, POCSO victims and their parents there.

During a meeting at the circuit house here, Chongrowju presented a brief on the juvenile justice system, while Achung spoke on the POSCO Act. Officials from the district administration, the DCPU, and the Juvenile Justice Board, besides police personnel, PRI members, GBs, and representatives of NGOs and the Child Welfare Committee, among others, attended the meeting.

Later, the team, along with Deputy Commissioner Talo Jerang and other officials, inspected the Hawaii-based juvenile home.

The DC highlighted the shortage of staff at the juvenile home, and requested the commission’s members to look into it. He also stressed on organising an awareness campaign on child rights across the district.

Governor witnesses Indian Air Force's Surya Kiran Aerobatic team performance

ITANAGAR, March 2:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) witnessed the air show by the Indian Air Force's Surya Kiran Aerobatic team at Donyi-Polo Airport Itanagar on March 2 2024.

The IAF Surya Kiran aerobatics team displayed some thrilling, action packed air display of close formation aerobatics, which enthralled the people from the State Capital and Papum Pare District who turned up to see the breathtaking flight formations.

Interacting with the Air Force Officers, the Governor complimented them and the Surya Kiran Team and said that the event marks a significant milestone as the first of its kind in the State. He further said that the air show has showcased technological innovation, promoting the aviation industry, inspiring future generations and celebrating aviation heritage, in addition to providing avenues for fostering international collaboration.

The Governor suggested more Air Shows in Arunachal Pradesh to motivate the youth of the State. He said that such events will definitely draw the youth to be part of the Indian Air Force, while recalling the first Fighter Pilot from Arunachal Pradesh Late Kuru Hasang, who was commissioned into the Indian Air Force in 1968.

Air Commodore VJ Singh, Air Officer Commanding, Air Force Station, Tezpur and Wing Commander AK Verma briefed the Governor about the air show. The Surya Kiran Team, Group Cap-

tain GS Dhillon, Squadron Leader Ankit, Wing Commander Kuldeep Hooda, Wing Commander Sidhesh Kartik, Wing Commander Prashant Bhardwaj, Wing Commander Alok Goakar, Squadron Leader Himkush Chandel, Squadron Leader Himanshu Singh and Wing Commander Allen George performed maneuvers including 'Barrel roll in which they flew as if outlining the shape of an invisible barrel', 'Loop in diamond formation' and 'Inverted run in front of audience'. The team drew a heart in the sky dedicated to the people of Itanagar and One AC rolled in the sky presenting a 360 degree view of the Hawk Mk-132 aircraft.

The District Administration of Papum Pare District led by Jiken Bomjen, in collaboration with the Indian Air Force and Airport Authority of India organized the air show, which is the first in the State.

State government approves "amend syllabi for APPSCC examination rule"

ITANAGAR, March 2:

The state government on March 2 approved the proposal to amend the syllabi for the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Combined Competitive Examination (APPSCCE) Rule-2019, which includes topics related to Arunachal Pradesh in both preliminary as well as the main APPSCC examinations.

During a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Pema Khandu here, the cabinet also recommended appointing members to the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission.

In one of the important decisions, the cabinet approved notifying 23 local languages and

dialects of constitutionally notified tribes of Arunachal as third language in the state, in order to preserve and promote indigenous languages and dialects.

The state cabinet also approved framing of recruitment rules for the posts of joint director of nursing, senior public health nursing officers, district public health nursing officers, laboratory assistants, laboratory technicians, and senior laboratory technicians.

The cabinet also gave its nod to create 39 posts of faculty members in Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (TRI-HMS) "in view of the upgradation of the intake capacity of MBBS students to 100 in the lone medical college of the state."

The proposal for creation of one post each of professor, associate professor and assistant professor in the cardiology department of TRIHMS also got the nod from the cabinet.

The cabinet also approved the proposal for creating one post of deputy drugs controller under the health services directorate and one post of chief architect under the state public works department.

The indigenous affairs department also got the cabinet nod for 19 posts, with eight temporary posts and 11 contingency (skilled/un-skilled) posts.

In order to strengthen the frontier highways, the cabinet approved the proposal for two highway circles – in Itanagar and Jairampur – and two highway divisions – in Koloriang and Rupa – along with 20 regular posts and 20 outsourced contractual posts.

It further approved the proposal for creating 42 posts of gaon burahs (GB) and head gaon burahs (HGB). These include 36 posts of GBs and six posts of HGBs in various districts.

Acknowledging the contributions of influential personalities who contributed immensely towards the socioeconomic development of their respective areas, the cabinet gave its approval to rename various government institutions, establishments and places after their names.

According to a cabinet decision, the Govt College in Yachuli, the CHC in Yazali, and the Govt Secondary School in Deed will be renamed as 'Neelam Taram Govt College, Yachuli', 'Jotam Toko Takam CHC, Yazali', and 'Neelam Tebi Govt Secondary School, Deed', respectively.

On the other hand, the Panyor bridge in Yazali, the Govt Higher Secondary School in Talo, and the PMGSY road from 73 Kimin-Ziro BRTF in Lumri village, will be renamed as 'Gem Taje Bridge, Yazali', 'Gem Teri Govt Higher Secondary School, Talo', and 'Neelam Nido Road, Lumri', respectively.

The stretch of the road from Lazu to Khonsa, near the 6th AR unit hospital to the helipad will be renamed 'Shaheed Babu Rao Road'.

The multipurpose cultural hall and the Leparada district hospital in Basar will be renamed 'Marto Kamdak Multipurpose Cultural Hall, Basar' and 'Todak Basar District Hospital, Basar', respectively.

CM congratulates PHED on achieving the stupendous milestone on implementation of JJM

ITANAGAR, March 2:

"When intentions are honest, achievements are guaranteed," said Chief Minister Pema Khandu

while congratulating the state Department of Public Health Engineering (PHED) on achieving the stupendous milestone of hundred percent saturation in implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) program launched by the central government in 2019.

Arunachal Pradesh has become the first state in the North East to achieve this remarkable feat and is the 10th in the country.

Attending a celebration to mark the achievement here on March 2, Khandu hailed the departmental engineers and workers including the village water and sanitation committees for walking the extra mile in taking potable water supply connections across the length and breadth of the state in four years, a year ahead of the national target.

"Considering the vast geographical area, difficult terrains and sparsely populated remote villages, this is a no mean feat. As chief minister of the state I hold my head high with pride," he said.

When JJM was launched by the Prime Minister in 2019, Khandu revealed that only 20989 households in the state had Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) and today, after successful execution of the mission, 2.9 lakh households have FHTC.

He, however, informed that this wouldn't have been possible if the state depended only on the centrally sponsored JJM. He said that every central government program and scheme comes with its own rules, guidelines and eligibility criteria.

"Many of our villages in remote areas couldn't qualify for water supply facility under JJM. Therefore, not to leave these villages bereft of this basic and essential service we launched our own Arunachal Jal Sankalp Yojna

(AJSY)," he informed.

Khandu said that implementing the AJSY along with JJM resulted in hundred percent potable tap water connection to each household.

"From our own resources we spent about Rs 590.80 crores under AJSY covering 20989 households that did not come under JJM," he informed.

Citing few more big water supply projects nearing completion, Khandu asked the department to complete all such projects while revealing that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is scheduled to visit Itanagar on March 9, will be virtually dedicating these to the people.

Talking about big water treatment and supply projects, the Chief Minister suggested plan and design in a manner that these could be also utilized for tourism purposes.

"Chowkham water supply project is one example, which besides supplying potable water to the people is also earning revenue from visitors because of its ambience and facilities," he said and informed that similar projects will come up soon at Basar, Namsai, Bomdila, Daporijo and Tezu.

The largest such project though, Khandu informed, will be developed in the state capital region under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) at a value of more than Rs 300 crore.

Acknowledging the water scarcity challenge, particularly in Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts, Khandu said that the government is alive to it and putting in a place a long time roadmap to mitigate it through the recently passed Arunachal Pradesh Protection for Drinking Water Catchment Area Act 2023.

As a part of the celebration, awards were given away to the first district achieving saturation, three best-performing districts, top-performing divisions, best performing Village Water and Sanitation Committees, Jal Shaktisand more.

Present on the occasion were Speaker PD Sona, MP (RS) Nabam Rebia, PHED Minister Wangki Lowang, cabinet ministers, MLAs and others.

1st Edition of Bharat Lok Sangeet – Arunachal Utsav commences at Poi Pee Mau Tai ground, Namsai

NAMSAI, March 2:

The first edition of Bharat Lok Sangeet – Arunachal Utsav, under the ambit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat', began here in Namsai district on March 2.

Twelve cultural troupes from various states of India, including three cultural troupes from Arunachal, are participating in the event, showcasing a myriad of art forms. The festival aims at fostering inter-cultural exchange, and interaction and mutual respect between different states and union territories of India.

Attending the inaugural function of the festival at the Poi Pee Mau Tai ground here, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein said that, "owing to its cultural vastness, Arunachal is a reservoir of folksongs, lores, tales and dances, resonating with the expressions and representations of its indigenious populace."

Highlighting the native scripts of the state, he informed that "ancient epics like the Mahabharata and the Ramayana have been written in the Tai Khamti script."

Mein also informed the participants from different states of the country about "the significant cultural establishments of Arunachal, including the famed Golden Pagoda in Namsai district, the sacred Parshuram Kund in Lohit district, historical connections with Bismaknagar and Malinithan, and the ancient Tawang monastery in Tawang district."

He also highlighted the state government's initiatives towards turning these establishments into major pilgrimage destinations, paving the way for greater tourist footfalls in the state.

The DCM expressed optimism that initiatives like the Bharat Lok Sangeet – Arunachal Utsav would revitalise India's cultural landscape, fostering unity and contributing to nation-building.

He announced that the festival will be added as one of the calendar events of the state government, with plans to expand participation in the coming years.

The inaugural day featured the performance of the 'unity dance of Arunachal Pradesh' by the Tani Daughters crew, showcasing the five Tani tribes (Nyishi, Adi, Galo, Apatani and Tagin), followed by Kaa-Kong Tou-Kai (peacock and cock dance) of the Tai Khamti community.

Other cultural events of the day included Mukha Bhaona (Assam), Rouf (Jammu & Kashmir), Kali Aattam (Puducherry), Tsungremong (Nagaland), Jabro (Ladakh), Karagam (Tamil Nadu), Chhapeli (Uttarakhand), Ka-Shad-Sngei (Meghalaya), Lai Haraoba (Manipur), Hojaigiri dance (Tripura), Denjong Cha-Rab (Sikkim), Buhza Aih Cheraw (Mizoram), Chutkuchuta (Odisha), and a folk fusion concert by Maylula Band and Chorun Mugli.

On Sunday, the programme

will begin with the 'unity dance of Lekang circle'.

A host of dignitaries, including MP Tapir Gao, MLAs Gum Tayeng, Zingnu Namchoom, Mutchu Mithi, Jummum Ete Dori, Dasanglu Pul and Mopi Mihu, and government officers attended the inaugural function.

Arunachal Celebrates Har Ghar Jal

NAHARLAGUN, March 2:

The Har Ghar Jal State celebration marks years of dedicated efforts by officials, stakeholders and communities under inspiring guidance and patronage of Government of Arunachal Pradesh, the state govt. has observed the 'Har Ghar Jal' state celebration to commemorate the efforts and dedication and reaffirming to sustainable water management in this connection the Event was organized at D.K.Auditorium, state Assembly, Itanagar on March 2, 2024.

In his speech Chief Minister Pema Khandu thanks, the members of Har Ghar Jal and congratulate the PHED department for achieving 100% saturation in Jal Jivan Mission. "I am Proud to announce that we are first in the North East states and 10th in the entire country in JJM. In 2017 under Swachh Bharat Mission initiated by hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, we ranked 7th in entire nation and 2nd in North East states after Sikkim Khandu informed. Despite of being very difficult atmosphere and terrain, we achieved 100% saturation in JJM because of dedication and hard-working maintain by the people and PHED, departments said.

While highlighted the importance of HGJ, CM said, under Arunachal Jal Sankalp Yojana less

than 5 years the state Govt. has provided 2.9 lakhs households in the village of the State,

Village water and sanitation committee, 1st district saturation Har Ghar Jal, 3 best performing district, divisions, 5 best water and sanitation committee, 3 best resource coordinator, 3 best Lab Assistant, 3 best Jal Shanties were awarded by the CM.

Wangki Lowang Minister PHED said that this has been one of the major achievements made by the present Government led by Shri Pema Khandu during short period of 5 years. He also thanks the CM Pema Khandu for his tireless support and guidance in implementing of JJMin the state.

Earlier, A.K. Singh Secy. PHED while welcoming the members presents on the occasion, said within a short period of time we could achieved 100% household tap connection after putting all our efforts tirelessly. Efforts are on for 100% certification of Har Ghar Jal and handing over the scheme to the gram Panchayat and Village water and sanitation committee, we have achieved the 96 % of certification and it is expected that soon we will be completing the entire certification process for the entire household in the state, he added.

Kaling Tayen, in charged Chief Secretary, Tomo Basar, CE and Managing Director JJM, Er. Toko Jyoti CE, were also spoke on the event.

Among others C M Pema Khandu, P. D Sona Speaker, Wangki Lowang Minister PHED, Tumke Bagra Minister, Bamang Felix Home Minister, Deputy Speaker Tesam Pongte and MLAs, Kaling Tayeng IAS, Secratery PHED A.K. Singh Tomo Basar CE, Toko Jyoti CE were attended the programmed.

Governor administers oaths APPSC & APIC members

ITANAGAR, March 3:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) administered the 'Oath of Office' and 'Oath of Secrecy' to the newly appointed member of Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) JalashPertin at the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on March 3, 2024.

He also administered 'Oath' to newly appointed members of Arunachal Pradesh Information Commissioner, Khopey Thaley, Vijay Taram, Dani Gamboo and Sangyal Tsering Bappu. Chief Secretary in-charge Kaling Tayeng, Principal Secretary (Home) conducted the function.

Interacting with the Chairmen and members of the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission and Arunachal Pradesh Information Commissioner over a high tea, the Governor reposed his faith that the Commissions will rise to the expectations of the people and will always uphold the merit of each case. He advised them to work with commitment, renewed zeal and in team spirit.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, Cabinet Ministers, senior officers and distinguished guests attended the function along with other officials and public functionaries.

Tourism and Horticulture are growth engines for Ziro; Taki

ZIRO, March 3:

Spelling out that horticulture and tourism sectors were the double

growth engines that could propel and boost the economy of Ziro and the state, local MLA and Minister Agriculture and Allied Er. Tage Taki urged the youth to take advantage of the favorable landscape gifted by nature for their income generating start ups and sustainability.

Taki was speaking at the inaugural function of 'Pamu Yalang View Point' (PYVP) atop the Dolo Mando Hills at Bamin-Michi village on March 3.

Mother nature, coupled with the wisdom of our ancestors, has bestowed Ziro Plateau with a unique cultural landscape filled with immense potential in the fields of horticulture and tourism, as a result of which Ziro has become the highest producer of Kiwi fruit in Arunachal Pradesh and also earned the tag of tourist hot-spot with lakhs of tourists visiting the valley annually. Instead of hankering after shrinking Govt. jobs, our youth should focus on these key areas and be job givers rather than job seekers, said Minister Taki.

Speaking more on the tourism potential of Ziro Valley, the Minister said with Shivlinga Temple, Siikhey and Seeh Lakes, Ziro has the potential to attract massive religious and recreational tourists. However, to boost the local tourism industry and economy, we need to ensure tourists halt at least for a day or two at Ziro for which we need to come up with more innovative tourist centric place like Pamu Yalang View Point, said Taki.

Sharing his insights for further development of Ziro Plateau, the local legislator said, with the completion of GyatiTakka Zonal Hospital, Integrated Aqua Park at Tarin, the Pangey Hydel Project, development of Hakhe Tari and Pangey as tourist spot and trout

fish farm respectively, my vision and mission for the people of Ziro during my current term would be satisfying, he said.

The 'Pamu Yalang View Point' or the 'Hawk's Rock' is located atop the majestic Dolo Mandu Hills of Bamin Michi village. The scene from the view point gives an overwhelming breathtaking panoramic mystic view of the entire valley. The locals believe the rocks were the dwelling place of the hawks in the earlier era which has withstood the test of time in protecting the villages from natural calamities including famines and fire accidents. The sacred view point has been developed by PWD with an initial project cost of Rs 50 lakhs.

Earlier, while assuring to sponsor the construction of washrooms for both men and women at the view point, president of Bamin Michi Welfare Association, the apex body of Bamin-Michi village and Director Urban Local Body Hano Takka urged the tourists to be responsible by respecting the local sentiments, values, culture and not littering the place.

While thanking the local MLA for sanctioning the innovative project and engaging the local youth, Diibo ZPM Bamin Gumbo appealed the local MLA to sanction few more PMGSY roads to the twin villages.

Narrating the history of Pamu Yalang View Point, Pamu Yalang Welfare Society chairman Michi Tai informed many more historical, legendary and places of tourist interest such as Piichang Putu (Potter's Hill), Duku and Gano Yalang were also located at the twin villages which could also be developed in due course of time.

Secretary Michi Welfare Association Michi Shalla and Gen-

eral Secretary of Pamu Yalang Welfare Society advocate Racho Buda also spoke on the occasion.

The function was also attended by PYWS members, officers, senior citizens and youth from Bamin-Michi villages.

MP Tapir Gao inaugurates Ngorlung Dere

PASIGHAT, March 3:

East Arunachal Lok Sabha MP Tapir Gao on March 3 inaugurated the much awaited Dere/Musup (Community Hall) at Ngorlung village, under Ruksin subdivision amidst huge gathering of the former MLAs Ninong Ering and Tatung Jamoh, East Siang DC Tayi Taggu, host ZPMs, officers, GBs and villagers.

Speaking on the occasion, MP Gao informed that necessary fund fifty lakhs each were provided by the him and the local former MLA Ninong Ering under SIDF and the work started last year on 6th June 2023 was completed now by the two executing agencies RWD and PWD.

Taking privilege on the occasion, MP Gao extended thanks to the people for expressing 'continued faith' in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership at the center and team effort of CM Pema Khandu and Deputy CM Chowna Mein. "Government is trying to develop Arunachal in all fronts" asserted Gao and exhorted the people to maintain the asset created by the government and use it purposefully.

He urged the young generations to avail of the growing opportunities that come in their way. The MP appreciated the organizing President and Secretary Ojing Aje and Devish Panyang for organizing the event in a befitting manner.

Among others, former

MLAs Ninong Ering and Tatung Jamoh and DC Tayi Taggu also spoke on the occasion.

Aalo Bird Walk organised, 57 species of birds spotted

AALO, March 3:

The first edition of the Aalo bird walk, with the theme 'Feathers and Footsteps', which was organised from 2-3 March by the West Siang district administration and the Siang unit of Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology & the Environment (ATREE-Siang), in collaboration with the forest and the tourism departments, concluded on March 3.

The event featured an array of activities, including educational talks on bird identification; the significance of bird conservation; and a fun quiz in which 20 students from SFS College, Aalo participated.

During the walk, which took place on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, 57 species of birds were spotted by the 45 participants.

"It was very exciting to have such an enthusiastic response to the first Aalo bird walk, particularly from the local youths. We want to continue this effort in the future too," said West Siang DC Mamu Hage, who also participated in the walk. She also happens to be an avid birder.

"The district administration is committed to promoting sustainable development and environmental conservation in the region. Through various initiatives and partnerships, the administration works tirelessly to improve the quality of life for residents while preserving the natural heritage of the district," the DC said.

“The bird walks, despite the cold, cloudy and misty weather, was a huge success, and the biggest highlight was the sighting of at least 1,000 common cranes in flight, probably on their way back to the breeding grounds,” said Dr Rajkamal Goswami, who leads the ATREE-Siang team based in Pasighat, East Siang district.

“This is said to be the first record of this species from West Siang and probably the second record from the entire Siang valley,” Dr Goswami noted, and emphasised the importance of the Siang valley as an important riverine corridor for major migratory birds.

“The participants also saw around 2,000 bar-headed geese, which was also a significant record for the Siang valley,” added Dr Goswami.

ATREE is a non-profit organisation dedicated to research, education and advocacy in the field of environmental conservation. In the Siang valley, the ATREE team has been engaging with the local communities and other stakeholders to conserve the remaining intact forests of the valley, and fostering appreciation for its remarkable biodiversity.

Padma Shri awardee, Mundayoor attends Mass library awareness programme

NAMSAI, March 4:

“Knowledge can win the hearts of millions of people,” said renowned educationist and Padma Shri awardee Satyanarayanan Mundayoor, citing the example of Swami Vivekananda.

Addressing the valedictory function of a fortnight-long awareness programme at the district library here on Monday, March 4

Mundayoor commended the efforts being made by the library to connect the masses with the library, and explained the types of reading and how reading speed can be increased to “reap maximum benefits in minimum time.”

Namsai DC CR Khampa, who also attended the function along with students and teachers from eight different educational institutions of Namsai district, inaugurated the RFID (radio frequency identification) smart book shelf in the district library. The new device is expected to enhance the efficiency in borrowing of books.

Addressing the students, the DC advised them to “take advantage of the fully automated library and enhance your knowledge and skills to meet future challenges.”

Librarian S Mukherjee informed that the awareness programme was aimed at inculcating the reading habit among the students from an early age.

Presenting a synopsis of the 15-day-long programme, which saw the participation of more than 1,890 students, teachers, anganwadi workers, and youths from every corner of the district, especially those from fur-flung areas, Mukherjee said that the participants visited the library, where they were “acquainted with the service of the fully automated library and its further scope and vision towards the students and youths of the area.”

Resource persons from different fields, such as educationists, senior bureaucrats, CDPOs, and other prominent personalities were invited to the awareness programme to motivate the students, he said.

District Planning Officer Dr Keshab Sharma stressed on “the importance of physical book reading and the role of the library

in civil society,” and advised the students “not to become prey to modern digital devices.”

Around 2,500 students participated in various literary events like essay writing, debate, extempore speech, and drawing competitions organised at different educational institutions as part of the programme organised by the district library.

Education Department conducts One Day Training for Community Leaders

PASIGHAT, March 4:

For strengthening the functioning of schools and school developmental plans creating conducive Learning Environment in schools involving civil society, the district education department under ISSE Flagship Programme for Media and Community Mobilization had organized One Day Community Leaders Training for GPM and GPC of Bogong-I & II and Bosing-I & II under Pasighat Block on 02nd March at the Shikshak Sadan, Pasighat.

DDSE Odhuk Tabing, Asst. Professor of JN College Dr. Dangen Daming and PMC Councillor Oyin Gao attended as Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and Special Guest respectively on the occasion. Resource person Oming Jamoh Pertin TGT (Pol. Science) highlighted all Provisions of RTE Act-2009. Advocate Tom Modi, Jurist, District & Session Court, Pasighat taken Session for strengthening the Legal Provisions of POCSO-2012 (Amended 2019) for the protection and prevention of Sexual Abuse, Sexual Harassment or Molestation to the Minors in Schools and Society.

Principal DIET Tapang Taki through ppt imparted Roles & Responsibility of GPM/GPC in

supporting School Education and achieving the goals of SSA (Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan) which is now known as ISSE.

BEO (Aca), Okom Pan-yang as Programme Coordinator highlighted aims and objective of the training. Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and Special Guest spoke on the occasion and emphasized that GPM/GPC has lot to play crucial roles, participation in School Developmental Activities, putting in place an institutional mechanism at the local level.

Pasighat Market gets Smart Police Beat House

PASIGHAT, March 4:

Local MLA Kaling Moyong inaugurated the Smart Police Beat House funded under Smart City Mission, MoHUA at Pasighat Main Bazar in the presence of DC Pasighat, Tayi Taggu, Dy. SP Ayup Boko, CEO, PSCDCL, Dr. Manjuli Komut, Chief Councillor, PMC Okiam Moyong Borang, Councillors, members of Pasighat Market Welfare Association, HoDs among others.

The MLA in his address said that the 24x 7 monitoring and on spot public services in the heart of the city will much benefit the general public, business community and all sections of society, tourists, visitors in providing a safe and secure environment and help the general public to avail on the spot services from the Police Personnel for any enquires and grievances, emergencies etc.

Public Address System (PA) is also being set up and more beautification works to enhance aesthetics is also being taken up. The present Pasighat Bazar set up in the 1950s in the present loca-

tion after relocated due to the 1950 earthquake is the commercial hub of the Pasighat city and being upgraded under Smart City Mission projects, he added.

DC Tayi Taggu in his address urged citizens that the infrastructure created for the citizens is now the public asset for everyone to take care adding that the fastest growing Pasighat Smart city is keeping up with changing face of the Smart City and instill confidence in the people through such initiatives.

CEO, Pasighat Smart City Mission(PSCDCL), Dr. Manjuli Komut informed that the upgradation of the Police Beat House is a part of the Market Upgradation projects under Phase I & II under Smart City Mission .

The Beat House has spacious office rooms & all required facilities including washroom with 24x 7 CCTV Surveillance. The CEO also thanked support of the State Government, local MLA, the SPV team and all stakeholders & general public for the successful implantation of various Smart city projects being taken up to transform Pasighat Smart City in all sectors to improve quality of life and best of services and facilities to the people.

Officials PSCDCL were also present among others.

JNC History department organizes one day national seminar

PASIGHAT, March 5:

The history department of Jawaharlal Nehru College (JNC) here in East Siang district conducted a national seminar themed 'Arunachal Pradesh as a modern state: Tradition and modernity' on March 5.

The seminar, sponsored

by the higher & technical education directorate, was organised in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh University (APU) here.

Addressing the participants, Doimukh (Papum Pare)-based Rajiv Gandhi University's History Professor Ashan Riddi spoke about "modernity, cultural life, the roots of traditions, and the degree of change brought by modernity in Arunachal Pradesh," JNC informed in a release.

APU Vice Chancellor Prof Tomo Riba, who along with JNC Principal Dr Tasi Taloh and Vice Principal Dr Leki Sitang attended the seminar as guests, spoke on "how the concept of modernisation can be experienced at the level of individual as well as society," the release said.

"He also emphasised on the idea that there should be intervention of modern technology in traditional methods," it added.

Assam-based Dibrugarh University's History HoD Dr Chandan Sharma chaired the technical sessions.

"More than a dozen papers were presented by various universities and colleges, including those from within the college," it said.

JNC History HoD Talut Talom and History Assistant Professors Kaling Darung and Mituai Ngukir also spoke.

Maiden cultural guide training successfully completed at Ziro

ZIRO, March 6:

With a view to attract more tourists to the state through the display of rich and varied culture of the 26 major tribes of the state, the first batch of culture guide training programme concluded at Ziro on March 6

Conducted and sponsored by the Department of Tourism, 38 participants were provided with intensive classroom and field based trainings by National and International culture experts during the 3-day training programme.

Organized for Subansiri basin comprising the Districts of Lower Subansiri, Kamle, Kra Dadi, Kurung Kumey and Upper Subansiri, the training programme was coordinated by Bengia Mama Sonam, Deputy Director Tourism and Dikchu Raji, District Tourism Officer, Ziro.

Resource persons comprised Dr. Madhura Dutta, ICH expert from New Delhi, Dr. Bhaboklang Sokhlet, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Anthropology St. Claret College, Koj Mama, local tour operator and conservationist, and Raj Basu, Advisor, Rural Tourism, Govt. of AP.

While distributing the certificates to the trainees, ZPM Hibu Oche congratulated the participants for successfully completing the training programme and urged them to utilize their newly acquired skill for benefit of uplifting the art and culture of their respective regions.

During the function, renowned conservationist Punyo Chada of Ngunu Ziro NGO was also felicitated for being conferred gold medal at the Indian Responsible Tourism Award 2024 held recently.

As part of extension of the training programme, the Tourism Department will also organize a 3-day field visit of the trainees to eastern part of the state.

CM lays foundation stone for Divisional Commissioner office at Basar

BASAR, March 6:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on March 6 laid the foundation stone for Divisional Commissioner (Central Zone) office at Basar in Leparada district. The Central Division office will have its headquarters at Pagi and will cover the five districts of the central Arunachal – Upper Subansiri, Shi-Yomi, West Siang, Leparada and Lower Siang.

To mark the occasion, Khandu handed over the official notification to the Amjad Tak, senior IAS officer, who will take charge as the Divisional Commissioner, Central Zone.

Congratulating the people of Leparada in particular and the rest four districts, Khandu said that setting up of the Divisional Commissioner office is an attempt to take governance to people's doorsteps and ensure better administration and development of the region.

"I remember the day – 6th December 2022 – during my visit here, you had demanded the central zone divisional commissioner's office to be established at Basar. That was the day and here I am today. Demand fulfilled!" he said in a public meeting to mark the occasion.

Khandu admitted that the demand – endorsed by MLAs of the five districts – was genuine as these districts earlier came under the jurisdiction of Divisional Commissioner, Western Zone, with its headquarters at Yachuli.

He assured that every support for new infrastructure as required for a well-planned and executed Divisional Office at Pagi

will be extended by the state government.

To two other requests submitted by the people, Khandu assured to positively explore the possibilities of creating the offices of Central Zone DIGP and Chief Engineer (PWD) at Basar.

The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone for 7 projects and inaugurated 29 others.

Present on the occasion were Speaker P D Sona, Minister Industries Tumke Bagra, MLAs Gokar Basar, Rode Bui, Taniya Soki, Kardo Nyigyor and Kento Jini and others.

Gao inaugurates Community Convention Centre at Tezu

TEZU, March 6:

The Community Convention Centre, Tezu was inaugurated by MP Tapir Gao on March 6. He was accompanied by Chau Zignu Namchoom MLA Namsai, Mutchu Mithi MLA Roing.

Tapir Gao while speaking at the occasion appreciated the efforts of District Administration for the commendable work towards promotion of tourism and preservation of culture.

He stressed on the need to preserve tradition and culture he said that the Centre will not only be important from the perspective of the tourism but it would also help in preserving the tradition and culture of the place.

The MP requested the administration to uplift the existing Botanical Garden in Tezu. He also spoke on the need to identify and bring forth local talents and nurture them and the newly constructed centre can provide a great platform to them. He further, appealed youths of the district to

come forward to make best use of the Centre; explore their potential and hidden talents.

Lastly, he urged everyone to cooperate the government and the Administration in the effort towards bringing positive change in the District

Addressing the gathering Shashvat Saurabh, Deputy Commissioner Lohit said that “The Community Convention Centre, Tezu has been meticulously planned and designed to serve as a dynamic platform for fostering curiosity, nurturing creativity, and inspiring innovation, with a special focus on engaging and empowering the youth while boosting tourism in the region at the same time”.

Further, “The Outdoor Art and Design Museum with Recycled Waste, including Plastic, Metal, Building, and Demolition Waste, offers a unique and innovative approach to artistic expression while addressing environmental concerns through Creative Reuse of Materials ;Inspiration for Innovation Interactive and Engaging Exhibits; Community Engagement and Participation; Educational Programming; Celebration of Local Culture and Heritage; Demonstration of Sustainable Practices etc “ he added.

The Centre he shared has components to ensure contribution towards achieving the said vision like District Museum (Display Halls and Conservation Hall, an Open Air Theatre, Garden Amphitheatre, Exhibition Hall-cum-Photo Gallery, Outdoor Art and Design Museum, Music Wall and Play House, Food Stalls and Sales Counters, Innovation and Creativity Zones, Souvenir Shop, Café (Coffee and Bakery).

The Centre shall host a diverse range of events catering to

various interests and demographics in coming times. Here are some planned events that the centre shall host soon Cultural Festivals, Art Exhibitions, Book Fairs and Literature Festivals, Music Concerts, Theatrical Performances, food festivals etc

Further he added that “All the activities of the Community Convention Centre, Tezu shall be managed, supervised and executed by a Society registered recently with the Deputy Commissioner, Lohit being the ex-officio Chairperson of the same and all relevant stakeholders as members. The detailed General Guidelines has already been issued by the said Society in this regard to ensure optimum and prudent utilisation of spaces, assets, infrastructure and facilities developed at the Community Convention Centre, Tezu”.

MP Gao also inaugurate Model Anganwadi Centre Tezu and Renovated District Emporium Tezu.

The program was attended by Balong Tindiya ZPM Tezu, Angem Chaitom, ZPM Sunpura, All HoDs, representatives of CAL-SOM, Public leaders, Student leaders etc.

Multiple projects inaugurated by MLA Gabriel D Wangsu

KANUBARI, March 7:

Local MLA Gabriel D Wangsu inaugurated 57 projects, including an ‘open gym’, implemented by different departments of Kanubari subdivision in Longding district on March 7.

The MLA inaugurated 27 projects under the Jal Jeevan Mission, five projects under the Arunachal Jal Sankalp, seven school and community halls constructed

by the PWD, eight Panchayat Bhavan-cum-Common Service Centres, five projects of the power department, three of the RWD, two of the urban development & housing department, and one of the rural development department.

Wangsu said that “the government is determined to make each and every individual reap the benefits of developmental schemes.”

Commending the PHE & WS department for completing the projects under the Jal Jeevan Mission, the MLA emphasised on protection of the catchment areas and maintenance of the water source for future use.

He advised everyone to “take ownership of any infrastructure made by the government and look after the maintenance and operation of the same, instead of expecting from the government.”

Highlighting the need for improving the education scenario in the subdivision, Wangsu called for strengthening the school management committees and assured to make adequate numbers of teachers and furniture available in the schools.

In the run-up to the upcoming elections, he urged everyone to follow the election protocols and cooperate with the officials on duty to ensure peaceful, free and fair elections.

Among others, government officials and ZPMs accompanied the MLA.

CM inaugurates Bichom district

NAFRA, March 7:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on March 7 inaugurated the newly formed Bichom district – carved out of West Kameng and East Kameng districts – in presence

of Union Minister for Earth Science Kiren Rijiju and others.

He handed over the insignias bearing Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Superintendent of Police (SP) logos signifying the transfer of responsibilities for the new district to DC Akriti Sagar, and SP Sudhanshu Dhama, IPS and laid foundation for district headquarters at Napangphung.

Congratulating the people of the newly created district, Khandu said that the aspiration, which had been lingering since 1984 has been fulfilled today.

“Honouring voices of diverse communities, we have fulfilled the longstanding demand of creation of the district, pending since 1984,” he said.

Recounting the past, Khandu informed that the demand for Bichom district originated in 1984, however, it came officially to the fore after formation of the Bichom District Demand Committee in 1996 under the chairmanship of Kiren Rijiju, who hails from Nafra.

“While Bichom district issue kept pending, we created four new districts elsewhere. These are Pakke kessang, Kamle, Leparada and Shi Yomi. I must acknowledge and commend the contributions of MLAs Mama Natung, Goruk Pordung and Dongru Siongju that finally made Bichom district a reality,” he said.

Khandu assured support in creation of infrastructure for the new district headquarters and also promised that all existing infrastructure and assets now being transferred to Bichom district from East Kameng will be replaced with new ones.

In February last, the state Assembly passed the Arunachal

Pradesh (Re- Organization of Districts) (Amendment) Bill, 2024 for creation of Bichom district along with KeyiPanyor.

The new district will bring far-flung areas under easy accessibility and acceleration of economic development through various government initiatives benefitting the Miji, Sajolang, Aka (Koro) and Puroik communities.

Reportedly 27 villages of West Kameng will be merged with Bichom district from Nafra, Khazalang and Sirilang circles and 28 villages from East Kameng from Lada and Bana circles.

Khandu informed that one village that was left out of Bichom district in the original amendment has been rectified through an Ordinance and will now be a part of the new district Bichom.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister flagged off vehicles distributed to beneficiary SHGs under Arunachal Grameen Express Yojana besides laying the foundation of 18 projects and inaugurating equal number of projects.

A Multi Technology Testing Centre and Administrative Building of Central Agricultural University (Imphal) was also inaugurated and houses distributed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

Also present were cabinet minister Mama Natung, MLAs Dongru Siongju, Goruk Pordung, Hayeng Mangfi, Nyato Dukam, Phurpa Tsering, Kumsi Sidisow and Dorjee Wangdi Kharmas besides representatives of Sajolang Elite Society, Aka Welfare Society, Puroik Welfare Society and East Kameng Social Welfare and Cultural Organization.

‘Unlock Nacho Expedition’ project launched by PM for Nacho

DAPORIJO, March 7:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 7 launched a tourism project titled ‘Unlock Nacho Expedition’, for Nacho in Upper Subansiri district.

The PM launched 52 similar projects across the country during a centralised virtual ceremony from Srinagar (J&K) on the same day.

The launch function for Nacho was held here, in the presence of Tourism Minister Nakap Nalo, HoDs, DMC members, and other stakeholders.

The union tourism ministry has, in concurrence with the state government, identified and sanctioned projects in two places – Nacho and Mechukha (Shi-Yomi) – under its Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme.

With its focus on tapping the adventure and wellness potential of Nacho, the project will have an adventure & wellness zone along the Subansiri riverbank, which will offer archery, angling, kayaking, and many more activities, in addition to preserving the traditional values.

The project components also include luxury tents and riverside camps in the wellness zone for cultural immersion and rejuvenation. It is aimed at providing experiences such as exploring untouched landscapes, bonding by campfires, and indulging in nature activities.

The ‘Unlock Nacho Expedition’ promises to create a sustainable, carbon-neutral journey, integrating local materials, human capital development, and innovative technology.

In his address, the minister said that “this project will definitely change the socioeconomic development of the area, which will be a landmark tourism spot in the days to come.”

Deputy Commissioner Penga Tato also spoke.

International Women's Day celebrated across state

ITANAGAR, March 8:

Women & Child Development (WCD) Minister Alo Libang said that the state government is committed to empowering the women and recognising their contribution to socioeconomic development of the society.

Addressing the International Women's Day celebration at the state banquet hall here on Friday, March 8 Libang stressed on “imbibing the sense of belonging, equality, and harmonious coexistence for collective empowerment of women, which would forge a more inclusive world.”

He said that the Women Achiever Award has been introduced with an objective to honour, appreciate and recognise the contributions of the women in socioeconomic development of the state.

Earlier, Libang flagged off an all-women bicycle rally from the venue.

WCD Secretary Mimum Tayeng emphasised the need to educate women. “When we educate women, we educate the nation,” she said.

Tayeng also highlighted the women-centric schemes under the WCD department, which would empower and strengthen the women in all spheres of life.

On the occasion, the WCD department launched a comic book on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Advocate Kamin Danggen delivered a presentation on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, while a skit play on the theme ‘Invest in women: Accelerate progress’ was performed by The Arunachal Birds and Bees Talk.

This year, eight individuals and two institutions were conferred the Women Achiever Award.

The programme was attended by, among others, MLA Gum Tayeng, Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights [APSCPCR] Chairperson Ratan Anya, APSCPCR Member-Secretary Khoda Rakhi, WCD Joint Secretary Sangeeta Yirang, former APSCPCR chairperson Gumri Ringu, members of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, and the Confederation of Service Associations of Arunachal Pradesh.

The celebration was organised by the WCD department, in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, the Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, the Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society, the Confederation of Service Associations of Arunachal Pradesh, The Arunachal Birds and Bees Talk, and the Arunachal Cycling Club, Itanagar.

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) in Rono Hills, Doimukh, also celebrated the International Women's Day.

As part of the celebration, Doimukh CHC gynaecologist Dr Keni Riba spoke on the growing

rate of cervical cancer, and informed that “Papum Pare district has the highest record of cervical cancer in India.”

Dr Riba urged women, “especially those of Papum Pare,” to get vaccinated as a safety measure.

She informed that the central government is likely to initiate routine immunisation programme for girl children in the near future.

She also cited data stating that one woman dies of cervical cancer every 7 minutes.

“The data state that in Papum Pare, 30.2 women per one lakh population have cervical cancer, while the rate is 4.9 in Assam's Dibrugarh, and India as a whole has a record of 16.1 cases, which means that Papum Pare has the highest such cases not just in India but in Asia.”

“It takes 15 to 20 years for cervical cancer to form; hence, taking precautionary measures on time is the need of the hour,” she said.

Human rights activist Ebo Milli spoke about the LGBTQ+ community, and urged the society as a whole to condemn polygamy.

“Our elected representatives should be aware of all women-related issues and discuss menstrual bill on the floor of the House. However, a legislator slammed the bill,” he said, and added that “even women at times do not support women-related issues.”

RGU Registrar Dr NT Rikam also highlighted the importance of the IWD.

In East Siang HQ Pasighat, the WCD department, in collaboration with the DLSA, organised an awareness programme on the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme, the Domestic Violence Act, 2005, the POCSO Act, 2012, the JJ Act, 2015, and rules for members of NGOs, CBOs, and government of-

ficials, as part of the IWD celebration.

ICDS DD Machi Gao said, “We must join together as important stakeholders in the society to fight against gender bias, for access to education and healthcare facilities, property, cultural and legal rights, and policy reforms, and to empower girls and women.”

Advocate Nyame Dabi spoke on the Domestic Violence Act, while DLSA advocate Sunny Tayeng highlighted the functions of the DLSA and various aspects of the POCSO Act and the Juvenile Justice Act.

In Sagalee (P/Pare), MLA Nabam Tuki highlighted the role of women and their contribution to the society, “particularly in the fields of economic, justice and politics.”

ADC Yame Higio ADC also attended the programme.

The Sagalee branch of the APWWS organised the programme in collaboration with the Mete Dene Model Cluster Level Federation.

The IWD was also celebrated in Koloriang (K/Kumey) by the Koloriang branch of the APWWS, in collaboration with the ArSRLM and the WCD department.

In West Kameng district, the day was celebrated in Jigaon village by WCD department, in collaboration with local NGO Zgang Depga.

Saplings of cherry blossom trees were planted by girls, under the theme ‘My sister – tree’.

Speaking on the occasion, Kalaktang CDPO Dorjee K Thun-gon said that “imparting nature education has become important due to climate change and its effects.”

Members of Zgang Depga have been planting and taking care of cherry blossom trees since 2020.

“Anyone can sponsor a cherry blossom tree. We plant the trees and ensure that they grow to a reasonable height,” the NGO’s chairperson Tenzin Norbu Thongchi said.

The programme was attended by officials of the WCD department, anganwadi workers and helpers of Kalaktang, and members of Zgang Depga.

The Lohit district administration celebrated the IWD in collaboration with the WCD department, the ArSRLM and the Brahmakumari organisation.

DC Shashvat Saurabh said that “the district administration is always ready to help womenfolk to become empowered.”

He informed that, under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao initiative, the administration will be distributing cycles, laptops, medical kits, etc, to selected beneficiaries.

Sailu Bellai, who attended the programme as a guest, urged women to become self-independent and economically empowered by becoming financially independent.

Jayanti from Brahmakumari organisation also spoke.

The IWD was also celebrated by the NABARD DDM office, in collaboration with NGO AMYAA, in Roing in Lower Dibang Valley district.

Speaking on the occasion, EAC Nikata Panggam said that “gender equality should be taught to everyone and it should begin from their home, wherein parents should give equal importance to both male and female.”

“There should not be any discrimination in the name of gender as women today are equally as proficient as men,” she said.

NABARD DDM Nitya Mili said that, “not only 8 March,

but entire 365 days should be celebrated as women’s day for the immense contribution made by the women towards the society in both professional as well as personal endeavours.”

AMYAA president RK Paul Chawang said that “women empowerment should not only be written in books but it should be felt and experience in its true spirit.”

The ANMA Integrated Development Association (AIDA), in partnership with the SBI Foundation, Mumbai, celebrated the IWD with the theme ‘Invest in women: Accelerate progress’ in Piyong Khamti village in Namsai.

Under the banner of the SBI Gram Seva programme, the celebration highlighted the foundation’s steadfast commitment to advancing women through sustainable livelihood opportunities.

The AIDA also reaffirmed its “unwavering dedication to catalysing positive change and fostering sustainable development, centered on women’s empowerment.”

In Tirap HQ Khonsa, the day was celebrated by the Women Welfare Association (WWA) at Nehru Stadium.

Speaking on the occasion, Tirap DC Ira Singhal encouraged women to “shoulder greater responsibilities beyond your their daily household chores and actively participate in various activities, including sports.”

Tirap District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) panel lawyer chairperson Gulley Sumnyan elucidated the role of the DLSA in aiding underprivileged victims who lack legal representation to advocate their rights in court. He also highlighted the provisions of the POCSO Act, 2012, pertaining to criminal offences against harass-

ment and violence against women.

IWD organising committee president Susma Wangsu and WWA chairperson Sontung Lowang Bangsia also spoke.

Reports of IWD celebrations were received from Deomali ADC HQ also.

In New Delhi, IndianOil organised an event at the SCOPE auditorium on Thursday to mark the IWD.

Nani Maria Society (NMS) chairperson Desai Linggi from Roing, Arunachal Pradesh and Arunima Sinha, the world's first female amputee to scale Mount Everest, attended the event.

Linggi and her NGO runs a childcare institute, a one-stop centre, and a specialised adoption agency.

Speaking during the event, Linggi shared with the audience her journey, recounting the challenges and adversities she overcame to empower lives in the remote areas of Arunachal.

Two students, Yone Mipi and Abinga Umpo, from the Nani Maria School were also present during the event as guest comperees.

IndianOil chairman Shrikant Madhav Vaidya lauded the extraordinary lives of Desai Linggi and Arunima Sinha, saying that "their stories go beyond personal triumphs."

"They are perfect role models who reinforce the power of 'One'. Both have dared to dream big and achieved the goal despite all odds. Each of you can indeed bring about a positive change with passion and perseverance," Vaidya said.

In Namsai, the WCD department celebrated the IWD in collaboration with the Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission, the NABARD, the District Legal

Services Authority (DLSA), and the Birds and Bees Talk Pan-India.

Speakers included Namsai CDPO W Khimhun, DLSA advocate MK Deori, NABARD DDM Kamal Roy, Namsai EAC Oni Padun, and ZPC Nang Urmila Mancheykhun.

The day was celebrated also in Yazali in Keyi Panyor district with the theme 'Invest in women: Accelerate progress' by the Ziro (L/Subansiri)-based NABARD DDM office, in collaboration with World Vision India and the Women's Welfare Society, Yazali.

Speakers included Yazali CO Dr Mumne Borang, KVK Head Dr Hage Munth, and NABARD DDM Mewang Lowang.

In West Siang district, the Aalo unit of the Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) celebrated the IWD in collaboration with the Aalo unit of the national TB elimination programme.

District TB Officer Dr Jumde Padu Bagra, DC Mamu Hage, former minister Doi Ado, Aalo APWWS unit president Marbom Riba Bagra, Dr Onima Lollen, and Hoksum Ori, among others, spoke on the occasion.

The DC adopted two TB patients for six months.

DCM release two books at a book launch by APLS

ITANAGAR, March 8:

Two new books by authors Mito Dirchi and Dr Sandip Banerjee were launched on March 8 at a programme organized by the Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society at JN State Museum Auditorium in Itanagar. The books, 'Echoes from Menchukha Valley' and 'Dare

to Dreams: Ignite your Inner Fire' were released by the Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Chowna Mein in presence of Speaker APLA, Pasang Dorjee Sona and Minister of PHE & WS, Wangki Lowang.

Mein congratulated both the authors on the release of their respective books and highlighted the importance of such literary work, as it serves as a powerful medium for documenting and preserving culture and traditions of the State.

Sharing his long association with Mito Dirchi who served as Circle Officer and EAC in Namsai District for 13 years, and spent almost 18 years of his service in erstwhile Lohit District, Mein praised Dirchi's dedication and sincerity. He emphasized the importance of senior government officials documenting their experiences to guide younger generations and shed light on developmental challenges. Mein reflected on the Govt's steadfast commitment towards introducing administrative excellence to all corners of the State, which resulted in the formation of Shi-Yomi district in the year 2018, carved out of West Siang district.

Mein noted that the recent inauguration of two additional districts in Arunachal Pradesh, Keyi Panyor and Bichom, is driven by the same commitment of the Govt, leading to the establishment of two new district administrations that can now effectively cater to the welfare and development needs of those people.

Mein also called for the compilation of diverse literary genres, including poetry, drama, folklore and tribal rhapsodies, and turn them into accessible books, translating them from local scripts to English for a wider audience. He further proposed that the Arunachal

Pradesh Literary Society take the lead in these initiatives, facilitating the publication and distribution of such books across various libraries, book shops, etc in the State.

In Dirchi's 'Echoes from Menchuka Valley', one can find a vivid portrayal of the Valley's vibrant landscapes and the traditions of the Membas and other tribes dwelling in the Shi-Yomi District. On the other hand, Dr Banerjee's 'Dare to Dreams' serve as a motivational guide which encourages readers to pursue their dreams with determination.

The event was also attended by Padmashree awardee and President of APLS, Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi, Secretary IPR, Nyali Ete, Sr APCS Officer, Marto Riba, Director IPR, Onyok Pertin, Director Research, Kanggo Tayeng and others.

Weeklong Women's Week Celebration concludes in JNC

PASIGHAT, March 9:

Jawaharlal Nehru College Pasighat observed a weeklong celebration of women's week from 5th to 9th March 2024. The activities included a plantation drive in front of the college gate on 5th March.

A counselling session for the boarders of the girls' hostel was led by Dr. Putoli Langkam on the 6th of March where 4 cartons of food items were also distributed as part of the celebration.

On the 7th a donation drive led by the student volunteers was organised to collect cash and kind for SEED Academy, an institute for children in need of care and protection at Yapgo, Pasighat.

On the International Women's day, ie.; 8th March a multi-

cuisine food court was inaugurated jointly by Dr. Langkam and Dr. Nina Doss Bhattacharya of Asha Bhawan Trust of India in the presence of Dr. T. Taloh, Principal JNC and other senior faculties.

On the 9th March, with the collection of donated material and cash, some items of sports, ration and goodie bags for each of the 17 students was handed over at SEED Academy.

PM inaugurates various projects and lays foundation stone for multiple development projects

ITANAGAR, March 9:

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi addressed Viksit Bharat Viksit North East Program in Itanagar on March 9 in the presence of Governor KT Parnaik, Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna.

The Prime Minister inaugurated, dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone for multiple development projects worth about Rs 55,600 crores in Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh.

He also dedicated Sela Tunnel to the nation and launched the UNNATI scheme worth about Rs 10,000 crores. The development projects of today encompass sectors like rail, road, health, housing, education, border infrastructure, IT, Power, Oil and Gas, among others.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister noted the ongoing national festival of Viksit Bharat from Viksit Rajya. He acknowledged the new enthusiasm among the people of the Northeast for Viksit Northeast. He expressed

gratitude for the support of Nari Shakti for the initiative.

Reiterating his vision of 'Ashtalakshmi' for the development of the Northeast, the Prime Minister called the region a strong link of tourism, business and cultural relations with South and Southeast Asia.

Talking about the Rs 55,000 crore rupees projects, the Prime Minister said 35,000 thousand families of Arunachal Pradesh got their pucca houses, piped water connections for thousands of families of Arunachal and Tripura and connectivity-related projects for many states of the region. These education, road, railways, infrastructure, hospitals, and tourism projects have come with a guarantee of a Viksit Northeast, he added. He further said that the allocation of funds in the last 5 years is four-fold more than the earlier times.

The Prime Minister highlighted the Mission Palm Oil, a special campaign carried out by the central government keeping in mind the Northeast and informed that the first oil mill under this mission is being inaugurated today. "Mission Palm Oil will make India aatma nirbhar in the edible oil sector and boost the income of farmers", the Prime Minister said, expressing gratitude towards the farmers for taking up palm cultivation.

"Entire Northeast can witness the meaning of Modi ki guarantee with the development works being done here", the Prime Minister emphasized.

He noted laying the foundation stone for Sela Tunnel and Doni Polo Airport in 2019 which have been inaugurated. "Whatever the time, month or year may be, Modi only works for the welfare of the nation and its people", he said, acknowledging the support of those present on the occasion.

Referring to the recent Cabinet approval for the UNNATI scheme for industrial development of Northeast in a new form and expanded scope, the Prime Minister underlined the working style of the government as the scheme got notified in one day and guidelines were issued. He pointed out the push for modern infrastructure in the last 10 years, the implementation of about a dozen peace accords and the resolution of border disputes. The next step, the Prime Minister said, is the expansion of industry in the region. “Rs 10,000 crore UNNATI scheme will bring new possibilities of investment and jobs”, PM Modi said. He spelt out his focus on startups, new technologies, homestays and tourism-related opportunities for the youth of the region.

Throwing light on the government’s priority to making the lives of women in the Northeast easier, the Prime Minister mentioned the Rs 100 reduction in gas cylinder prices on the occasion of International Women’s Day yesterday. He also congratulated the entire team of the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the remarkable work done to make tap water connections available to the citizens.

The Prime Minister expressed delight that Arunachal and Northeast are leading the way in several development parameters and said, “Development works reach Arunachal and the Northeast like the first rays of the sun”. He noted the inauguration of drinking water supply project for 45,000 households in the state. He also mentioned multiple sarovars constructed under the Amrit Sarovar campaign, creating Lakhpati Didis in villages with the help of self-help groups. “We aim to create 3 crore Lakhpati Didis in the coun-

try and the women from Northeast will also benefit from this”, he added.

The Prime Minister criticized the earlier neglect of the development of the border villages. Referring to the Sela Tunnel, the Prime Minister reiterated his style of working as per the needs of the nation and not for electoral considerations.

The Prime Minister promised the defence personnel that he would come to meet them at this engineering marvel in his next term. The tunnel will provide all-weather connectivity and will improve the ease of travel for the people of Tawang. Work on many tunnels is going on in the region, the Prime Minister informed.

He also said that unlike the earlier approach, he has always considered the border villages as the ‘first villages’ and the Vibrant Village Programme is an acknowledgement of this thinking. Today, road projects for about 125 villages commenced and foundation stones were laid for tourism-related projects in 150 villages.

Problems of the most vulnerable and the most backward tribes are being addressed under PM-JANMAN scheme. Today, foundation stones were laid for Anganwadi centers in Manipur for such tribes.

Prime Minister Modi underlined that development works related to connectivity and electricity make for Ease of Living and Ease of Doing Business. Drawing comparisons between the work done to boost connectivity since independence till 2014 with that post-2014, the Prime Minister informed building 6,000 kms of highways in the last 10 years compared to 10,000 kms in seven decades and laying 2000 kms of rail lines. In the power sector, the

Prime Minister mentioned work commencing in Dibang Multipurpose Hydropower Project in Arunachal Pradesh and Solar Power project in Tripura today. “Dibang dam will be India’s highest dam”, he said, noting the dedication of the highest bridge and the highest dam to Northeast.

The Prime Minister assured the citizens that he would not rest until basic necessities like pucca house; free ration, clean drinking water, electricity, toilets, gas connection, free treatment and internet connection among others are met. Concluding the address, the Prime Minister said, “Your dreams are my resolutions”, and thanked the entire Northeastern region for the development projects.

Upon the Prime Minister’s request, the crowd turned on the flashlights of their mobile phones to celebrate the festival of development. “This spectacle will give strength to the nation”, he concluded.

8th Northeast Green Summit held in Arunachal Pradesh; focusing on Resetting Earth

ITANAGAR, March 10:

Guwahati (Assam)-based non-profit organisation VIBGYOR NE Foundation organised the 8th edition of the Northeast Green Summit at the legislative assembly here on Sunday, March 10 in association with the state’s environment, forest & climate change department.

The summit, themed ‘Resetting Earth: Inching towards net zero emission region’, was attended by experts, decision-makers, entrepreneurs and representatives from across the country, the NGO informed in a release.

“The annual summit serves as a platform for endorsing a green economic model, emphasising wildlife conservation through community partnerships, and promoting the use of sustainable technologies to maintain a balanced ecosystem,” it said.

The necessity for implementing policies to increase green spaces in urban areas, and to curb wildlife trade were discussed during the programme.

Legislative Assembly Speaker PD Sona, who along with Environment Minister Mama Natung, Silchar (Assam) MP Dr Rajdeep Roy, Botanical Survey of India Director AA Mao, retired IFS officer CP Marak, and Garo Students’ Union president G Momin attended the event, underlined the importance of collaborative action at local, regional, and global levels to address environmental challenges effectively.

“The summit accentuates the imperative of unified action in combating climate change and preserving our natural heritage. Through dialogue, innovation, and shared commitment, we can chart a course towards a sustainable future for Northeast India and the global community,” he said.

Natung in his address said, “Our state is one of the world’s top ecological hotspots, having a vast range of flora and fauna species and ecosystem diversity. It has become a crucial habitat for tigers, a flagship species of India. The summit serves as a catalyst for nurturing environmental stewardship and sustainable development in the whole of the Northeast region.”

“By utilising collective expertise and encouraging partnerships, we can create a greener,

more resilient future for the generations to come,” he said.

Dr Roy expressed appreciation for the Arunachal forest department’s Airgun Surrender Abhiyan to save the fauna of the state.

Panel discussions on linking science, culture and market mechanisms were held, while “technical sessions addressed climate change impact and mitigation; policy interventions for climate change mitigation and adaptation; and green entrepreneurship for BIMSTEC region,” it said.

The summit also included workshops on implementing community forest rights; medicinal plant technologies; carbon assessment and trade for farmers’ benefit; eco-tourism as a tool for achieving the sustainable development goals (SDG); and indigenous tribe technologies-inspired sustainable technologies, conducted by Padma Shri awardee Dr Uddhab Bharali.

“One of the notable sessions was the people biodiversity orientation programme, during which forest community volunteer Aryan Glow from the Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary shared grassroots experiences of community engagement,” the NGO said.

A documentary competition was also organised during the summit. The first prize went to Aravali: The Lost Mountains by Jigar Nagda, the second prize was won by Jyoti Prasad Das for his documentary A Sylvan Saga, and a special mention award was given to Ramen Borah for his documentary Guest of Kamakhya.

VIBGYOR NE Foundation secretary Bitapi Luhoe said, “The summit is curated to

showcase the broad spectrum of environmental challenges, indigenous conservation endeavours, sustainable customs, and culinary treasures of our region. Our aim is to safeguard, optimise, and foster the potential of Northeast India’s unique biodiversity zone. Accordingly, a range of activities aligned with the UN’s SDGs are integrated into the summit’s agenda.”

The summit showcased an array of cultural experiences, including an exhibition and marketplace featuring traditional cuisines from Northeast India and the BIMSTEC region, an art walk, and indigenous storytelling sessions.

“Highlights included presentations on ancient medicinal practices and therapeutic heritage by the Indian Army’s 134 Ecological Task Force; a captivating theatrical production titled ‘Pattah Niting, which shed light on the Airgun Surrender Abhiyan; and a performance by the Karpung Karduk Centre for Folk Performing Arts,” the release said.

Child environmental activist from Manipur, Licypriya Kangujam, was felicitated during the summit.

Rijiju flags off Mini-fire tender

TAWANG, March 10:

Union Earth Sciences Minister Kiren Rijiju and Lungla MLA Tsering Tashi flagged off a mini-fire tender for Lungla subdivision in Tawang district on March 10.

The ambulance was procured with money from the MP-LAD and CSR funds.

The minister and others also virtually joined union Minor-

ity Affairs Minister Smriti Irani for launching the 'Buddhist development plan' under the PMJUK.

Rijiju interacted with beneficiaries of various centrally-sponsored schemes, and highlighted "the shift in the government's working style, ensuring that welfare schemes reach the grassroots level."

He later visited the Gorzam stupa and participated in Gorzam Kora festival

Felix dedicates various developmental projects

ITANAGAR, March 11:

Home Minister Bamang Felix on March 11 dedicated various developmental projects ranging from enhanced roads, state-of-the-art health facility, and robust public facilities to the people of 19-Nyapin Assembly Constituency.

At the heart of today's inauguration stood the Mini Secretariat at Nyapin, along with the Tadar Tang Community Health Centre, Nyapin. These were complemented by the unveiling of the Nyapin Circuit House and strategic helipads at Lungsa, Sangram and Nyapin, designed to improve access and emergency response capabilities.

In addition to these, the Minister also inaugurated CC pavement roads for Nyapin and Sangram Township, and New Police Station Sangram, setting a new standard for local infrastructure.

Minister Felix, in his address, extended his congratulations and gratitude to the residents of 19-Nyapin for their cooperation and support towards completion of the projects.

He stated that political will, executive will and beneficiaries'

will is pivotal towards successful implementation of any developmental projects. He further encouraged everyone to take ownership and assume the responsibility of preserving the infrastructure.

Further, he articulated the state government's strategic plan for the constituency's development, highlighting these projects as pivotal for improving living standards and laying the groundwork for prosperity.

Among others, the inaugural ceremony was attended by Kurung Kumey Deputy Commissioner Ibom Tao, Kurung Kumey SP Bomken Basar, ADC Nyapin Pama Bagang, ZPMs Tadar Tadey, Yumdo Tadu and Hiba Memak, and host of HoDs.

CM inaugurates AI telemedicine facility at GTGH

ZIRO, March 11:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on March 11 said that the BJP -led central government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi never looks at Arunachal Pradesh from a political point of view.

Speaking at a public meeting at Ziro in Lower Subansiri district, Khandu quoted from Modi's March 9th speech at Itanagar wherein the Prime Minister mentioned that the government's outlook towards North Eastern states is never based on the Party's strength in the Parliament.

"We contribute only two MPs to the Lok Sabha and only one to Rajya Sabha but this number factor has been overlooked by Modi and since day one has been supporting the state in its accelerated development on all fronts," Khandu said.

He called upon the people

to look around themselves with open mind and witness for themselves the development Arunachal has witnessed since 2014 when Narendra Modi for the first time became the prime minister.

"Earlier governments at the Centre always considered the North East unimportant as politically the states here do not contribute much in government formation at Delhi. That's the only reason for the underdevelopment of North-Eastern states. We are lucky that Narendra Modi came to power in 2014 and since then changed the fate of these states," he observed.

On behalf of the people of the state, Khandu extended gratitude to the prime minister for announcing developmental projects worth Rs 55000 crore for the North East from Itanagar. He informed that of these 55000 crore Arunachal Pradesh alone gets a whopping Rs 41000 crore worth projects.

Asserting that it's time to express our gratitude and say 'thanks' to Modi, Khandu said the best and only way to do so is by supporting and voting for the BJP candidates in the upcoming Lok Sabha as well as Assembly elections.

Earlier in the day, Khandu visited the under-construction site of India's first Integrated Aqua Museum under construction at Tarin here. The project under Pradhan Mantri MatsyaSampada Yojana is expected to revolutionize the state's fisheries sector and boost livelihoods by providing additional income sources to farmers.

Khandu also launched an AI-based telehealth facility at GyatiTakka General Hospital here. This pilot project being implemented in Ziro and Tawang will revolutionize healthcare delivery in the region.

He also visited the Water

Treatment Plant which was virtually dedicated to the people by Prime Minister Modi on March 9.

Five newly completed projects were inaugurated by the chief minister and foundations were laid for two other.

Local legislator and Agriculture Minister Tage Taki along with party leaders and officials of the district administration were also present.

DC inaugurates VDVKC- food processing unit

ZIRO, March 11:

The Apatani women self-help group (SHG) model is quite innovative and industrious, whose example can be emulated by other women SHGs in the state, Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Vivek HP said after inaugurating the Pudu Apu Model Cluster Level Federation and Ngunu Sango Van Dhan Vikas Kendra Centre (VDV-KC) at Yolyo in Hong village here on Monday, March 11.

The VDVKC is a small-scale food processing unit funded by the TRIFED with Rs 15 lakhs as initial startup capital.

The VDVKC operates from a defunct five-classroom SSI school. It will produce liquid and wet products from locally available fruits and vegetables, such as juice, pickles, jam, jelly, etc.

A similar successful VDVK unit, run by a women SHG, also exists in Biiri village, near the Ziro Festival of Music ground. It is engaged in processing and value adding to dried local maize and millet products, including millet flours.

Commending the VDVKC, which is composed of 449 women from the 64 SHGs of Hari-Hong block, under the supervision of Ar-

SRLM block mission unit staff, the DC urged the women to be “self-reliant and strive for sustainable development.”

“Ziro plateau is blessed with immense potential in horticulture. Besides the local favourite kiwi fruit, I suggest that we need to explore growing other medicinal and aromatic fruits, like star anise, which is highly successful in China and Vietnam,” the DC said.

Advocating “convergence and collaborations between the women SHGs, ASHAs and anganwadi workers,” the DC said that “the joint efforts will bear fruits not only in running such government-sponsored ventures but also in bringing the fruits of development to the grassroots levels, for which women are the best carriers.” Stressing on “proper and correct selection of beneficiaries,” the DC suggested to the SHGs to “explore manufacturing local cloth bags with different carrying capacities to replace single-use polythene bags.”

“We all took a pledge during the Statehood Day to do away with the use of single-use polythene bags in Ziro. So, let us explore an alternative for the same, including weaving low-cost local handbags to replace the use of hazardous polythene bags,” the DC said.

SP Keni Bagra said that “this kind of joint venture augments women empowerment and forges more unity and understanding between them,” while District Horticulture Officer Hibu Dante explained the importance of availability of raw materials, pricing, branding and market linkages.

Hong ZPMs Punyo Kathe and Hibu Ochey also encouraged the women entrepreneurs, and assured to provide “local support in successful running of the unit.”

Gold medallist Wushu player Laatwang Kamhua receives warm welcome

KHONSA, March 12:

Laatwang Kamhua, who won a gold medal in the recently held Russian Moscow Stars International Wushu Championship in the 48 kg category, was received by various organisations, like the Tirap District Wushu Federation, the All Tirap District Students’ Union, the Elite Society of Dadam Area, the All Tutsa Students’ Union, the Dadam Area Women Association, the sports department, and well-wishers from across Tirap district, on his return to his hometown here in Tirap district on Tuesday, March 12.

Judo coach Yum Pangkhu and Tirap District Wushu Federation president Techa Lowang expressed immense happiness over Laatwang’s brilliant performance in the major global event. They highlighted Laatwang’s victory as “an inspiring reminder to the youths of Tirap district and Arunachal Pradesh.”

They urged everyone to collectively pledge to abstain from destructive substances like opium and other drugs.

Pangkhu said that “despite lack of sports facilities, Tirap players have won many medals in different categories over the last few years.”

Kamhua credited his coach, his team, the All Arunachal Pradesh Wushu Association, the Tirap District Wushu Federation and his parents for their unwavering support in his journey towards securing the gold medal.

Governor participates in PM's railways programme

ITANAGAR, March 12:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participated in the dedication of various Railway projects, laying of foundation stones and flagging off of Vande Bharat trains by Prime Minister Narendra Modi through virtual media from Naharlagun Railway Station, Naharlagun on 12th March 2024. He unveiled the 'Naharlagun One Station One Product Stall' plaque of the railway station on behalf of the Prime Minister.

The Governor said that it is a historical day of India as the Hon'ble Prime Minister launched Rs. 85,000 Cr. Railway projects. He said that it blends with the Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat.

The Governor conveyed heartfelt gratitude to the Prime Minister on behalf of the people of Arunachal Pradesh for railway connection and 'One Station One Product Stall' at Naharlagun and Bhalukpong as part of the historical event.

The Governor said that Indian Railways is the largest railway network in the world and it has the biggest challenge of security, facilitation of maximum passengers, punctuality and improvement. He informed that at the initiative of the Prime Minister, railways modernization has taken place in a very rapid mode. Kavach, the indigenously made train Collision Avoidance System is installed in the trains, amenities are improved for the comfortable journey of the passengers, online and real-time information facilities are put in

place along with many services, he said.

The Governor said that 'One Station One Product Stall' will facilitate the mission of 'Vocal for Local' and will go a long way in economic empowerment of artisans and local people and strengthen the 'Make in India' ecosystem. He suggested putting up placards of tourist interested places, rich flora and fauna and cultural richness of the State in the Stations to make it presentable and welcoming to visitors and travellers.

The Governor expressed concern for the cleanliness and amenities for common travels in the railway stations. He advised the railway authority and station officials to ensure that stations are modernised and facilities improved. The Governor said that local people and passengers must take pride in the railway stations and contribute to its cleanliness.

Local MLA Shri Techikaso also spoke on the occasion.

Itanagar Municipal Corporation Mayor Tame Phassang, Deputy Commissioner, Papum Pare District Jiken Bomjen, Superintendent of Police Mihim Gambo and Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Rangia RS Badole was present amongst others.

Sunka wins Critics' Choice Awards India

ITANAGAR, March 12:

Actor Millo Sunka has once again made Arunachal Pradesh proud, this time by winning the Best Actress award at the sixth edition of the Critics' Choice Awards India in Mumbai on Tuesday, March 12 in the short film category for the film "Nocturnal Burger."

The film also won the Best Short Film and Best Director

awards for Reema Maya. The short film, directed by Reema Maya, had already won a few awards last year, where Sunka had also become the first Arunachalee actor to win the Best Actress award at the Prisma Rome International Film Awards 2023.

Earlier, the film also had its world premiere at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival 2023, which is the largest independent film festival in the United States.

Sharing her thoughts on receiving the award, Sunka said, "It was a very overwhelming night. To be appreciated and recognized by such powerhouses from all corners of the Indian film fraternity is nothing short of a hazy dream."

"I had so much to say in my thank-you speech, but as I started recognizing the faces in the audience, I forgot everything I had planned to say. Nevertheless, it was wonderful to converse with fellow actors, critics, writers, directors, and producers. Any sort of recognition becomes much more special when it comes from your fellow countrymen. It is such a privilege and honor, and I hope I can live up to all this. I will definitely keep trying though," said the artist who is earning a name for herself for her acting prowess.

While revealing her future plans, she said, "My plan is to do as much work as I can and hopefully slowly transition into making films as well, not just acting."

She also shared her experience working with director Reema Maya. She said, "Reema is a solid director. Her vision and clarity of thought create a very comfortable space to work, and at the same time, she is not rigid about how she wants her actors to interpret her vision. She is going to be one of the biggest directors from our country. I am forever grateful to her, and

anytime she offers me any part in any of her projects, I will say yes in a heartbeat.”

Director Reema Maya, expressed her happiness that her film received three awards. She said, “It’s a prestigious award, and it feels amazing to celebrate this in our country.”

On Sunka getting the award, she said that “it was so well-deserved.”

“I felt so proud to see her up there representing ‘Nocturnal Burger’ and representing Arunachal Pradesh,” the director said.

Sunka’s journey in onscreen acting started with a secondary role in the film Axone directed by Nicholas Kharkongor. She also acted in the short movie Stranded directed by Nending Lahzeey. Sunka has won lot of applause from her fans in the state and many took to their social media handles to praise her achievements. (Nerws crdit- Arunachaltimes)

Free medical and blood donation camps conducted

HAYULIANG, March 13:

Free medical and blood donation camps were organized by the Indian army here in Anjaw district on 12 and 13 March to provide comprehensive medical checkups and distribute essential medicines to the local populace.

A total of 717 villagers benefited from the medical camp.

Interactive sessions were also conducted to educate the villagers on the importance of timely medication to avoid prolonged treatment of diseases, hygiene practices, prevailing lifestyle diseases and addressing any queries they had regarding healthcare.

Doctors and specialists from the Indian army, Border Roads Task Force and state health department provided prompt medical advice and treatment to villagers who were deprived of these medical facilities due to remoteness of these locations.

During the blood donation camp which was organized with the help of department of pathology, Tezu, 30 units of blood were voluntarily donated by Indian army soldiers and local youth.

Moyong inaugurates Smart Road along with Modern Street lighting system

PASIGHAT, March 14:

Pasighat East MLA Kaling Moyong on Thursday, March 14 evening inaugurated Smart Road No. 19 from Mirmir Dapi Tinali via CCF office to PLT road along with customized ornamental street lighting system in presence of DC cum PSCDCL (Smart City) Chairman Tayi Taggu, SP Dr. SK Singhal, CEO Smart City Dr. Manjuli Komut, PMC Chief Councilor Okiam Moyong Borang, Town Planner Tani Taloh and others.

Speaking on the occasion the MLA expressed hope that Pasighatians would be happy to have the smart road along with modern lighting system in the centurion city for the first time. Lights on the walking tracks would ensure safety for walkers especially for women at night, introduced by the Pasighat Smart City Dev. Co. Ltd. (PSCDCL), asserted Moyong.

The ultra modern energy-efficient lighting system would provide better illumination and beautify the walking tracks, added the MLA. He appealed the deni-

zens to take care of the assets once created.

DNGC receives best college for NCC award

ITANAGAR, March 14:

Dera Natung Govt College (DNGC) here received the ‘Best College for NCC Activities in Arunachal Pradesh’ Award.

NCC DG Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh presented the award to DNGC Principal Dr MQ Khan in a function in Narangi (Assam) on March 14.

“This recognition not only underscores the excellence of the college’s NCC unit but also highlights the unwavering dedication and sincerity of its cadets,” Dr Khan said.

The principal expressed appreciation for the hard work and commitment demonstrated by NCC CTOs Dr Likha Eichir and Goke Riji. He commended the NCC cadets for their dedication, discipline and sincerity.

“This award is a testament to Dera Natung Government College’s commitment to excellence in almost all academic, co-curricular spheres and extension activities, especially NCC activities,” Dr Khan added.

Lowang inaugurates APMC Daily Market Complex

DEOMALI, March 14:

PHE&WS Minister Wangki Lowang inaugurated a daily market complex here in Tirap district on Thursday, March 14.

The project, with an estimated cost of Rs 150 lakhs, funded under the SIDF 2022-’23, was executed by the water resources department (WRD).

The market complex will be taken over by the Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee in Deomali as the caretaker.

After dedicating the complex to the people, the minister urged the vendors to take care of the building, “as this was my dream project to provide a safe and hygienic complex for the vendors.”

The minister further said that “work on the drainage system of the entire Deomali township, and the internal township road is in the pipeline,” and urged the people to “spare some space alongside the colony roads when the township road will be sanctioned.”

Deomali WRD Subdivision Assistant Engineer Inya Riba explained the design system and future scope and utility of the complex.

ZPMs Wangphoon Lowang and Sam Korok, besides government officers, public leaders, market welfare committee members, and others were present.

Training programme on PWDV and Sexual Harassment held

YINGKIONG, March 15:

Department of Women and Child Development, Upper Siang, Yingkiong conducted one day training programme on Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005 (PWDV) and Sexual Harassment of Woman at Work place Act 2013 for all the Presiding Officers and Members of Internal Complaint Committee and Local Complaint Committee of various Govt establishment of Upper Siang, at Bandu Angki Dere (Community Hall), Yingkiong.

Resource persons Nitnam Padun, CDPO, Geku and Akoying Tekseng, Legal Protection Officer, DCPU, Yingkiong gave presentations on Sexual Harassment of Women at Work place Act 2013 and Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005 respectively.

Earlier, Ojing Talom CDPO cum DD(ICDS)i/c briefed the participants about aims and objective of the training.

EAC Binti Mibang, Sr. Medical Officers, APWWS Yingkiong Branch, Sikiing Koje Charitable Society, Bango Women Welfare Association, ArSLM Yingkiong among other attended the training.

DC felicitates medal achievers of wushu and boxing

KHONSA, March 15:

Tirap DC Ira Singhal felicitated two promising sportspersons – Laatwang Kamhua and Nahang Sumnyan on Friday, March 15.

While Kamhua won a gold medal in the recently held Wushu International Championship in Moscow, Russia, Sumnyan won a bronze in the junior boys' category in the REC Eastern Talent Hunt Open Boxing Championship, which was held in Guwahati, Assam.

The DC assured that the district administration will extend all possible help to the sportspersons of the district, and urged District Sports Officer Noah Mongku to “develop indoor games facilities, including boxing, taekwondo, badminton, wushu, table tennis, pool games,” and such.

The parents of the duo and the boxing coach were present at the function.

State NHM onboards 'cause ambassadors' for routine Immunization Advocacy

NAHARLAGUN, March 15:

The Arunachal Pradesh branch of the National Health Mission (NHM), in collaboration with the USAID-supported MOMENTUM Routine Immunisation Transformation & Equity Project (MRITEP), held a state-level orientation meeting recently to onboard 'cause ambassadors' for promoting routine immunisation (RI).

The meeting was aimed at engaging the cause ambassadors in advocating and strengthening routine RI efforts, emphasising the importance of vaccinating all eligible children to bolster community immunity. Besides health officials and community stakeholders, NHM Mission Director Marge Sora and Medical Officer (Immunisation) Dr Tage Taka attended it.

Mrs India-2017 Dr Duyu Meena Mudang, along with renowned folk artist and singer Dr Delong Padung, and national awardee in folk music Ustad Bismillah Khan were introduced to the state officials during the meeting, which was chaired by Sora.

The ambassadors were briefed on the state's communication activities, immunisation efforts, and their role as cause ambassadors. Leaflets and posters developed for the campaign were also shared with the state officials and the cause ambassadors.

“These influential public figures will play a pivotal role in boosting awareness about RI, and in strengthening community engagement across the state,” the NHM's state IEC bureau stated in a release.

In addition to the orienta-

tion meeting, the model immunisation centre at TRIHMS was inaugurated in the presence of the cause ambassadors, the TRIHMS CMS, and the paediatrics HoD.

“The initiative will apply learnings from the Covid-19 vaccination rollout investment, and the project is directing efforts towards enhancing the service delivery experience at immunisation centres,” the release said, adding that “this initiative aims to spotlight best practices in service delivery by strengthening the immunisation service experience in selected sites.”

“The initiative includes several quality improvement steps, such as capacity building for staff, strengthening the immunisation centre to be more user-friendly, and other person-centered approaches, such as counselling and effective communication, and outreach in communities,” it added.

State Immunisation Officer Dr D Padung expressed her commitment to the initiative, emphasising the importance of reaching out to unvaccinated populations and ensuring that every child receives essential vaccinations through the cause ambassadors and media platforms.

Sora in his address highlighted the critical role of the cause ambassadors in promoting immunisation, citing their influence in dispelling myths and increasing vaccine acceptance rates.

MRITEP Director Dr Gopal Krishna Soni said that “the project has successfully facilitated the Covid-19 vaccination among the vulnerable and marginalised for the state governments of 18 states.”

In Arunachal, the project team members supported the state teams in reaching the most hard-to-reach areas with Covid-

19 vaccination. “In this phase, the learnings and strategies from the Covid-19 vaccination drive will be leveraged in the uptake of RI among children,” Dr Soni said.

“By joining forces and fostering a strong partnership between healthcare providers, the cause ambassadors, the media, and the community, we are confident in our ability to overcome vaccine hesitancy and pave the way for a healthier and disease-free society,” he added.

Comprehensive research work to be undertaken to unearth rising prevalence of cancer in AP

ZIRO, March 15:

A comprehensive research study to find out the causes of rising stomach cancer in Arunachal Pradesh and Ziro Valley in particular will be jointly undertaken by State Cancer Society of Arunachal Pradesh in collaboration with Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute Guwahati, NIPER Guwahati, IIT Guwahati, RGU and TCC TRIHMS.

This was the outcome of the meeting held on Friday, March 15 at official chamber of Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Vivek HP and other stakeholders.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Ashok Kr. Das, Professor Head and Neck Oncology, Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute Guwahati, Dr. Abhijit Talukdar, Associate Professor and Head Surgical Oncology, BBCI Guwahati, Dr. M. Asghar, Prof & Head Anthropology Department, RGU, Dr. Hage Sonia and Dr. Rubu Sunku, Radiation Oncologists of Tertiary Cancer Centre, TRIHMS.

The meeting is a follow up of the Cancer Screening and

Awareness Camp held from 6 to 8 October last year at Ziro by State Cancer Society of Arunachal Pradesh under the supervision of the then Special Secretary Health Vivek HP and the concept and idea to take up the etiological study was suggested by him during the said camp.

Dr. Ashok Kr. Das, Professor Head and Neck Oncology, Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute Guwahati informed that the incidence of gastric cancer is very high in Arunachal Pradesh particularly in Ziro Plateau. The cause of this high incidence is unknown, but it is presumed that multiple factors notably dietary factors, prevalence of pathogens in the stomach, tobacco use, presence of heavy metals in food and water besides genetic causes are responsible for the high incidence of the disease.

Dr. Das also explained that the interplay of these risk factors aggravates the situation. ‘In order to formulate effective intervention strategies, it is imperative to understand the prevalence of these risk factors, the cumulative exposure of individuals, and the community to these risk factors, and the stage by stage change caused by these risk factors which ultimately lead to malignant transformation of the gastric mucosa. With this knowledge, it will be possible to formulate appropriate intervention strategies to mitigate this risk’, he informed.

Explaining the modus operandi of the upcoming research work, Dr. Das informed the research proposal aims to integrate community participation in implementing the program at every step. ‘It will be conducted within pre-defined geographic boundary of a few target villages in Ziro Valley from which the highest number of gastric cancers have been reported,

and attempt to involve the whole population aged between 20 to 65 years within these boundaries'. 'The concept and plan will be conveyed to people through multiple group meetings and discussions involving civic bodies and district administration. 'The entire process will be clearly explained to the participants and their concerns will also be addressed. Only the informed voluntary participation will be accepted and the findings from the ongoing study will be ethically shared without reservations with the community at every step', he explained.

Dr. Das further explained that the methodology adopted will be a cross-sectional study of the population followed by a longitudinal study to identify the effect of interventions, and also to monitor people under high risk.

'In the first phase, participants will be screened using endoscopy and mucosal biopsy for histopathology and microbial study (BBCI and TCC TRIHMS). Approximately 100 such screening camps will be conducted over 36 months of the project covering 6000 to 10000 people. In parallel, food habits will be recorded to assess food frequency exposure (by RGU). Different food items and water will be sampled and analyzed at NIPER Guwahati for carcinogens'.

'After collating data and statistical analysis to derive cause consequence relationships, probable intervention strategies will be devised and shared with the community for adoption' (All Institutes and State Administration).

'During the second phase, the quality and extent of adoption will be monitored, and individuals at high risk (approximate number anticipated to be 200-300) will be followed up clinically with period-

ic yearly endoscopy' (State Cancer Society and TRIHMS).

'If found to be successful, these interventions will result in gradual decrease in gastric cancers which will be fully evident and stable in twenty years. It is also expected that many of the same factors are responsible for the high gastric cancer incidences in rest of Arunachal Pradesh, and the same interventions will be effective in bringing down this number'.

'The tentative cost of the research work is Rs 450 Lakhs spread over 36 months which includes two video-endoscopy units for Gyati Takka General Hospital, Ziro. The proposal under preparation will be submitted to ICMR for consideration', informed Dr.Das.

CM inaugurates multiple projects at Longding Headquarters

LONGDING, March 16:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu virtually inaugurated multiple projects from the general ground here on Saturday, March 16 .

The CM inaugurated projects such as 'augmentation and retrofitting of the old existing DC office in Longding and the 100-bedded girls' hostels of the GHSS Longding and the GHSS Pongchau'.

He also inaugurated a 35-km-long water supply line for Longding and Kanubari, and promised to extend all possible help in implementing the catchment area schemes, and "replicate EB project in Longding district."

Addressing the gathering at the general ground, Khandu highlighted the state government's achievements in the areas of education, health, sports, connectivity, infrastructure development, capac-

ity building of youths, and women empowerment.

He emphasised on boosting rural economy "by enhanced participation of SHGs through convergence approach with various government schemes and initiatives," and advised the youths to "venture in the field of tourism and innovative startups."

Praising the Wancho craftsmanship, the CM spoke about 20 GI-tagged indigenous products, and related them with the 'vocal for local' initiative.

Arunachal East MP Tapir Gao, who also, along with RWD Minister Honchun Ngandam, Kanubari MLA Gabriel Denwang Wangsu, Longding-Pumao MLA Tanpho Wangnaw, Longding DC Bekir Nyorak, SP Dekio Gumja, and ZPC Lohpong Wangham, was present on the occasion, praised the rich culture and heritage of the Wanchos, and urged the people to "preserve it and encourage your young ones to learn their native dialect."

He also urged the people to "stop indulging in deforestation activities and avail the opportunities provided by the central and the state governments."

Simultaneous polls in Arunachal on 19 April

ITANAGAR, March 16:

The Election Commission of India on Saturday, March 16 announced the schedule for the elections to the 18th Lok Sabha and the 11th legislative assembly of Arunachal Pradesh.

The polling will be held simultaneously in a single phase on 19 April, from 7 am to 5 pm. The counting of votes will take place on 4 June. Arunachal has 60 assembly and two Lok Sabha seats.

The date of issuing of the gazette notification is 20 March. The last date of filing nominations is 27 March, while the date of scrutiny of nominations will be 28 March, and the last date for withdrawal of candidature is 30 March.

The model code of conduct also came into force in the state with the announcement of the date of the elections.

A total of 8,82,816 voters will exercise their adult franchise at 2,226 polling stations across the state. Out of the total electors, 4,49,050 are females, 4,33,760 are males, and six are transgender electors, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer Pawan Kumar Sain informed in a press release.

Polling Station No 2 – the Govt Primary School in Pumao – in Longding assembly constituency, with 1,462 voters, has the highest number of electors in the state. The polling station with the least number of electors is a temporary structure in Malogam village in Hayuliang assembly constituency, with one female voter.

Polling Station No 18 – Luguthang – in Mukto assembly constituency, is the highest polling station, located at an altitude of about 13,383 ft.

All necessary arrangements to conduct the elections have already been completed in the state, the release said.

National Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Innovation

PASIGHAT, March 17:

The Department of Commerce, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat, East Siang organised a one-day national seminar on the theme - Entrepreneurship and Innovation:

Catalyst for Economic Development in North East India under the aegis of Directorate of Higher and Technical Education, Itanagar, in the conference hall, upper campus of the college.

The National seminar formally commenced with the felicitation of the guests and dignitaries by the faculty members of Commerce department. Dr. Tasi Taloh, Principal, and Dr. Leki Sitang, Vice-Principal graced the inaugural session of the seminar as distinguished guests. Professor Nagari Mohan Panda, NEHU, Shillong and Professor (Dean) Rama Chandraparida, embellished the programme as the Key-note speaker and Resource person of the seminar respectively. The guests and the dignitaries initiated the programme by lighting the ceremonial lamp; followed by a welcome song by the students of commerce department.

In her welcome address Dr. Liha Mena (co-ordinator) greeted the guests and dignitaries and expressed her warm welcome to the paper presenters from across the country, faculty members, and students. Dr. Minam Yomso, Convenor of the seminar highlighted the key objectives of the seminar viz. to theoretically address the economic disparity and the significance of entrepreneurship as a panacea for overall economic growth in the context of N-E India.

Professor N. M. Panda, in his keynote address deliberated on the thrust areas of the seminar by broadly illustrating critical insights on the relevance and co-relationship between innovation and entrepreneurship, further, he outlined the challenges and problems of entrepreneurship in N.E. India and emphasized lateral thinking and reasonable management of resources in generating successful

entrepreneurs

Dr. Leki Sitang, highlighted the dearth of innovative entrepreneurs in the local context which is accentuated by subsidy seeking tendency of the local populace. Communication and infrastructure are another significant factors for dismal entrepreneurs in the state.

Dr. Tasi Taloh, principal, congratulated the department of commerce and extended his best wishes to the paper presenters and the audience. He further expressed his gratitude to DHTE, Itanagar for allocating funds for dozens of national seminars to JN College.

In his vote of thanks address, Mr. Agin Taboh (Associate Professor) thanked the all present for their concerted effort in making the seminar a grand success.

The Technical Session was chaired and moderated by Prof. N. M. Panda (NEHU) and Prof. R. C. Parida (RGU) jointly. In the end-note of the seminar Prof. Panda expressed his delight to be a part of this academic congregation and provided critical but constructive remarks on the 7 papers presented.

Finally, the seminar ended with the distribution of certificates to the presenters, followed by vote of thanks by Dr. Manjung Mossang Assistant Professor, JNC.

DLMC meeting for Bio Medical Waste Management held

KHONSA, March 18:

District Level Monitoring Committee Meeting for Bio Medical Waste Management was held in Tirap District under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Ira Singhal, Tirap district, Khonsa, on 18th March at the DC's Chamber.

DC Tirap in the meeting spoke about the future scopes for

management of BMW in an environment-efficient way and the introduction of the latest technologies to deal with the problem of Bio-Medical waste.

She directed to repair of the old incinerator and its temporary fictionalization until an alternate way for Bio-Medical waste disposal with the least environmental impact is found.

Power department to upgrade the old manual cremation ground to an electric cremation ground and directed the respective department for construction of two crematory sites, one for humans and Animals, the DC directed.

Earlier, the District Medical officer, Dr. N. Lowang, during her keynote address, highlighted the working activities and status of the District Bio- Medical Waste Management while District Nodal Officer (BMW), Dr. Obang Taggu, presented the Power point presentation on Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules 2016, explaining the rules of BMW and its Schedule were explained to the participating members in the meeting.

All the participatory members contributed their thoughts and ideas towards waste management activities during the meeting.

The meeting was attended by P. Tangha, Divisional Forest Officer, Er. Tai Sangkio, EE(UD&H), Er. Nabam Yate, AE(PHED), Dr. Wangnok Humchha, DVO, Dr. Tatok Gao, DRCHO, Dr. T. Basar, Medical Superintendent GHK,

Governor graces AUS convocation

ITANAGAR, March 19:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM YSM (Retd.)

graces the 8th Convocation of Arunachal University of Studies (AUS), Namsai, in its university campus on 19th March 2024. The Governor presented the Doctor of Philosophy degrees and gold medalists, i.e. topper of the respective subjects on the occasion. 667 undergraduate and 19 post graduate degrees were awarded.

Congratulating the graduating students, the Governor said that convocation is a day of fulfillment for the students, their parents and guardians and faculty members, reflecting their sacrifices, dedication and sincerity to imbibe the best education that leads to a better future. He said that this moment of triumph is not a culmination but a commencement of endless possibilities, opportunities and responsibilities.

The Governor said that education is not merely the acquisition of a degree, it is the cultivation of minds, the nurturing of talents and the shaping of character. He said that it is through innovation, research and development that the person can bring positive transformation in society and address many of its problems including poverty, disease, unemployment and hunger. "You, as graduates of this University, have the responsibility for ushering in societal transformation using the knowledge of science, social science, humanities, law and other subjects which you have acquired", he said.

The Governor advised the graduates to embrace change with open arms and a receptive mind. The world you are entering is dynamic, complex, and ever-evolving. Embrace diversity, embrace innovation, and

above all, embrace the spirit of lifelong learning. Remember that education is not confined to the four walls of a classroom; it is a continuous process - a journey of exploration and discovery, he said.

The Governor called upon each one of graduates to take a pledge to make the full use of their knowledge for the benefit of society and humanity at large. He emphasized that the graduates owe a great responsibility to lead with compassion, pride and rootedness in Bharat and its rich and diverse ancient and modern culture, knowledge system and traditions. He said that as leaders in their chosen field of occupation, their efforts need to be focused on deep rooted pride in being Indian, in thoughts, spirit and deeds and you need to develop knowledge skills, values and disposition that support responsible commitment to human rights, national wellbeing and collective collaboration.

In his presidential speech, the Governor said that the convocation marks a significant milestone in the journey of the AUS and higher education of Arunachal Pradesh. He commended the AUS, university faculty and administrative officials for creating a vibrant environment of learning experience and for implementing the National Education Policy 2020.

The Governor said that Arunachal University of Studies (AUS), Namsai is imparting quality higher education and also serving as a catalyst for socio-economic progress in the North East Region. He appreciated the University for conducting various skill projects, in which 2500 youths were skilled.

Governor participates in Indian Language conference, motivates youth to use their mother tongue

ITANAGAR, March 20:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participated in the one-day conference on Indian Languages at Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh on Wednesday March 20. The Governor inaugurated an exhibition on Indian languages.

The Governor said that language is very important for the people and the nation. He said language is the binding force, which binds culture, traditions and heritage of a nation.

The Governor said that in the socio-economic and cultural progress of India, the role of Indian languages is crucial as it binds society and the culture. He said that it is the medium of unity and integrity of the nation and diversity in languages is the symbol of strength and prosperity.

The Governor emphasised that the youth of the day must be motivated and encouraged to use their mother tongue. He said that family interactions and community meetings must be conducted using their indigenous dialects and languages, so that it propagates from generation to generation. When a language dies out, future generations lose a vital part of the culture that is necessary to completely understand it, he said.

Commending the participants and organizations for taking up the cause of preserving and promotion of Indian languages, the Governor expressed his hope that the initiative will go a long way in preservation and promotion

of Indian languages. He said that through the conference the various local dialects of Arunachal Pradesh will be introduced to the people of other parts of the country, which in turn will ensure that local dialects are not extinct.

The Hindi Department of Rajiv Gandhi University organised the one-day conference in collaboration with Shiksha Sanskruti Utthan Nyas, New Delhi and Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.

Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) Prof. Saket Kushwaha, RGU Registrar Dr. Nabam Tadar Rikam, keynote speaker of the seminar, Head of Hindi Department, Tripura University Dr. Vinod Kumar Mishra and Dean, Faculty of Languages, RGU, Dr. Shyam Shankar Singh shared their views.

National Seminar on "Exploring the Folk Tales and Myths of AP" held at JNC

PASIGHAT, March 21:

The postgraduate English department of Jawaharlal Nehru College (JNC) here in East Siang district organised a national seminar on 'Exploring the folktales and myths of Arunachal Pradesh', under the aegis of the higher & technical education directorate, on Thursday, March 21.

Speaking on the occasion, JNC Principal Dr Tasi Taloh encouraged the English department to conduct more such programmes in the future, while Vice Principal Dr Leki Sitang stressed on the need to "preserve the genuine folktales of this land by avoiding any contamination."

AYUSH & Folk Medicine Director Dr Robindra Teron "tried

to justify the need of such folktales and myths in the present-day society," the college informed in a release.

"More than 30 papers were presented from Arunachal Pradesh and outside during the technical sessions," which were chaired by Prof GS Jha, it said.

The seminar was attended by, among others, Dr Biswarup Chatterjee from Rampurhat College, West Bengal; Shreya Chakraborty from RMC, West Bengal; Nabanita Chatterjee from the Central University of Jharkhand; and Sheha Majumdar from Kolkata.

"Among the local presenters, Dr Taro Sindik from DN Govt College, Itanagar; Gorik Ete from Doimukh College; Dr Ing Perme from JNC; Dr Teli Momu from Yachuli College; Dr TungeLollen from DPG, Kamki; Dr Hanna Ngomdir from Women's College, Lekhi, and many others from all over the state disseminated their knowledge through fruitful deliberations," the release stated

Governor presents citation to 6 Assam Rifles

ITANAGAR, March 22:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) presented Governor's Citation to 6th Battalion of The Assam Rifles in the Vivekananda Hall of at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 22nd March 2024. The Governor cited the Battalion for their alert operational duty and good work in extending valuable help and assistance to the Civil Administration and the local population.

Colonel Aman Ahluwalia, Commanding Officer along with

Subedar Major Ramesh Ram and Rifleman N Suresh Singh received the citation for 6 Assam Rifles.

The Governor commended Colonel Ahluwalia and all Ranks of the 6th Battalion of Assam Rifles for effectively performing their operational role, strengthening synergy with the District Administration and creating an excellent bonhomie with the local population in their area of deployment.

The Governor said that the professionalism and devotion to duty of the 6 Assam Rifles, which was deployed at Khonsa in Tirap District of the State of Arunachal Pradesh from 09 February 2020 to 03 November 2023, were instrumental for the success of the intelligence mission and operations where in insurgents were neutralised and hardcore insurgents and over ground workers apprehended. In keeping with the finest traditions of military service, the Battalion has facilitated the surrender of numbers of active insurgents of Tirap and Longding Districts. Effective domination, proactive operations and 'Zero Human Rights Violation' reflect great credit upon the Unit and the Indian Armed Forces, he said.

World Water Day Observed

KHONSA, March 22:

The public health engineering department (PHED) in Tirap district, in collaboration with four-gram panchayats, observed the World Water Day (WWD) on Friday, March 22 at the Tephram stream, a crucial source of drinking water supply to Chasa, Noksa, Old Pani Duria, and Longo villages.

The objective of observing the WWD near the water source was to focus on the importance of

maintaining clean head works and water treatment plants.

Speaking on the occasion, Kapu ZPM Wiram Matey highlighted the significance of protecting catchment areas and the role of the panchayat leaders and village chiefs in conserving water sources.

Khonsa PHED Division Executive Engineer Bharat Sonam stressed the need to create awareness about the importance of fresh-water sources and sustainable water management.

Water and sanitation consultant Lampang Wangsa also spoke.

Neighborhood Youth Parliament programme held at WRGC

DEOMALI, March 22:

The district NYK unit organised a neighbourhood parliament at Wangcha Rajkumar Govt College (WRGC) in Deomali, in collaboration with the college's political science department on Friday, March 22.

Eleven speakers from various departments of the college took part in discussions on local and state issues, representing both ruling and opposition viewpoints.

Esha Kumari Sah from the English department won the first prize, and Mejet Mema from the political science department bagged the second prize.

Political science guest faculty member Teja Raji emphasised on the significance of women's empowerment in the field of politics.

WRGC Principal Dr Monshi Tayeng, NSS Programme Officer Ngamwang Lowang, Political Science HoD Taiwang Wangsa, and Longche Atoa Savio and Teja Raji from the political science department also spoke.

World TB Day observed

TEZU, March 22:

The World TB Day was observed at the Govt Primary School (GPS) in Jhalukbari village in Lohit district on 22 March instead of on 24 March this year, as it coincides with Holi festival.

Besides displaying of banners reading 'Yes! We can end TB', a health awareness and sensitisation programme was organised at the school, during which DPO (NTEP) Dr UK Nath delivered a speech on TB, its management, and steps to protect oneself from TB.

Among other things, he highlighted the adoption of TB patients by nikshaymitras.

DRCHO Dr L Lollen dwelt on tuberculosis, immunisation, and a few other diseases, while DPO (DVBDGP) Dr S Towang delivered a speech on the importance of disseminating awareness among the general public and villagers regarding TB.

Tezu-based Zonal General Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr JS Bhomick spoke on "the global and national burden of tuberculosis, its preventive measures, and different health schemes."

NGO Piramal Foundation's M&E Biswajit Debnath and Jhalukbari GB Thanuram Das also spoke.

A letter of appreciation was given away to 'TB champion' Ajay Thapa.

Nutritional-fair promoting local food under-Poshan Pakhawada

PASIGHAT, March 22:

As part of Poshan Pakhawada 2024, DDICDS East Siang, WCD department on March 22 organized a District level Nutrition Fair competi-

tion participated by Pasighat, Mebo and Ruksin ICDS projects at DC Conference Hall.

A variety of recipes were presented using locally available nutritious food items like finger millets, fox millets, maize, local rice, vegetables and fruits to create mass awareness on the importance of balanced nutrition to combat malnutrition of children, pregnant and lactating mothers and also sensitize the masses on wholesome balanced nutrition in today's world where many health ailments are caused by wrong dietary habits and dependence on processed food.

DDICDS & Nodal Officer, Poshan Abhiyan, Machi Gao, on the occasion informed that the weeklong PoshanPakhwada and Nutrition fair is organized with the aim to promote PoshanbhiPadhaiBhi (PBPB), promote traditional and local dietary practices, healthy pregnant mother and Infant and young child feeding practice in every household and family. DDICDS also stressed the importance of nutria-gardens (Poshanvatikas) for providing fresh and organic nutritional fruits and vegetables year round adding that a model poshan garden is being set up in Napit.

DRCHO, Dr. N. Angu as Resourcepersons stressed on proper nutrition and balanced diet in combating obesity, anemia, stunted growth etc in children and various health modern day health issues. The DRCHO also stressed on breastfeeding and routine vaccination adding that during Monthly Village Health and Nutrition Day, regular awareness should be conducted.

DDSE, Odhuk Tabing also spoke on the occasion. First prize team winners representing Pasighat ICDS project along with Ruksin and Mebo ICDS projects team also received certificates of appreciations.

Supervisors, GramSevikas, Anganwadi workers and staff of ICDS project joined the Nutritional fair.

RGU inks MoU with FNVA, New Delhi

RONO HILLS, March 22:

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) and Foundation for Non-Violent Alternatives (FNVA), New Delhi, for academic and research collaborations.

The MoU, virtually signed on 15 March with the registrar of the university and the founding trustee of the FNVA as the signatories, was officially exchanged on 22 March, in the presence of RGU Vice Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha and FNVA trustee Dr OP Tandon.

Prof Kushwaha said, "RGU, being a central university located strategically, has many important and relevant departments of studies, such as national security studies, history, geography, political science and geo-informatics, and could provide an ideal platform for academic interaction in the field of Himalayan studies in general."

"The ideas and approaches of its faculty and local resources will definitely push the boundaries of knowledge and understanding and strategic planning for future development through this MoU," the VC said.

"Further, it will enable visits of research scholars and faculty members to enable learning through academic interactions and programmes, both offline and online. It will lead to joint conduct of research and publication activities," he added.

Among others, RGU Registrar

Dr NT Rikam, Social Sciences Dean Prof Sarit Kumar Chaudhuri, Controller of Examinations Dr Bijay Raji, Political Science Professor Nani Bath, and FNVA trustee Dr OP Tandon also spoke.

DNGC Organises Career Counselling Programme cum Unveiling Ceremony

ITANAGAR, March 23:

Dera Natung Government College Itanagar (DNGC) organised a programme to commemorate their recent achievement of having been adjudged as a "Best College in Arunachal Pradesh for NCC Activities." by DG NCC on March 23. The program combined awarded flag unveiling ceremony with a career counselling session for NCC cadets.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Dr. M.Q. Khan, Principal of DNG College, Itanagar and Commanding Officer (CO) of NCC 1 APBn Naharlagan, Col. Roshan Verma. Dr. Khan and CO Verma jointly unveiled the awarded flag, marking a momentous occasion for the DNG College NCC unit.

The Principal, Dr. Khan in his address highlighted the crucial role of effective communication in English for securing job opportunities and distributed free gift of his book entitled "English for Communication" to all the NCC cadets, explaining its content and how it can enhance their English communication, Skills.

He exhorted the cadets to study the gifted book minutely specially the module IV & V to reap the optimum benefits. He further added that all sincere students, aspirants and cadets should sub-

scribe his Youtube channel (Dr M Q Khan Sir) for Career Counselling and to improve English Communication.

In his deliberation imparting Career Counselling he highlighted the various Career Opportunities available for the NCC Cadets.

The NCC cadets enthralled the audience with vibrant cultural performances, showcasing their talents and motivational lecture session by RDC cadets Tago Yaya and Nangram Yaniong, both from DNG College were also held.

CO Verma explained the initiative by the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, where RDC cadets visit colleges to share their experiences and inspire students.

Yaya and Yanion, who attended the Republic Day Camp 2024, shared their experiences with their fellow NCC cadets, offering valuable insights and encouragement.

The programme served a dual purpose: celebrating the NCC unit's achievements and providing career guidance, Counselling and motivation to the students.

Poshan Pakhwada concludes

TEZU, March 23:

The fortnight-long Poshan Pakhwada, celebrated by the Lohit ICDS project and featuring various activities at the anganwadi centres in Tezu and Sunpura sectors, concluded at the model anganwadi centre in Tribal Colony here on Saturday, March 23.

During the programme, CDPO Sujan Krisikro spoke about the aims and objective of the celebration of Poshan Pakhwada.

The fortnight-long activities included distribution of medi-

cines/first aid kits under the BBBP, prizes to the winners of traditional millet-based recipe contest, etc.

Word TB day observed

TAWANG, March 24:

The Tawang District Health Society observed the National TB Day at Khandro Drowa Zangmo District Hospital here on Sunday, March 24.

Speaking on the occasion, ADC (HQ) Sang Khandu emphasised the importance of raising awareness to eradicate TB, "particularly through the involvement of PRI members, ASHAs, and anganwadi workers," while District TB Control Officer Dr Urgen Lhamu thanked the nikshaymitras "for their role in providing additional nutritional support to patients through monthly food baskets under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan."

National TB Elimination Programme PMDT TB/HIV coordinator Phurpa Rinchin provided insights into the schemes available for TB patients, and the gram chairpersons of 15 TB-free villages were honoured with certificates.

DMO Dr Rinchin Neema and Medical Superintendent Dr N Namshum also spoke.

Among others, DTO Dr Urgen Lhamu, the chairpersons from the TB-free gram panchayats, and ASHAs participated in the programme.

Comprehensive briefing session on Micro-observers held

MARCH, March 24:

A comprehensive briefing session for micro-observers for the upcoming election was conducted at ZPC Hall, Yupia on Saturday,

March 24.

Bengia Yakar, PD-cum-Nodal Officer to Observer, explained the role of micro-observers and stressed on the importance of timely reporting to the General Observer on polling day.

"Micro-observers play a crucial role in ensuring the integrity and transparency of elections. "She added while urging the micro-observers to observe the election process at polling stations and report any irregularities or violations of the election code of conduct.

Dr. Dana Unna, the Nodal Officer of the training cell, discussed vulnerabilities, critical polling stations, and the implementation of advanced technology like webcasting at key polling stations.

Further, micro-observers from states participating in the first phase of the election were reminded to utilize postal ballot facilities.

NE Games medal winners felicitated

RONO HILLS, March 27:

Rajiv Gandhi University VC prof. Saket Kushwaha on Wednesday, March 27 felicitated two students of the university and one from the RGU Boxing Academy, who won medals in the just concluded 3rd North East Olympic in Nagaland.

The students felicitated were taekwondo player Nyalin Basar, long-distance runner Joti Mane and boxer Tali Taba.

Basar and Mane, who won a bronze medal each in taekwondo and 10,000 mtr race, respectively, are the students of the university's physical education department.

Taba is a product of RGU Boxing Academy. He won a gold medal in the games.

Prof. Kushwaha com-

mended the dedication and hard work exhibited by the three sportspersons in such a prestigious sporting event.

Addressing the gathering, the vice-chancellor lauded the accomplishments of the students and emphasized the importance of sports.

He also announced that steps would be taken to provide recognition and incentives to medal winners from the university and the academy.

Promising to prioritize them in various employment opportunities within the university, the vice-chancellor underscored the university's commitment to nurturing and supporting talented individuals in sports.

The VC also announced for cash award of Rs. 10000, Rs. 7000, & Rs. 5000 for gold, silver and bronze winners, respectively. The cash award will be provided to them during the National Sports Day celebration in August later this year.

Dr. Sambhu Prasad, head of physical education department, Dr. Tadang Minu, coach/coordinator of the Boxing Academy, Dr. Vivek Kr. Singh, Sangey Tsering and Dr. Hemantajit Gogoi attended the programme.

Workshop on importance of language lab in higher education held

ITANAGAR, March 28:

The English department of Dera Natung Govt College (DNGC) here conducted a workshop on 'Importance of language lab in higher education' on Thursday, March 28.

During the workshop, RGU Assistant Professor Dr

DS Gupta delivered a lecture on 'The relevance of language lab in higher education in the present-day context,' and said that "the objective of English language lab is to develop the language skills of the students with the help of the computer to teach language."

"The students get exposure to e-learning environment to practice English in an entertaining way. It can help the students to acquire the main language skills such as listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

"Effective use of the lab will enhance their active vocabulary and improve their proficiency in speaking the language. But, most importantly, inculcating practice, listening, and reading habits can bring turning point in the lives of language learners," he said.

DNGC Principal Dr MQ Khan said that English will remain the most important language in the world. "English is the instrumental language of academic and is culturally transmitted," he said, adding that "self-practice and individual assessment can play a pivotal role in the enhancement of the language."

"In Arunachal Pradesh, English is the medium of instruction as well as the official language," he added.

NIT Yupia Assistant Professor Dr K Vijayakumar highlighted "the role of language lab in development of LSRW skill," and said that "the modern language labs are known by many names, such as language media centre, multimedia language lab, multimedia learning centre, digital language lab, etc."

"Language laboratory is an audiovisual installation used

in modern teaching methods. It is an interactive course which provides a very different experience from the traditional system of teaching and learning English. It offers more advanced features and functionalities," he said.

Assistant Professors Nending Ommo and Yitu Murtem explicated the subject 'Language lab: Orientation on language learning software'.

"The benefits of using language lab software are substantial. It offers an immersive learning environment, combining audiovisual materials and interactive activities that make language learning engaging and effective.

"The software's speech recognition and analysis features provide students with real-time feedback on pronunciation and fluency, enhancing their speaking skills.

"Additionally, language lab software often includes collaborative tools, fostering communication and teamwork among students," they said.

The workshop, sponsored by the higher & technical education directorate, saw the participation of more than 60 students.

Army organizes registration programme for Agniveer recruitment rally

HAYULIANG, March 28:

Twenty local youths participated in an online registration programme, organised by the Indian Army here in Anjaw district from 15-22 March, for the upcoming Agniveer recruitment rally.

"The Army established an

Agniveer online helpdesk here with the purpose of giving a platform and guidance to prepare youths to join the armed forces under the Agnipath scheme,” a release from Lohit Libraries informed.

“As part of the youth-centric campaign, a pre-medical examination of all candidates was conducted to make them aware of the medical procedure and all tests involved in the recruitment rally,” the release informed, and added that “a month-long preparatory training course is being conducted by the Army from 27 March to 25 April, wherein the candidates will be trained for various skill tests like 2-km run, ground tests and theoretical classes towards preparing the potential candidates for the recruitment rally.”

JNC signed MoU with Assam Downtown University

PASIGHAT, March 28:

JN College Pasighat on Thursday, March 28 signed a MoU with the Assam Downtown University, Assam in the opulent campus of ADtU in Assam. JN College was represented by Vice Principal Dr Leki Sitang and Assistant Professor Hari Loyi.

Dr Sitang, who signed the MoU on behalf of JNC told that the MoU is targeted to create a conducive ecosystem of research and academics where both institutions can grow in a symbiotic relationship. “The MoU will benefit both the institutions in terms of knowledge pool and intellectual resources sharing.” He said.

ADtU Vice Chancellor Dr NC Talukdar said that the strength of a university is in integrating research and academics.

“Such MoUs between inter-state institutions will pave the way to strengthening the environment of research and academics in the entire northeast region through collaborative efforts in resource mapping and complementary logistics sharing and will provide the partner institutions access to the otherwise inaccessible resources, both natural and intellectual”, he said.

The MoU signing ceremony was attended by the Pro-VC, the Registrar and the Chairman & Executive Director Research, of ADtU, among a galaxy of faculty and representatives of various colleges of Assam.

RGU submits annual report 2022-23 to MoE

RONO HILLLS, March 29:

Months ahead of the timeline, Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) on Friday, March 29 released and submitted University’s annual report 2022-23 to the union ministry of education (MoE) in a simple function held at the vice-chancellor’s secretariat.

The officials in the MoE, connecting through the video conferencing, have highly appreciated the RGU for timely submission of its annual reports and annual accounts.

While releasing the report in presence of the annual report editorial board, RGU vice-chancellor prof. Saket Kushwaha appreciated the effort of the editorial board for accomplishing the release in both soft and hard forms for onward submission to the MoE for being tabled in both the houses of the Parliament.

The annual report is a useful document which gives an overall picture of the institutional

growth of the university in all criteria identified by the ministry for the year 2022-23.

On the sideline of the report release programme, RGU registrar Dr. N.T. Rikam said “it is a rigorous exercise involving all aspects of the varsity, and as university is an ever growing organization the task becomes enormous.”

Rikam further said that “with RGU’s latest accreditation done with an ‘A’ grade recently by NAAC, the university is bestowed with the task of up keeping its status and improve further while progressing, functioning and maintaining quality sustenance in RGU.”

RGU’s finance officer prof. Otem Padung said “it is mandatory to submit bilingual annual report and audited annual accounts of every financial year of the university to the union MoE which reflects the growth and development of the varsity.”

He added it also provides systematic data with respect to various improvements to be taken up by the university.

Director Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) prof. R.C Parida and RGU’s joint registrar and member of the Editorial Board Dr. David Pertin also spoke on the occasion.

Amongst others, Dean, faculty of basic sciences prof. Sanjeev Kumar, head of Chemistry department Dr. Rajesh Chakraborty, Head of Physical Education department prof. Sambhu Prasad and IQAC member Dr. Upamanyu Das witnessed the annual report release and submission ceremony.

NEWS IN PICTURE



Chief Minister Pema Khandu laid the foundation stone for Divisional Commissioner (Central Zone) office at Basar in Leparada district on March 6, 2024.



Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM YSM (Retd.) gracing the 8th Convocation of Arunachal University of Studies (AUS), Namsai, in its university campus on March 19, 2024.



Union Earth Sciences Minister Kiren Rijiju and Lungla MLA Tsering Tashi flagging off a mini-fire tender for Lungla subdivision in Tawang district on March 10, 2024.



Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participating in the dedication of various Railway projects, laying of foundation stones and flagging off of Vande Bharat trains by Prime Minister Narendra Modi through virtual media from Naharlagun Railway Station, Naharlagun on March 12, 2024.



DCM Chowna Mein release two new books by authors Mito Dirchi and Dr Sandip Banerjee at a programme organized by the Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society at JN State Museum Auditorium in Itanagar on March 8, 2024.



Home Minister Bamang Felix inaugurating the Mini Secretariat and Tadar Tang Community Health Centre at Nyapin on March 11, 2024.