

The Dynamics of Democracy vis-à-vis Tribal society of Arunachal Pradesh

- (Nyatum Doke)

As the Election year is approaching close, the plot for the 'Game of throne' is slowly being set in motion. The ritual of the number game is on. Every day one can see high drama of nudging each other to form alliance and counter alliance. The groups in social media are becoming a warzone filled with the cacophony of political chicanery.

Tribal Society to Modern Polity: The Transition:

Our tribal societies have hitherto been simple and living together in solidarity with each other. The emergence of the democratic process no doubt has positively changed the functioning of the society by providing everyone an opportunity to become part of the governance. Then, with the newly laid focus on inclusive governance the people are expected to be an active participant in the development process instead of being a passive recipient. In addition, with the digital revolution, gradually everyone is getting virtually connected and every voice is heard.

This high intensity and high-pitched war of words becomes much louder with each passing day. Earlier, as our villages are small and the electorates are countable in the fingertip-personal campaigning was the easiest thing. Now, our houses are basically moved into the social media groups, with various groups representing virtual or digital versions of constituencies, villages, clans etc. Therefore, turning it into the platform of deliberation and debate leading to political education and socialization.

Tribal Society Vis a Vis Digital world

However, there is a caveat, in our society every person is known to

the other person leading to personal vilification. Even a genuine remark on some issue may be taken as personal attack or vendetta. Then, there is a chance that personal and private issues become a public issue. Amidst all the mudsling and cross firings, it is the fabric of the society that is affected. Also, any person in a digital world can write anything in the guise of anonymity- leading to creation of false narrative.

Owing to our closeness with each other living in a sparsely populated tribal society- which actually was a boon, is becoming a poisonous tool. Even for an official or public action, questions are being raised at the personal level. Per se this may not look bad initially, however this will set a wrong trend. There is a properly laid down mechanism in the system which needs to be followed so that transparency and accountability is ensured- we should follow proper channels.

Our society at the crossroad:

People should understand the difference between the "institution" and the "individuals"- for example if a police officer is enforcing law or a magistrate is issuing an order- it is not the person but the institution that is at the work. I understand some will argue that ultimately cognitive biases of the person holding the post will come into play- but, isn't such kind of thinking in itself reflects the biasness.

It is a fact that our society is at the crossroads- we have been availing the latest gadgets and technologies but the way we think and act still inexorably remains the traditional. For example, for an argument with someone in modern platforms via Twitter or Facebook the Arunachalee tribal

may still want a "Local-style" solution.

Instilling conviction- Need of a Civic culture:

Then how much participation is adequate- that is also a thing to ponder, as Almond and Verba while studying political culture put forth 'The civic Culture'- a balance between too much participation and complete apathy needs to be chalked out as ideal one. Too much participation and over activism are bad because important issues get hijacked by the individuals with subterfuge motives. If unthinking masses with a particular ideology participates as a 'superfluous entity' (Hannah Ardent) which will lead only to democracy turning into totalitarianism.

Consequently, it makes the members of the community lose interest on important issues- leading to individualistic culture (Daniel J Elazar) where politics becomes a market place between the individuals seeking to maximize their self-interest with minimal community involvement: this in itself would be a grave travesty of democracy.

We should be thoughtful and participate or deliberate in a responsible manner. The plurality of values and ideas should be respected, appreciated and tolerated. There is a need to rethink and understand the dynamics of democracy vis a vis tribal society like Arunachal Pradesh. We must understand that the goal of the discourse, debate and deliberation under the democratic set up is to instill conviction and to encourage the capacity to form conviction in the fellow citizens and not the other way around.

(writer is DIPRO Longding)



Weapon display - "know your Army" organized

DAPORIJO, August 1:

The Indian Army has organized a weapon display on the theme of "know your Army" at Rijo Outdoor Stadium at Daporijo on August 1 last.

The exclusive event was aimed at fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of the nation's esteemed Indian Army, to every citizen.

During the event, an array of modern weapons and equipments were displayed, followed by rhythmic tune of army band troop, were district administration, students community, public leaders enthusiastic witnessed.

Further, screening of a motivational video film featuring local girl - IPUPU MEENA set a new bar for excellence, offering glimpses into the life of soldiers, who displayed extra ordinary bravery and dedication.

The "know your army" event was aimed to bridge the gap between the people and the military, allowing citizens to connect with Indian brave soldier on a personal level.

District level Yuva Utsav organized

KHONSA, August 1:

Nehru Yuva Kendra Tirap, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports,

Government of India successfully organised the District Level Yuva Utsav at Government Higher Secondary School, Khonsa on August 1, 2023.

The event was organised on the theme of Panch Pran of Amrit Kaal, India@2047 with an objective to celebrate the "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" in the spirit of Yuva Shakti se Jan Bhagidari and to form a fraternity of young artists, writers, photographers and orators of the country under the mentorship of experts.

Deputy Commissioner Hento Karga graced the occasion as the chief guest and formally inaugurated the ceremony by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Addressing the students, he spoke on the importance of the Panch Pran of Amrit Kaal and praised the efforts of Nehru Yuva Kendra Tirap for organizing such a grand event. He urged the youth to actively participate in such programs and encouraged the NYK to continue organizing similar events in the future.

The District Youth Officer, Mohit Nehra briefed about the objectives of the programme & said that Yuva Utsav provides a platform to the talented youth of the district.

Earlier, Smti Renu Kago, lecturer, Govt. Hr Sec School delivered a whole hearted welcome speech during the event, while Smti KC Lowangcha, Principal, (GHSS) felicitated all the jury members with mufflers.

The event comprised five exciting competitions, namely the Young Artists Camp - Painting, Young Writers Contest - Poetry, Mobile Photography Contest, Declaration Contest, and Group Cultural Fest.

More than 300 youths across the district presented their

talent in their respective categories. Students from different educational institutions named Govt. Hr Sec School, Govt. Town Sec School, Govt. Pinewood School, Kendriya Vidhyalaya, DIET College & Wangcha Rajkumar Govt. College also participated in the mega event. Cultural teams belonging from the Chasa and Thinsa village added colours to the event.

The winners of all five competitions were later felicitated with cash prizes, trophies, and certificates.

World Breast Feeding Week launched at District Hospital Doimukh

DOIMUKH, August 1:

World Breast Feeding Week starting from August 1 to 7 next was launched by Smti Tana Yaho Nabam, SDO Doimukh here on Tuesday, August 2 in presence of Smt. Yami Leij renowned Social Activist, DMO Dr. Komling Perme and DRCHO Dr. Neyang Nitik at District Hospital, Doimukh.

Speaking on the occasion, Smti Yaho said that it is the responsibility of the mothers to ensure breast feeding for wellbeing of their children and requested all attending mothers to follow the instructions of health workers.

Smt. Yami Leij, while sharing her experiences requested the government and private employers to address the security of the working breast feeding mothers at their work place.

Earlier, Dr. K. Perme DMO, Yupia explained the importance of breast feeding. Dr. Lobsang Chuki MO i/c District Hospital Doimukh also spoke on the occasion.

'Meri Maati Mera Desh' launched in Kra Daadi

PALIN, August 2:

The Kra Daadi District Administration, headed by Smti Yame Higio, In-charge Deputy Commissioner officially launched the Meri Maati Mera Desh Campaign which is being observed across the nation as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava Celebration on Wednesday.

The campaign was launched with the administration of Panch Pran Pledge by DC along with photographs to be uploaded at the website. This was also followed by various other programmes as per the guidelines given by the central government. The campaign is aimed towards the veneration of the Motherland to which we owe our lives and the national heroes to whom we owe our freedom.

The launch program was held at the General Ground, New Palin, in which Administrative Officers and HoDs each took the Panch-Pran Pledge holding lump of soil to honour the nation and her heroes.

Public and students alike joined the program as well.

JN College fraternity bid farewell to three faculty members

PASIGHAT, August 3:

JN College fraternity on Tuesday bid farewell to the three distinguished faculty members Dr K K Bhattacharjee, HoD Chemistry, Dr S N Jha, HoD Geography and Dr S D Choudhury, Vice-Principal at their superannuation after a long service of three decades to the Higher Education of the state.

The entire state in general and the JN College, Pasighat in particular commended to these

trio for their selfless service to the field of academia. Being erudite scholars these three academic giants contributed to the state by every means, JNC source added. The College fraternity congratulated the faculty members on superannuation for their prosperous post-retirement life.

Dr Tasi Taloh, the Principal of the college has appreciated their dedicated service and handed over the citations. Their retirement from the service is an irreparable loss to the college and the state as mentioned by him.

Special Cover on "Khonchok Khopok"- traditional headgear of Tutsa tribe released

KHONSA, August 3:

The Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication, Govt of India had recently released a special cover on the theme 'Khonchok Khopok' - traditional headgear of the Tutsa tribe of Arunachal Pradesh.

Khonsa East MLA Wanglam Sawin graced the occasion as chief guest, while Tirap DC Hento Karga was the guest of honor.

Among others, the program was also attended by Jayanta Bhattacharya, Superintendent of Posts, Arunachal Pradesh Division, Tediap Hallang, Chairman All Tutsa Welfare Society, HoDs, members of All Tutsa Welfare Society, Student leaders of Tutsa community and other dignitaries.

In his address, Sawin lauded the Department of Posts for releasing special cover on Tutsa tribe and thanked the department for rendering insurance, postal and banking services even to the most remote places of the district. Sawin further said that with this release of

special cover on Headgear of Tutsa tribe, adding that the younger generation of Tutsa would definitely know more about the importance and value of the Khonchok Khopok - traditional headgear thereby preserving their aged old traditional attires.

DC, Hento Karga thanked the Department of Post for selecting the traditional headgear of Tutsa as special cover.

J Bhattacharya, Supdt. of Posts, Arunachal Pradesh Division appreciated and thanked the All Tutsa Welfare Society for their keen interest in releasing of special cover on Tutsa tribe, he added that this special cover will be kept in Philately Museum which will disseminate about the culture & traditions of Tusta. He also informed about the various services provided by the Department of Posts, India.

Telem Kitnya, APO highlighted about the importance of Khonchok Khopok and its product. He added that in Tutsa community, the head gear is one of the inseparable part of attires use during the festive events. The Tutsas are the tribal community, spread over Tirap and Changlang districts of East Arunachal Pradesh (South of Brahmaputra), in Northeast India. The tribe was recognized in 1989.

On occasions of festival, the Tutsas are known to adorn themselves with several colorful attires, among many of which the head gear called Khonchok (cone shape) Khopok (hat) is very significant part of the attire for a man. The way it is blended with vibrant colors, its uniqueness, and appealing look, the Khonchok Khopok definitely appears as center of attraction to both the participants and the audience. Thus, it undoubtedly creates the vibes of festivity and celebration.

Earlier, Chowang Wangsa, Postmaster, Khonsa Post Office welcomed all and informed that such program has been held for the first time in the history of the Tirap district and through the special cover on one of the cultural aspects of Tutsa tribe, people will come to know about the unique headgear of the Tutsa.

The program was also attended by former ZPM Wangjet Kuma, Ngongphen Bangsia, President ATWS {All Tutsa Welfare Society} Tirap & Changlang, Khuntick Khuisia, President ATSU (All Tutsa Students Union), Ropong Kitnya, Gen Secretary, ATSU (All Tutsa Students Union).

'Smart and Swachh office' programme observed

GEKU, August 3:

A 'Smart and Swachh office' programme observed at EAC office here on Tuesday.

Zilla Parishad Member, Geku Nyong Panyang attended the programme as the chief Guest and while delivering a brief speech on the occasion Nyong spoke on objective behind initiation of Swachh and Smart office and said that such kind gesture from the local MLA will motivate govt employees to keep their office Smart n Swachh and public friendly.

Papak Panyang, President Arunachal Against Corruption (AAC) who attended the programme as special guest also spoke and lauded local MLA for such a noble initiative and said that Govt employees need to be dutiful and sincere in delivering service to the public.

Meanwhile, EAC Geku, Philip Jerang informed that Smart and Swachh office is a part of Swa-

chh Bharat Abhiyan at Circle level initiated by the Geku/Mariyang local MLA Kangong Taku. Under this programme various defunct buildings, dilapidated govt offices, quarters etc are being identified and made functional and donated many Generators, Inverters etc to various govt offices.

He further informed that the said programme is completely funded by HMLA himself in a bid to make public office in his own constituency to be smart and people's friendly and expressed profound gratitude to the MLA for providing much needed office furnishings and infrastructures which are required for smooth functioning of office.

Awareness programme for upcoming MMMD kick started at Ziro

ZIRO, August 3:

An awareness campaign programme for the upcoming 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' (MMMD) as part of celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) was held at Abotani Hall here today.

Chairing the meet, Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner appealed the participant ZPM's, Gram chairpersons and Gram panchayat members of the District to take active initiative and mobilize mass participation at the upcoming MMMD celebration to make the celebration a grand success at the District.

The DC also urged the participants to use the week-long celebration to plant more trees in an around the selected sarovars, schools and villages to enhance greenery and ambiance at these places. He also called to collect good quality soil from the District to be transported to New Delhi as part of the MMMD celebration.

Appreciating the Centre's designed programme, Lower Subansiri Zilla Parishad Chairperson Likha Sang Chorey also urged to make the programme successful at the District and appealed for cooperation, unity and initiative by the concerned ZPM's and GPM's at their respective grassroots levels.

Earlier, District Panchayat Development Officer (DPDO) Neelam Teji outlined the sequence of the upcoming programme and informed that the MMMD celebration will take place from 9th to 15th of August. The week-long programme will include plantation of 75 nos. of plants at selected sarovars, schools, villages, collection of matti in two kalash of 3 kg each from Panchayat level to be transported to Block, State and then to New Delhi, organizing tribute to veers, making shalpaklam, erection of memorial plaque and reading out the panch pran pledge, holding mitti in hand and taking selfies.

Sub-Divisional Officer Old Ziro Badonlum Tawsik, few ZPM's and GPM's also spoke on the occasion attended by 10 ZPM's and more than 100 GMP's of the District.

Papum Pare DTFI meeting held

YUPIA, August 3:

The Papum Pare District Task force on Immunization pressed the need for better counseling of the vaccine refusal cases during the DTFI meeting convened in the DC Conference hall, Yupia on Wednesday.

Chairing the meeting Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman, District Health Society Cheechung Chukhu said that "the counseling for the refusal cases for vaccination should be done by both the

health and other stakeholder departments.”

He also added that “the immunization programs for the children and vaccinating them is a priority of the health Department; but at the same time concerted and coordinated efforts of the other stakeholders like Education and Women and Child Development Departments, Karuna trusts and PRI members are equally important for the success of the programs.”

DMO Dr. Komling Perme highlighted the key objectives of the meeting and the importance of the implementation of IMI 5.0. “Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 (IMI 5.0) campaign will be conducted across country during month of August, September and October this year.

During these three rounds, children of 0-5 years age group and pregnant women, who have missed any dose of vaccine as per National Immunization Schedule (NIS) will be vaccinated. Govt of India is committed to achieve target of Measles Rubella Elimination (MR Elimination) by December 2023 and Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 program is a major step to achieve this goal,” Dr. Perme informed.

He also directed the MOs, District Programme manager and other medical functionaries to complete the user mapping for vaccinators/ASHAs and others on the U-WIN (the program to digitize India's Universal Immunization Program (UIP) and submit the micro plans for the vaccination program by August 5 next before the IMI 5.0 is launched.

Deputy Director ICDS Smti Aroty Tayeng, DRCHO Dr. Neyang Nitik, Doctors and medical officials attended the meeting.

Meeting on ‘Meri Maati, Mera Desh’ Campaign held

YUPIA, August 3:

A coordination meeting in connection with the modalities to observe the ‘Meri Maati, Mera Desh’ Campaign was held in the DC Conference Hall, Yupia on Tuesday.

Chairing the meeting, Papum Pare Deputy Commissioner, Cheechung Chukhu said that the “meri maati, mera desh’ campaign from 9th August to 15th August was announced by Prime Minister in run-up to the Independence Day to honour the martyred brave hearts of the country and to mark the culmination of the Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsava.

He sought the cooperation from the PRI members and the nodal departments for the successful implementation of the campaign.

Highlighting the events to be undertaken under the campaign, District Art and Culture Officer Tana Moro Tara informed that “As a part of the campaign special inscriptions ‘shila phalakam’ have to be installed at the Panchayat level in the memory of the martyrs; plantations to be carried out near Amrut sarovorsor water bodies; urns containing soil from 7500 blocks of the country will be brought to Delhi and will be fused with the indigenous saplings brought from across the country to form the Amrutvatika near the National War Memorial at Delhi”.

“The entire exercise aims to honour our martyred brave heart men and women and enhance interaction and promote mutual understanding between people of different states and UTs,” the DACO added.

SP Taru Gusar, suggested for organising a launching event at a significant place, where public and Heads of offices can participate in a good number.

PD cum DPDO Smti Bengia Yakar assured to mobilise and create awareness about the programme to the PRI members.

SP Taru Gusar and ZPC Smti Nabam Yakum also spoke. ZPMs and HoDs attended the meeting.

Coordination meeting on “Meri Maati Mera Desh” campaign

TEZU, August 3:

DC Lohit Shashvat Saurabh, chaired coordination meeting in the Conference Hall of District Secretariat, Tezu to discuss about launching of “MERI MAATI MERA DESH” campaign from 9 August to 15, 2023 to commemorate the concluding ceremony of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava and to venerate the veers for their sacrifices for the greater cause of the nation.

The DC, while welcoming the members present in the meeting explained them about the objective of the meeting. He further deliberated the members present by presenting power point Presentation to them about the sequence of the event and necessary direction given to the Program coordinator of concerned circles to ensure coordination with all the concerned departments, ZPMs, GPCs and HGBs/GBs for successful commemoration of the said campaign.

Further directed GBs and concerned members to sensitize the public about the campaign.

Taking the advantage of the meeting, the chairman urged pro-active participation from all

the HGB/GB and stakeholders to curb the menace of opium cultivation and drug abuse in the district as well as effective implementation of all the ongoing developmental activities.

He also spoke on the Govt. land encroachment and urged all to desist from illegal encroachment of the public property.

He stressed on the effective implementation of SBM (G) and requested the PRI members to convene Gram Sabha meeting from time to time to find out the requirement of IHHL and Urinal/latrine in the schools and Anganwadi centres for healthy atmosphere as well as declaration of ODF plus.

ZPC Lohit, ZPM Tezu, ZPM Sunpura, SP Lohit, Assistant Commissioner, SDO Wakro, DPDO cum PD Lohit, EAC Sunpura, EAC Tezu, Head of offices, GPCs, GPMs, HGBs, GBs and officials of line departments attended the meeting.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks from the chair.

DCM inaugurates First 133/32 KV Gas Insulated Substation

NIRJULI, August 3:

In a momentous stride towards energy sustainability and development, Arunachal Pradesh launched its first 133/32 KV Gas Insulated Substation (GIS) – a ground breaking achievement poised to revolutionize the state's power infrastructure, which was inaugurated by the Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein at Nirjuli recently.

Mein highlighted that, with an impressive capacity of 100 MW, the GIS power substation is poised to meet the region's energy demands for the next 20-25 years, marking a significant leap forward

in the power sector. This remarkable endeavor is spearheaded by the largest transmission system construction company, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), which will oversee the execution of more than 2000 Km of transmission lines in Arunachal Pradesh.

He also added, a major focus of this transformative project is the reduction of transmission losses, which currently stands at 45% in the state. PGCIL's initiatives will not only enhance power transmission efficiency but also elevate the overall quality of life for the residents of Arunachal Pradesh.

The state government, dedicated to sustainable growth, has adopted progressive policies facilitating the drawing of transmission lines through forests and private lands, effectively mitigating potential hindrances. This commitment to smooth execution underscores the government's determination to bring about positive change in the region.

He continued, with the recent decision for signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs), Arunachal Pradesh is poised to attract a staggering investment worth INR 1,30,000 Crore. Apart from stimulating the economic growth, the infusion of capital will also reinforce the state's position as a promising investment destination.

Upon completion of these ambitious projects, the state government anticipates an annual revenue of around INR 5000 Crore. Furthermore, the upcoming completion of the 2800 MW Dibang Multipurpose Project (DMP) is set to elevate Arunachal Pradesh to the distinguished status of the highest power generator in the region, solidifying its role as a powerhouse

of energy production, Mein concluded.

The state government remains committed to realizing these ambitious goals and looks forward to a future empowered by its newfound energy prowess.

The event was also attended by the Advisor to Power Balo Raja, MLA Doimukh Tana Hali, SP Papum Pare Taro Guchar, SP Naharlagun Nirjuli, Executive Director Power Grid Adesh Kumar Gupta, CGM In charge Power Grid Upananda Kotoki, CE Power Bar Takum, Gumdo Doji & Gingko Linggi and Director NERIST Prof Manapuram Muralidar.

'Media & Community Mobilization' training for Hols held

ITANAGAR, August 5:

Training on 'Media & Community Mobilization' for capacity building for Head of Institution (HoI)/ Chairman SMDC/SMC for elementary and secondary level of schools was conducted here at Shikshak Bhavan, Papu Nallah on August 4 and 5 last.

The training was graced by the ADC ICR, Smti Shweta Nagarkoti, S.T Zara DDSE-cum-DPO ICR, Kipa Kechak DPC, ISSE, Papu Nallah and HoI along with SMC/SMDC's members.

The ADC in her speech highlighted the present scenario of education sector in the capital as well as the state as a whole. She emphasized on innovative ideas to motivate all the school going children and to make them aware about the importance of education in life. She also stressed on the importance of civic amenity and to have self consciousness in keeping the city clean. While stressing on the importance of discipline, and

good moral character, the ADC recalled how the relationship between teacher and students used to be in the olden days.

Earlier, Kipa Kechak, DPC, ICR welcomed the participants.

The DDSE cum DPO, in his speech requested all the HoIs and Chairman SMC/SMDC's to show punctuality, dedication and motivation to uplift the education institution. He mentioned the poor performance of CBSE and State Board exams conducted in the last academic year and requested the HoIs to be very strict with student's attendance and other important curricular activities.

Tamchi Taniang, Coordinator, media and community mobilization briefed about the importance of the training programme.

Closing ceremony of 10th DK Memorial Badminton Championship 2023 held

SEPPA, August 6:

The closing ceremony of the 10th Dorjee Khandu Memorial Badminton Championship was held at Seppa, East Kameng on August 9 last. The tournament was commenced from August 6 2023.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein graced the event as the chief guest. He was accompanied by Minister of EF & CC, WRD and Sports & Youth Affairs Mama Natung and MLAs from Tawang Tsering Tashi, Chayangtajo Hayeng Mangfi, Bameng Goruk Pordung and Seppa East Tapuk Taku.

The championship showcased the indomitable spirit and dedication of the young athletes from Arunachal Pradesh, who have embraced Badminton with great passion.

In his address, DCM Mein remembered former Chief Minister, Late Dorjee Khandu, who was a great visionary and a true leader. He said that the championship was a fitting tribute to him, who had always encouraged sports and fitness among the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

He further mentioned that the Dorjee Khandu Memorial Badminton Academy, which is under construction now, will be completed by November of this year. He also emphasized that once it is completed, it will be a state-of-the-art facility that will provide world-class training and infrastructure to the young badminton players of Arunachal Pradesh.

Adding on, Mein appreciated the young players of Arunachal Pradesh who are bringing laurels to the state by winning several medals at the national as well as international levels. He also gave assurance that the state government will increase budget allocation for the DK Memorial Badminton Championship from 20 Lakhs to 50 Lakhs from next FY, to further encourage the shuttlers of the State.

Mein also expressed his delight upon witnessing the promising talents of the participants and gave assurance to the shuttlers that the Government of Arunachal Pradesh will make every effort towards facilitating them with both national and global platforms.

MLA reviews progress of MMMD programme

AALO, August 7:

Adv. Kento Jini, MLA cum Advisor Law & Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh reviewed the progress of Meri Maati Mera Desh (MMMD) programme at a meeting held here on Monday.

Addressing the meeting, MLA Jini urged all the HoDs, Panchayat leaders, administrative officers to make the MMMD programme successful and called upon them to mobilize for mass participation during MMMD event.

He said that MMMD is a national programme under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav as we are celebrating the 75 years of India's independence.

In his address, West Siang Deputy Commissioner Penga Tato informed the house that West Siang District will celebrate the MMMD as per government guidance and instructions. Most of the ground work of MMMD program has already been started, he told.

On the occasion, the DC also urged upon all the line departments and nodal officers to adhere to the guidelines issued by the government.

West Siang SP Abhimanyu Poswal, Admin Officers, HoDs were present in the review meeting.

Upper Siang DHS launches IMI 5.0 & U-WIN Portal

YINGKIONG, August 7:

Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0 & U-WIN portal was launched on August 7 last at District Hospital, Yingkiong by Hage Lailang, DC Upper Siang in the presence of DMO, MS DH, DSO, DANO cum MO RI, Doctors, Nurses & DPMU staffs.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC cum Chairman District Health Society appealed all the facility in-charges to achieve 100 % immunization of left out and drop out childrens of the district as per IMI 5.0 micro-plan. He also advised the entire medical staffs to

the dedicate their services for the people of the district and to keep team spirit in every step for better coordination in implementing of any health activities in the district.

Dr. Moli Riba, DMO, Upper Siang briefed the aims, objectives, challenges and importance of IMI 5.0. He highlighted on block wise IMI target and appealed to improve declining rate of RI performance of the district by taking the opportunity of IMI 5.0 schedule as per Micro-plan. He appealed all facility in-charges to do registration of RI beneficiaries under U-WIN portal along with IMI 5.0 beneficiaries.

Earlier, Dr. Nabho Borang DANO cum MO RI welcomed all the house presence in the launching programme. Later, the program concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Gumin Bitin, SMO RI DH Yinkiong.

1st phase of IMI 5.0 & U-WIN Portal launched

TEZU, August 7:

DMO Lohit Dr. C.L. Manchay launched the 1st phase of Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0 and U-WIN Portal at Zonal General Hospital, Tezu on Monday in presence of medical and paramedical staffs/public.

The DMO informed that the primary objective of IMI 5.0 is to enhance immunization coverage for all vaccines specified in the National Immunization Schedule. This immunization campaign will be supported by the U-Win platform, which ensures effective tracking of beneficiaries including children aged 0-5 and pregnant women.

IMI 5.0 will be held in three phases across the country from August 7 to October 14, 2023

for effective coverage of immunization program under IMI.

Further he addressed that the ground-level staff along with ASHAs and Anganwadi workers, play a vital role in reaching out to beneficiaries and facilitating their registration on the U-Win portal.

Antenatal check-up for pregnant mother at ZGH Tezu was also conducted.

9th National Handloom Day celebrated

NAMSAI, August 7:

The 9th National Handloom Day was celebrated at DC's Conference Hall, Namsai on Monday along with the rest of the state and country.

S. Mining, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Namsai graced the event as chief guest, while Chow Jenia Namchoom, ZPM, Namsai attended as guest of honour in presence of more than 100 distinguished weavers from active clusters of Namsai and Lohit district.

The ADC in his speech cited the importance of handloom products in India and stated that the handloom products are not a mere piece of cloth rather a bearer of our diversities of culture and tradition. He requested the weavers to keep practicing the art of weaving and pass on the knowledge to the future generation.

Speaking on the occasion, ZPM, Chow Jenia Namchoom, wished all the weavers and cited the importance of handlooms in our culture and society.

A technical session was also conducted by the officials of WSC, Guwahati and NHDC, wherein the information of major initiatives being undertaken by Govt of India for the development of handloom sector like Mudra

Loan, skill up gradation, Social Security Schemes, Marketing Support to weavers by Expos, Cluster Development Programme (CDP), Branding of Handloom Products, Education for wards of Handloom weaver's etc were disseminated.

Earlier, Maglek Pertin, ADTH, Namsai welcomed all to the programme.

In his keynote address, Biswajit Das, Tech. Supdt. (P) WSC, Guwahati highlighted the role of WSC and importance of handloom sector.

During the celebration, SAMARTH training certificate, Yarnpassbook and HSS item were distributed to the weavers.

To encourage the weavers, two state awardees namely - Shriyong Singpho and Smt Kenrik Bagra was felicitated during the programme. Both of them also shared their success journey with the weavers present in the programme.

The weavers of the state and districts joined the celebration along with the entire nation virtually in a central programme organized at Delhi in presence of Prime Minister of India.

Tawang DC launches IMI 5.0 for the district

TAWANG, August 7:

Along with rest of the country, the Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 for Tawang district was launched by Deputy Commissioner, in charge Rinchin Leta at Khandro Drowa Zangmo district hospital, Tawang on Monday.

DMO, Tawang Dr. Rinchin Neema, CO headquarters Dorjee Wangchu, Medical Superintendent Dr. Thutan Tsering, other senior health officials and paramedics were present in the programme.

Addressing the gathering, DC incharge said that the success of any scheme or programme depends on how it is implemented at grassroot level. The health workers at village level plays important role in dissemination of information and implementation of health related programmes. He asked the health department to involve gaon burahs and anganwadi workers to assist the health officials to find out those children who didn't received any vaccination due to one or other reasons.

DMO Dr. Rinchin Neema informed that 54 children in Tawang district have been identified and will be benefitted under intensified mission Indradhanush 5.0. These children included migrated and refusal case, he said, adding that under Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0, no stone will be left unturned to achieve complete vaccination to all eligible children.

He further informed that there is strict directions from government regarding vaccination and every child must get seven life saving vaccinations within five years of age. Necessary awareness and information regarding phase wise vaccination has already been disseminated through various medias, besides head counting and house to house intensive surveys have also been done to make micro plan, the DMO informed and asked the health officials to visit every nook and corner of the district to eliminate measles rubella by December 2023. Stating that the expecting mothers should also be covered under this intensified mission Indradhanush 5.0, he sought cooperation from all on the occasion to achieve hundred percent vaccinations in the district.

IMI 5.0 launched at GTGH Ziro

ZIRO, August 7:

The Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0, a vaccine catch-up campaign dedicated to providing immunization to zero-dose children aged between 0 and 5 years along with pregnant women who may have missed any vaccine doses in the National Immunization Schedule for Lower Subansiri was successfully launched at Gyati Takka General Hospital here on Monday.

The campaign was inaugurated by Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime in presence of State Immunization Officer Dr. Dimong Padung and Dr. Subasis Saha, Technical Consultant (Immunization Division) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India who is in the District as the National Monitor for IMI 5.0

Launching the campaign, DC Bamin Nime exemplified the campaign's commitment by personally administering the inaugural vaccine dose of oral polio vaccine to a child. He urged all health staff workers to leave no stone unturned in ensuring that every child in the District receives the necessary vaccinations. The DC expressed his wholehearted support and assured to extend all assistance to make this initiative a resounding success. He also commended the hardworking health team for their dedication in providing superior healthcare services and acknowledged the significant improvements in health services within the District.

State Immunization Officer Dr. Dimong Padung stressed the pressing need to improve immunization coverage in the state by setting a commendable target of

achieving above 90% full immunization. While acknowledging the positive progress in some Districts, he highlighted the importance of addressing the gaps in other Districts. Dr. Padung called upon the ASHAs to play a pivotal role in ensuring no child in their respective areas is left unvaccinated and emphasized the critical impact of their efforts in safeguarding the health of the community.

District Medical Officer Dr. Tage Kanno and Dr. Subasis Saha also shared their insights on the occasion stressing the significance of collective efforts in achieving comprehensive immunization coverage. They also explained that this ambitious campaign marks a milestone in India's commitment to ensuring every child and expectant mother receives the protection they deserve through life-saving vaccinations.

IMI 5.0, spanning the entire nation, is set to be carried out in three phases. The first phase is scheduled from August 7 to 12 followed by the second phase from September 11 to 16 and the concluding third phase from October 9 to 14 next.

Capital DC officially launches 5.0 IMI for ICC

ITANAGAR, August 7:

In a significant step towards ensuring universal immunization coverage, the 5.0 version of the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) was officially launched by Deputy Commissioner of Itanagar Capital Complex, Talo Potom.

The launch event organized by the District Health Society - Itanagar Capital Complex at the Primary Health Centre (PHC) here in Chimpu on Monday, was graced

by the presence of key dignitaries including Dr. Mandip Perme, DMO-ICC, Dr. Krishna Welley, DRCHO-ICC, Dr. Tage Taka, MO NHM, Dr. Usha Devi- DANO, Lai Bagang (DPM-ICR), MO i/c, IMI 5.0 National Supervisor, PRI leaders and representatives from program partners UNDP & JSI.

The Intensified Mission Indradhanush initiative, a flagship program of the Government of India, aimed to achieve 90% immunization coverage for children and pregnant women across the nation. Under the leadership of the DC, the launch of IMI 5.0 signifies a renewed commitment towards ensuring the health and well-being of the community.

Speaking at the event, DC Potom emphasized the importance of immunization in safeguarding the health of the population, particularly the vulnerable sections. He expressed gratitude to the partners, WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, and JSI, for their support in making the campaign a success. Furthermore, he insisted the health workers to achieve 100% immunization coverage.

Dr. Mandip Perme, DMO-ICC, highlighted the collaborative efforts involved in the IMI 5.0 program and acknowledged the crucial role played by PRI leaders and local communities, while Dr. Krishna Welley, DRCHO-ICC, added that the IMI 5.0 launch signifies a collective endeavor to leave no child or mother unvaccinated and urged the community to actively participate in the vaccination drive.

The launch of Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 at PHC-Chimpu marked a milestone in the ongoing efforts to enhance immunization coverage and improve the overall health and well-being of the citizens of Itanagar Capital Complex. The program's comprehen-

sive approach, combined with the collaboration of various stakeholders, is poised to bring about positive change and create a healthier and more resilient community.

9th National Handloom day observed

ITANAGAR, August 7:

The 9th National Handloom day programme was organized by the Weaver's Service Centre, Extension Centre Itanagar of WSC Guwahati, Ministry of Textiles, Govt of India. The day was celebrated in a befitting manner in the conference hall of the Department of Textiles and Handicrafts, GoAP on Monday, August 7 and the event saw huge participation of local weavers, artisans etc.

Chief Guest, Mayor Tame Phassang, while recalling a story of the famous fishermen said that there are three types of people, one who would provide you with free fishes, one who would cook and serve you but the one who teaches you the art of fishing would provide you a timeless skill that would enrich the lives of people for generations to come. He urged the participants to follow their passion and work with dedication and assured all kind of cooperation from his end. He said that the Central and the State Govt. are coming up with various schemes for the local artisans and weavers and urged them to avail the opportunity while also seeking cooperation of all to promote them. He lauded the local weaver and artisans who through their hard work, dedication, and talent have kept our rich tradition of weaving and arts alive.

Guest of Honour, EAC Khoda Lasa said that, we need to promote local weaver to preserve and promote our traditional crafts,

adding that in this era of modernization, we must remember the significance of supporting our local weavers and handloom industries. By doing so, we not only contribute to the growth of our economy but also safeguard our cultural heritage for generations to come.

Special invitee, Renowned Designer Cum Artist Taba Yall Nabam, while sharing her success story told the participants how her passion for designing and weaving led to the creation of Khinam, a celebrated brand of Arunachal. She shared instances of her earlier days when during visits to various states and witnessing their rich cultural designs prompted her to pursue her passion for designing. She emphasized on the need to bring the designers, weavers and artisans of the state to the forefront, so that aspiring ones can follow suit.

Utpal Ch. Baro, Assistant Director WSC, Itanagar, while welcoming all said that the occasion holds great significance for our cultural heritage and the countless artisans who have preserved the art of handloom weaving through generation. He highlighted how the Swadeshi Movement led to encouraging the use of locally produced handloom textiles.

Through a PPT, he explained in brief about the different components of National Handloom Development Program (NHDP) like Cluster Development Programme(CDP), skill up gradation Training, Social Security Schemes, Marketing Support to weavers by Expos, Branding of Handloom Products, Scholarship, awards of Handloom weavers' etc. and also explained various schemes for handloom weavers in the age group of 18-59 years.

Sony Malhotra, Assistant Manager, Digi Bunai Arunachal Pradesh through a PPT highlighted

the importance, benefits and functions of the free app Digi Bunai CATD for Weaving which is an open source software to optimize the process of design creation, Generation of graph and punching the Jacquard cards while weaving etc. He also explained in detail about the textile design- manual method and the process flow of design.

Mibin Dirchi (HPO) Handicrafts Service Centre, Itanagar provided a detailed explanation about the types of Handicraft items and also highlighted about the

Various schemes to support and promote artisans. She also explained about the marketing support and service scheme and skill development in handicraft sector.

Earlier, the Mayor also visited the Emporium and the stalls set up by the local artisans. While interacting with the weavers and artisans, the Mayor lauded the various products showcased through various handloom and handicraft items.

During the event, the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour also handed over certificate for CATD, weavers Yarn Passbook, weavers Artisan Card and HSS to the beneficiaries.

Among others, A. C. Perme, ADP, Nangbia Bath DHO, Dept. of T & H, Itanagar, Kousikk Jana FET, Digi Bunai Naharlagun, Chairperson of OWA Ratan Anya, Artisan Amma Bagbi, Tanyang Yami, Chairperson of Ajen Anna Society Techhi Anna, Chairperson of Brand Arunachal Hibu Yabyang also attended the event.

BLC mobilization training held

BANA, August 7:

A Block Level Committee (BLC) mobilization cum SMC/SMDCC

training program was organized by BRC Bana at Govt Higher Secondary School, Bana on August 7, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Leegang Ampu, EAC Bana cum SMC Chairperson.

BRCC, G.S Mishra on the occasion highlighted the aims and objectives of the training programme and requested the house to adopt school and find ways to increase the enrollment of student to prevent the schools from becoming defunct. Likewise, many other officials emphasized the adoption of schools.

Ashing Lamgu, BEO, while focusing on power and function of SMC, requested the teachers to perform their duty diligently. The Chairperson extended all the cooperation from administration for betterment of the schools.

Assam Governor, First Lady visited Parshuram Kund

WAKRO, August 7:

Governor of Assam, Gulab Chand Kataria along with the First Lady of Assam and three MLAs of Rajasthan visited and offered prayers at Parshuram Kund, Wakro in Lohit district on Monday, August 7, 2023.

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and Lohit, Zilla Panchayat Chairperson received the Governor of Assam and accompanied him to Parshuram Kund during the visit.

The Governor of Assam was informed about the progress of the ongoing projects at the Parshuram Kund, besides discussion on vast scope of tourism in the state and the Parshuram Kund festival held on the occasion of Makar Sankranti every year.

The Governor also interacted with the representatives of Vipra Foundation, which is donating a 51 feet statue of Sage Parshuram to be installed within the Parshuram Mandir premises. The statue after installation is expected to enhance magnificence of Parshuram Kund and see manifold growth in pilgrims and tourist footfall. The Governor highlighted that such heritage sites are sewing and binding together the whole country.

The visit was facilitated by District Administration, Lohit with presence of DC Shashvat Saurabh, SP Lohit, EAC Wakro and other heads of offices.

Large numbers of local public leaders, GBs, women and general public also attended the interactive session with the dignitaries.

Open free libraries inaugurated

TAWANG, August 8:

Tawang Deputy Commissioner incharge Rinchin Leta inaugurated an open free library at Tawang headquarters near Giant Buddha Statue, while Public leader Tenzin Monpa inaugurated another open free library at Secondary School, Kyidphel, here on Tuesday.

Speaking to the members of KWA at the inauguration of the open library near Giant Buddha Statue, DC incharge Rinchin Leta said such activities like, taking book, leaving a book in the library would encourage sense of belongingness and better utilization of public properties, besides reading habit can keep young minds engaged in grasping knowledge from the books. This brings positive minds together which in turn can bring positive transformation in the society. He advised the mem-

bers to give more awareness and engage more youths for such positive activities for a better society.

Expressing his gratitude to the members of KWA for the open library at Secondary School Kyidphel, Public leader, Tenzin Monpa said this is a noble initiative and we need to encourage our youngsters to develop reading habit. He assured his support in future endeavors of the NGO KWA.

Initiated by the members of NGO Ketchengha Welfare Association these two libraries were 3rd and 4th on the line. Earlier, similar libraries were started at Yidga choizin Gonpa near Higher secondary School and on road side near ALC colony which were inaugurated by Tawang MLA, Tsering Tashi on the occasion of the International Yoga Day on June 21, 2023, informed KWA Vice Chairman Tenzin Lhendup, adding that 'we have received requests for more such libraries from some schools under Lungla circle which are under consideration'.

The inaugural programme was attended by members of the Ketchengha Welfare Association led by its Chairman Lobsang Gyurme, Vice Chairman Tenzin Lhendup, Finance Secretary cum convener Thupten Dhargey and other active members.

Meeting with SHGs under AsRLM

DEOMALI, August 8:

ADC Deomali Miss Vishakha Yadav and CO Deomali Dingzang Baham convened a meeting with the newly created 97 Self Help Groups (SHGs) under Arunachal State Rural Livelihood Missions in ADC office, Deomali on August 8 last.

Women groups from every nook and corner of 29 villages have actively taken part in the formation of SHGs. This is first of its kind - these SHGs have been created in such large numbers in Deomali Sub-division with concerted efforts from the ARSLM Team and District administration.

ADC Deomali Miss Vishakha Yadav, while interacting with the women SHGs encouraged every woman to join proactively and create successful employment opportunities for themselves, she added that this is a good opportunity to enable them to be self reliant and live a life of dignity.

Further, various implementation hurdles were discussed and the action plans were laid out to overcome those. Several women shared their experiences regarding the entire process and were enthusiastic to perform better in the days to come.

The administration has assured all possible help to boost the newly formed Women SHGs, also involved them actively in the celebrations of the upcoming Independence Day in different segments. Women SHGs are even preparing for performing a parade and patriotic cultural performances.

Namsai kick starts "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign

NAMSAL, August 8:

Namsai District kick starts the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign with much zeal and fervor on Wednesday.

Awareness Campaign amongst the Panchayati Raj members was conducted in all the Zilla Parishad constituencies by the Member Secretary concerned.

EE, DUDA and DSO (sports) conducted the awareness campaign through a procession rally and by displaying banners of the campaign.

A foot march was conducted by District Police Namsai in association with 'A' Coy, 'G' coy 186 Bn CRPF and school Students at Namsai, Chongkham and Mahadevpur PS jurisdictions. The march started with deliverance of speech on aims and objectives of the program and was followed by Panch Pran Pledge.

Banners and messages about the Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign was put up in state transport buses, trucks and other public transport vehicles.

Stakeholders proactive cooperation sought for drugs free district

ITANAGAR, August 8:

A meeting of the district level NCORD Committee was held under the chairmanship of SP Itanagar Rohit Rajbir Singh in the Conference Hall of DC Office, Itanagar here on Tuesday to discuss strategies on how to tackle the drug menace in Capital Itanagar.

Addressing the meeting, the SP stressed on the role of every stakeholder and sought proactive cooperation from all in making the district free from drugs. He explained in details about the entire process of how search, seizure, raid and arrests are made in connection with drug cases and the legal provision with regard to it.

The SP urged all to work in coordination with each other especially the CDPOs and the Child Welfare Committees to work in coordination with each other when drug cases related to children are reported. The SP also asked the

Drugs Inspector to ensure that drugs are sold only on the prescription of a medical practitioner and to conduct checking drives regularly. He also asked the DMO Dr Mandip Perme to conduct regular checking under various sections of COTPA and assured all kind of co-operation from Capital Police.

Emphasizing on the need to have mass awareness regarding drug menace, ADC Hq Smti Shweta Nagarkoti asked all the concerned departments to start massive awareness camps in schools, colleges and other public places. The ADC also directed the representative of DDSE to conduct awareness for the students in schools which should include their parents too. She further directed him to ensure regular checking of COTPA which prohibits selling of cigarettes and other tobacco products in the shops within 100 yards from educational institutions.

SP Naharlagun Mihin Gambo stressed on the preventive aspect of drug abuse and urged all to help Police in identifying and putting a stop to the menace of supply of drugs.

EAC Itanagar Khoda Lasa stressed on the need to have better coordination between Judicial Magistrates, Executive Magistrates and police.

The CDPOs of Itanagar, Naharlagun and Nirjuli stressed on the need to have rehabilitation centres within Capital Region.

Ratan Anya Chairperson, OWA said that there's a misconception regarding Rehabilitation Center and efforts should be made to establish more numbers of rehabilitation centre's, adding that OWA is willing to provide vocational training to recovering drug addicts post Rehab to bring their life back to normalcy. Oli Koyu SNO, NCB stressed on the need to have proper

coordination between the health, police, social justice and narcotics departments for sharing information regarding drugs addicts to facilitate their rehabilitation and to prevent severe resultant health issues like HIV etc.

During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held on various issues related to incidence of drug addiction, exchange of intelligence about the trends of drug trafficking, conducting anti drug abuse awareness programmes especially, in schools and colleges and implementing alternative livelihood programmes etc.

Among others, SDPO Chimpu Angad Mehta, EAC Naharlagun Likha Radh attended the meeting.

DC launches MMMD campaign at Chiputa

DOIMUKH, August 8:

Papum Pare Deputy Commissioner Cheechung Chukhu launched the MMMD campaign from Chiputa under Doimukh block here on Wednesday.

On the occasion, a 'plaque' was dedicated to Veer Lt. Tana Nanna and Lt. Techu Gubin who fought side by side against the British in Amtolah Conflict, 1873.

Lt. Tana Nanna and Lt. Techu Gubin hail from Deb village and Luchung village under Sagalee respectively.

While paying homage to the 'veers', the DC called for emulating the patriotism displayed by them.

SP Taru Gusar, HoDs, PRI members, students and GBs participated in the event including tree plantations, Panch Pran pledge and paid homage to the veers.

School children from Govt. Secondary School Mani displayed patriotic cultural programs.

Similar programs were also held at Mengio, Silsango, Kimin, Toru, Leporiang and Doimukh.

More than 2.5 crore bank loans disbursed at Yachuli credit camp

YACHULI, August 8:

A credit camp-cum-ceremonial programme for credit disbursements to Self Help Groups registered under Lower Subansiri District was successfully conducted here on Tuesday.

Organized by the Arunachal State Rural Livelihood Mission (ArSRLM) and Block Mission Management Unit, Yachuli, the programme was attended by Lower Subansiri Zilla Parishad Chairperson Likha Sangchhore as chief guest and Yachuli ZPM Joram Elyu as guest of honour.

132 Self Help Groups mobilised under ArSRLM received a bank loan of Rs 2,51,39,762/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty-One Lakhs Thirty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Two) collectively from APRB and SBI Bank to pursue various livelihood activities. The disbursed loans were handed over to SHG representatives in the form of ceremonial cheques signed by the respective bank branch managers during the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, ZPC Likha Sangchhore said women of 21st century has the capability to work shoulder to shoulder with men for which they need to be more informed and financially independent. Appreciating the willingness of members to bring changes in their lives and society as a whole through the SHG institutions, the ZPC said women need to have access to banking facilities in order to enhance their economic livelihood activities.

Appreciating the importance of the programme which entailed large number of credit linkages by APRB and SBI banks, ZPM Joram Elyu said grassroots workers like PRI leaders and SHG members need to collaborate and maintain transparency to earn the faith and goodwill of people. He also appealed the SHG members to participate at the Gram Sabha meetings and village development plan preparation meetings.

Meanwhile, the bank branch managers appreciated the 100% repayment rate of the SHG credit linkages and the untiring efforts of ArSRLM in capacity building of SHG members, and assured to extend continuous support to SHGs mobilized under ArSRLM in the form of strategic credit linkages. Success stories by SHG members were also shared during the programme.

The programme was also attended by HoD's from Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture and Medical. While medical officer Dr. Tana Tath encouraged the SHG members to enrol themselves in CMAAY scheme to access the health benefits, Horticulture Development Officer Tasso Yalu urged to avail the ANBY and ANKY schemes to enhance their livelihoods.

Branch managers of Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank (APRB) Yazali and Yachuli were acknowledged and felicitated during the programme for providing credit linkage support to the SHGs mobilised under ArSRLM. The programme was moderated by ArSRLM Yachuli Block District Thematic Coordinator (Financial Inclusion) Anu Nalo and Block Mission Manager Toko Chichi.

4 day theatre festival 'Arunachal Rang Mahotsav' at Guwahati

Assam, Arunachal CMs & DCM grace the event

GUWAHATI, August 9:

The four-day theatre festival Arunachal Rang Mahotsav, in its final stages, commenced at the Srimanta Sankardeva International Auditorium in Guwahati on Tuesday, August 9 last.

With the aim of showcasing Arunachal's rich history, unknown to the world, through the drama, 4 plays are scheduled to be performed. Earlier, the four-day festival was held at Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata from July 18.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the festival here, Chief Minister Pema Khandu hailed the initiative under the leadership of Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and said that the festival with its four plays, directed by National School of Drama (NSD) alumni and presently an Assistant Professor in the reputed institute Riken Ngomle, will showcase to the world the state's transformation from the North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA) era to contemporary times.

"When I first saw 'Arunachal Ek Safarnama' at Itanagar, I was spellbound. I didn't know that our state has such a rich history. For lack of proper documentation our rich history still remains unknown to the world. Even we, the natives, are unaware of important historical events that occurred in our land," he said.

He termed the festival – held across four major cities of the country – a sincere initiative of the state government to tell the world about the rich history of Arunachal Pradesh.

Congratulating the theatre team put together by Ngomle for

successfully performing in the four cities, Khandu said that youths of Arunachal Pradesh and the North East are super talented but need platforms to explore and expose.

He informed that the state government is in touch with NSD to collaborate in honing the skills of local youths and provide them with proper platforms to explore.

The play, Chowpha-Plang-Lu, was performed on Tuesday that revolves around the history of the state in 1839 when it became the harbinger for the revolution that was to come almost two decades later in Indian mainland, which came to be known as the first Indian Independence movement.

Assam Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma later joined the performance in presence of Khandu, Chowna Mein, MLA Nyamar Karbak, eminent theatre personality Dulal Roy, Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra Society Secretary Sudarshan Thakur and others.

The play, 'Chowpha-Plang-Lu', featured over 130 artists and narrated the tale of migration and uprising of great Tai Khamtis in 1839. It unravels the story of Khamti leaders like Phara Taka, a follower of Buddha who migrated from Myanmar and became the ruler of Sadia (presently Assam) and Lamtanga (presently Arunachal).

Besides 'Chowpha-Plang-Lu', the festival's other three plays are 'Arunachal EkSafarnama', 'Poju Mimak' and 'Ninu 80'.

MMMD campaign launched in LDV

ROING, August 9:

'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' Campaign 2023, a culmination of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration from August 9 to August 15 was launched in Lower Dibang

Valley district on Wednesday by DC Soumya Saurabh in the presence of heads of departments.

With the theme of 'Mitti ko Naman Veeron Ka Vandan', the campaign will honor and appreciate the martyred brave hearts of our country.

DC Soumya Saurabh advised all to take part in the activities chalked out for the campaign. She also administered the Panch Pran pledge to all present.

PD Kabang Apum briefed about the MMMD campaign and its components. He informed that every Panchayat in India will join in offering collective tribute to the 'Mitti of the Motherland' and remember brave hearts by erecting memorial plaques, take the 'Panch Pran' pledge promising to commit to nation building, renew and replenish

Mother Earth by planting 75 saplings of long lasting trees in each village of

India under Vasudha Vandan, honoring Freedom Fighters (living and deceased) and hoisting the national flag and sing the National Anthem on 15th August 2023.

Mera Maati Mera Desh campaign begins

PASIGHAT, August 9:

Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu launched 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' campaign on August 9 last in the office of PD (DRDA) to pay tribute to the brave people who sacrificed their life for the country.

According to PD (DRDA) Tajing Padung, the campaign of Meri Maati Mera Desh will include various programmes spreading all over the district with rest part of the country that aim to remember brave hearts (Veers). Ev-

ery village Panchayat will install the Shilaphalakams (memorial plaques) to commemorate them.

The campaign will complete with 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' that begins on March 12, 2021, witnessing the people's participation in large amounts (Jan Bhagidari) organized all over the country.

The DC, Taggu on the day administered Panch Pran Pledge along with Vasudha Vandan, and Veeron ka Vandan and asked the people are asked to upload selfies holding soil or earthen lamps. He delivered lectured on focus to make India a developed country, eliminate the mentality of slavery, be proud of our rich heritage, uphold unity and solidarity fulfill duties as citizens, and respect those who protect the nation. The closing ceremony is scheduled to take place on August 15 next, he informed.

Mock drill on earthquake conducted successfully

KHONSA, August 9:

District Disaster Management Authority, Tirap in collaboration with 12BN NDRF conducted a district-level emergency response mock drill exercise on earthquake here on Wednesday.

The mock drill was conducted as part of precautionary measure to test the preparedness of the schools, stakeholders, employees and technical staff to meet any kind of emergency situation.

The drill exercise was conducted at Tirap Valley School, Khonsa. Under the guidance of Assistant Commandant, 12 bn NDRF Ram Karan and as per the mock drill program, an earthquake was presumed at 10 a.m on the day fol-

lowed by alerting sirens from Radio Station and Police.

The SDRF Team, Ex-serviceman, 12 BN NDRF, Police, Fire Services, District NYKK, Community Volunteers, Medical Department, NGOs, School students and staffs members, govt employees and others participated in the mock drill exercise.

The Table Top Exercise was conducted on previous day at Mini Secretariat Conference Hall under the chairmanship of DC Hento Karaga. On the occasion, he also took review from DDMO, NDRF and all the stakeholders. Appreciating the team for conducting the mock drill exercise, he encouraged their team spirit. Underlying the importance of disaster management, the DC said that efforts needed to be taken to strengthen the disaster management response, adding that "Every official should know their roles and responsibilities so as to make the disaster response effective."

DDMO Emily Tingkhatra stressed on updating the available resources for disaster management, adding that round-the-clock preparedness should be there as disasters have no warning signs.

Dr. Ripi Doni, the Incident Commander of the mock exercise said preparations are necessary to save the human lives during disasters and stressed that the existing resources have to be used properly.

"Mera Maati Mera Desh" launched in West Siang

AALO, August 9:

Local MLA Advocate Kento Jini launched the campaign on Mera Maati Mera Desh (Mitti Ko Naman Veeron Ka Vandan), at Panchayat Office Complex, Aalo along with West Siang Deputy Commissioner

Penga Tato and SP Abhinav Paswal.

Jini hoisted the National Flag to mark the remarkable day.

Addressing the occasion, he urged the HoDs and officials to download the pledge certificate. This year we are celebrating Mera Maati Mara Desh(Mitti Ko Naman Veeron Ka Vandan) under Azadi Ka Amrut Mahautsava, he said.

The MLA also opened the Silaphalakam, lighted diyas. The campaign was launched by planting trees and uploading of selfies. All the participants took pledge and downloaded their certificates. On the occasion, he appealed all the nodal officers to organize the remaining campaign in a befitting way.

The launch of the campaign was attended by all HoD's, officers, officials and Police officers. The programme was organized by Urban Department, Aalo in collaboration with District Administrations. Every blocks of West Siang District launched the campaign in all Panchayats, Villages and Urban areas. Later on, selfies were uploaded.

NAPS orientation programme held

ITANAGAR, August 10:

The educated unemployed youth of Arunachal Pradesh need to be skilled and be employable, said Secretary Skill Development and Entrepreneurship S.D Sundaresan, IAS while addressing a batch of outgoing trainees at the Orientation-cum-Interaction programme of the National Apprenticeship Promotional Scheme (NAPS) organized at conference hall of Udyog Sadan here today.

While urging the youth to come out of their 'comfort zones' to be able to acquire skill, be bolder and to improve their thinking capacity, Secretary Sundaresan said thinking capacity improves one's will power which in turn infuses one to perform more hard work which ultimately leads to generation of skill.

Pointing out the National Apprenticeship Promotional Scheme (NAPS) or On The Job Training (OJT) was a Govt. sponsored and backed up programme for welfare of the educated unemployed youth, the Secretary said trainees should make the best of the opportunity and strive to get placements at the companies at which they receive training and gain skill. 'I am sure our boys will receive the best of skill trainings and set the pace for others to follow suit to be successful entrepreneurs within and outside the state', he remarked.

While informing several pro-active initiatives were being undertaken at the Department of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship under the able and dynamic leadership of the incumbent Secretary, Director Tom Ratan urged the trainees to take the training seriously and be 'role model' for other unemployed youth of the state. The Director also advised the trainees to communicate and keep in touch with each other during their training period and to come out successful as 'skilled youth' after their training programmes.

Highlighting the NAPS training programme in detail, Assistant Manager of Eduvantage Delhi, who is also the Training Programme Aggregator (TPA) of the programme Shantanu Choudhary informed 43 male trainees who had passed out from various Industrial Training Institutes of

Arunachal Pradesh will proceed for the National Apprenticeship Promotional Scheme (NAPS) to TRANSSION PVT. LTD in Uttar Pradesh, AUTOLIVE INDIA PVT. LTD. in Jhajjar, Haryana and PPAP PVT.LTD. at Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The trainees would receive skill trainings in Telecommunication (Mobile Repairing) and Automotive Sector (Motor Parts Manufacturing).

During their two-year training period, trainees will receive Rs 15,500/- stipends per month and their cost of stay, fooding, lodging and travelling will be borne by Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. After completion of their trainings, successful trainees will get placements in their respective companies to work as employees.

An 'interactive open house discussion session' was also facilitated between the outgoing trainees and few of the successful trainees who had recently completed their trainings in mobile manufacturing from 'Dixon Technology' at Noida in Uttar Pradesh.

The programme was moderated by Assistant Director Skill Development and Entrepreneurship-cum-Nodal Officer for NAPS Gyati Kacho while Joint Director SD&E Nenkar Lailang offered the vote of thanks.

Special procession to mark MMMD program

DAPORIJO, August 10:

The Upper Subansiri District Police in collaboration with Govt. Secondary School Rijo, Daporijo and district administration organized a special march past / procession to observe "Meri Maati Mera Desh program" on the eve of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava celebration. The procession was also participated

by CRPF personnel, Headmaster, teachers and students of GSS, Rijo consisting to around 350 students and 100 police and CRPF personnel.

Town Magistrate Tajum Ronya, CO Goken Koyu, besides police officers including SP and DySP also joined the mass.

The procession was followed by taking of 'Panchpran Pledge' by the participants, administered by SP Thutan Jamba.

Speaking on the occasion the SP highlighted on the programme in particular, and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in general and urged all the participants, especially the students to instill a sense of patriotism and remember the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters for the country.

Appealing all for respecting one's culture and strives for unity of the country, the SP further urged all to be a part of nation building and its progress.

'MMMD' as part of AKAM launched at Khela village

KHELA, August 10 :

"Meeri Maati - Mera Desh" as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was launched by DC Tirap Hento Karga in presence of SP Tirap Rahul Gupta, Veer Nari Chasan Dada and ZPMs at Khela village here on yesterday.

The MMMD launching program was also attended by all the HoDs, Dy.SP Togum Gongo, DPDO, Member Secretaries, ZPM Khonsa Wanghong Panka, ZPM Borduria Adv Chakhin Sarah Wanglat, ZPM Kherla-Bunting Tumwang Lowang, ZPM Bari-Basip Tediap Hallang, GPCs and public leaders.

The formal program started with hoisting of National Flag by Veer Nari Chasan Dada which was followed by National Anthem "Rastriyagan".

The DC, while launching "Meri Maati Mera Desh" at Amrit Sarovar Site of Khela Village under Khonsa CD Block at 0930 hrs, informed that MMMD has been launched by Govt of India to commemorate the concluding ceremony of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" to venerate the "Veers".

It envisages paying tribute to the 'Veers' who have made supreme sacrifice for the country by collecting mitti/soil from Panchayats across the country and bringing the same to New Delhi (Kartavya Path) to create Azadika Mahotsav (AKAM) memorials and an "Amrit Vatika" as a lasting tribute and legacy of this commemorative activity.

Accordingly, it have been launched at Khela and unveiled the Shilaphalakam wherein we pays homage to Martyr Hav Hangpan Dada's Plaque who made supreme sacrifice for the country, he informed.

Meanwhile, the DC administered 'Pledge Pran' to all in presence of SP Tirap Rahul Gupta, Dy.SP Togum Gongo, other police officers.

SP, Rahul Gupta said that the Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign aimed to honour the brave freedom fighters and brave-hearts who sacrificed their lives for the country and at Khela village we have celebrated MMMD paying homage to Martyr Hav Hangpan Dada's Plaque who made supreme sacrificed for the country.

An "Amrit Vatika" was also developed at that site; where in 150 saplings of trees were developed around Amrit Sarovar which was provided by the District Forest Department.

The campaign shall also be carried out by all the GPCs at the village level in coordination with all GBs, GPMs villagers and Gram Panchayat Member Secretaries. Each village under the leaderships of GPCs shall Erect Epitome plaque and develop "Amrit Vatika" at the Sarovar site. They shall complete this campaign by 15th Aug /2023. They shall also take pledge and upload selfies.

The GPCs shall bring "Kalas" of Soil/Mitti collected from their concerned villages to the block office w.e.f. 16th to 20th Aug/2023. The BDOs shall collect the "Kalas" from each GP Constituencies and develop an Amrit Vatika at selected "Amrit Sarovar / School / Anganwadi Centre at Block level.

The BDOs in coordination with ZPC / ZPMs & GPCs shall nominate one representative from each block to represent their block/district at the state level/National level as per the date scheduled by govt.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks from the DPDO Hakresha Kri in which he thanked DC, SP, Veer Nari Chasan Dada, ZPMs, GPCs, HoDs, Chiefs and GBs of Khela and nearby villages for attending the MMMD launching program and make the program a grand success.

DC inaugurates Notary Public office

PASIGHAT, August 10 :

East Siang Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu on Tuesday inaugurated the Notary Public Office in the DC's office premises in presence of the newly appointed Notary Public Advocate Tasor Pabin and his associate advocates.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Taggu informed that as per the notification issued by the state government, henceforth any documents which are required to be verified, authenticated, certified or attested, the execution thereto shall be notarized before the Notary Public. He urged the citizens (including Ruksin and Mebo sub-division) of East Siang district as a whole to avail the services and benefits of the office of the Public Notary on related issues.

Advocate Tasor Pabin briefed and demonstrated the function and role of Notary Public in details informing that for the convenience of the public he will extend his service 24x7 and even will reach to the doorsteps of the government offices/organizations/ common masses providing hassle free services.

Taking privilege, Pabin further informed that serial numbers, book numbers and related issues etc will be maintained properly in view of record keeping measures and will be submitted to the Law department, GoAP. If require the DC and Session Judge can verify in every six months, he added.

DC distributes Swachchata Packages to inmates of Juvenile cum Special Home

PASIGHAT, August 10:

The East Siang DC cum Chairman Mission Vatsalaya, Tayi Taggu distributed Swachchata Packages to the inmates of Juvenile cum Special Home, Pasighat on Wednesday under Swachhata Action Plan 2022-2023 of the Women & Child Department as part of the observation of Swachh Bharat Mission in the District.

The programme was organized by the Deputy Director cum District Child Project Officer Smt M.Gao at Juvenile cum Special Home, Pasighat in presence of all the staffs and inmates.

MMMD launched in Upper Siang

YINGKIONG, August 10:

Deputy Commissioner Upper Siang Hage Lailang, launched the campaign "Meri Mati Mera Desh, Mitti Ko Naman, Veeron Ka Vandan", at Forest Children Park by unveiling the 'Shilaphalakam' dedicated to 'The heroes who sacrificed their lives to protect the freedom and pride of the motherland', in presence of ZPC Lumgeng Litin, ADC hq Dochora Lama, PD cum DPDO Nijohn Danggen, CO Kenli Riba, PRI members, local veers and officials.

PD cum DPDO Nijohn Danggen administered the Panchpran Pledge.

11 local bears were felicitated in the program.

Governor interacts with RGU faculty

RONO HILLS, August 11:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), during his maiden visit to Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), Rono Hills, Doimukh on August 11 last and interacted with the members of the faculty. He said that education is the most powerful weapon which can be used to change the world for the better and RGU has huge responsibility for driving forward the objective of educating and enriching futuristic endeavors of the State.

The Governor said that as members of the RGU faculty, they are molding the young minds and guiding the future professionals and leaders of the State. He urged them to imbibe a sense of commitment, responsibility, discipline, ownership, professionalism and passion in their teaching methods.

The Governor emphasized that the teaching community must develop effective communication, innovation techniques and simplicity in imparting knowledge and teach their students beyond the textbook information. He advised them to build trust and bonding with the students.

The Governor impressed upon the members of the faculty to lead their students with examples and high moral integrity. He also stressed on extracurricular activities for all round development of the students.

Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Prof. Saket Kushwaha and RGU Registrar, Dr. N. T. Rikam briefed the Governor about the achievements and future plans of the lone Central University.

Food Baskets handed over to TB Patients

ITANAGAR, August 11:

Mayor of Itanagar Municipal Corporation (IMC), Tame Passang, in a small function organised by District Health Society (NTEP) Papumpare District at Urban Primary Health Centre which is also a TU Itanagar on August 11 last handed over Food Baskets to adopted 10 TB patients by Nikshay Mitra (DONOR).

The Food Baskets were handed over to the adopted TB Patients by Talo Potom, Deputy Commissioner of ICR on behalf of the Mayor.

The programme was organised under Nikshay Mitra 2.0 of Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan (PMTBMBA).

Speaking on the occasion DC requested the adopted TB patients to utilise the Food Basket for the benefit of the patient without sharing to other members and take medicines regularly.

Dr. P.D Thongchi, DTO PapumPare briefed the patients about Nikshay Mitra (Donor) and need of nutritious diet for TB Patients and also told about the prevention of Tuberculosis in short. He also requested the patients to take the medicines regularly and complete course to avoid development of Multi Drug Resistant (MDR) TB. He further asked them to support the Health workers in the eliminating TB by 2025 – the target set to by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Earlier, the DC also visited all the sections of UPHC, Itafort and took the stock of the conditions. The programme was attended by Dr. Kabak Tamar, MO-TC, TU Itanagar, MOs of UPHC Itafort, staffs of UPHC, Itafort and staffs of DTC, Naharlagun.

GoAP signs MoU with Sir Ganga Ram Hospital & Religare Enterprises to support development of state's healthcare services

ITANAGAR, August 11:

Signalling its commitment to improve the state's healthcare services and address the skills gap in the healthcare sector, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh (GoAP) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and Religare Group's CSR arm Religare Care

Foundation (RCF) in Itanagar on August 11, 2023.

State's Secretary Health & Family Welfare Liyon Borang, Dr Satendra Katoch, Director-Medical, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and Dr Rashmi Saluja, Executive Chairperson, Religare Enterprises Ltd, signed the MoU in presence of Chief Minister Pema Khandu and Health Minister Alo Libang.

Under the MoU, Ganga Ram Hospital and its partner Religare Care Foundation (RCF) will offer technical assistance to GoAP to strengthen the hill state's tertiary healthcare systems and infrastructure.

To begin with, a Centre of Excellence for Renal Sciences, will be established at the Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (TRIHMS).

Expressing happiness at the association, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that the MoU is a step forward to fulfil the vision of providing affordable, accessible and equitable Health care services to the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

"It is an endeavour of the Government to bring the best of the tertiary health care services near to home thereby reducing the cost and also the psychological trauma the family has to go through for seeking such medical cares. By joining hands with Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and Religare group, we look forward for bringing about changes that positively impacts the lives of the people and also the entire Health care landscape of the State," he said.

Observing that kidney diseases has become a major problem for most people of the state, Khandu expressed hope that the Centre of Excellence for Renal Sciences will offer best of the treatment and care to patients, especially those hailing from rural areas.

He requested officials of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Religare and state health services to explore more avenues to collaborate so that best of treatments are made available to the people within the state.

Health Minister Alo Libang informed that in the first phase of the partnership, the Group will assist in establishing a state-of-the-art healthcare facility dedicated to renal sciences and related research.

"This facility will ensure that patients requiring dialysis or kidney transplants receive the same level of care as those in other parts of the country. Moreover, healthcare professionals in the state will receive appropriate training to enhance their skills and bring them in line with their counterparts in leading states with superior healthcare facilities," he added.

Dr Rashmi Saluja, Executive Chairperson, Religare Enterprises Ltd expressed gratitude to the state government for the opportunity to collaborate.

She said, "This collaboration will greatly enhance the state's healthcare infrastructure and contribute to the professional development of healthcare practitioners. We believe that this partnership will give us a unique opportunity to serve the people of Arunachal Pradesh and make the state the healthcare services hub in the North East."

Dr Ajay Swaroop, Chairman – Board of Management, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital assured commitment in improving the healthcare ecosystem in the state. He expressed optimism that working along with the state's healthcare professionals a qualitative difference will be brought to the healthcare services in the region.

The state government has been working towards improving the healthcare services in the state.

In its Budget for 2023-24, the state has allocated 5.1 percent of its expenditure on health.

The state also boasts a workforce of over 3,000 healthcare professionals, including doctors, paramedics, pharmacists, nurses, and more. These skilled individuals work in over 500 government health centres across the state.

Additionally, the state benefits from various central government Schemes such as Ayushman Bharat and the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS). Through Ayushman Bharat, the state has seen the establishment of health and wellness centres and dispensaries, which have greatly enhanced healthcare services.

Leading healthcare professionals and senior officials, including Chief Secretary Dharmendra, Special Secretary (Health & FW) Vivek HP, Dr Moji Jini, Director TRIHMS, Dr Ajay Swaroop, Chairman – Board of Management Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Dr Ashwani Mehta, Chief Surgeon and Medical Director, Sir Ganga Ram Kolmet Hospital, Dr H Jauhari, Chairman – Department of Renal Transplant Surgery, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and Mr Rakesh Asthana, Group Head – Corporate Affairs and Business Advisor, Religare Enterprises Ltd, were also present at the occasion.

Governor inaugurates Community Radio Station at RGU

DOIMUKH, August 11:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) inaugurated the Rajiv Gandhi University's Community Radio Station - Radio Rono 91.2 FM on August 11, 2023.

In his maiden visit to the Central University, the Governor also inaugurated the Department of Mass Communication Building of the university.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor, who is also the Chief Rector of the University, conveyed his heartiest greetings to the people of Arunachal Pradesh in general, and the Rajiv Gandhi University fraternity and local communities in particular. He expressed hope that Radio RGU 91.2 FM will serve the cause of the people in the area by disseminating information on a variety of topics and will also give voice to local aspirations.

The Governor complimented Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor, RGU and the university fraternity for successfully setting up the RGU community radio station in the campus. He said that RGU Community radio will be an informative channel which shall air programmes on social and welfare issues like education, health, environment, community development and employment etc. It shall be of value for the needs of the local communities within the reach of the radio channel, he said.

The Governor said that RGU 91.2 FM should adhere to the norms, rules and regulations prescribed by regulatory authority and should preserve all programmes broadcast by it, which will serve as a resource repository.

Interacting with the students of Mass Communication during his visit to the Department, the Governor advised them to promote a positive vibe in the society. He suggested them to endorse good works and activities in the society and coined a name for the campaign 'Achhi Baat'.

Earlier, on his arrival in the University Campus, the Governor was accorded Guard of Honour by

NCC Cadets of RGU. He laid a wreath at the Wall of Heroes.

Local MLA Tana Hali Tara, Deputy Commissioner Papum Pare Cheechung Chukhu and SP Taru Gusar were also present on the occasion.

Month-long theatre festival 'Arunachal Rang Mahotsav' spanning across 4 cities concludes in Guwahati

ITANAGAR, August 11:

In an effort to bring forward the untold stories of Arunachal Pradesh's unsung heroes, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration, initiated a month-long theatre festival, 'Arunachal Rang Mahotsav' spanning across four Indian cities.

The first leg of the four-day program commenced in New Delhi on 11th July 2023, followed by performances in Mumbai, Kolkata and the last leg of the festival culminated in Guwahati from 8th August 2023 onward till 11th August 2023.

In Guwahati, the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav took place at the Srimanta Sankardeva International Auditorium, with its concluding show featuring today on 11th August.

During the inaugural opening of the theatre festival in the city on 8th August, both state Chief Ministers of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, Pema Khandu and Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma attended the play along with Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Chowna Mein.

At the festival's opening ceremony, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu

praised the efforts led by Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein in unearthing the research on the unsung heroes of the state. He emphasized that due to inadequate documentation, both locals and the world remained unaware of the significant historical events of Arunachal Pradesh for a long time, but with the initiative of Government of India under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav has given an opportunity to research and documentation of the unsung heroes.

Assam's Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma expressed his delight over attending the immersive play on the opening day, featuring the Anglo-Tai Khamti War. He stressed the bond between the two states of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh being strengthened over such cultural exchanges. Sarma also congratulated Arunachal Pradesh on making remarkable progress in preserving their lost history and sharing the same with the world. He added that the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav in Guwahati provided a wonderful opportunity for everyone to discover the long-standing cultural heritage and traditions of their neighboring state.

Addressing the audience in his inaugural speech at Guwahati, Dy CM Chowna Mein disclosed his fascination with the historical tales of their heroic ancestors stemming from his childhood days. He stated that the enormous task of collecting and documenting the hidden history of the state in an effort towards compiling the list of unsung heroes has been quite satisfactory so far, with the continuance of research work being carried forward with the purpose of reinstating Arunachal's historical glory. He thanked Nepha Wangsa, the primary resource behind the entire research project along with the

History Department of Rajiv Gandhi University for going above and beyond in the process of collecting evidence from Assam Archives, Regional and National Archives/Museum and British Library.

Taking to Twitter, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also commented on the success of the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav, stating that the theatre festival goes beyond the realm of an event and embarks into a beautiful celebration of the diverse cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh, in harmony with the ideals of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. "It's encouraging to witness this event taking place in various locations across India, such as Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Guwahati", Modi added in his tweet.

The three plays highlighted the major resistance by the tribal people against British colonial namely 'Chowpha Plang – Lu' of the Tai Khamti, 'Poju Mimak' of the Abors (now called Adi's), and 'Ninu 80!' of the Wancho Warriors. The final show depicts Arunachal Pradesh's journey from its NEFA days to the present day Arunachal in a play titled 'Arunachal Ek Safarnama,' showcasing the state's evolution over the decades. These productions reveal the historical resistance of Arunachal's tribal communities against foreign rule in an immersive theatrical performance put up by the theatre artists of Arunachal Pradesh, under the guidance of Project Director Riken Ngomle.

Many eminent personalities from Assam attended the four days theatre festival namely Minister of PHE & Tourism, etc, GoA, Jayanta Mallabaruah, eminent theatre personality Dulal Roy, Secretary of Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra Society, Sudarshan Thakur, Actor Pranjal Saikia, renowned Actress and Comedy Queen of As-

sam Chetana Das, Chief of Ninu village, Arunachal Pradesh Longwang Wangham, Eminent Theatre Personality and Alumnus of NSD Baharul Islam, former DIG of Assam Apurva Jivan Boruah and others.

International Youth Day organised

ITANAGAR, August 12:

The Arunachal Pradesh State AIDS Control Society (APSACS), in collaboration with VKV Nirjuli, celebrated the International Youth Day in Nirjuli on Saturday, August 12.

Attending the celebration, MLA Talem Taboh advised the students to be disciplined and focus on their studies.

"The youths are the future of our society, the state and the nation. If youths are secure, our nation is secure. If youths are hard-working, no one can stop the progress of our nation," he added.

Speaking on the drugs menace in the state, Taboh said that "the government is committed to control the menace in the state by any means," and asked the youths to "be vigilant and stay away from drug abuse, as it ruins the life and career if someone gets addicted to it." APSACS Project Director Dr Riken Rina said that incidences of drug abuse in the state have been rising alarmingly in the last few years, which has resulted in the rise in HIV cases.

Stating that the youths are vulnerable to drug abuse and HIV, he said that proper awareness should be created to save the young generation.

"To control the menace of drug abuse and HIV, we all must join hands and fight united against it," he said.

APSACS IEC Joint Director Tashor Pali said that there is no cure for HIV/AIDS yet.

“Knowledge is the only vaccine and cure for HIV,” he said, and urged the youths to arm themselves with proper knowledge to prevent HIV. He also asked the youths to “create a chain of information to stop further spread of HIV.”

Highlighting the objective of observing the day, Pali said that the United Nations General Assembly officially declared 12 August as Youth Day in 1999. “Since then, this day has been used to raise awareness about the challenges faced by the youths and ways of overcoming them, as well as to highlight the achievements of young people,” he said.

“India, with more than 60% youths out of its total population, has the world’s youngest population, which is a big plus point for our country. Healthy youths only can ensure a healthy nation,” he added.

VKV Nirjuli Principal Renana Didi and APSACS Deputy Director (SI) Koj Tara also spoke.

National Librarian’s Day celebrated

AALO, August 12:

The West Siang district library celebrated the National Librarians’ Day on Saturday, August 12 at the library here to commemorate the 131st birth anniversary of Dr SR Ranganathan, who is known as the Father of Library Science in India.

During the celebration, free library membership cards were distributed and some useful books were donated to the library of the government higher secondary school in Yomcha.

DL & IO Minam Darang informed that the district library here has installed KOHA library software, “which is an open source integrated library system,” and added that “one can access their library collection through the online public access catalogue or OPAC by entering aalodl.in.”

All the librarians of the district were felicitated during the celebration.

MLA launches Jio 4G network services

TAWANG, August 12:

Local MLA Tsering Tashi launched the Jio 4G network services here on Saturday, in the presence of DC (i/c) Rinchin Leta, the Army’s Tawang brigade commander, HoDs, and others, on Saturday, August 12.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA conveyed gratitude to Reliance Jio service provider for “making its services possible in Tawang despite plenty of challenges.”

He also thanked the prime minister, the chief minister and the state’s IT department “for connecting Tawang with Jio services,” and expressed hope that Jio will upgrade its services and will connect the entire district at the earliest.

Jio services chief technical officer Shantanu Bose informed that establishing Jio services in Tawang was delayed because, “out of 168 kilometres fibre route from Bomdila to Tawang, 100 kilometres of fibre route got damaged on the Baisakhi-Tawang stretch due to landslides and road widening works.”

“The Reliance Jio service will keep on working to connect entire Tawang district digitally with the rest of the nation very soon,” he added.

Union Power Minister calls on the Governor

ITANAGAR, August 12:

Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy Shri Raj Kumar Singh called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 12th August 2023.

Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu and Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein were also present in the meeting.

The Governor complimented the Union Minister for Power for his initiative in reviving the process of harnessing the vast hydropower potential of the State. He also congratulated the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and their Team for the hydropower initiative.

The Governor conveyed gratitude to the Central Government under the dynamic leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for focusing on the overall development of Arunachal Pradesh. He said that hydropower will make Arunachal Pradesh ‘Atma Nirbhar’ in true sense.

Series of programmes organised to mark culmination of AKAM

TAWANG, August 12:

To mark the culmination programme of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsava, a series of programmes and functions were organized in Tawang district from August 9 onwards.

The soil from Veerbhumi Jaswant Garh under Jang subdivision was collected on August 11 and from Veerbhumi Kenzamani and Dhola post under Lungla subdivision on August 12 last.

A team led by local MLA Tawang, Tsering Tashi, DC Incharge Rinchin Leta, SP DW Thongon, representatives from Army, central armed police forces, panchayat leaders and public collected soil from Bumla and Tongpenla situated at an altitude of 15200 ft near Indo Tibet border on August 13 last. After collecting the soil it was taken to amrit sarovar Pangkateng Tso (PTSO lake) where Shilapalakam plaque engraved with names of martyrs Subehdhar Joginder Singh, PVC, Rifleman Jaswant Singh Rawat, MVC, Lance Naik Trilok Singh Negi, VC, Lt. Colonel Ratan Singh, late Tashi Gombu and Late Tenzin Thokmey.

MLA Tawang paid tribute to the martyrs and unsung heroes of 1962 Sino-Indo war and hoisted national flag.

Addressing the gathering at Amrit Sarovar PTSO, the MLA expressed his gratitude to the brave soldiers and local public involved in Sino India war of 1962 for their contributions and making supreme sacrifice in protecting maa bharat. He informed that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative the soil is being collected from the veer bhumis all over country to pay tribute to brave sons of this country on the final culmination of yearlong Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsava to be organised at national capital Delhi later this month.

The local MLA and other members planted tree saplings around Amrit Sarovar PTSO followed by cultural programme by artist from civil and army.

Earlier the participants of meri maati mera desh programme at Bumla paid their tribute to martyrs near heap of stone at LAC near Bumla with slogans of Bharat mata ki jai.

Consultative meeting on drug and other social issues held at Ziro

ZIRO, August 12:

The civil society of Ziro under Lower Subansiri District has resolved to eradicate the drug menace from the valley and take necessary steps to ameliorate the same.

During a joint consultative meeting organized by Tanii Supung Dukung, the Apatani apex body and the District Administration at Golden Jubilee conference hall of District Secretariat here on August 12 last, the participants expressed serious concern on the mushrooming drug abuse among the youth and the dubious inflammatory role of drug peddlers in kindling the scourge.

Among the several resolutions adopted to mitigate the menace from the valley, the house requested the state Govt. to properly and effectively implement the Chief Minister's Nasha Mukti Yojana to help and rehabilitate the young drug abusers from the scourge. A rehabilitation center with proper facilities including professional counselor, spacious playground and vocational training facilities to impart skills in carpentry, plumbing, welding, tailoring etc. was also requested to be set up at Ziro to cater to the needs of inmates from the Districts of Lower Subansiri, Kamle, Kra Dadi and KurungKumey.

Expressing serious concern on the low rate of conviction of drug related cases, the meeting urged the Superintendent of Police Ziro to take more pro-active measures against the drug abusers and peddlers. The SP on his part informed that out of 37 drug related cases registered in the past few years, 97 arrests were made of

which 60 were outsiders and 37 locals.

For a comprehensive approach to contain the menace at the valley, a committee will be constituted in each village and bazaar committee at urban area to monitor and fight drug related activities within their jurisdictions. Along with penal actions, stringent social action including 'social sanctions' would be imposed to peddlers.

The Apatani Youth Association (AYA) would organize village level awareness programmes in collaboration with the apex body and federal youth organization of each village next month. A tenant verification report will also be implemented in 'mission mode' by District Administration and police in the villages and towns to zero down the peddlers. The inner line passes of outside migrant labourers and businessmen would also be verified strictly.

The house appealed all religious leaders of Churches, Masjid, Mandirs, NamGhars and Meder Nello to make Ziro a drug free society.

The meeting was attended by representatives of Tanii Supun Dukung, Apatani Women Association, Ziro, Apatani Youth Association, Apatani Student Union, SupungBulyang Council, Apatani Gaon Bura Buri Association, Apatani Dani Pillo Meder Nello Council, Hapoli and Old Ziro Market committees, village welfare committees of Hong, Hari, Bul-la, Dutta, Mudang Tage, Bamin Michi, Tajang and Hija, Namghar, Masjid, Mandir and Church committee members.

The meeting was chaired by Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime who appealed one and all to cooperate and coordinate in eradicating the menace from the district.

Yazali students on Ziro Darshan

ZIRO, August 12:

As part of Ziro Darshan, 25 Science stream students from Govt. Higer Secondary School Yazali school escorted by their school principal Taba Chana and three senior teachers visited Ziro valley here on Saturday.

The Ziro Darshan is an initiative of Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime to acclimatize and familiarize the neighboring Nyishi and other stakeholders from Ziro-II area with the various developments taking place at the DistHq. Several gaonburas in batches from Yazali, Yachuli, Upper Yachuli circles and students and faculty members of Krishi Kendriya Vidhyala Yachuli had also visited the Dist.Hq. earlier as part of Ziro Darshan.

The visiting students and teachers were warmly received at Subansiri Sadan, the official residence of Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner by DC Bamin Nime. The DC advised the students to be diligent in their studies and groom their personalities to be obedient and useful citizens of society. He also presented few books to the principal and teachers.

At Ziro valley, the team was shown the Subansiri Sadan, the District Secretariat, famed Sikhe and Seeh Lakes, District Museum and taken a tour of the Apatani villages.

Brig Manish Kumar flags off cycle rally

PASIGHAT, August 12:

In the run up to the 77th Independence Day Spearhead Gunners Brigade organised acycle rally at Pasighat on Saturday, August 12 with

an aim to raise awareness about health, adventure and promote environment preservation. 77 school children of local schools including IGJ Govt School, Siang Model School, Siang Royal School, Govt School Motum, Kendriya Vidyalaya Niglok Sainik School participated with overwhelming enthusiasm.

The rally was flagged off by Brigadier Manish Kumar, VSM, Commander, Spearhead Gunners Brigade in presence of Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu. Despite torrential rain, the cyclist traversed through the Pasighat town and crossed mighty Siang River over Raneghat Bridge expressing their resolve to stay healthy and contribute towards green ecology.

GoAP signs MoAs with PSUs to develop 12 stalled HEPs

ITANAGAR, August 12:

The central and the state governments have come together to execute 12 stalled hydroelectric projects (HEP) in Arunachal Pradesh.

Memorandums of agreement (MoA) in this regard were signed here on August 12 last in presence of Union Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister RK Singh, State Chief Minister Pema Khandu and Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and officials of the central and state governments. Twelve hydroelectric projects of a cumulative installed capacity of about 11,523 MW have been allotted by the state government to hydro PSUs under the union power ministry.

Addressing the event, the union minister said that implementation of these hydropower projects would contribute immensely to the richness of the state.

“The per capita income of the state will become more than that of Maharashtra and Gujarat. All the developed nations, including the USA, Canada, Norway etc, have harnessed 80%-90% of their hydropower potential. In India also, the states which harnessed the potential of hydropower have become prosperous. Hydropower is a green source of energy.

Its usage will also increase the ground water level and promote growth of flora and fauna,” he said.

Singh added that the signing of the MoAs and allotment of the projects to CPSUs “shall prove to be a significant step towards harnessing the immense hydroelectric potential of Arunachal Pradesh.”

Out of the 12 projects, five projects (2,626 MW) have been allocated by the state government to the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd (NEEPCO), five projects (5,097 MW) to the Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN), and the remaining two projects (3,800 MW) to the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC).

While the Tato-II HEP (700 MW), the Tato-I HEP (186 MW), the Heo HEP (240 MW), the Naying HEP (1,000 MW) and the Hironag HEP (500 MW) have been allotted to the NEEPCO, the Etalin HEP (3,097 MW), the Attunli HEP (680 MW), the Emini HEP (500 MW), the Amulin HEP (420 MW) and the Mihumdon HEP (400 MW) have been given to the SJVN.

The Subansiri Upper HEP (2,000 MW) and the Subansiri Middle (Kamala) HEP (1,800 MW) have been allotted to the NHPC.

These projects had earlier been allocated to private sector developers about 15 years ago, but they remained non-starters due to various reasons. The state government, therefore, decided to rope in

central hydro PSUs to give a push to the languishing projects.

Development of these projects will contribute towards achieving the declared nationally determined contribution (NDC) target of achieving 500 GW non-fossil energy capacity of India by 2030.

Hydropower will also be an effective contributor to the objective of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2070.

These projects are also expected to create huge employment opportunities in the region and boost the local economy as well as foster skill development and technical expertise.

The projects are expected to result in an estimated investment inflow of about Rs 1,26,500 crore to Arunachal.

“Run-up” to the Independence Day Marathon race held

PAKKE KESSANG, August 13:

A determined gathering of youths and fitness enthusiasts, in spite of intermittent drizzle, participated in a 5-km run here on Sunday, August 13 in the run-up to the Independence Day.

The marathon, which was flagged off by DC Tayek Pado and SP Tasi Darang, commenced from Lemmi Gate in Longpung, and culminated at the general ground here.

The event was organised by the sports department, in collaboration with the district administration.

The winners of the marathon will be honoured during the I-Day programme on 15 August.

In East Kameng district, a 300-feet-long ‘tiranga rally’ was held in headquarters Seppa as

part of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign.

The march, organised by the district administration, saw the participation of panchayat leaders, HoDs, CRPF jawans, members of CBOs, youths, and others.

Earlier, addressing the participants, ADC Mindo Loyi said that, “through such action we remember and honour the freedom fighters and martyrs of our country,” and advised them to “maintain the flag code in disposing of or storing the flag after the ceremony.”

DRDA PD Ashok Tajo said that “everyone must observe the three-day HGT drive and unfurl the national flag at their houses.” He informed that 11,000 flags have been distributed to the people of the district.

DCM unveils Silaphalakam at Chongkham-IV village

NAMSAI, August 13:

In continuation to the ‘Meri Maati Mera Desh’ campaign in Namsai district, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein unveiled the Silaphalakam at Chongkham-IV village here on August 13 last.

He urged all to play a responsible part in keeping up the unity and solidarity of our country.

In Jona Kachari Kuli, Silaphalakam was dedicated in honour of Veer Late Montu Sonowal, Head Constable, SSB and another at Adi Ningroo Amrit Sarovar site by MLA, Namsai Chau Zingnu Namchoom.

The mother of Veer Lt. Montu Sonowal was honoured on the occasion.

Deputy Commissioner Namsai, ZPMs, HoDs, GPCs/

GPMS/GBs and villagers paid homage to the Veers for their selfless sacrifice for the nation.

Panch Pran pledged was administered by all the participants and in various Gram panchayats of Lekang circle.

12 Bn NDRF organised a plantation drive in Children’s park Lekang under the MMMD campaign.

Mein pays tribute to freedom fighters;

Observes ‘Meri Maati Mera Desh’ as part of Amrit Sarovar Program

CHONGKHAM, August 13:

In line with the 77th Independence celebration of India, Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein attended the Amrit Sarovar Program at Chowkham-II and celebrated the Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign with the people of 46th Chowkham Assembly constituency here on August 13, 2023.

In a moving tribute to the brave hearts who sacrificed their lives to protect the nation, Mein dedicated the Shilaphalakam at Chongkham-II, Namsai in their honor.

The event was also attended by DC Namsai C. R. Khampa, SP Namsai Sangey Thinley, EAC Chongkham Rani Pérme, PRI leaders, among others.

In a solemn ceremony, the Deputy Chief Minister administered the ‘Panch Pran’ pledge, a profound commitment to uphold patriotism and serve the nation with sincerity and dedication.

Addressing the gathering, Mein emphasized the importance of collective efforts towards the nation’s progress and development. This sentiment was further echoed

as the attendees planted avenue saplings, signifying their commitment to nurturing both the land and the dreams of a New India.

In alignment with the Prime Minister Modi's vision, the Deputy Chief Minister pledged to contribute wholeheartedly towards achieving the aspirations of a developed nation by 2047. The event served as a powerful reminder of the unity and dedication that propel India forward on the path of growth and prosperity.

Training on mushroom cultivation technology held

PASIGHAT, August 14:

A weeklong training programme on 'mushroom cultivation technology' for small and marginal farmers was organised at the College of Horticulture & Forestry (CHF) here in East Siang district from August 8 to 14 last.

The farmers were trained on spawn production, nutritional value of mushroom, identification of wild and edible mushroom, disease and insect pest management in mushroom, development of entrepreneurship through mushroom cultivation, marketing of mushroom, and use of mushroom spent for preparation of composting and vermicomposting.

Certificates and inputs (spawn and polypropylene sheets) were distributed to all the participants for cultivation of mushroom at home on the concluding programme on Monday.

CHF Dean Prof BN Hazarika and state Bhartiya Janata Kisan Morcha President Dunggoli Libang attended the valedictory function.

Thirty persons, including five from Assam's Dhemaji dis-

trict, attended the training. The training programme was organised by the plant protection department of the college.

Skill development programme on solar, electrical skills concludes

DAPORIJO, August 14:

In all twenty-nine unemployed rural youths participated in a two-month-long second batch skill development programme (SDP) on 'solar and electrical skills', which concluded at Daporijo in Upper Subansiri district on Monday.

While the skill development & entrepreneurship directorate and the NABARD's regional office in Itanagar sponsored the establishment of the training centre and the training programme for the first batch, the participants of the second batch paid to be trained.

Addressing the valedictory function at the Arun-Urja Skill Development Centre here, ADI Chimpu Lombi said that the participants "will now be able to understand the basics of electricity terms used while carrying out activities related to testing, repair and maintenance of electrical equipments."

Power Department AE Kagen Tamin Lusi congratulated the participants, and said that "the region lacks electricians with sound knowledge of electrical wiring."

This is the root cause of fire accidents in the district," he said, and urged the youths to "take advanced training to improve your knowledge and skill set." He promised to support the trained youths when and wherever required in the future.

District Industries Centre EI John Rai apprised the youths of various ongoing government schemes and urged them to "avail

it to become successful entrepreneurs".

Skill Development & Entrepreneurship MGNF Satyam Raj informed the youths that more such programmes will be organised in the district, and also urged them to "join the advanced training to upskill your knowledge." He informed that Bangalore (Karnataka)-based Sri Sri Rural Development Programme Trust (SSRDPT) has adopted 20 government schools in collaboration with the administrations of Upper Subansiri, Kamle and Leparada districts "for the project of solar electrification and digital classrooms programme, where the trained candidates will work to enhance their understanding for the same."

The training programme was conducted by the SSRDPT, and coordinated by master trainer Shashikant Salunke and assistant trainer Joni Ropuk.

DCM inaugurates a slew of projects in Miao;

Mein emphasizes importance of maintaining positive learning atmosphere

MIAO, August 14:

In a series of events, the Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh inaugurated several projects in Miao in Changlang district on Monday.

At the Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Miao, Mein inaugurated a Girls' Hostel, followed by the launch of the e-commerce portal miaocraft.in at NALC dedicated to the products of various communities residing in the region and the unveiling of a multipurpose outdoor synthetic turf & cricket net and a skating rink cum BMX Park.

He also visited the New Age Learning Centre (NALC), an interactive and fun learning experience designed for students as part of an initiative taken up by DC Changlang.

At the inauguration of the Girls Hostel, Mein emphasized the importance of maintaining a positive learning atmosphere, which should be taken jointly taken up by the Officers, Parents, Teachers and students. He urged the students to instill discipline in their academic life and asked the faculty members to guide them in their pursuit of academic excellence as dutiful mentors. He added that Govt is committed for creating a better atmosphere for the study of students. He also assured to provide fund for construction of a multi-sports complex in the premises of Girl's Hostel.

During his visit to the NALC, Mein highly applauded the efforts of DC Changlang in fostering a holistic ambiance for the students to engage in innovative learning experiences as well as practice Yoga for their overall well-being. Mein appreciated the center's role in facilitating as a central library resource for the nearby schools, while also offering a conducive learning atmosphere for those students who are often deprived of an adequate study environment in their homes. He further assured to provide fund for construction of a Yoga room attached to NALC.

He also launched the e-commerce portal miaocraft.in at NALC in the presence of the delegates, students and community members. The portal houses products woven by the weavers of the Choephelling Tibetan Settlement Camp, along with products of various other communities residing in the area, including Singpho, Tangsa, Jugli, etc. The portal kick-

started with an impressive start by registering transactions worth Rs. 20000 on the first day itself. Following the launch of the portal, Mein also visited the Choephelling Tibetan Settlement Camp and appreciated the rich Tibetan culture which the members have carefully preserved. Mein appreciated the Choephelling Cooperative Society's efforts in preserving the art of carpet weaving.

During his visit, Mein also inaugurated two Multi-Purpose Sports Complex, encompassing a synthetic turf, cricket net, and Skating Rink cum BMX Park. This endeavor bolsters sports infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh and provides a dedicated space for sports enthusiasts to refine their skills.

Mein was accompanied by Minister Kamlung Mosang, MLA Somlung Mossang, DC Changlang, Sunny K Singh, ADC Miao Ibom Tao, Public Leaders and Govt Officials in the inauguration program.

Man sentenced to 20 yrs imprisonment for sexually assaulting minor

PASIGHAT, August 14:

The Special Judge POCSO Act, East Siang District, Tageng Padoh sentenced a man named Job Modi of Mariyang village to 20 years of imprisonment with a fine of Rs 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) under section 6 of the Protection of Children Against Sexual Offences Act. The accused was found guilty of committing aggravated sexual assault against the 4 year old minor, daughter of his cousin sister.

The FIR was lodged on 20th February 2019 at Mariyang Police station by the mother of the victim stating that the accused Job Modi

had sexually assaulted her 4 year old daughter and a case under section 376 IPC R/W section 6 of the POCSO Act was registered against the accused. The mother further told the police that Job Modi is a maternal uncle by relation and he was staying in her house for the last 11 months.

According to the FIR the mother of the victim went to the school of her daughter at Yingki-ong to pay the school fees and the teacher told that her daughter is frequently urinating in the school which was unusual as she was not like that earlier. The victim's mother then asked her daughter of the happening and she revealed what her uncle did on multiple occasions.

According to the child victim, the accused used to close her mouth during 'such act' and give her sweets thereafter.

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

Martyrs Plaques of Veers of Anglo-Abor wars unveiled

PASIGHAT, August 14:

The Martyrs plaques of freedom fighters of Anglo-Abor Wars were unveiled at Balek, Takilalung and Yagrung, Ralung as part of the Meri Mati, Mera Desh commemorative initiatives in East Siang on Monday.

The events reverberated with pride and spirit of patriotism

displayed by the proud sons of Arunachal Pradesh, who made the supreme sacrifice and exemplary valour to protect their motherland.

Earlier, Pasighat East MLA Kaling Moyong paid homage and unveiled the Martyrs Plaque at Balek Panchayat, commemorating freedom fighters, Seltum Yomso, Jorin Perme and Basing Moyong, martyrs of Anglo-Adi War of 1859 who made the supreme sacrifice while defending the outer and inner Yapgo while defending the outer and inner Yapgo, in the line of the warrior of Romkang (Bog-gong Banngo). Balek Chairperson, SMC Bani Perme gave description on the Anglo-Abor War Yapgo.

At Takilalung, DC Tayi Taggu unveiled the Martyrs Plaque freedom fighters Namu Nonang and Bisong Tabing (Anglo-Adi War 1911-12) and also paid rich tributes. At Yagrunge, ZPM unveiled Martyrs Plaque of veers of Anglo-Adi War 1911-12, Matmur Jamoh and Lotiyang Taloh (Anglo-Adi War 1911-12). At Ralung Panchayat segment, CO cum BDO Oyam Saring unveiled the Martyrs Plaque of Lamuk Padun (Anglo-Abor War 1911-12).

PD DRDA, BDO, Omem Dai, GBs, PRI members, prominent members, senior citizens, youth and students were part of the celebrations. The Programme was conducted by the respective CD Blocks of the district.

Speaker flags off tractors under ANKY

MECHUKHA, August 14:

Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker PD Sona flagged off tractors for the beneficiaries of Shi-Yomi district under the Atmanirbhar Krishi Yojana (ANKY) here in Shi-Yomi district on Monday.

Earlier in the morning, Sona inaugurated the emporium of the textile & handicrafts department at Mechukha.

The newly inaugurated emporium will not only attract tourists but also provide a platform for the talented local artisans to showcase their handmade creations.

“This wonderful place is set to become a hub of creativity and cultural exchange – a place where the rich heritage of our region finds its voice,” Sona said.

The speaker announced that he would extend support for the emporium’s growth by providing assistance for the construction of shelves and display areas.

The speaker also participated in the ‘Meri Maati Mera Desh’ campaign in Mechukha.

MLA provides sewing machines to women

PASIGHAT, August 14:

Pasighat West MLA Ninong Ering provided 26 sewing machines to members of four selected women SHGs of Silile-Teromile village in East Siang district on Monday.

The MLA procured the machines through his local area development fund of the current financial year.

The sewing machines were distributed to the beneficiaries in a function organised by the Dite Mopang Welfare Society (DMWS) of Silile-Oyan in Silile-Oyan.

The beneficiaries had earlier attended a two-month-long entrepreneurship development training in Pasighat, organised by the DMWS.

Speaking on the occasion, Ering advised the women to “take up horticulture and entrepreneurship activities for creating avenues of self-employment.” Terming

his initiative a part of the government’s Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission for economic empowerment of the rural women, Ering said, “I have a vision to raise the living standard of the rural women through entrepreneurship development and commercial horticulture,” and appealed to the women to be self-reliant through income generation activities.

The MLA also assured the women SHGs of Silile-Oyan that he would provide machinery sets for making potato chips and other finished food products for income generation by using locally available raw materials.

In 2021, Ering had provided sanitary napkin making machines to the SHGs’ organisation of Rayang, and 30 sewing machines to various women SHGs of Ngorlung village.

Silile-Oyan CO Maloti Tamin, ZPMs of Pasighat West, including Besing Tatin (Rani), Bimol Lego (Oyan), Aruni Jamoh (Ruksin-I), Anung Gammeng (Ruksin-II) and Yaken Jerang (Mirem), and DMWS president Takut Panyang also spoke.

MLA inaugurates emergency care centre

KOLORIANG, August 14:

An emergency care centre under the Chief Minister Health Emergency Life Protection Service was inaugurated at the Chera Talo District Hospital here in Kurungkumey district by MLA Lokam Tassar, in the presence of DC Bengia Nighee and others on Monday.

Various medical equipments, including X-ray, ultrasound, TNT, etc, are installed in the district hospital.

Shortage of doctors, nurses and technical staff to handle the

medical equipments was also discussed with all the stakeholders.

The MLA assured to “solve the pressing problems of the hospital as soon as possible.”

Mitti Yatra organized in Bomdila

BOMDILA, August 14:

Under the aegis of the "Meri Matti Mera Desh" programme, the Mitti Yatra was organized in the Bomdila Township.

Various sub-divisions participated in the rally, carrying Kalash filled with soil from their respective areas, which will be further taken to Delhi.

During interactions with the participants, DC Sagar highlighted the details of the "Meri Matti Mera Desh" campaign. The launch of the "Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan" was also announced by Sagar, who urged mass participation in this initiative. She emphasized that the national flag is a symbolic representation of our unity in diversity, and the Abhiyan aims to foster love for our national flag.

Administrative officers, heads of departments (HODs), PRI leaders, officials, shopkeepers, the general public, and others actively participated in the event.

Badminton Tourney between RGU & NERIST marked Independence Day at RGU

RONO HILLS, August 15:

In the RGU versus NERIST Badminton Cup (A Running Trophy Competition)-2023, held as a part of the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at RGU on the occasion of the 77th Independence Day-2023, the host team thrashed the team NERIST by 9 against 2 matches.

Both the teams were comprised of faculty members, academic administrators, non-teaching staff, research scholars and students. A total of nine men's doubles teams and two women's doubles teams from each institution took part head-to-head.

All the eleven matches were witnessed by a huge gathering of spectators comprising of faculty members, officers, research scholars, students and staff and badminton enthusiasts from the two institutions.

Earlier, the Chief Patron of the RGU-NERIST Badminton Cup-2023 and Vice Chancellor of RGU Prof. Saket Kushwaha in his speech urged all to get the best of the benefits out of the facilities created in the university giving a platform to the sports lovers particularly badminton and encouraged all to play in the spirit of true sportsmanship. He also briefed about the initiatives taken up by the RGU in making games and sports facilities improved in the campus in the days to come.

RGU Registrar Dr. N.T. Rikam praised the organizers for creating an environment and exclusive ambience of sports befitting the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations and informed that more badminton court facilities coming up in the campus, while senior faculty member from NERIST Prof. Pradip Lingfa, said that, sports is an integral part of human life and appreciated the sportsmanship spirit shown by the players.

Earlier, the Organising committee member and Joint Registrar Dr. David Pertin welcomed all and briefed about the tournament and other activities conducted by RGU in the run up to the celebrations of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav in the campus and informed that the championship was fully funded

by RGU. He informed that, in this year's edition, the participation of women has been encouraged and two teams each from both the institutions have taken part enthusiastically and locked horns, where in RGU won seven matches out of nine in men's doubles category, while it was a clean sweep by the host RGU in women's doubles category winning two out of two matches.

The Best Player of the cup award was bagged by Dr. K. Rojeet Singh of RGU, while the Best men's doubles team award went to NERIST's pair of MK Camdir & Toko Sama. Besides, two special awards were also given away, of which the Best Veteran Player and Best Smasher went to NERIST's Prof. A.K. Gupta and Dr. Heman-tajit Gogoi from RGU respectively.

The tournament was participated by eighteen men's doubles and four women's doubles teams. The host team RGU had the upper hand in the event and won the one day running trophy tournament by a margin of nine matches to two and retained the coveted running trophy and its replica.

The trophies & citations were given away to all the players, match officials and volunteers by the Chief Patron, Chief Guest, Registrar of RGU and Chairman of the Organising committee.

Governor, First Lady of the State host 'At Home'

ITANAGAR, August 15:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) and First Lady of the State Smt Anagha Parnaik hosted the traditional 'At Home' function on the occasion

of 77th Independence Day in the General Bipin Rawat Hall, Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 15th August 2023.

Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, members of Parliament Shri Nabam Rebia, heads of constitutional bodies, senior bureaucrats, senior citizens, ex-servicemen, sport personalities, achievers, eco warriors, Covid Warriors, heads of renowned NGOs were present on the occasion.

Amidst the inspiring ambience of patriotism, the Governor and the First Lady of the State interacted with the distinguished guests and invitees and exchanged warm greetings on the special occasion.

The highlights of the function were folk dance presentations by Wancho, Nyishi and Adi cultural troupes and patriotic song by senior artists of the Department of Art and Culture.

The guests and participants were hosted to a High Tea on the occasion.

Independence Day Soccer Cup concluded

DEOMALI, August 15:

The Independence Day Soccer Cup organized by Namsang Youth Association and sponsored by Minister PHE&WS and DoTCL Wangki Lowang concluded here on Tuesday.

Minister PHE&WS and DoTCL Wangki Lowang graced the finale as chief guest accompanied by ADC Deomali Vishakha Yadav and DSO(Sports) Noah Mongku.

While addressing the gathering, Lowang said that such kind of tournament develop enthusiasm among youths and encourage them to take up sports as careers.

Winners were awarded with trophy and cash prize. Prize were distributed by ADC, DSO and CO.

Doidam FC was the winner with cash prize of Rs 35000/, while Laasa (Namsang)

Was the Runners Up with cash prize of Rs. 10000/. Best Player was declared to Moonhang Sumnyan with cash prize of Rs.1000/, while Best Keeper was Tohil bi Lowang with cash prize of Rs. 1000/. Wangdian Lowangdongchha scored the highest ten goals.

77th Independence Day celebrated across the State

ITANAGAR, August 15:

Along with the rest of the country, 77th Independence Day was celebrated at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.) unfurled and saluted the National Flag, as the Echo Company of 33 Battalion of the Indo Tibetan Border Police, attached to Raj Bhavan, presented the Guard of Honour to the Flag.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor extended Independence Day greetings to the people of Arunachal Pradesh and fellow citizens of India. He recalled the freedom fighters of the Indian Independence movement and paid rich tributes to the martyrs on the occasion.

The Governor said that India won freedom due to the non-violence movement led by Mahatma Gandhi and also the armed struggle led by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, India National Army, Chandrasekhar Azad, Rajguru, Rani of Jhansi and others. He said that it was the collective effort of both movements.

The Governor said that India is preparing for its Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal as initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He appealed to the people to be part of the ongoing transformation and contribute to the development and progress of the State.

The Governor exhorted the people to celebrate the achievements of the past and also resolve to shoulder all responsibilities to take the State and nation to new heights. Addressing the school children, the Governor encouraged them to work hard, be courageous and healthy.

The Governor and the First Lady of the State Anagha Parnaik distributed sweets on the joyous occasion to the participating school children and officials.

The 77th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and various activities across Arunachal Pradesh on Tuesday, August 15.

In Wakro, the 77th Independence Day celebration was graced by Arunachal Pradesh Dy Chief Minister Chowna Mein. The event was marked by the participation of the Arunachal Pradesh Police personnel, students and members of the Self Help Group (SHG) and Women Welfare Society, encompassing a series of events including March past, cultural performances and an exhibition.

Promoting the region's organic produce and local products, the exhibition put up by the SHGs of Wakro subdivision was highly appreciated by Mein, acknowledging their role in fostering economic prosperity through their community-driven efforts.

During the occasion, Mein also distributed tractors to 11 beneficiaries under the transformative "Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana", aiming to empower farmers and

promote rural economic development. This was followed by the distribution of prizes, mementos and certificates to the best deserving public servants and progressive farmers of the area.

Addressing the event, the Deputy Chief Minister highlighted ongoing infrastructure projects, including road connectivity enhancements with a budget of approximately Rs 15 crore. Projects encompass road upgrades linking key areas like Karhe, Tillai, Cibi village, Kathan Semanthi and others. Improved road infrastructure was emphasized as a crucial aspect of the region's development.

The government's commitment to public welfare and services was evident through advancements in the health and education sectors. Ongoing upgrading of Health and Wellness Centres in Medo, Karhe, Manthi and Kathan showcased the state's emphasis on public health, Mein stated.

Furthermore, educational strides like the establishment of the Eklavya Model Residential School in Medo were highlighted as part of the drive towards educational excellence.

Highlighting support for the agricultural and horticultural sectors, the Deputy Chief Minister elaborated on various initiatives aimed at enhancing farming practices and productivity. Schemes like the Prime Minister's Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, Mission Organic Value Chain Development Programme and Atma Nirbhar Kishi Yojana were acknowledged for their role in driving rural prosperity.

Following the Independence Day celebration, Mein inaugurated important infrastructure projects including the new PWD sub-division office building and ADC office building. Mein ap-

plauded the Rural Works Department of Namsai Division for completing the ADC Office building way ahead of its scheduled two-year timeline, within a record of 15-month duration.

The celebration was attended by ZPC Lohit Dasulu Krishikho, DC Lohit Shashvat Saurabh, SP Lohit Minjom Ete, EAC Wakro, Heads of Offices, Public Leaders, Panchayati Raj Institutions members and others.

In Yupia (Papum Pare), deputy commissioner Cheechung Chukhu hoisted the national flag.

Addressing the gathering, Chukhu gave a clarion call to the public, civil societies, NGOs and the student communities to strengthen the fight against the drug menace. He stated that "If not controlled the drug menace would destroy the younger generation."

The DC also highlighted the development activities undertaken by various departments.

In Pasighat, Pasighat East MLA Kaling Moyong hoisted the national tricolor.

In his speech, Moyong said that all central and state sponsored flagship programs were being implemented in true spirit. He called upon all government functionaries to work with full commitment in order to provide an efficient, people-friendly, transparent and accountable administration.

In Mebo, MLA LomboTayeng hoisted the tricolor and paid tribute to the martyrs and recalled their valour and sacrifices. Tayeng further, prioritized on road network, flood protection, education, water supply, health and education in his speech.

The MLA later gave away citation and medal of honour to the family members/relative of ten unsung heroes and five societies namely Tayeng, Megu, Lego,

Perme and Saring. He also felicitated several personalities for their contribution towards the society in various fields.

He also gave away laptops to the toppers of class V, VIII, IX, XI and XII and also gave away cash prizes to the 2nd rank holders.

In Ruksin, MLA Ninong Ering hoisted the national flag at the general ground.

The MLA, in his address, briefed about the various ongoing developmental works and achievement in the subdivision.

In Ziro (Lower Subansiri district), local MLA and agriculture minister Tage Taki unfurled the national flag at Padi Yubbe Outdoor Stadium.

In his speech, Taki said agriculture and allied sectors will bolster the state economy and usher in new economic prosperity to people of the state. Taki informed that total food grain production had touched 519,121 metric tons last year.

"Also, 21 state-of-the-art soil testing laboratories were established to provide farmers with accurate insights into their soil conditions," he said and added that to bolster agricultural landscape, expansion of the oil palm sector covering 5,600 hectares has also been undertaken. The minister highlighted the achievements under farmers-related schemes and achievements of schemes under veterinary and animal husbandry and fisheries departments. He also highlighted the recent developments in the district.

In Bomdila (West Kameng), MLA Dongru Siongju unfurled the national flag at Buddha stadium. He highlighted the developmental activities under his constituency on the occasion.

In Koloriang (Kurung-Kumey), MLA Lokam Tassar unfurled the national flag in presence of deputy commissioner BengiaNighee, other government officers, GBs and general public. MLA highlighted the importance of grass root level democracy and effective public service delivery system.

In Aalo (West Siang), the Independence Day was celebrated with pomp and gaiety at general ground of GHSS.

MLA Kento Jini, in his speech, said that during the last four years, West Siang has developed in every aspects and the four-lanning of Aalo township is one of them.

The Yeggo switchyard, transmission wing of the power department in West Siang district, Aalo, also celebrated the Independence Day. The oldest W/C staff of the department Ganga Prasad unfurled the national flag in presence of all the staff.

In Daporijo (Upper Subansiri), MLA Taniya Soki hoisted the national flag.

Highlighting the significance of recent MoU on 12 hydro power projects signed by central and state governments, Soki said, "many job opportunities will be generated, especially for the unemployed youth in the district, after the hydropower project implementation."

He informed that government is already working on the projects like Mebigeko to Gerukhamukh road, and revival of hydro power project.

In Nacho, local MLA Nakap Nalo, who is also tourism minister, unfurled the national flag and in Taliha, MLA Nyato Dukam unfurled the flag in presence of public and government officials.

In Dumporijo, MLA Rode Bui unfurled the national flag,

while in Taksing, CO Taso Duri unfurled the national flag in presence of Indian army, ITBP jawans and other security personnel.

In Boleng (Siang) MLA Ojing Tasing unfurled the tricolor at general ground in presence of government officers, GBs, students and public. In his speech, MLA highlighted the government's welfare schemes and overall development activities in the district.

In Pangin, ADC GyaboPertin unfurled the national tricolor at the general ground.

In Tirap, the Independence Day was celebrated in all administrative headquarters as well as in all panchayat blocks with joy and enthusiasm.

In Khonsa, MLA Wanglam Sawin highlighted the achievements in every field under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in centre and Chief Minister Pema Khandu in state. He also highlighted the development activities under his constituency.

In Khonsa ZPC's office, ChathongLowang unfurled the national flag.

In Deomali, DoTCL minister WangkiLowang unfurled the national flag in presence of government officers, chiefs, GBs and members of general public.

Highlighting the development activities, he urged the public to avail benefits of Atma-Nibhar schemes for self-sufficiency. Lowang appealed to the youths to keep away from drugs and advised the society to fight against drug menace and peddlers.

Lazu ZPM Rangmo Ranto unfurled the national tricolour at Lazu EAC Hq. He appealed to the youth not to consume opium and drugs.

At Borduria, MLA WanglinLowangdong unfurled the national flag at circle headquarters

ground. Lowangdong said, "Peace is the prerequisite for development of every society for which every individual will have to fight together against anti-social elements." He highlighted the ongoing development activities in various sectors under his constituency.

At Dadam, MLA Chakat Aboh hoisted the national flag. Soha GPC Wabon Ramwa hoisted the national flag at Soha circle headquarters.

At Bari-Basip circle headquarter ground, ZPM TediapHallang unfurled the national tricolor.

Independence Day was celebrated with gaiety and patriotic fervour across Namsai district.

In Namsai headquarters, MLA Chau ZingnuNamchoom hoisted the national flag.

Speaking on the occasion, Namchoom spelt out the major initiatives taken up under the current government for wellbeing and welfare of the people and the state.

In Lekang circle, MLA Jummum Ete Deori spoke in detail about the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Har Ghar Tiranga and the Meri Mati Mera Desh campaign.

I-Day was also celebrated in Chongkham, Lathao and Piyong circles.

In Changlang (Changlang district), the Independence Day was celebrated in a befitting manner. On the occasion, deputy speaker TesamPongte said that BJP government is always committed for the welfare of public. He urged the public to avail the benefit of government schemes.

In Wakka SDO Hq (Longding), RWD minister HonchunNgandam highlighted the all-round development activities under PM Narendra Modi and CM Pema Khandu on the occasion of Independence Day. He appealed to the people to work in unison for

the peace, progress and prosperity of the area.

In Tawang district, the national flag was unfurled in all the administrative and border outposts.

In district headquarters Tawang, MLA Tsering Tashi unfurled the national tricolor.

He lauded the role being played by Women's Welfare Association of Tawang in spreading awareness on plastic waste management and other issues. He also commended the members of district student's union for their active role in spreading awareness and helping security personnel by providing important inputs about drug peddlers and users. He appealed to the youths to stay away from drugs and other anti social activities and requested parents to be vigilant on activities and friends circle of their children.

In Lungla headquarters, MLA Tsering Lhamu unfurled the national flag, while Tawang ZPC LekiGombu unfurled the national tricolor at Jang headquarters.

The Day was celebrated in all administrative hqtrs of Leparada district with patriotic fervour and enthusiasm.

In Basar, MLA Gokar Basar unfurled the national flag at Todak Basar Stadium in presence of government officers, PR leaders, GBs and general public.

The celebration also included felicitation of families of unsung heroes, issue of certificates to new GBs, felicitation of district performers-2023.

In Dari, ZPC NyabiDirchi unfurled the national flag at general ground, New Dari.

In Sago, GPC Kengo Basar unfurled the national flag at the Sago general ground and former ZPM Bajap Jilen hoisted the national flag in Tirbin.

In Anini (Dibang Valley), MLA Mopi Mihi highlighted the remarkable achievements in Dibang Valley over the years. "One of the most notable achievements is the completion of 154 kilometers of national highways, making transportation more accessible and efficient for the community," he said and added that a substantial 50 kilometers of the Indo-China Border road has been successfully completed, enhancing connectivity and security in the region.

In Yingkiong (Upper Siang), health and family welfare minister Alo Libang hoisted the national flag at general ground in presence of former chief minister GegongApang, government officers and huge gatherings of general public.

In his address, Libang highlighted the innumerable developments undertaken in Upper Siang district and called upon all denizens to work in unison for better development of the district, state and nation as a whole.

In Mariyang, MLA Kanggong Taku unfurled the national flag.

At Tuting, ADC Starlie Jamoh hoisted the national flag on the occasion of 77th Independence Day.

In Pasighat, MLA Kaling Moyong unfurled the tricolour at Pasighat stadium in presence of officials of district administration, head of offices and senior citizens.

Pasighat West MLA and former union minister Ninong Ering unfurled the national flag in at Ruksin in presence of administrative officers, government officials, public leaders and students.

On the occasion, 29 unsung heroes of the freedom movement were honored and 'State Government Citation' presented to their dependents (nominees).

Kendriya Vidyalaya in Pasighat also celebrated the day with hoisting of national flag in school premises and patriotic dance and songs, performed by the students.

In Kamle, MLA Tarin Dakpe unfurled the national flag at general ground, Raga in presence of DC Adong Pertin, SP, PRIs, HoDs, teachers, students and GBs.

The MLA informed that Middle Subansiri (Kamle) Hydro Electric Project has been finalized and the work will start soon. He also informed that the government has prepared the DPR for East-West Corridor, which will connect Pasighat to Balem. "This will act as an economic corridor and will usher in industrial development in the state," the MLA added.

CM addresses people on 77th Independence Day;

Khandu calls upon people to write the next chapter of state's glorious story with wisdom, compassion & courage

ITANAGAR, August 15:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Tuesday, August 15 called upon the people of the state to write the next chapter of the state's glorious story with wisdom, compassion and courage so that the future generations will read it with pride.

Hoisting the national tricolour on the occasion of 77th Independence Day at Indira Gandhi Park here, Khandu urged the people to write a story of an Arunachal that rose to its destiny, not by chance but by choice.

"Every endeavour, every initiative and every stride of the government over these seven years has been to realize the vision of a vibrant Arunachal under the tenets of 'seva, sushashan and sammiri-

dhi.' The ethos of the government and Team Arunachal is crystallized in our citizen-centric and development policies," the chief minister said in his address to the people.

"Our journey will not be easy. We will fall at times, but together we will rise each time stronger, wiser and more determined," he added.

Khandu said, "Arunachal is not just a state, it is a promise, a promise of unity, inclusive growth and prosperity for all."

"We are duty bound to fulfill the aspirations of every child, every mother, every farmer and every family. This is not a distant dream but a tangible goal, a goal that we shall achieve through dedication, collaboration and relentless pursuit of excellence. Our journey towards development is about transcending barriers of identity, region, tribe, creed and religion as well as the barriers of our tough terrain," he said.

Khandu asserted that in the coming 25 years, which marks the 100 years of independence, the government's endeavour would be to transform Arunachal into a 'Vikashit' state (developed state).

"Our journey shall echo the vision of 'Param Vaibhav Bharat,' a nation that stands tall on the global stage, embodying the principles of justice, equality and progress for all," he said and called upon the people to work together as responsible citizens, fostering harmony, peace and progress in every corner of the nation.

The chief minister added that the resolve of 'Vikashit Bharat' and 'Vikashit Arunachal' requires commitment from all to work hand in hand.

It compels us to contribute our best in shaping India's journey towards becoming a developed nation and 'Vishwa-Guru' by the

time we celebrate 100 years of our Independence in 2047, he said.

Highlighting the developmental story of his government in the last seven years in power, the chief minister said that the accolades the state received in recent times are a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment of Team Arunachal, reflecting its commitment to progress and excellence.

Khandu said, the government's 'Vision 2047 of higher happiness' is a strategic roadmap for Vikashit Arunachal supported by six vision pillars in alignment with the Centre's seven 'Saptarishi' priorities.

"We have crafted a vision comprising, a modern and prosperous state deeply rooted in indigenous traditions, bridging development gaps in border areas, self-sufficient, prosperous farming rooted in tribal eco-friendly and organic traditions, increase in tourism with eco-friendly and carbon-neutral tourism, contributing up to 10 per cent of India's Glasgow commitment to non-fossil electricity and sustainable harnessing of rich natural resources," the chief minister added.

PHED Minister inaugurates 2 projects at Deomali

DEOMALI, August 16:

Minister for PHED/ WS,&DoTCL, IT Wangki Lowang in presence of ADC Deomali Miss Vishakha Yadav inaugurated two projects at Deomali subdivision viz- double storey building quarter for MO of PHC Notun Kheti, funded under SIDF 2021-22 with an estimate amount of Rs.140.00 lakhs and executed by WRD Deomali..

2. 40 metres LSB Bridge over Baari River was also dedicat-

ed to the people of Notun Kheti and Wathin village constructed under PMGSY -I with the allotted fund of Rs.252.75 lakhs taken up by the executing agency RWD Deomali.

The inauguration program was also attended by EE Power G.Bangyang, EE WRDS.Srivastav, EE PWD T.Jeram, EE RWD, DMO TirapN.Lowang, Smti. Chango Lowang,ZPM

Soha Sam Korok, ZPM Deomali Wangphoon Lowang, CO Soha Dr.K.Balban, other departments officials, Chief, GBs of Natin Kheti,Lamlo and Wathin villages and public leaders of Deomali area.

Early in the morning, Minister Lowang also flagged-off the Har Ghar,Tiranga Cycle Rally at Deomali wherein youths of Deomali area including Panchayat leaders took part in the cycle rally as a part of pre 77th Independence Day celebration.

Chiefs and GBs of Natin Kheti / Wathin lauded the Minister for fulfilling the long cherished dreams, namely the bridge between Natin Kheti and Wathin.

DC inaugurates twin processing & allied units

KHETI, August 16:

In a two separate programmes, Tirap Deputy Commissioner Hento Karga inaugurated two processing units at Haham Joinjo in Kheti village and at Charuthong in Thinsa village in presence of Hakresha Kri, ADC, Khonsa and Wanghong Panka, ZPM of Khonsa block in Tirap districts respectively.

The Tirap Community Resource Management Society (TCRMS) organized the inauguration program of processing and allied units on millet, spices crops,

mushroom including one Centralized Collection Centre in Kheti and Thinsa villages. Establishment of the processing units were funded by NEC, M-DoNER, GoI during the financial year 2020-21. Two Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) viz. Jarok Hills FPO of Kheti village and Kam-din Mushroom and Spices FPO of Thinsa village will operate the units.

In his inaugural address, Karga asked the two FPOs to start bringing the processing units into full operation. He said that once the units become operationalized it will benefit not only the two FPOs, but also the entire farming community in the district by selling the raw materials on millet and spices to the units.

The DC said that the establishment of such processing units in the district will generate not only better income to the farmers but also provide more employment opportunity to the educated unemployed youths in the district. He asked the FPO members to start operationalizing the units and bring out good results so that it served as model for setting up more such processing units in the district.

The program was attended by PD, DRDA Nangram Pingkap, staff of TCRMS, members of both Jarok Hills and Kamdin Mushroom and Spices FPOs, Chief of Kheti village, GBs of both Kheti and Thinsa villages as well as SHG members from both the villages.

Nalo calls for sincerity & honesty towards development activities

NACHO, August 16:

While on tour to Nacho, Tourism Minister Nakap Nalo actively participated in the AKAM program

aiming to spread nationalism, patriotism amongst the public of rural and border areas at Nacho, where students, public, elected PRI members took the program enthusiastically.

While attending the public meeting, Nalo placed his report card before the public and counted the achievements of his government under the leadership of chief minister Pema Khandu and appealed the public to be sincere and honest towards the developmental activities for the greater interest of society and state as a whole.

Meanwhile, in the light of Mere Maati Mera Desh under AKAM program culminating on 19th of August 23, more than 11 CD blocks launched Silapahalkams and took Panchpran pledges in different part of Upper Subansiri District.

The District Administration closely monitored the AKAM activities and many events that was undergoing like establishment of Silaphalakam, Vasudha Vandan, Har Ghar Tringa, Mitti Yatras in rural areas.

CM inaugurates first Cath Lab of the state in TRIHMS

ITANAGAR, August 16:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu along with Health Minister Alo Libang on Sunday inaugurated the first Cath Lab of the state in Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Science (TRIHMS) here at Naharlagun.

Dedicating the state-of-the-art facility to the people of the state, Khandu said that the new addition is another milestone achieved by the only medical college hospital of the state. He congratulated

Dr Moji Jini, director TRIHMS, and the two senior cardiologists, Dr Rinchin Dorjee Megeji and Dr Toni Ete for their role in establishment of the cath lab.

“Since its establishment, TRIHMS has come a long way in upgrading health infrastructure and services. We assure you that the state government will do everything to make available all kinds of treatment to the people, who have to go outside spending their hard earned money,” he said.

He urged the medical fraternity and experts to aim for the best and suggest the government on what more needs to be done.

“You are the experts. You have to advice the government on what more facilities can be made available at TRIHMS, especially in fields like ophthalmology, orthopedics, urology, etc.” Khandu pointed.

Citing rapid development of the state’s health sector in the last few years, Khandu informed the Bakin Pertin General Hospital at Pasighat is being upgraded to cater to needs of the people of eastern Arunachal.

He said the new health infrastructure and equipment are due to improved revenue generation brought in by his government.

“All kinds of development is directly connected to the revenue we generate. We cannot forever depend on the central government for our financial needs,” he said and pointed that harnessing the state’s huge hydropower potential is one way forward.

Giving details of the cath lab, Dr Jini informed that it is a radiological imaging system in which both diagnostic as well as therapeutic cardiac interventions are done.

Cardiac interventions are procedures in which general an-

esthesia is not required. The procedures are done under local anesthesia with the help of wires and catheters without any surgery. The procedure include coronary angiography, coronary angioplasty, pace makers, closure of holes in the heart, balloon mitral valvotomy and many such lifesaving procedures.

“Cardiac interventions are fast and dynamic and have the ability to treat patient immediately and also rapid recovery and discharge,” he informed.

The cath lab in TRIHMS is Azurion 5C of Phillips India Ltd.

Mega oil palm plantation conducted under NMEO-OP in East Siang

PASIGHAT, August 16:

A Mega oil palm plantation programme under National Mission on Edible Oil – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) was conducted at Moruk area of Remi Village in Bilat Circle in East Siang today along with a public awareness meeting with farmers and other stakeholders at Community hall of Mirem Village. It was organized by the dept. of Agriculture, GoAP in collaboration with Patanjali Food Ltd. (PFL) Zone III oil Palm Division.

East Siang DC, Tayi Taggu, District Agriculture Officer, Opang Moyong planted saplings as part of the ceremonial plantation in the plantation plot of progressive farmer Lenzing Eko. State Head Patanjali Foods Ltd, Milan Borah, ZPM, Mirem, Yaken Taloh, HGB, Mirem, Taham Taggu, District Oil Palm Nodal Officer (Dept. of Agriculture), Naking Nonang, ADO Bilat S.K. Sharma were also present.

DC Tayi Taggu addressing at the public awareness meeting organized at Mirem Dere, urged the farmers to come forward to take up cash crop cultivation of oil palm as this was the right time to avail of the planting materials and other inputs on Govt. Subsidy, to support their venture in taking up oil palm cultivation. He also urged to take the support of subject matter experts from the Agriculture department etc in taking up cultivation of cash crop oil palm which can fetch remunerative income for the farmers, thus boosting the rural economy.

Earlier, District Agriculture Officer, O. Moyong, said that Oil palm cultivation is a remunerative and sustainable income generating cash crop farming and less labour intensive which will yield income for the farmers very early. In this regard State Government has signed MoU with Patanjali Food Ltd to ensure that farmers receive good remuneration with provision of buy back policy after the fruiting begins. The Processing Unit at Niglok will utilize all the Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) / produce produced by the farmers of the District as per MoU. The DAO also advised to adopt inter-cropping of oil palm with crops like Ginger and vegetables and for adopting scientific farming by following “package of practice” to boost production.

Progressive farmer, Olo Dai from Berung Village also shared his experiences adding that it has fetched him regular source of income since the FFB was purchased by the Patanjali Food Ltd (PFL) on maturity and free of market hazards as remunerative price is paid as per MoU agreement between State Government & PFL.

The meeting was also attended by ADO, Osinam Tapak, Agriculture field staff, Village Sec-

retary, John Messar, HGB, GBs, PRI members, farmers and members of the Mirem Village among others.

Yonex Sunrise NE Zone Inter-State Badminton Championship, 2023 begins

ITANAGAR, August 16:

The Yonex Sunrise North East Zone Inter-State Badminton Championship, 2023 began here at the Raj Bhavan Badminton Hall here on Wednesday with Chief Minister Pema Khandu declaring it open.

Attending as the Chief Guest of the inaugural ceremony, Khandu expressed gratitude to the Badminton Association of India (BAI) for giving Arunachal Pradesh the opportunity to host the prestigious annual calendar event of the Association.

He welcomed the teams from all the eight North Eastern states and officials and expressed hope that they would not only enjoy competing against each other but also enjoy the hospitality of Arunachal Pradesh.

“I specially welcomed the players and officials from Manipur, who have come here despite the situation prevailing in their state. The spirit of sportsmanship should prevail over all,” he said.

Hailing North East as the sporting hub of India, Khandu appreciated the hard work put in by athletes of the region, who have won glories for the country at international events.

“When it comes to international events like Olympics, World Championships, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, etc, the entire country looks up to our athletes to come to rescue. That’s the power we yield,” he said.

He assured that next time the championship is held in Arunachal Pradesh, it will be at the sprawling 23,330 sqm 8 court Dorjee Khandu Badminton Academy at Chimpu, adjacent to the Sangey Lhaden Sports Academy, which is under construction.

Incidentally, the land for the academy was donated by Khandu free of cost.

Also, he informed that 14 two-court Badminton Halls are under construction across the state. These projects have been sanctioned by the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India.

As per Arunachal State Badminton Association (ASBA) officials, the North East Zone Inter-State Badminton Championship includes Team Championships in four categories: Men, Women, Junior Boys and Junior Girls. The Individual Championships feature Men's and Women's events in both singles and doubles, along with Mixed Doubles. Additionally, Junior Girls and Junior Boys compete in doubles, singles, and mixed doubles.

This year over 350 delegates, including officials, are participating in the tournament. The top-seeded players from each state will showcase their skills during this 4-day competition.

Winners of this championship will secure direct entry, with an additional quota, to the senior and junior national levels.

The tournament was first held in Arunachal Pradesh in 1995.

Itanagar Mayor attended the opening ceremony as the Guest of Honour.

While Omar Rashid of BAI is the Observer, H. Gyaneswor Singh, a distinguished retired

International Referee, is the Tournament Director. Viney Joshi is the Referee of the tournament.

MMMD campaign in different blocks in Tirap

OLD KATANG, August 17:

In continuation with Meri Maati Mera Desh campaigns, the Tirap District Administration in collaboration with DRDA, Panchayat and CRPF 36Bn conducted MMMD programme at Old Katang village under Bari-Basip Block on Wednesday, wherein MLA cum Adviser to WRD & DoTCL Wanglam Sawin hoisted the National Tricolor, followed by administering of pledge by DC Hento Karga.

To mark the occasion, MLA Sawin, ZPM Tediap Hallang, DC Karga, CO Bari-Basip Dr. Ripi Doni, planted 75 nos. of local saplings around the Sarovar. The Shilaphalakam dedicated to Martyr local veers of the district were namely- Martyr Hav Hangpan Dada, A/C(P) Unit: 35 Rastriya Rifle, D.O.M. 26th May, 2016, Martyr Sep Hugu Chimyang, 4 Assam Regt, D.O.M. 5th February, 2000, Martyr Rfn G.D. Y.F. Nokte, 7 Assam Rifles, D.O.M. 5th July, 1985, Martyr Rfn GD Wangsoa Lowang, 23 Assam Rifles, D.O.M. 25th October, 2007 and Martyr Rfn Dule Lowang, 7 Assam Rifles, D.O.M. 18th July, 1986.

Meanwhile, similar Meri Maati Mera Desh program was also conducted at Bera village under Dadam CD Block as a concluding part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". Veer Nari unfold the National Tricolor amidst a huge gathering of people, while DC Hento Karga unveiled the Silaphalakam and administered Panchpran Pledge and selfie. The programme was

concluded with Vasudha Vandan (Plantation of saplings).

Besides, Veer Naris - Kapcha Agi W/o Lt Constable Ponhang Agi, 2nd IRBN, Katnya Lowang W/o Lt Rfn Wangsoa Lowang, 13 Assam Rifles, CO cum BDO Dadam Pik Tayom, EO(RE) Dadam CD Block Tarh Tana, the program was also attended by government official, Chief of Bera, panchayat leaders, GBs, teachers and students of Govt ME School, Bera, and general public.

Meanwhile, on the same day, under Tutnu CD Block - Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign was inaugurated by ZPC Tirap Chathong Lowang in Kolam village. The ZPC unveiled the Shilaphalakam dedicated with a special tribute to the district's two unsung heroes, namely - Martyr Sepoy Hugu Chimyang of the 4th Assam Regiment, who made the ultimate sacrifice on 5th February 2000 and Martyr Khundong Siksa of the 1st APBN, whose courageous service and sacrifice are remembered on 21st May 2019.

MLA distributed farm machineries

AALO, August 17:

Adv Kento Jini MLA cum Advisor to Law & Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh attended as chief guest during the handing over of farm machineries to farmers under ATMA Nirbhar Bhagvani Yojana 2022-2023 at Gumin Kiin Aalo, here recently.

MLA Jini handed over 2 Mahindra tractors and 15 Power tillers to various beneficiaries' farmers of West Siang district. Jini appealed all the beneficiaries of farm machines to properly utilize for their agri and horti farming and asked all the farmer to be

self-reliant and encouraged them to cultivate millets in large scale. He also appealed all the ZPMs to work as per their assigned work. There is always a borderline duties of Panchayat leaders and MLAs, he said and urged the Panchayat leaders to work co-ordinately for the welfare and development of the society.

The MLA informed that the road connectivity of Aalo township has been completed and the national highway connected to Assam is almost completed. Taking the advantage of development, the farmers can multiply their earning, he added.

DHO, Kirmar Lona appealed all the beneficiaries to reform their loan in time and utilized the farm machineries for their easy cultivation.

The programme was conducted by Department of Horticulture under the guidance of Kirmar Lona DHO, Aalo.

During the programme, ZPMs of Aalo East, West, Kamaba, Sri Margi Ete DAO, HoDs and beneficiaries were attended.

Later on, the MLA joined the general meeting of Priest Welfare Association of West Siang District to encourage Indigenous faith & beliefs. During the Meeting, he urged the indigenous priest to fix the uniform priest charge/rate in West Siang District to be united and served the society to encourage the practices of age old culture traditions.

Mega plantation drive by 38th Battalion of SSB

TAWANG, August 18:

The 38th Battalion of Shastra Seema Bal (SSB) Tawang conducted a mega plantation drive un-

der the guidance of its 2IC Sunil Singh Rawataround the Battalion Headquarter campus here on August 18 last.

During the plantation event with the motto "Plant Tree Save Earth", a total of 756 saplings were planted.

Addressing on the occasion, the Second in Command of the Battalion motivated the troops to develop plantation hobbies and plant trees at their respective home town and spoke on the importance of trees in ecosystem.

All the officers and Jawans of the battalion participated in the plantation drive.

MMMD campaign & Amrit Kalash Yatra conducted

ROING, August 18:

A block level programme of "Meri Maati Mera Desh-Mitti Ko Naman Veeron Ka Vandan" was conducted for Roing Koronu CD Block on August 18 last with DC Soumya Saurabh, ADC Srinivas Sadi, PD KabangApum, Heads of Offices, students, armed forces personnel and public joining in at the Govt. Higher Secondary School, Roing.

The MMMD campaign celebrates the achievements of the nation and the Bravehearts through 'Jan Bhagidari' with events conducted at village, Panchayat, Block, District, State and National Level. It is a culmination of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Celebrations.

An 'Amrit Kalash Yatra' was conducted from Rayang, Mayu II and Cheta to GHSS, Roing to collect 'Mitti' from Panchayats/Villages and bring it to the Block level, which would

further be sent to the state and national level.

A plantation programme was also conducted on the day to mark the occasion.

Meeting held on implementation of IHSC in capital city

ITANAGAR, August 18:

Deputy Commissioner Capital Itanagar Talo Potom convened a meeting here on August 18 last in connection with implementation of Integrated Health Screening campaign in the different wards of Capital Itanagar.

Dr Riken Rina, Project Director APSACS, DHS Naharlagun through a PPT informed that the primary objective of IHSC is to identify new HIV positive cases with co-morbidities among Key Populations (KPs) and provide comprehensive service package to care, support and treatment under NACP, NVHCP, NHM, Social Protection and Benefit Schemes, etc.

He informed that a total of 79 camps have been proposed for Capital and two blocks of Papum Pare during which various medical tests viz sugar, Blood Pressure, Hepatitis B & C, Haemoglobin, TB, HIV etc would be carried out free of cost. He informed that during such Integrated camp held earlier at Namsai, a total of 91 camps were successfully conducted with a total of 4856 beneficiaries undergoing tests for various medical ailments.

Dr Rina sought cooperation of all the Corporator, ZPM, GPCs, GPM and others to make the camp successful. He urged them to disseminate information regarding the proposed free medical camps amongst the denizens,

while adding that APSACS is also making every effort to sensitise people about the camps including carrying out public announcement in every ward.

Gyamar Taz, Corporator, while assuring all kinds of cooperation said that every effort including door to door campaign would be carried out to sensitise people regarding the IHSC.

The DC has sought cooperation of all in successfully conducting the camps. The first camp began on August 21 at Community Hall, Chimpu, Ward No.1 and the DC further urged all to avail the various services offered by the free medical camp.

7th Economic census of Ziro gets certification from DLCC

ZIRO, August 18:

The District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) meeting to certify the 7th Economic Census for Lower Subansiri District was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nimeat Golden Jubilee Conference Hall of District Secretariat here on August 18 last.

The meeting was convened to verify and certify the survey results of the 7th economic census for the district.

DC Bamin Nime urged the Department of Economic and Statistics to make prior and proper Information, Education and Communication activities before undertaking field surveys. The DC also instructed the nodal department to make required homework and elaborate preparations before undertaking field surveys to ensure better and authentic ground reports.

Earlier, welcoming the board members, Assistant Director of Economics & Statistics-cum-Member Secretary DLCC Chiging Tamu informed that economic census is a nationwide survey of various economic activities conducted every fifth year in India. The first economic census was carried out in 1977 and the present exercise was 7th in the series. Tamu also informed that economic census is mainly concerned with the measure of diversity of non-farm economic activities while it also facilitates up to date data for policymakers, researchers, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders.

Common Service Center, State Project Manager Chuku Awak presented a PPT on the various parameters relating to economic census and the meeting ended with certifications of the 7th Economic Survey results conducted for Lower Subansiri District by DLCC board members comprising the DC, District Planning Officer Joram Tatum, Assistant Director Industry Mudang Tago and officials of CSC.

Meeting held on Zilla Parishad Development Plan

TEZU, August 18:

A meeting of the 13-Lohit Zilla Parishad, Lohit District was held on August 18 in the conference hall of District Mini Secretariat Building, Tezu for preparation of Zilla Parishad Development Plan under People's Plan Campaign (Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas-2022).

The meeting was chaired by Smti Dasula Krisikro, Zilla Parishad Chairperson and attended by the Deputy Commissioner Shashvat Saurab and all ZPMs, Head of offices of line departments, PTAs

and Member Secretaries Zilla Parishad.

Addressing the meeting, the DC enlightened the members of all the mechanisms for convergence of the schemes with 15th FC and SOR.

In her speech, ZPC Smti Krisikro urged all the HoDs of Lohit district to make the gap filling proposal during the time of GPDP.

Earlier, Nabam Tajik, DPDO while welcoming all requested all to put forward suitable suggestions for preparation of effective development plan for the financial year 2023-24.

Foteso Rangmang, PTA-cum-DNO (PFMS) on the occasion presented a Power Point on Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs).

The day-long meeting ended with vote of thanks by Ms. Lui Shiba, SDO-Cum-Member Secretary, 13-Lohit Zilla Parishad.

'Together We Can', movement against drug abuse launched

LONGDING, August 18:

Longding-Pumao MLA, Tanpho Wangnaw graced the launch of 'Together We Can', a movement against drug abuse as chief guest here on August 18 last.

The movement is a joint initiative of Arunachal Photography Club (APC) and Miss Arunachal Team against drug abuse in the line of Nasha Mukht Pradesh campaign of Arunachal government.

The event of awareness against drug abuse was attended by representatives from Wancho Council, All Wancho Women's Welfare Society, LDSU, Wancho Head-hunters Bullet Club and district administration. Students from different schools also took part in

the program, wherein, Miss Tana Punia, the reigning Femina Miss India Arunachal 2023 distributed 'Together We Can' insignia to the participants.

The 'Together We Can' movement, while spreading awareness against drug abuse, mainly focuses on extending helping hands to drug abusers in overcoming the addiction.

Meanwhile, a 'MittiKi Ya-tra' as part of Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign pick up the pace and the district gear up for its journey towards state capital Itanagar and National capital, New Delhi.

Yonex Sunrise NE Zone Inter-State Badminton Championship 2023 concludes

ITANAGAR, August 19:

The Yonex Sunrise North East Zone Inter State Badminton Championship 2023 is an annual calendar event of the Badminton Association of India (BAI), which has been hosted in Arunachal Pradesh for the fourth time this year by the Arunachal State Badminton Association.

The four-day tournament culminated with a closing ceremony on Saturday, August 19 last at the Arunachal Badminton Academy, Itanagar, where Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein attended the event as the Chief Guest.

The tournament held team Championships in the Men, Women, Jr. Boy and Jr. Girls categories; whereas the individual Championships featured Men's & Women's events in both singles, doubles and mixed doubles categories.

Marking a pivotal moment in promoting badminton and fostering a vibrant sporting culture, Dy CM Mein recalled the contri-

butions of former Chief Minister Late Dorjee Khandu for being a driving force behind the Championship's first opening in the state back in 1995. He applauded the Arunachal State Badminton Association for successfully hosting the tournament and for carrying forward the legacy of the former CM.

Addressing the gathering at the stadium, Mein stated that the North Eastern Region has emerged as a sporting powerhouse in both national and international events over the past couple of years. He emphasized on the growing prowess of the region in the field of sports by attributing the success to the continuous support from the Government of India. He further said that Northeast's advancement in sports is further bolstered by the development of international standard sports infrastructure, including the National Sports University in Manipur and the Dorjee Khandu Academy in Chimpu, Arunachal Pradesh.

Mein further added that Arunachal Pradesh being a back runner before have picked up momentum in the field of sports over the last few years and enter the race with the front runner as our sports men and women are winning medals in national and international events. He said that many young talents in the field of sports, singing, dancing and in many fields have emerged and to support them to pursue their dream, the State Govt has created many platforms to nourish them under the present leadership. He, however, stated that in the fields of athletes' sustenance has been a great challenge, he exhorted the players to continue to practice and train themselves to keep the momentum going for which State govt is also committed to support.

Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs, Mama Natung in his speech has highlighted the achievements made by the sports men & women of the State. He informed that over the last seven years, the athletes of Arunachal Pradesh has brought home 342 medals, out of which 81 were Gold medals and the State Govt has constructed around 132 badminton courts across the State. He further stated that the Arunachal Pradesh is emerging as the power house of sports in the North East.

With participation from over 350 delegates and officials, the tournament spotlighted top-seeded players from each state, showcasing their skills over the four days of intense competition. Mein congratulated the winners of the Championship under the various categories, for securing a direct entry with an additional quota at the Senior and Junior National levels, enhancing their future prospects in the world of Badminton.

The 2023 Championship was also graced by MLA cum Advisor Tax & Excise Home, NyamarKarbak, Director Sports (GoAP) Tadar Apa, BAI Observer Omar Rashid and President Arunachal State Badminton Association, RotuTechi among other top officials and members.

1st edition of Taro Chatung Memorial Students Meet-2023

ZIRO, August 20:

Legendary journalist of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Taro Chatung still continues to inspire and remains a role model to young upcoming journalists, said Minister Agriculture and Allied Er. Tage Taki, while addressing as the chief guest at the first edition of Taro Chatung Memorial Students Meet at the Padi

Yubee Outdoor Stadium here on Sunday, August 20, 2023.

Saying Chatung was 'well ahead of his times' who had brought about a 'revolution' in the fields of electronic media and local film making in early 90's, the Minister said Chatung's inimitable style of news reporting which cut an instant bonding with the general masses was the reason for growth and popularity of electronic media in the state during its nascent period in early 90's.

Appreciating the Apatani Students Union (ASU) for organizing the first edition of Taro Chatung Memorial Students Meet in memory of the pioneer journalist from Apatani community, the local MLA and Minister Taki urged the budding journalists to imbibe his qualities of simplicity, generosity and striking an instant chord with the masses to be successful in their chosen field of media.

Guest of Honour and Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime said Lt.Chatung had been a 'daring path breaker' in the field of media who had inspired many talented young students to take up journalism as their careers thereby creating self-employments for themselves rather than hankering after white-collared jobs.

Informing Ziro valley had got enlisted as the 7th preferred tourist destination place in India, the DC urged denizens of the district to keep their surroundings neat and clean and help the District Administration in garbage management and tackling drug menace at the District.

Attending as special invitee, senior journalist and vice-president of Arunachal Press Club, Bengia Ajum said Lt.Taro Chatung still continues to live in the hearts of press fraternity of the state for his yeomen contri-

butions in the field of journalism. Expressing gratefulness to Apatani Students Union for organizing the meet, Ajum said the entire press fraternity is grateful to ASU for organizing the meet in memory of pioneer journalist of the state. 'In fact, the Arunachal Press Club was contemplating to organize such a meet in memory of our beloved Lt.Chatung, but we are glad ASU has come up with the event said Ajum, while informing APC also annually gives a 'Taro Chatung Excellence Award in the field of Electronic Journalism' in memory of the ace media icon during the National Press Day on November 16th.

Appreciating the tourism potential of Ziro valley, Ajum further said better connectivity from Capital Complex to Ziro and the all-round beauty of Ziro valley would surely and certainly push it ahead as one of the tourism hubs of Arunachal Pradesh and India.

On behalf of Lt.Taro Chatung's family, Taro Tagia informed that Lt.Chatung had done his schooling from Govt.Higher Secondary School Ziro, graduation from Dera Natung Govt.College and qualified as a circle officer after passing the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission Examination. He had conceived the 'News and Views' electronic news channel in early 90's, been a film director and founded the Taro Opey Foundation.

Apatani Students Union President Koj Nichi and General Secretary Pura Nado also spoke on the occasion and informed 26 educational institutes from Lower Subansiri District are participating at the 7-day students meet whose closing ceremony will take place on 26th August. The meet will witness the students competing in various literary, cultural and sports events.

In the morning session, a marathon race for boys and girls was organized where Takhe Yasa, Tayor Rina and Tayo Santi were awarded first, second and third prizes in girls' category, while in the boy's category Millo Tani, Bullo Hakhe and Padu Nado were awarded first, second and third prizes. Girls covered 16 kms while boys covered 26 kms in the race.

Earlier, rich floral tributes were paid to Lt.Chatung, Taro Tako nyahis presented a colorful cultural item and the dignitaries kicked-off the football competitions.

The occasion was also attended by Lower Subansiri Heads of Departments, Zilla Parishad Members, members of Tani Supun Dukun, Apatani Women Association Ziro, family members of Lt.Taro Chatung and his well wishers.

Township road & drainage work launched

DAPORIJO, August 20:

The improvement projects of Daporijo township road and drainage system under B.E year 2023-24 was launched by Tanya Soki, local MLA in presence of HoDs, Bazar Committee and other Stakeholders here at new market in Daporijo on Sunday.

While launching the improvement works, Soki said that his mission was to improvement of roads and Drainage system of entire Daporijo township as well as colonies. He said that township road and drainage system was planned decade ago, but no further improvement work been executed in large scale so far.

Further, he said that many of colony roads been improvement through CC road during his span tenure, but lot more works to be car-

ried out for complete the improvement of township, it was not easy task to resolve the issue in short span of time, owing to massive increases of population and colony within the township, resulting the drainage capacity and roads been blockages and lowered the capacity, he keenly took the burden to resolve the matter for larger interest of denizens of Upper Subansiri District, he added.

Tanam Kyali, i/c DC appealed to the denizens of Daporijo to cooperate with elected representative and District Administration in every field of activities as well as in the term of development matter and not to interrupt at any cost especially for development process for the larger interest of the society, he said, adding that Daporijo town was the one of most densely populated districts, resulting in growing up of traffic and garbage issues day by day. One should thought about it and public should educate with civic sense, he told.

Integrated Health Campaign for ICR launched

ITANAGAR, August 20:

Health & Family Welfare Minister Alo Libang officially launched the Integrated Health Campaign(IHC) for Itanagar Capital Region here at Community Hall, Chimpun Monday amidst presence of Capital MLA Techhi Kaso, Mission Director NHM Marge Sora, Dr Dondu Wahge, Director of Health Services, Dr Mandip Perme, DMO ICC, Taro Tagia, ZPM, Lokam Anand, Corporator and a host of officers from Department of Health and Family Welfare and students.

The Minister, while recalling the age old saying 'health is

wealth', stressed that good health of any person is the real wealth of him and urged the citizens especially the students to stay away from various evils like drugs. He advocated that the present generation should lead the way for the upcoming generation. Hence, it is necessary for the students to refrain themselves from falling into the web of social evils.

Lauding the team of Arunachal Pradesh State AIDS Control Society (APSACS), Deptt of H&FW and District Administration Namsai for successfully conducting the first IHC in their district which is being replicated across other states of the country, Libang informed that the campaign aims to promote HIV testing along with other range of services like testing and treatment for tuberculosis (TB), Hepatitis B&C, diabetes, hypertension, anemia etc. The Minister hoped that the campaign would benefit a number of people and urged all to come forward and avail the opportunity of various medical services provided by the camp.

Speaking on the occasion, Kaso stressed that it is time that we all should make a collaborative effort to stop the menace of drugs to safeguard our future generation. He too urged the students to stay from social evils and hoped that with the cooperation of all the denizens, the campaign would be a successful one.

Earlier, Dr Riken Rina Project Director APSACS, DHS Naharlagun, while welcoming all informed that the primary objective of IHC is to identify new HIV positive cases with co-morbidities among Key Populations (KPs) and provide comprehensive service package to care, support and treatment under NACP,

NVHCP, NHM, Social Protection and Benefit Schemes, etc.

As injecting drugs with shared needles, syringes or drug equipment can directly transmit HIV from an infected person to an uninfected person, hence with the rise in cases of drug abuse, the cases of HIV are also on the rise. Therefore, it is important to aware the citizens and to conduct such health screening camps.

He informed that a total of 79 camps have been proposed for Capital and few blocks of Papum Pare which would be completely free of cost.

DMO, Dr Mandip Perme thanked all for their participation and hoped that with the effort of all stakeholders, IHC would be conducted successfully.

Workshop on soap making conducted

ROING, August 21:

A workshop on soap making was conducted at the Career Counselling Centre, Roing on Monday wherein participants were taught how to make soap bar, detergent powder and liquid dish soap by Resource Person Zarina Linggi.

She informed the attendees about the different ingredients and chemicals used, sources of procurement and demonstrated the process of making soap.

The 26 people who learned soap making during the workshop were individuals and members of SHGs of Lower Dibang Valley and representatives of a PLF and 12 SHGs of East Siang district.

The workshop was conducted by the District Administration, LDV under the supervision of AE Rupa Mimi and DIPRO Nimina Namchoom.

Inaugural ceremony of Academic Session 2023-24 of SFS College held

AALO, August 21:

The inauguration of the academic session 2023-24 at SFS College, Aalo took place on August 21, 2023 with the theme "Inspiring Excellence & Achieving Holistic Progress".

Dignitaries and guests from various walks of life graced the event, making it a memorable and promising beginning for the new academic year. The programme emphasized upon the pivotal role of education in life of a person and society.

Mrs. Kartu Bam, Circle Officer graced the occasion as chief guest and Dr. Fr. George Mathew was the guest of honour of the occasion.

In her address, Mrs Bam praised the college's commitment to quality education, underlining its role in shaping leaders. She highlighted the importance of education in building a strong foundation for the future leaders and contributing to the overall development of the society.

Dr. Fr. George Mathew, in his speech encouraged the students to embrace learning not only in classroom but also through experiences and interaction, which would help them become well rounded individuals prepared to face life's challenges.

Earlier, Principal Dr. Fr. Jose Karipadathu, while welcoming all highlighted the year's potential for students and faculty, focusing on holistic excellence.

The inauguration ceremony was further enhanced by captivating cultural performances that showcased the diverse talents of

the students. Music, dances and other artistic expressions added vibrancy to the event.

Concluding ceremony of AKAM begins with cultural competitions for school students

NAHARLAGUN, August 21:

The inaugural day of 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' to commemorate the concluding ceremony of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" was held here on Monday by the Department of Art Culture at their Multi Purpose Cultural Hall in the form of cultural competitions for school students of Naharlagun.

Secretary Cultural Affairs, Tai Kaye attending the function as the Chief Guest appreciated the department for its proactive role and effort in all the activities in the completion of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav as the Nodal department for celebration of AKAM in the state. He also appreciated the department for its team work.

In the program Oson Borang, the Nodal Officer AKAM-briefed everyone about the department's contribution as the Nodal Department for AKAM as the AKAM was coming to a conclusion after 2 years long celebration. He highlighted how the department worked on war footing since the inception of the AKAM program in the state from launching it at Kekar Monying to the conclusion now as Meri Mati Mera Desh.

The Government Upper Primary School D sector was announced as the winner of the patriotic song competition along with Government secondary School G sector as the runners. While Govt UPS Damsite and Govt UPS Papu Nallah bagged the 3rd and 4th prizes in the same category.

In the dance competition the government secondary school G sector bagged the 1st prize and government UPS D sector and government UPS Papu Nallah bagged the 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively.

Nation-wide "Meri Mati Mera Desh" Campaign was launched on 9th August 2023, to pay tribute to the 'Veers' who laid down their lives for the country.

This campaign is the concluding event of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav,' which began on 12th March, 2021, and has witnessed widespread public participation (Jan Bhagidari) with over 2 lakh programs organized across.

The programme was attended by the Director Art and Culture, DACOs, other officers of the department, teachers and students of various schools taking part in the competition.

Students benefit from school safety programs

DOIMUKH, August 22:

More than 820 students, teaching and non-teaching staffs of GHSS Doimukh benefitted from the schoolsafety program organised by the District Disaster Management Authority, Papum Pare in collaboration with NDRF, Doimukh held at the GHSS Doimukh on Tuesday.

As a part of the program, DDMO Nima Tashi presented a PowerPoint on Disaster, its types and its impact on human life and properties. He advised the students to be vigil and avoid venturing out to rivers and forests during the monsoon season.

The NDRF team presented Mock drills on earthquakes.

They also demonstrated how CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) can be administered during emergencies to save precious lives.

Earlier, similar programs were held at GHSS Kimin on August 19 and at GHSS Sagalee on 21st August 21 last. Altogether 1100 students and teachers benefited from the program.

Governor appeals GBs & PR leaders to engage in 'Acchi Baat' campaign for promoting positive vibes in society

PASIGHAT, August 22:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) interacted with Gaon Burahs, Panchayat leaders and public at Pasighat in East Siang District on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

The interaction underscored the Governor's commitment to fostering grassroots participation, collaboration, and community-driven development.

The Governor, while acknowledging the pivotal roles of Gaon Burahs and Panchayat leaders, urged them to work in close partnership with the District Administration to bolster the health and education domains. He called upon these community leaders to play a proactive role in raising awareness and combating the challenges posed by diseases like tuberculosis and cancer, as well as addressing the pressing issue of drug menace among the youth.

Emphasizing the collective responsibility of social awareness, he encouraged them to motivate educated local youth to actively participate in taking the society

forward. He said the youth must not create hurdles but cooperate with the administration in finding solutions to every challenge.

The Governor appealed to the Gaon Burahs and Panchayat leaders to promote positive vibes in the society by engaging themselves in 'Acchi Baat' campaign, an initiative of the Governor. He advised them to talk and discuss positive and good works done in the society and suggested them to adopt TB patients, develop innovative ideas and take initiative in promoting education.

East Siang District Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu, SP, Sumit Kr Jha were present in the meeting.

Governor reviews developmental works of East Siang District

PASIGHAT, August 22:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), who was on a two-day tour to East Siang District, chaired a review meeting of the Central and State Governments' sponsored schemes, projects and programmes at Pasighat on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

Addressing the Heads of Departments, the Governor urged upon them to perform, reform and transform. He advised them to incorporate the spirit in their works.

The Governor called upon the district officials to make their department efficient, technology enabled and treat their responsibilities to improve it further. He also asked them to add professional values to their work and have regular field visits, while stating that there is a need for encouraging innovative ideas.

The Governor emphasised on the paramount importance of data management for efficient administration and project execution. He stressed the role of automation in data analysis, planning, and implementation, urging the district authorities to deploy software applications that can seamlessly integrate data from villages, circles, and districts with the State Government.

Expressing his concern over school drop-outs, the Governor highlighted the adverse effects of this trend on the State's development. He implored officials to embark on an awareness campaign starting at the village level, creating an environment that fosters education and learning. He also expressed his concern about drug menace in the State and called for concerted effort by one and all.

The Governor suggested involvement of the community, especially the Gaon Burahs in maintaining cleanliness and solid waste management.

Earlier, East Siang District Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu, Superintendent of Police, Sumit Kr. Jha and Heads of Departments gave a detailed presentation to the Governor about the Central Government and State Government projects and programmes, which are being implemented in the district and also stages of progress of works.

BRO Chief Engineer calls on the Governor

PASIGHAT, August 22:

AK Mishra, Chief Engineer, Project Brahman, Border Roads Organization called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Pasighat on August 22

last. The Governor was on a two-day visit to East Siang district.

The Governor, while recognizing the paramount importance of robust road communication, underlined the need to accelerate the pace of road construction to ensure the timely completion of nationally significant projects and the upliftment of local communities. Stressing the importance of road connectivity, he encouraged the BRO Chief Engineer to expedite the integration of remote border villages, under the Vibrant Villages Programme and foster inclusivity and development in these areas.

The Governor underscored the need to keep the road maintained so as to cause least discomfort to the villagers and people of the villages connected by the BRO roads. He also stressed on timely completion of road construction packages and ensuring proper quality of works.

In line with his commitment to advancing rural well-being, the Governor articulated that improved road infrastructure would have a far-reaching positive impact on the socio-economic conditions of rural populations. Enhanced access to education and healthcare services was highlighted as a significant benefit, and he pointed out the potential for increased tourism given the state's natural beauty. He urged the Border Roads Organization and all individuals associated with this premier road construction agency to actively participate in the developmental trajectory of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor complimented the BRO, Project Brahmanik and all its personnel for their dedicated and committed efforts to progress strategic roads in difficult terrain and conditions. He called for the meticulous completion of road construction packages while main-

taining high standards of quality workmanship.

The BRO Chief Engineer provided a comprehensive briefing on the ongoing projects under Project Brahmanik, focusing on the pivotal role of these projects in enhancing regional connectivity and local development.

Lohit Library Volunteer selected as Airhostess

TEZU, August 22:

Laxmi Ngadong, a senior volunteer of the Lohit Youth Library Network from Medo has been selected to join as an airhostess in the Indigo Airlines.

She is the first youth from the Mishmi community and the Lohit district to qualify for this highly sought after position in a reputed airline.

Laxmi also qualified as the sole successful candidate from Arunachal in this batch, after 4 rounds of interviews held at Shillong on August 22, 2023.

Hailing from Lamliang village of Medo area of Lohit district, Ms Laxmi had her middle school education in KGBV Wakro and Govt Sec School, Medo. She completed her Hr Secondary schooling with a scholarship from the Kalakshetra, Chennai before doing her collegiate education in Avinashilingam Women's University, Coimbatore.

She has been an active library volunteer during the last one decade, participating in skits, poem recitation and story-telling as well as training juniors in reading skills.

Congratulating Laxmi, Dr Sopai Tawsik, senior cancer specialist at Itanagar, said that this shall be a great motivating news for many more young library activ-

ists. Dr Lisa Lomdak, a linguist at the RGU Itanagar added that "the years of involvement in the library movement must have contributed immensely to Laxmi presenting a confident personality and thus qualifying in the interviews on speaking skills and interactions."

Expressing her great happiness in the fulfilment of her dream of last 5 years, Laxmi said that she had been working very focussed to improve her speaking and personal skills, during the last one year of intense training in a Shillong training academy. She was happy that being a part of the youth library movement, helped her develop immense self-confidence. She also was deeply grateful to her father and mother for fully supporting her to pursue her interest.

Laxmi will be proceeding shortly for a 3 months specialized training at the Indigo airline's Hqs at Gurgaon.

First ever Tirap-Longding Badminton Tournament organised

KHONSA, August 22:

Khonsa Battalion of Assam Rifles organized the first ever badminton tournament covering their area of responsibility in Tirap and Longding districts on August 21-22, 2023 at Khonsa.

A total of 45 children participated in the tournament from all across the district. The tournament had four events, Under-14 Girls, Under-14 Boys, Under-16 Girls and the Under-16 Boys.

The tournament was conducted under the stewardship of qualified sports instructors who ensured seamless conduct of the tournament. Nyaigang Gangsa from Wakka triumphed in the U-16 boys category, while Mewang Kamhwa

from Khonsa secured second and Abhishek Yadav from Khonsa came third.

In U-16 girls category, Ms Nyamcha Sumnyan from Khonsa came first, while Ms Juli Lalnunsangi and Ms Bhumi Kumari from Khonsa secured second and third. In U-14 boys category - Moli Geyi from Khonsa came first, Panchop Gangsa from Wakka got second and Issac Wangsaham from Khonsa came third, while in U-14 girls category - Ms Wishmi Luikham from Khonsa got first, Ms Sandhya Deb Barma and Ms Janvi Bisht both from Khonsa were second and third respectively. The winners will contest for the inter district badminton championship at Changlang later in September.

The zealous participation of children coupled with their dynamic flair made it a spectacle worth witnessing. The tournament provided a stepping stone to them to hone their skills while simultaneously showcasing their immense potential.

The tournament was very well received and conduct of similar tournaments in various disciplines of sports would go a long way in molding the vastly talented youth of the district.

First Seva Apke Dwar 2.0 camp for Tawang held

TAWANG, August 23:

The first Seva Apke Dwar 2.0 camp for Tawang district for the year 2023-24 was held here on August 23 last at Jangda village under Jang sub division.

The camp was inaugurated by i/c Deputy Commissioner, Rinchin Leta in presence of Circle Officer, Lhou Thutan Wangchu, other senior officers from various

departments from Jang sub division, Tawang headquarters and public of Jangda village.

Speaking to the villagers, the i/c Deputy Commissioner asked the villagers to take maximum benefit from the camp at their doorstep. He asked the department concerned looking after schemes under saturation tracker to include any beneficiary left out. Speaking about various welfare schemes he informed the villagers to register their names to avail benefits under schemes like ANBY, ANKY, PMABY, CMAAY etc.

The DC i/c felicitated the school toppers of Government Upper Primary School, Jangda and inspected the stalls and felicitation counter of different departments attending the camp.

More than 20 government departments attended the camp benefitting 170 villagers.

He later visited and met the senior citizen of the village Karma Leta, who has been carrying forward the traditional art of mask making and other wood craft since last many years.

Orientation workshop for Class 10 students conducted

ROING, August 23:

An orientation workshop for Class 10 students of Lower Dibang Valley to improve their performance in Board exams was conducted on Saturday at the VKV Auditorium, Roing.

Altogether 269 students of government schools attended the workshop.

Free study material and list of core concepts were provided to all the students present. Subject teachers for Social Science, Science, Mathematics, Hindi and

English delivered presentations on how best to utilise the distributed study material.

DC Soumya Saurabh advised the students to study and put in an effort, taking advantage of the study materials provided by the District Administration and the Department of Education. She said that she trusted the potential of the students and hoped for top performance in the state and accolades and laurels for the district, in the future.

She also informed about the remedial measures taken to improve the performance of students like providing of free study materials and provision of Mid-Day Meal to students of Classes 9 to 12 in Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools of the district, a step taken to keep the students in school and encourage learning in the classroom.

ADC Srinivas Sadi, DDSE Amih Lego, BEO Obang Langkam and school teachers were also present during the orientation programme.

Governor participates in first day of Post-graduate Class

PASIGHAT, August 23:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participated in the historical first day Class of Postgraduate courses in the Arunachal Pradesh University, Pasighat in East Siang District on August 23, 2023.

The Governor, who is the Chancellor of the University, addressed the members of the University faculty and students.

Addressing the first batch of students of the State University, faculty members and other Guests

on the occasion, the Governor, the first Chancellor of Arunachal Pradesh University, called upon all stakeholders to contributing in establishing a vibrant institute of Excellence with a futuristic vision in promoting the goals of Innovation, Research, Entrepreneurship and Creativity. He expressed his hope that the University will continue to work relentlessly to expand and introduce branches in Medical Sciences, Engineering, Law, and various courses in the future.

The Governor commended the efforts of the State Government in establishing the State University for promotion and creating opportunities to students to pursue higher education in their own state.

During his interactions with students on their dreams and aspirations, he exhorted them to work hard and dream big in contributing towards the development of the State. He also exhorted them to realize their full potentials and aspirations and also give back to society later in their life.

Speaking of the vital role of the faculty members in mentoring, Governor stressed on professionalism, innovative method of teaching and instilling a value system. He also spoke on the role of the University in pursuing Quality Research & Education and encouraged technology driven offices and classrooms for optimum productivity. Smart City Pasighat has now firmly established its reputation as the Educational Hub of Arunachal Pradesh, he added.

The Governor released of Souvenir 'Blossom' to commemorate the occasion. He also distributed copies of Preamble, Fundamental Duties and Fundamental Rights to the students.

Education Minister, Er. Taba Tedir, in his speech said that the State Government is committed

to provide all possible support in terms of manpower, faculty recruitment and infrastructure for the growth of the State University as the University has a vital role to play in providing quality education in various post graduate courses for the students within the state.

Vice-Chancellor, RGU, Prof. Saket Kushwaha also spoke on the occasion.

The Vice Chancellor, Arunachal Pradesh University, Prof. TomoRiba, presented the status report and courses offered with starting of classes for Master in Commerce, Master of Arts in Economics, Tribal Studies, Social Work, and Education.

Earlier, a warm traditional welcome was accorded to the Governor along with Guard of Honour by NCC Cadets.

Local MLAs -Ninong Ering, Kaling Moyong, Secretary (Education) PigeLigu, Deputy Commissioner Tai Taggu and SP Sumit Jha and Chief Councilor, Pasighat Municipal Council Okiam Moyong Borang were present among others.

“Project Pratighaat” launched at Deomali *Empowering women to fight against drug addiction in Tirap*

DEOMALI, August 23:

A big effort to tackle the serious issue of drug addiction has begun with the unique initiative 'Project Pratighaat'- Nari Shakti against Drug Menace in Tirap' launched by district Police. The initiative took its first step by organizing a special event to bring together women-based NGOs and self-help groups. This program was organized on August 23, 2023 at Deomali in Tirap district.

Around 300 people, majority women, students, respected Gaon Buras, and important public figures, joined in. The event, which was presided over by Rahul Gupta, SP Tirap was attended by ADC Deomali, Vishakha Yadav, CO 1st IRBn, ZPMs of Soha and Deomali along with the chairperson of 'Care Me Home' Ms Songtung Bansia leading the program.

Speaking on the occasion, SP Gupta highlighted on launching of "Project Pratighaat" and stated that the unique aspect about this initiative is its Police's partnership with women-based groups. These determined volunteers, along with local police, will take up the important task of counseling and guiding young people addicted to drugs and their families. The SP office will keep a close watch on the counseling efforts. Necessary steps will be taken in cooperation with the district administration depending on each situation, he informed.

ADC Ms Yadav and Smti Bangsia also spoke on the occasion in which both of them appealed all to join hands to fight against drug abuse and eradicate drug and kaani from the region.

The participants in Deomali program came together with great energy and determination to address a common problem - drug addiction. This pioneering program is a cooperative effort that aims to change things by uniting the community to fight the drug problem.

What makes 'Project Pratighaat - Nari Shakti' stand out is its fresh approach. This is the first time such a thorough effort has been made in the district. By getting women's groups, local police, and district authorities involved, the initiative aims to create an environment where drug addiction is not accepted.

As the initiative moves ahead, it becomes a sign of collective action. The creative approach of the program shows how communities can work together to help the youth, families and the larger community overcome the problem of drugs.

Sensitization cum awareness meeting under NTCP held

BOMDILA, August 23:

District Tobacco Control Cell (DTCC), Bomdila conducted a Sensitization cum Awareness Meeting under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) with shopkeepers, hotel and restaurant owners, PRI Members, SHGs, youths, ASHAs, and Anganwadi workers of Nag-Mandir and Kaspi Area under the Singchung Subdivision of West Kameng District on Wednesday at Nag-Mandir Market.

Sang Dorjee Dirkhipa, District Consultant of DTC Cell, Bomdila, sensitized the stakeholders on Tobacco Control Laws (COTPA 2003) and the guidelines for Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions (TOFEI), while raising awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use through a PPT presentation.

Additionally, detailed discussions were held regarding initiatives aimed at reducing the usage of tobacco products. The roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in implementing Tobacco Control Laws and advocating for Tobacco-Free Villages were also addressed, based on the guidelines and directions provided by NTCP.

Wangchering Norbu Mosbu, Bazaar Secretary of Nag-Mandir Market Committee, and Smti Tashi Wangmu, GPC of Kaspi Village, also addressed the meeting.

During the meeting, it was decided that the bazaar committee would ensure the strict implementation and compliance of COTPA 2003 in Nag-Mandir Market. Furthermore, GBs, PRI Members, SHGs, and youths, under the leadership of the GPC of Kaspi Village, would initiate activities and programs for the Tobacco-Free Village Mission.

Beginners Cyber Forensics training programme for Police personnel

ITANAGAR, August 23:

The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), Kolkata in association with National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), Itanagar organized a 3-day beginner level training programme on cyber forensics for police personnel of Arunachal Pradesh here from August 21 to 23, 2023.

The training has been implemented under the project, "Development of cyber forensics training-cum-investigation labs in the North Eastern and cloud-based centralized cyber forensics lab infrastructures," funded by the Electronics & Information Technology ministry.

NIELIT director in-charge Ritu Das spoke on the importance of the project in tackling cases of cybercrime in Arunachal Pradesh and other North Eastern Region. He also emphasized the importance of investigation and analysis of cybercrime cases in North Eastern states, particularly Arunachal Pradesh.

The beginners' level training was attended by 10 police personnel of the rank of inspector and sub-inspector. Training

programme included theory and hands-on practicals in various aspects of cyber forensics, including mobile forensics and social media investigation.

It was conducted by resource person Santanu Pakhira of CDAC, Kolkata, Shammi Sharma of NIELIT Itanagar and other officials of the NIELIT Itanagar.

Under the project, which started in 2020 and will continue for a period of five years, a total of 160 beneficiaries in awareness level training, 160 in beginner level training, 40 in the advance level training and another 40 beneficiaries in judiciary level, will be trained jointly by NIELIT Itanagar and CDAC Kolkata to empower the law enforcement agency and judiciaries of the state to combat cyber-crime.

Over Rs1.45 Cr bank credit loans disbursed to 107 registered SHGs

SEPPA, August 23:

A mega credit camp cum loans disbursement programme for the East Kameng district's registered 107 Self Help Groups was organized here on Wednesday by the District Mission Management Unit, Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ArSRLM), Seppa, East Kameng district.

Total of 107 SHGs facilitated under Block Mission Management Unit Seppa, Block Mission Management Unit Chayangtajo and Block Mission Management Unit Bameng, ArSRLM received bank credit loans of over Rs. 1.45 crore inclusively from APEX Bank and SBI Seppa branch, East Kameng district to enhance various livelihood activities and opportunities.

The disbursed loans amount were handed over to Self Help Group's representatives accompanied by block officials in the form of ceremonial dummy cheques signed by the APEX Bank Manager and SBI Field Officer in presence of various senior officers and PRIs at the spot.

While, addressing on the occasion, Doyak Singhi, ZPM of 7-East Seppa said that the women Self Help Groups have the innate capability of taking care of the household chores as well as participating on various activities, groups weekly meeting and gram Sabha. Sharing his experiences, the ZPM said women SHG and women in general need to have available banking facilities in remote areas in order to enhance their financial activities and self-reliant.

Assuring the SHGs, the ZPM also said that Panchayati-Raj institutions are always there to support and facilitate and taking care of their needs as top priority in the grassroots level. ZPM also said that it is now high time to retrospect PRI leaders and SHG women to further work hand in hand in convergence model and everyone should participate at the Gram Sabha meetings for more inclusive and comprehensive development progress plan at the village level.

Meanwhile, the branch manager of APEX bank Seppa, Pem Chutrup Ngangmu has appreciated the 100% timely repayment rate of the SHG credit linkages and mentioned the industrious efforts of ArSRLM officers/officials in capacity building of self-help groups. Ngangmu assured to lend his continuous support to SHGs that facilitated under ArSRLM in promoting financially independent women.

The field officer from SBI Seppa on the occasion talked on financial literacy amongst SHGs. Uma Sankar, field officer further stressed on timely repayment of credit loans to the bank is equally important, he added.

The programme was attended by various heads of departments from KVK, DVO, DDM NABARD, TDO, BDO, DAO, DHO, HMO, ADO, MGNF and Bank Branch Managers of APEX, SBI, APRB, PNB, CBI and NES-FB. Lastly, the programme was concluded by sharing experiences by SHG mothers from Seppa and Bameng block.

Governor visits Malinithan Temple *"Malinithan Temple is a great tourist attraction for visitors": Governor*

LIKABALI, August 23:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) visited Malinithan Temple at Likabali, Lower Siang District on 23rd August 2023.

He saw the excavated remains of the temple, while being briefed by Buru Taki, Research Technical Assistant, Directorate of Research, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, about the archaeological site and new findings.

According to archaeologists, the granite sculptures are believed to be from around the 14th century. Some of the preserved sculptures are those of Indra on Airavat, Surya on a ratha and magnificent Nandi bull. The temple dedicated to Goddess Durga is architecturally similar to those in eastern India.

The Governor interacted with government officials, temple

priests and Gaon Burahs in the temple complex and offered prayer at the temple. He complimented the society which looks after the monument.

The Governor said that Malinithan Temple is a pious and well preserved monument. He said that it is a great tourist attraction for visitors to Arunachal Pradesh, while suggesting the local MLA Shri Kardo Nyigyor and Deputy Commissioner Lower Siang Shri Marto Riba to further beautify the temple complex and maintain cleanliness to increase the footfall of visitors and devotees to the temple.

To commemorate his maiden visit to the archaeological site, Governor participated in a plantation programme organised by the Likabali Forest Division and planted a sapling of Ficus microcarpa.

Malinithan is a place associated with the legend of Lord Krishna. On the way to Dwarka from Bhismaknagar, Krishna and Rukmini were resting here and they were offered the choicest flowers by Goddess Parvati. Parvati addressed Rukmini as Malini which translates as one associated with garlands. Thus the place is known as Malinithan or place of garlands.

DC flags off 'Mitti Ki Yatra' in observance of Meri Maati Mera Desh Campaign

LONGDING, August 23:

Longding DC Bani Lego officially flagged off the 'Mitti ki Yatra' in Longding Headquarters here on Wednesday. The soil of each village from five blocks of Longding district was brought for 'Mitti Ki Yatra'.

The soil is destined to reach National capital New Delhi via State capital Itanagar. The soil from every village of Longding district will be used for creation of Amrit Vatikas at National capital and State capital as part of nationwide Meri Maati Mera Desh Campaign.

Two girls and three boys were selected to represent each block on the basis of their performance in respective fields. Ms. Achu Ngandam (Football) from Pongchau block, Ms. Nonngam-Wangjen (Academics) from Kanubari block, Khunkam Pansa (NSS) from Wakka block, Kapwang-Arangham (NSS) from Lawnu block and Jewang Wangjen (Karate) from Longding block will represent the youths of Longding in National capital New Delhi.

While Mirpe Tato, ADC Longding and Ahua Wangsu, DSO Longding will remain in constant touch with the youth delegates, Bani Lego DC Longding advised the delegates to remain disciplined and make the district proud. The delegate of five youths from district is scheduled to reach Itanagar tomorrow for their onward journey to National capital New Delhi.

Training cum demonstration on hatchery operation seed production & fish culture held

ROING, August 24:

A training - cum - demonstration programme on hatchery operation, seed production and fish culture by Kolkata Centre of ICAR-CIFE commenced at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Balek today.

A portable fish hatchery FRP made carp eco-hatchery with a holding capacity of 25 kg brood-fish and one million fish seed pro-

duction per cycle was established at Rukmo Village by Kolkata Centre of ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education and KVK Balek with the objective to meet up the local fish seed demand.

A total 20 fish farmers actively participated and received critical inputs for fish farming, such as water testing kit and study materials from the organizers.

Jatan Pulu, a progressive fish farmer and national awardee, shared his experiences on traditional fish farming systems and urged the participants to adopt scientific fish farming practices to enhance productivity and improve their livelihood.

Dr. Gouranga Biswas, Senior Scientist, ICAR-CIFE, Kolkata Centre delivered talks on composite fish culture, breeding and hatchery management of fish. He imparted the fish induced breeding technique practically to the farmers. He also recommended use of quality, uniform and bigger size fish seeds in multiple stocking and multiple harvesting farming system to increase the fish productivity.

Dr. Dilip Kumar Singh, Scientist, ICAR-CIFE, Kolkata Centre covered the design and construction of fish hatchery, nursery management, brood-stock and larval nutrition, importance of farm made aquafeed utilizing locally available cheap feed ingredients to reduce the feed cost. He also practically demonstrated preparation of fish feed and analysis of water quality parameters, and recommended application of agricultural lime to reclaim the acidic soil and water of Lower Dibang Valley.

Dr. Deepanjali Deori, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Balek expressed that the establishment of hatchery would immensely benefit fish farmers who

lack knowledge on scientific fish farming and meet up the fish seed demand to improve their livelihood by adopting modern methods of aquaculture.

Neriyang Jamoh, Fishery Officer, briefed about various developmental schemes of the government. She appreciated the step of establishment of fish hatchery by ICAR-CIFE which will help in enhancement of fish production and urged the participants to make use of beneficial schemes for utilization of water resources and enhancement of fish production.

Jimmy Maze, Subject Matter Specialist (Fishery Science) briefed about various activities and services of KVK for the benefit of farmers.

MLA graces final of Volley Ball Tourney

NEW KOTHIN, August 24:

The Humroy colony of New Kothin village organized a Volleyball Tournament in aid of church construction at Homroy. The Volleyball tournament was kick started on August 24 last in which 10 volleyball teams from both Tirap and Longding districts participated.

The inaugural programme was graced by Dadam ZPM Jamwang Lowang as chief guest and the President of Elite Society of Dadam Area (ESDA), Tirang Sumnyan as guest of honor.

The participating teams displayed a magnificent game but as per the set rules of the game only two teams namely - Tissa Volleyball Club and Longphong Volleyball Club entered the final in which Tissa Volleyball Club emerged as winner and Longphong Volleyball Club was adjusted as runners up.

The final match of the tournament was graced by MLA Smti

Chakat Aboh as chief guest and Dadam GPC Honcha Nokbi as the guest of honor.

Addressing the gathering of players, PRIs, public and public leaders, Aboh congratulated the finalists' teams. On the occasion, she vehemently appealed the youths of Kothin in particular and people of Tirap as a whole to join hands to fight against drug abuse and extend full cooperation with the Police department and District Administration to apprehend all the drug peddlers from the district. She also appreciated the organizing committee of Humroy colony of New Kothin village for conducting volleyball tourney for the twin districts of Tirap & Longding. She concluded her speech with a slogans "Drugs ko Chodo - Khel ko Apnao" and "No to Drugs - Yes to Life"

Cash prizes with Trophy to the Winner and Runner up were awarded by the MLA on the occasion.

DC & SP flags off Amrit Kalash Yatra under MMMD

PASIGHAT, August 24:

DC East Siang Tayi Taggu and SP Sumit Kumar Jha flagged off the Amrit Kalash Yatra from East Siang here on August 24 last.

Five youth icons (NYK volunteers) representing four CD blocks and Pasighat Municipality (PMC) embarked for State Capital with the soil collected for the Amrit Kalash Yatra as part of the culmination of Meri Mati Mera Desh Campaign.

DC Tayi Taggu, termed them as the Ambassador of the district at the State and National level as part of the Meri Mati Mera Desh campaign. He hoped they will be

inspired and enriched by the experience of being part of the nationwide campaign promoting the rich heritage and unity in diversity of the Nation.

SP, Sumit Kumar Jha also extending his best wishes for their participation in Itanagar and National capital New Delhi exhorted the young volunteers to avail the opportunity for cultural exchange and interactions with fellow brethren from various parts of the country.

Earlier, PD DRDA, Taging-Padung also highlighted the significance of the celebrations Meri Mati Mera Desh – Mati Ko Naman, Veero Ka Vandan to commemorate the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) adding that since from 9th August various activities to pay tribute to the freedom fighters, tree plantation and various activities have been carried out in the district.

Member Secretary PMC Tani Taloh, BDOs, Nehru Yuva Kendra Representatives were among other who attended in the simple and befitting flag off ceremony.

Ziro flags off Amrit Kalash Yatra under MMMD

ZIRO, August 24:

Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime and SP Keni Bagra flagged off the Amrit Kalash Yatra at the Civil Secretariat here on August 24 last.

As part of culmination of Meri Mati Mera Desh campaign, mitti kalash containing soils from Ziro and Yachuli blocks were flagged off to Itanagar which further would be carried to Delhi for making of Amrit Vatika near the National War Memorial.

The DC highlighted the celebrations of Meri Mati Mera Desh-Mati Ko Naman, Veero Ka Vandan to commemorate the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) which had started from 9th August involving various activities including paying tribute to freedom fighters and tree plantations at Siikhe and Seeh Sarovars

The flagging off ceremony was also attended by ZPM's HoD's and officials of the District Secretariat.

16 towns get on boarded on e-billing & payment

ITANAGAR, August 24:

Sixteen more towns (Urban) of Arunachal Pradesh got on boarded on e-billing and payment platform of the state department of power with Chief Minister Pema Khandu along with Deputy Chief Minister and minister in-charge Power Chowna Mein launching it in a simple ceremony here on August 24, 2023.

With this, consumers of 25 urban towns of the state today have the facility to pay their electricity bills online through any digital payment system.

"This is a huge step towards digitally equipping the people and I compliment the department of power for it," Khandu said after the launch.

He expressed confidence that the facility will not only unburden consumers of physically going to power department offices to pay their bills but also instill transparency and accountability in the department.

"Digital payment system is the best option to prevent any revenue leak, thus boosting our revenue generation. As power department will be the highest revenue gen-

erating department in near future – once all proposed hydropower projects are completed – use of information technology in collection of revenue is a must,” Khandu observed.

To the request of the department for establishment of an independent division or cell for its IT-based consumer services, Khandu informed that the proposal is with him and that he will be approving it at the earliest.

Mein, while speaking on overall power scenario of the state, said that the state has surplus power but is unable to reap its benefits due to lack of proper transmission lines.

“Laying of transmission lines is moving in a very slow pace as about 80% of the state’s area come under reserve forests. We have taken up the issue with the union ministry of power and working a way out. Once transmission lines are in place there won’t be any power shortage,” he informed.

Departmental officials informed that with the onboarding of 16 towns on online payment platform, the state has covered 25 of its 49 notified urban towns with total 117579 consumers.

The 16 towns connected today are Tawang, Bomdila, Dirang, Basar, Koloriang, Boleng, Yingkiong, Sagalee, Changlang, Longding, Miao, Jairampur, Deomali, Khonsa, Anini and Hawaii. Nine towns viz, Itanagar, Naharlagun, Daporijo, Ziro, Aalo, Pasighat, Roing, Tezu and Namsai were onboarded in the first phase.

To mark the launch, one consumer each from the 16 towns paid their electricity bills online, who attended the ceremony virtually from their respective places.

The department has also operationalized a Customer Care Centre since June 2020 that can be

reached by dialing ‘1912’, which is available as of now from 9.30 am to 4 pm on all working days.

Consumers can also reach out for services through the department’s social media handles on facebook, instagram and tweeter (now ‘X’).

To make its app customer friendly, the department is in process of developing a new app for bill payment, which would be ready by September next. Likewise, the department is also revamping its web portal to dynamic mode. The aim is to make 100% digital billing and payment of all categories of consumers by March 2025.

While cabinet minister Wangki Lowang and legislators Balo Raja, Lokam Tassar and Dasanglu Pul were present physically during the ceremony, several legislators, district officials and consumers joined it online.

Coordination meeting for educational progress

DEOMALI, August 24:

ADC Deomali, Ms Vishakha Yadav, who is also the Chairperson SMC convened a coordination meeting with parents, teachers and public leaders of Deomali Sub-Division in presence of ZPM Wangphoon Lowang at Govt. Higher Secondary School to discuss educational improvement in the new session here on August 24 last.

Both the ADC and ZPM interacted with the teachers and students of Govt Higher Secondary School. It is worth mentioning that the coordination meeting was one of the first such students’ parents meet wherein a host of issues related to the school’s educational status was discussed at length. Moreover, Govt. Higher Second-

ary School, Deomali is the only higher secondary school in the Deomali sub-division with more than 1000 enrolments.

Teachers, parents, students, Goan Boras, public representatives actively participated in the interaction to improve the quality of education of students and prepare an action plan for improving the pass percentage especially in the ensuing CBSE Board exams.

Principal GHSS, Deomali stressed upon the need to eradicate the evils of tobacco, drugs and alcohol menace amongst the students and the parents at home, while ZPM Lowang pushed the parents to actively take part in their children’s education at home which is the foundation of their future.

The ADC, while taking note of the issues faced by the school administration, ensured expedited grievance redressal. She chalked out the action plan to provide Career Counselling Sessions and coaching opportunities by partnering with other educational institutions to improve the career development of children. She further appealed to the parents, public leaders and teachers to avail the newly formed educational platforms like Digi-kaksha, Gyan-Shaala to ensure a learning environment for children. Students were taught not to use mobile phones in classes and attend the schools regularly for which strict monitoring will be ensured.

The program concluded with vote of thanks from Principal, GHSS, Deomali.

Furthermore, strict actions will be taken against teachers and students indulging in drug abuse. Parents turned up in large numbers and shared their concerns and suggestions in front of everyone.

CM Dashboard portal and e-pragati workshop held at Ziro

ZIRO, August 24:

A two-day workshop-cum-training on Chief Minister's Dashboard Portal and newly developed e-Pragati including CSS Tracker portal for the Districts of Lower Subansiri, Kamle, Kra Dadi, Kurung Kumey and Upper Subansiri was inaugurated at Golden Jubilee Conference Hall of District Secretariat here on August 24 last.

Inaugurating the workshop, Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime said the web-based dashboard tools would augment and expedite prompt and quick decision makings in Govt. policies and programmes while also facilitating speedy delivery of services and bringing transparency in implementation of the schemes.

Earlier, Joint Director Monitoring, Planning and Investment Ponung Boring highlighted the aims and objectives of the workshop-cum-training and said the training would enlighten and help the participants in filling up the data in the portal easier.

District Planning Officer Joram Tatum welcomed the participants and moderated the programme attended by HoD's and officials from the five districts.

DC flags off Maati Yatra for New Delhi

AALO, August 24:

West Siang Deputy Commissioner Penga Tato flag off the Maati (soil) Yatra under Meri Maati Mera Desh, which was collected from various blocks of West Siang District was carrying to New Delhi on August 24 last.

Five youths were selected from West Siang District from various fields.

The District administration sends off the Maati at DC Office complex.

During the flag off ceremony West Siang ZPC Tumpe Ete and the entire HoDs were present.

DC & ZPC inaugurate State level Agri-Expo cum Kisan Mela

PASIGHAT, August 24:

A one-day State level Agri Expo cum Kisan Mela was organized successfully by the department of Agriculture, GoAP under RKVY RAAFTAR 2022-23 with the participation of large number of farmers, Budding agripreneurs and other stakeholders here on August 24 last at Giidi Notko.

The event also marked the launch of Start-up products by SHGs (Arslm) and promising young agripreneurs of the district and state under the RKVY –RAFTAAR Agri Business Incubation project true to the spirit of skilling and empowering rural Arunachal.

A Mega distribution of farm machineries under Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana (ANKY) 2022-23 was organized wherein DC Tayi Taggu and ZPC Olen Rome distributed farm machineries to beneficiary farmers of the scheme.

East Siang DC Tayi Taggu & ZPC Olen Rome jointly inaugurated the State level Agri Expo cum Kisan Mela in the presence of local MLA Kaling Moyong, State President Bharatiya Kisan Morcha, Gumsen Lollen, Outgoing President, Bharatiya Kisan Morcha Dunngoli Libang, Dean College of Agriculture, (CoA), Pasighat, Dr. A.K. Tripathi, Dean CHF Dr. B.N

.Hazarika District Agriculture Officer, Opang Moyong among others.

On the occasion, DC Taggu urged the farmers to avail the expertise on farming known-how and get comprehensive awareness on all state and central schemes in the agri and allied sectors to take up farming as a profitable economic activity. The DC also stressed on farm mechanization in boosting agricultural productivity.

ZPC Rome, also urged the farmers to adopt scientific and commercial farming adding marketing of agricultural produces and products is also not hurdle nowadays with Govt. assistance and e-marketing avenues. In this age of e-marketing, our products & produces from rural areas can reach all parts of the world while stressing on adding value to their products and thus boosting our rural economy, he added.

Dean CoA and CHF also spoke on the role of their Institutions in supporting and skilling young startups under RKVY-RAAFTAR.

Local MLA Kaling Moyong, President BKM, outgoing President BKM, Dunngoli Libang, also spoke and urged the farmers and development agencies and Institutions to work together and coordinate for overall development of farming community.

DAO Opang Moyong on the occasion, highlighted on the objectives of the Mela to connect farmers with Scientists and different departments and stakeholders in the Agri & Allied sector, create awareness among the farmers about the latest technological developments etc and also creating marketing platform, upgrading farming know-how, Exhibition of New Technologies etc.

Later, Farmer-Scientist interaction was conducted, where subject matter experts from College of Agriculture and HoDs of Agri & Allied departments interacted with the farmers regarding their problems in cultivation of crops, animal rearing, beekeeping and sericulture etc.

1576 beneficiaries benefited at SAD at Chasa village

KHONSA, August 24:

The Tirap District Administration had conducted the 4th Sewa Aapke Dwar camp for the season 2023 here at Chasa village on August 18 last, wherein 1576 beneficiaries of Chasa, Longo, Hoalam, Khowathong and New Paniduria benefited from various government schemes.

The programme was graced by DC Hento Karga, Nodal Officer (SAD) Pik Tayom, HoDs, officials from various departments, PRIs and local populace.

While gracing the event, the DC urged all the beneficiaries to avail schemes under various schemes including PMJAY / CMAAY/ ANKY/ANBY. He appreciated the central and state government under the leaderships of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Pema Khandu for sponsoring various major schemes under flagship programs. He also lauded the District Administration and other government departments for conducting Sewa Aapke Dwar at Bera.

On the occasion, the DC distributed 500 Booklets on government major schemes as a part of Arunachal Rising Campaign, 2023 compiled by IPR department in collaboration with District Administration. He also issued 61 ST certificates, 8 Job Cards, 08 Nos

of Dulari Kanya Certificates, 32 Updated Aadhar card, Agriculture and Horticulture equipment/materials distributed to 37 progressive farmers on spot, 49 Nos. PMJAY beneficiaries, 24 Nos of CMAAY form filled.

Awareness on SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) activities was carried out by IPR department in local dialect for greater participation in the election for a strong democracy'.

Chief of Chasa village, Wangheh Rajkumaar appreciated the District Administration and other government departments for conducting the Sewa Aapke Dwar in their village, besides providing various schemes at the doorsteps of the people.

Interactive session on 'Understanding socio-cultural issues of Bodos in Arunachal' held

ITANAGAR, August 24:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu asserted that only because of the NDA government at the centre and the BJP governments in the two neighbouring states and with concerted efforts of all stakeholders, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh have come a long way in fostering harmony and peaceful coexistence among the people living on the inter-state boundary.

Attending the first ever interactive session on 'Understanding socio-cultural issues of Bodos in Arunachal' here at the DK Convention Centre on Sunday, Khandu said that both the states are moving forward with conviction, openness and compassion for greater cultural cooperation between people of the two states.

He said that the disputes along the Assam-Arunachal inter-state boundary of which most is with areas inhabited by the Bodos are almost resolved barring a few pockets.

He, however, remarked that drawing a boundary line is not the end of the job. For peace and progress to go along together, he said, people living on either side of the boundary have to work together with bonhomie and brotherhood.

"This wasn't possible earlier because of the lack of sincerity of the Congress government and the convoluted approach with which they used to work. They had neither clarity of thoughts nor any concrete action plan. But the BJP government was determined to make the headway with the resolve of 'Abhi Nahi Toh Kabhi Nahi'," he said.

Claiming step motherly and irresponsible attitude of the Congress towards the North East, Khandu said that this 'attitude' caused damage to the North East, particularly Assam, which had to go through a tumultuous phase of violence, gun culture and insurgency.

"Things have changed drastically since 2014. Peace has come back and development is taking place rapidly," he pointed.

Terming corruption as one of the biggest hurdles to development and peace in the region, Khandu blamed it too on the Congress regime. He said that 'corruption' was a 'gift' from the then central government.

"Today our government backed by our political will, we are rooting out corruption from every sphere of governance," he said.

Paying rich tributes to Bodofa Upendranath Brahma – the father of the Bodos – whose pioneering non-violent struggle paved

the way for self-determination and autonomy leading to the creation of Bodoland, Khandu said the Bodos and Arunachalees share a special rapport based on faith and respect since time immemorial.

He said the age-old relationship shared by Arunachalees and Bodos has made today's event possible and hailed Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) Chief Executive Member Pramod Boro for his presence along with few of his executive members.

"After the NDA Government assumed charge in Bodoland in December 2020 under the leadership of Pramod Boro, a new era of peace and development has started in the region. I am also very happy to note that the BTR Peace Accord 2020, which was signed in presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, has paved the way for permanent peace in Bodoland," he said.

This, Khandu observed, is a very positive development not only for Bodoland but also for the entire North-Eastern region.

"Being the gateway to the Northeast, I believe in the days ahead Bodoland will emerge as the most peaceful and progressive frontier of the Region," he added.

On a proposal from the BTR Chief, Khandu assured to establish a cultural stall showcasing Arunachal's tourism potential in the proposed complex to be constructed by BTR government at Srirampur, the entry point into Assam from West Bengal.

He also assured to construct a cultural centre for the Bodo community at Itanagar.

"For the Bodo brothers and sisters staying in Arunachal Pradesh, I pledge my full cooperation and support to them in the future," Khandu added.

Being a significant moment in the chapter of Assam-Arunachal relation, the event was graced by top leaders of BTR headed by CEM Pramod Boro, Itanagar legislator Techhi Kaso, members of Bodo Sahitya Sabha, Nyishi Elite Society, All Bodo Students' Union and Arunachal Pradesh Bodo Welfare Society.

One-Man Inquiry Commission constituted for inquiring into paper leakages of APPSC

ITANAGAR, August 24:

A One-Man Inquiry Commission headed by Mr. Justice P.K. Deka (Retd) has been constituted recently by the State Government for inquiring into the allegations of leakages of question papers of recruitment examinations conducted by Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) from 1.4.2014 to 31.08.2022.

It may be recalled that earlier a letter was written to the Department of Justice, Government of India in this regard. The Department of Justice, GoI forwarded a list of names of retired Judges from North East. After following an elaborate due process, the order was issued.

The Terms of Reference of the Commission are as under -to inquire into the facts and circumstances of the incidents of leakage of question papers in the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission examinations held from 01.04.2014 to 31.08.2022; to inquire into the lapses on the part of officers / officials and other stakeholders involved directly / indirectly in the recruitment process; to suggest remedial measures for free and fair recruitment; and to make recommendations on any other related issues.

The Commission, in relation to leakage of question papers of recruitment examinations conducted by Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission from 1.4.2014 to 31.08.2022, may -summon any person and examine him on oath; require the discovery and production of any document; receive evidence on affidavit; requisition any public record or copy thereof from any office; examine witnesses or documents.

The Commission will submit its report within a period of three months.

State cabinet approves creation of 1632 posts under various departments;

ITANAGAR, August 25:

The State Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu in its sitting here on August 25 last had approved creation of 1632 posts under various departments to enhance productivity and service delivery.

The Department of Health and Family Welfare and Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS) medical college alone got 1588 posts created.

Under the department of Law, Legislative and Justice, approval has been accorded for creation of technical posts for the Gauhati High Court Itanagar Permanent bench under the E-Court Project. Besides, creation of a post of record keeper and a post of LDC skilled (contingency) for Papumpare District Judiciary, two more contractual posts of law clerk for Gauhati High Court Itanagar Permanent Bench were approved.

In a landmark decision, the Cabinet gave its nod for establishment of a District and Sessions Court at Seppa for providing timely judicial services to the people of East Kameng district. Prior to this decision, all the triable cases of East Kameng district were adjudicated by the District and Session Court, Bomdila which is 150 KMs away from Seppa. This resulted in delay in trial of cases and hardships and inconvenience to the litigants also taking huge toll of their finances. Besides, security risks in transporting under trial prisoners had been a matter of concern for very long. The decision of Cabinet will bring succor to the people of the district.

Posts needed for smooth functioning of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) has also been approved.

In another decision, the Cabinet has approved creation of a Circle Headquarter at Changku bifurcating Pipu Circle in Chayangtajo Administrative Centre and a new Circle Headquarter at Sapapu in East Kameng district. Creation of a Circle Headquarter at Khazalang under West Kameng district has also been approved.

The Cabinet further approved the proposal for enactment of the Arunachal Pradesh Court Fees Bill and Arunachal Pradesh Goods and Service Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023 which shall be tabled in the ensuing State Assembly session.

It is worth mentioning here that, under health sector, the state government is in mission mode to improve and strengthen healthcare in the state. In the past 7 years massive health infrastructure upgradation drive has been taken up in the State.

The District Hospitals across the state are being upgraded. Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres, Sub Centres and Health and Wellness Centres are being strengthened. Maternal and Child Care, institutional delivery points, Critical and Emergency Care, Cancer Care, Renal Care etc. are being improved. While infrastructure is one arm of healthcare development, the State Govt. is also cognizant of the need for Human Resources augmentation.

Human resources requirements are often computed based on population. However, Arunachal Pradesh has unique challenges of difficult terrain, vast geographical spread and low population density. As a result of which, absolute numbers and ratio of Human Resources derived on population basis often becomes insufficient to meet the needs of optimal health service delivery.

In the last two and half years, the human resources gap has been substantially bridged bringing it down from the erstwhile 33% to about 6% now. In fact, the State Government has already met the IPHS requirements of General Duty Medical Officers, facing a shortage only in terms of Specialists.

At the Cabinet meeting, the Council of Ministers considered the various proposals submitted by the Department of Health & Family Welfare to further strengthen health care services in the State through the three main components – prevention, curative and rehabilitation care services.

Appreciating the need for meeting the present and emerging public health needs, the State Cabinet considered and approved the proposal of the Department of Health & Family Welfare to create a Public Health Nursing Cadre for

further strengthening the nursing services across the State through creation of 450 posts of Public Health Nursing Cadre in Groups C, B & A.

Public Health Nursing plays an important part in prevention of diseases. It covers wide ranges of services at CHC, PHC and Sub-centre level and has a role in reducing disease outbreaks and promoting a healthier lifestyle through outreach programs and patient guidance, as well as attaining targeted primary health care coverage till the last mile.

Additionally, to meet the pressing secondary healthcare needs due to increasing footfall in the public health facilities, the Council of Ministers considered and approved the proposal of the Department of Health & Family Welfare for the creation of 623 posts of Hospital Nursing Cadre, comprising of Group B non-gazetted, Group B gazetted, & Group A posts. This step is a timely and historic measure to strengthen the Hospital Nursing services across the State. Hospital nurses play an important role in curative care, both definitive and emergency. In step with the hospital infrastructure strengthening and other health sector reforms contemplated by the State Government, the decision will strengthen hospital nursing through provision of adequate skilled human resource.

Further, to attain *aatma nirbharta* in creating nursing human resources, nursing schools and colleges have been established across the State for which there is additional felt need for nursing faculty posts. Recognizing the need to strengthen professional teaching of nursing curriculum and to meet the Indian Nursing Council Norms, the Council of Ministers was pleased to approved the creation of 5 posts

of Associate Professors (Nursing) and 18 posts of Assistant Professors (Nursing).

Laboratory services are very important for providing and maintaining diagnostic services, which are being provided free of cost across the State. The State Govt. has established and installed various modern Labs, diagnostic and medical equipment like MRI, CT scan, Ultrasound machines, Digital X-rays and Blood Banks, etc. in the State. The Free Diagnostic Initiative has benefitted the residents of the State immensely and it is being expanded to the grass-roots level, covering the PHCs and Sub-Centers. For proper upkeep and functional operations of the Laboratories, the State Cabinet approved the proposal of the Health Department to create additional 192 posts of Laboratory Technicians.

TRIHMS the lone medical college has successfully produced first batch of final MBBS passed students who are now enrolled in the compulsory one-year internship program. The Government is keen to increase the intake capacity of 50 MBBS students to 110. Besides this, TRIHMS has started services like Cardiac Cath Lab in addition to existing critical care services like ICUs, renal care, cancer care etc. To augment the health human resource of the lone Medical College in the State, the State Cabinet approved the creation of 272 ancillary posts including nursing officers for TRIHMS.

Posts like Lady Health Visitors and Health Assistants which are integral part of health service delivery are presently having multiple modes of entry and service conditions. Existing guidelines (like pay, age, educational qualification etc.) related to their service condition have become archaic. To

improve convergence and streamlining of their recruitment rules and provide for career progression the State Cabinet approved the proposed new Recruitment Rules of Lady Health Visitors and Health Assistants.

In the series of decisions taken to augment health human resources and also improve teaching and capacity building, the Council of Ministers approved the creation of 28 Nursing Tutor posts as entry grade posts for ANM Schools abolishing the erstwhile and redundant Clinical Instructor posts.

The Council of Ministers considered and approved various proposals in the cabinet meeting held on August 25, 2023 to attain the objective of "Health for All at All Ages".

The proposals included - creation of 623 posts of Hospital Nursing Cadre, creation of 450 posts of Public Health Nursing Cadre, creation of 5 posts of Associate Professors (Nursing) and 18 posts of Assistant Professors (Nursing), creation of 272 ancillary posts including nursing officers, technical assistant etc. in TRIHMS Medical College, 192 posts of Laboratory Technician, creation of 28 Tutor (Nursing) Posts in lieu of 28 Clinical Instructor (Nursing), New Recruitment Rules for the post of Health Assistants and New Recruitment Rules for the post of Lady Health Visitor.

Papum Pare DLIMC ANBY 2023-24 approves 221 beneficiaries

YUPIA, August 25:

The District level Implementation cum monitoring committee (DLIMC) for Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojana (ANBY) under

the Horticulture department has approved 221 numbers of beneficiaries for ANBY 2023-24 during its board meeting held in the DC Conference Hall, Yupia on August 25 last.

Chairing the meeting DC- cum -Chairman DLIMC Cheechung Chukhu advised the committee members to guide and assist the farmers during the entire process of filing applications and communication with the banks.

He suggested for proper scrutiny of all the documents of the farmers at the departmental level, before endorsing the applications to the banks and to avoid rejections.

"Selecting genuine candidates is a pre-requisite for the success of the scheme. The motto of the scheme to elevate the economic conditions of the poor and marginal farmers will be defeated if the officers succumb to political and clan-based pressures", he added, while urging all the officers to select genuine beneficiaries.

The DC also urged the Branch managers of various private sectors banks attending the meeting to expedite sanctioning the loan to the farmers under ANBY.

Ranjit Singh, Chief Manager, Co-ordinator SLBC Arunachal Pradesh, while answering to queries regarding the delay in sanctioning loans under ANBY informed that "New banks on boarded recently for the implementation of this scheme are processing the applications and the loan subsidy amount shall be released soon."

This year under ANBY (2023-24) a sum of Rs 450 lakh has been earmarked for Papum Pare District.

Addl DG NCC, NER calls on Governor

Governor emphasizes on promotion of NCC in every educational institute of the State.

ITANAGAR, August 25:

Major General Gagan Deep, Additional Director General, National Cadet Corps, North East Region called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on August 25, 2023.

They discussed augmentation of NCC activities in the State.

The Additional Director General NCC apprised the Governor about the activities of NCC in the State and highlighted the challenges being faced by the NCC Directorate.

The Governor emphasized on promotion of NCC in every educational institute of the State. He said that every student in the School, College and University must have the opportunity to join this premier youth development organization.

The Governor also suggested the NCC Additional Director General to advise his officers in the State to put in concerted effort to train the cadets from Arunachal Pradesh so that they become competent and qualify for the Republic Day parade and eventually be motivated to join the Indian Armed Forces.

The Governor assured the Additional DG that the State would provide supporting staff, training facilities and offices for conducting more programmes in different parts of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Additional Director General, NCC, NER was accompanied by Brig SS Gill, Group Commander, NCC, Tezpur.

RGU signs MOU with Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari for Japanese language studies

RONO HILLS, August 26:

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), Rono Hills, Doimukhand Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari recently to formalize the promotion of learning and teaching Japanese language for teaching, research, faculty & student's personality development and cultural exchange for the furtherance of students and faculties in an academically mutually benefitting way.

The MOU was signed by the RGU's Director of Institute of Distance Education Prof. Ashan Riddi and the General Secretary of the Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari Bhanudas Dhakras, with the Finance Officer cum Registrar in-charge of Rajiv Gandhi University Otem Padung and the Pranth Sangathak of Vivekananda Kendra (Arunachal unit) Rupesh Mathur as the signatories as witnesses from the two parties in the presence of other dignitaries in physical mode.

RGU Vice Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha termed it a welcome step and expressed his optimism that the MOU will be action oriented and result yielding as the Kanyakumari based Vivekananda Kendra has great potentiality in the field of education, rural development, women and youth empowerment activities. The MOU aims at providing avenues for promotion of inter-institutional teaching and research between the two organizations with teaching and learning of Japanese language.

The Finance Officer and Registrar in-charge of RGU Prof.

Otem Padung said that the objectives based on the MOU will yield its desired results and will be mutually beneficial for both the organizations and termed it as a remarkable move.

Pranth Sangathak of Vivekananda Kendra (Arunachal unit) Rupesh Mathur and the Sah Pranth Sangathak of Vivekananda Kendra (Arunachal unit) Priyanka Gupta while expressing their happiness reiterated that the works will be carried out within the framework of role and responsibilities on benefit sharing basis under the provisions as agreed upon in the MoU and the Vivekananda Kendra will provide syllabus, conduct the course and provide teachers for the Japanese Language project.

Director of IDE, RGU Prof. Ashan Riddi in his deliberations emphasized on the importance of Japanese language in the present world's job market and its high demand.

Joint Registrar of RGU Dr. David Pertin, while presenting the gist of the MOU spoke on the importance of the joint venture in the present context and termed it as a very promising one stretching the academic wings of both the organizations which will pave way for running of a 6 month long certificate course programme in Basic Japanese Language where the learners will learn Japanese grammar and scripts such as Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji and could be fluent in speaking as well as will develop accurate writing. He further said that a time framed and evaluation based joint performance execution with a planned implementation will add momentum to the impact of MOU.

Among others, RGU's Dean, faculty of Basic Sciences Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, Dean, faculty of Life Sciences and Agricultur-

al Sciences, Dean, faculty of Engineering and Technology and others were present on the occasion.

East Siang Police & DA mourn demise of IGP Mari Riba

PASIGHAT, August 27:

The untimely demise of IGP (Central Range) Mari Ribawas deeply mourned in East Siang.

IGP Mari Riba suffered a massive stroke while he was proceeding towards Mohanbari Airport from Pasighat on Sunday morning, August 27, 2023 for onward journey to New Delhi on Medical ground.

East Siang Deputy Commissioner, Tayi Taggu in his condolence message on behalf of the people of East Siang, conveyed his deepest condolences to the bereaved family members. "We have lost a sincere, empathetic senior Police officer who worked tirelessly and made a positive impact in the society", stated the DC in his Condolence message. We feel deeply indebted for his contribution to the people of East Siang and join the people of the State and Nation in offering our deepest condolences.

The Rank and file of East Siang Police led by SP Sumit Kumar Jha has deeply mourned the demise of their senior officer, IGP Central Range, Mari Riba, IPS. The East Siang Police has been guided by his leadership and motivation to perform our best towards the service of the people. He was a courageous Police officer who worked tirelessly for the people of Arunachal Pradesh. His courage and bravery will always continue to inspire us and he shall always be remembered for his welfare measures for the Police personnel.

MLAs Lombo Tayeng, Nionong Ering and Kaling Moyong also expressed their heartfelt condolences at the sudden demise of IGP Mari Riba terming it as a great loss for the state.

100 ft high mast national flag unveiled at Dipa village

LIKABALI, August 27:

Union Minister for Earth & Science Kiren Rijiju unveiled a 100 feet high mast national flag at Dipa village to commensurate 75th Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and culminate the Meri Matti Mera Desh Programme on Sunday, August 27 last.

On the occasion, the union minister also paid tribute to Freedom Fighters or unsung Heroes of Dipa village.

Beside others, the programme are graced by Likabali MLA Kardo Nyigyor, MLA Kento Rina, ZPC Lepa Rada SmtiNyabi Jini Dirchi, SmtiMarpeNguba, ZPC, Dapu Doke, ZPM Gensi, Senbom Taipodia, ZPM Likabali including all ZPMs of Lower Siang district.

The HoDs team led by Marto Riba, Deputy Commissioner, Likabali, G.Dangjangu, SP, Kenbom Nyodu, ADC, Toni Mitkong, Protocol officer, Kalen Saroh, Magistrate, HGBs/GBs / Panchayat leaders, SHGs, besides District BJP Unit team.

In his address, the Minister expressed his satisfaction on various centrally sponsored schemes which are ongoing and completed within the districts and further urged upon the District Administration to ensure effective implementation of all the centrally sponsored schemes and programmes. While highlighting various proj-

ects which are in pipeline, Rijiju directed the HoDs to ensure work quality while executing the projects.

Aboh inaugurates Paa-Morung at Muktowa Village

MOKTOWA, August 28:

A male dormitory, locally known as paa, of the Nocte community was inaugurated by Khonsa West MLA Chakat Aboh in Muktowa village in Tirap district on Monday, August 28 last.

Speaking after the inauguration, Aboh congratulated the residents of Muktowa on having a new paa, adding that it would "immensely help the younger generation to learn folksongs, folklores and folk crafts in the days to come."

She said that "a paa is an identity for the Nocte community under the chieftains (ngoa wang), which needs to be preserved, protected and promoted for posterity."

Responding to a public memorandum, the MLA assured to have a toilet and a washroom constructed for the paa, besides CC steps and an approach road to the paa.

Tirap SP Rahul Gupta lauded the people of Muktowa, headed by their chief Tewang Lowang and his son, ZPM Jamwang Lowang, for following the footprints of their ancestors' culture in preserving the paa system under the chieftain's village council.

The SP also sought cooperation from all the stakeholders to fight against drug abuse to make Tirap a drug-free district.

Earlier, Dadam ZPM Jamwang Lowang said that "paa or pang is a social institution or male

dormitory of the Nocte tribe. This social institution played a vital role in the social life of the Nocte tribe since time immemorial.”

Among the Noctes, paa or paang is the centre of the village authority in which matters relating to issues like divorce, accidental murder cases and land disputes within the village are resolved, he said.

“It also acts as a centre of learning of the folk culture of the tribe,” the ZPM said.

The programme was attended also by DMO Dr N Lowang, HoDs, chiefs, GBs and panchayat and public leaders.

Governor visit Vibrant Village Chayang Tajo

CHAYANG TAJO, August 28:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) visited Chayang Tajo, one of the remote villages of the State, selected under Vibrant Village Pilot Programme on Monday, August 28, 2023. In the historical maiden visit by road by a Governor of the State to Chayang Tajo in East Kameng District, the Governor was accorded a traditional welcome amidst ‘Bharat Mata Ki Jai’ slogan by denizens of the remote village.

Addressing a public meeting, attended by local MLA Haying Mangfi, Gaon Burahs, Panchayat members, Government officials and public, the Governor called upon the people to inculcate the Nation First spirit. He said that security of the border areas is not the responsibility of security forces only but of every citizen, while advising them to be vigilant and make their presence in the border areas.

The Governor said that people in the border areas must not feel neglected as in the spirit of ‘Sabka Saat, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Viswas aur Sabka Prayas’, under the leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and State Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, many welfare schemes and programmes are in the pipeline for developing the border villages. He asked the people, especially the youth to avail the benefits from the programmes and become ‘Atma Nirbhar’ instead of migrating towards urban areas.

The Governor exhorted the youth to imbibe knowledge, inculcate discipline and be resilient. He asked them to prepare themselves for the future challenges and contribute in the Amrit Kaal to take the State and nation towards prosperity.

The Governor said that the State Government and Raj Bhavan is committed to eradicate tuberculosis, cancer and drug menace in the State. He urged the people to join hands in the mission.

Expressing his concern about dropout rate in education, the Governor called upon the parents and guardians to provide adequate opportunities to their children and wards to excel in educational pursuit. He also asked them to encourage games and sports activities and Yoga amongst the young boys and girls to make the future leaders and professionals, physically fit, mentally alert and morally upright.

Earlier, the East Kameng Deputy Commissioner Shri Sachin Rana informed that 40 villages of East Kameng District have been selected for the Vibrant Village Programme, of which 18 villages from Bameng Circle, 14 villages from Chayang Tajo and 8 villages from Khenewa circle.

RGU celebrates National Sports Day, pays tribute to Dhyan Chand

RONO HILLS, August 29:

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here is celebrating the National Sports Day with a three-day programme in memory of India’s legendary hockey player, Major Dhyan Chand.

The programme started on Tuesday, August 29 with paying of floral tributes to the portrait of Maj Dhyan Chand, in the presence of RGU Vice Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha, Registrar Dr NT Rikam, Physical Education & Sports Sciences HoD Dr Sambhu Prasad, faculty members, PhD scholars, and students.

Prof Kushwaha offered greetings to the students, scholars and sportspersons on the occasion, and motivated the students to “actively participate in sports and other activities that could bring laurels to the nation.”

Dr Rikam expressed pride over the contributions of the nation’s sportspersons, and advised the students to “delve into the biographies of our national heroes.”

Dr Prasad highlighted the theme of this year’s National Sports Day, ‘Sports are an enabler to an inclusive and fit society’, and enumerated the achievement and contribution of Dhyan Chand towards hockey in India.

Tuesday’s events included a tug of war competition and a cross-country race.

In the men’s cross-country event, Shoney Megu clinched the top spot, followed by Raju Bokal and Nagd.

The women’s category saw Joti Mane in the first place, with Ninalu Yun and Memi Mangti coming

in second and third, respectively.

The tug of war witnessed BPED 1st semester boys taking home the gold, while the BPED 3rd semester boys finished as runners-up.

The recreational games saw BPED 1st semester girls emerge champions, and BPED 3rd semester girls as the runners-up.

Prof Kushwaha and Dr Rikam presented the awards to the winners.

Workshop on beads jewellery organised

KHONSA, August 29:

A total of 26 dropouts unemployed female from Tirap&Longding district actively participated during the two day workshop on Jewellery beads, accessories workshop entrepreneurship organised under the aegis of Social Art Reformation Cultural Organization (SARCO) in collaboration with Khangam's Jewellery from August 28th to 29th last concluded successfully at Khonsa.

Director, SARCO Wangdam Sumnyan who is also one of the educated unemployed youths from Tirap district informed that the concept of conducting two day workshop on Jewellery beads, accessories workshop aims to provide sustainable earning source to dropout youths of Tirap&Longding who left their studies due to poor family background.

He said that SARCO is a Tirap based NGO working to promote Traditional Art and Culture, he added that Art and culture are integral components of our human experience. They represent the unique expressions of human creativity and imagination, reflecting the diverse ways in which people understand and interpret the world around them.

Art can take many forms, including visual arts, performing arts, literature, and music. It has the power to inspire, provoke thought, and evoke emotion. Through art, we can explore our identity, express our beliefs, and communicate our ideas.

Art and culture are closely intertwined, as art often reflects the cultural traditions, beliefs, and values of a particular society or community. Cultural expressions can be found in everything from music and dance to fashion and cuisine, and they help to shape our sense of identity and community.

The promotion of art and culture is essential for a thriving society. It allows us to preserve our cultural heritage, celebrate our diversity, and promote social cohesion. By engaging with art and culture, we can broaden our perspectives, challenge our assumptions, and gain a deeper understanding of the world around us.

Khangam's Jewellery Proprietor, Toigam Pansa said that the Women of Wancho tribe of Arunachal Pradesh are popular for their bead making skills. Wancho women adorn themselves with colourful beads as necklaces, belts, earrings and other accessories. The beads locally known as "Lik in Wancho is the epitome of the beauty, pride and ethnicity of Wancho Tribe. Khangam's Jewellery is one such traditional jewellery brand crafted from the ethnic bead making skills of Wancho. Khangam Jewellery family not only focus on Wancho traditional accessories but also makes jewellery of variety items that can be worn by both women and man all over the world.

She also shared her experiences participated in various expo workshop and exhibitions diaries in state capital, Itanagar, Delhi and

Mumbai showcasing Khangam Jewellery Products.

All the 26 participants attended during the two day workshop from Tirap&Longding district lauded the SARCO Director, Wangdam Sumnyan and Miss Toigam Pansa, Prop : KHANGAM JEWELLERY for organizing such important workshop and imparted skill development training on bead making. They also requested the organisers to continue such training program in near future too.

2-day State level Millet Mela organised

ITANAGAR, August 29:

2 (two) days State level Millet mela with the motto 'Mission Food and Nutrition Security' was kicked off by Tage Taki, Minister Agriculture & Allied, at D.K. Convention Hall here on Tuesday.

Tage Taki, the Chief guest of the event said that Arunachal Pradesh is naturally a home for millets. He also informed there are many opportunities in the agriculture and allied sector for employment and entrepreneurship. He further said that post harvesting also has many lucrative opportunities. He applauded the department for organizing the function. He requested the officers and farmers to be attentive in the technical session to reap maximum benefit out of it.

Gabriel D Wangsu, MLA and Advisor to Minister Agriculture, who graced the event as the Guest of Honour said, "Our state is a treasure trove of Millet and the younger generation should try to know more about millet". He also said that it was the responsibility of the farmers attending the technical session in the mela to disseminate the knowledge gained from the experts to the farmers in

every nook and corner of the state. Wangsu hoped that the state becomes best in Millet production and marketing.

Earlier, Nyato Dukam, MLA cum Chairman APB&OCWWB, the special guest of the event shared different uses and health benefits of Millet. Seeing the conglomeration of farmers and the recent development in the Millet farming and uses, Dukam said that his hope has risen up on Millet, which was on the verge of vanishing from our society, is surely coming back with new hopes.

Earlier, Bidol Tayeng, Commissioner Agriculture briefed the house about the various health benefits of millets.

Main highlights of the event would be Millet Recipe Show, food stalls, exhibition cum Sale, inter District farmers' Meet, Growers – traders' interface, farmer - scientist interaction, technical session on Millet Technology.

Package & practices of millets and importance and health benefits of Millet were discussed in the farmer – scientist interaction session. And Millet recipes were also shared.

Value addition/processing and marketing was discussed in the Growers-Traders Interface session by Dr. Nagesh Narayan from Vivid Enterprises, Guwahati.

Mela which is a big conglomeration of farmers from different parts of the state will be held from 29th to 30th August 2023.

The United Nations General Assembly had declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYM 2023) in its 75th session in March 2021.

Among others present in the function were Bidol Tayeng, Commissioner Agriculture, Hage Tari, Secretary Industries and

Trade & Commerce, Director Department of Agriculture Director Agri Marketing, other Agriculture officers and officers and officials from various other line departments of Horticulture, Fishery and Animal Husbandry.

Workshop on identification of children with intellectual disabilities

ROING, August 29:

A one day workshop cum Training program on 'Early Identification and Early Intervention for Disability Rehabilitation' was conducted at Roing by the National Institute for Empowerment of Person with Intellectual Disability (Divyangjan), on August 29.

A total of 130 participants consisting of SSA teachers, SHG members and ANMs attended the workshop.

The objective was to spread awareness and impart ways to identify school going children with intellectual disabilities at the earliest. Dr. Dasarath Choudhury (Assistant professor and HOD rehabilitation Psychology, NIEPID) discussed ways to identify such students.

Ganesh Sheregar (Principal NIEPID) highlighted about the government schemes and benefits for the persons with intellectual disability (divyangjan).

Write shop on social inclusion

DIRANG, August 29:

A four-day regional write shop on 'Social inclusion under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM)' for the eight northeastern states and Ladakh began here in West Kameng district on Tuesday, August 29 last.

Organised by the Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ArSRLM), the write shop is aimed at developing a national-level strategy and protocols for social inclusion in the context of the northeastern states and Ladakh.

Addressing the inaugural session, Dirang ADC JT Obi emphasized on "quality work with regard to women empowerment and self-help groups (SHG) in the region and across the country." He emphasized also on "further inclusion of the vulnerable, especially elderly and PwDs, within the ambit of the SHGs."

ICAR-NCR Director Dr Mihir Sarkar spoke about climate change adversities impacting marginal and vulnerable communities, and requested for "a joint convergence for all the multiple stakeholders in the state."

Citing the example of "the near future extinction of the yak from major Himalayan belt of India, including Arunachal Pradesh," Dr Sarkar said that "the need of the hour is to bring science and community together."

NRLM SISD National Mission Manager Neelesh Singh presented an overview of "the social inclusion and social development (SISD) thematic within DAY-NRLM," while ArSRLM SISD Programme Manager Tuhina Gao presented an overview of "the SI perspective within ArSRLM in Arunachal Pradesh."

She informed that "a total of 173 elderly SHGs and 4 PwD SHGs have been formed under the ArSRLM."

"These SHGs will act as a platform for the inclusion of the marginal, destitute and vulnerable people in our society," she said, and added that the ArSRLM is working on a special project titled 'Impacting transitory life of Brokpa tribe

in Arunachal Pradesh through health and livelihood initiatives’ “to bring inclusion to the last mile vulnerable communities.”

Under the project, led by Gao, 19 community target groups and nine SHGs have been formed and are being hand-held by the Dirang block mission management unit and the district mission management unit.

National Sports Day celebrated

44 meritorious sportspersons get cash incentive

ITANAGAR, August 29:

The Sports & Youth Affairs department on Tuesday, August 29 last celebrated the National Sports Day by giving away cash incentives to 44 meritorious sportspersons across disciplines.

The National Sports Day is being celebrated on August 29 every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand Singh.

The cash incentives were for the sportspersons who excelled in their respective disciplines in zonal, national and international competitions during 2018-'19. A total amount of Rs 31,10,000 was given away to the meritorious sportspersons.

Among the receivers of the highest cash incentives was badminton player LaaYajum, for her stellar performance in the 12th South Asian Games held at the SAI-SAG Centre in Guwahati, Assam. Karatekas Mesom Singhi, Goda Asha and BamangYamu received Rs 1,80,000 each.

Sports & Youth Affairs Minister Mama Natung, who gave away the incentives and mementoes to the sportspersons, informed that the sports policy

of the department is to award cash incentives to meritorious sportspersons of the state who bag gold, silver and bronze medals at zonal, national and international events.

“State government under Chief Minister Pema Khandu is a pro-sport’s government and has always been supportive towards sport stars,” he said. Natung informed that, in order to boost the morale of the state’s talented sportspersons, the government has decided to give cash incentives for Olympic medal winners: Rs 5 crore for a gold medallist; Rs 3 crore for a silver medallist; and Rs 2 crore for a bronze medallist.

He said that, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the cash incentives for 2018-'19 could not be disbursed on time, and informed that “Rs 1 crore has been kept in the 2023-'24 financial year for disbursement as incentives.” The incentives will be disbursed on next year’s National Sports Day, he added.

Natung asked the officials of the sports department to “create a hassle-free atmosphere for meritorious sportspersons in terms of getting incentives and support from the department.” He informed that Arunachal will host the final rounds of the 77th Santosh Trophy tournament in November. The state is getting the opportunity to host the final rounds of the prestigious tournament after 82 years of its inception.

Earlier, Sports & Youth Affairs Secretary Abu Tayeng said that “the state government is giving incentives to the sportspersons to bolster them to excel better at national and international stages and to bring more laurels to the state.”

Governor participates in SAD at Vibrant Village

CHAYANG TAJO, August 29:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participated in the one of the flagship programmes of the State, ‘Sewa Aapke Dwar’ at Jayang Bagang Village, one of the villages selected under Vibrant Village Programme on Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

1018 villagers benefited from the daylong programme.

The Governor, who visited the stalls, installed by the departments for the ‘Sewa Aapke Dwar’ programme, emphatically directed the officials to ensure that all the flagship programmes and schemes of the State and Central Governments are made available to the people and they benefit from it. He also distributed farm equipment to the beneficiaries on the occasion.

The Governor said that Prime Minister Narendra Singh has initiated the Vibrant Village Programme to secure the borders and take the development to the last village. All provisions and requirements to develop the remote areas will be provided under the programme. He urged the people to make the mission successful by participating and facilitating the targeted people to avail benefits from the programmes.

The Governor emphasized on the need for better road communication and bank facilities in the vibrant villages. He asked the officials to develop the vibrant villages as model villages.

The Governor, while sharing his concern of cases of cancer and tuberculosis amongst the rural population called on the people to join hands in its eradication. He

said that State and Central Governments are committed to get rid of Cancer and tuberculosis.

Expressing his deep concern about the drug addiction amongst the youth, the Governor said that it is afflicting the whole generation. He appealed to the Gaon Burahs, Panchayat leaders, parents and guardians to eradicate drug menace in the society.

The Governor said that the youth of the State have huge potential for games and sports activities, like football, volleyball and archery. He said that grounds and training centers for physical activities must be made available to the youth.

Local MLA Haying Mangfi, Arunachal Pradesh State Medicinal Plant Board Chairperson Smt Karya Bagang, East Kameng Deputy Commissioner Sachin Rana, Superintendent of Police Kamdam Sikom, Heads of Department of East Kameng District and people of Chayang Tajo administrative circle were present on the occasion.

ITBP organizes Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Mela Abhiyan-8

ITANAGAR, August 31:

The Rozgar Mela was held across 45 locations in the country on Monday where Prime Minister Narendra Modi, distributed more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits in various paramilitary forces online.

In his virtual address, PM Modi said that several changes have been made in recruitment process for paramilitary forces to open new avenues for youth.

He also said that the recruitment process in paramilitary forces has been streamlined to re-

duce the time of recruitment. Talking about the job opportunities for youngsters, he said that automobiles, pharma sectors are growing very fast and will create huge job opportunities in days to come.

Similarly, like rest of the country, Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Mela Abhiyan-8 was also organized at North East Frontier Headquarters, Indo Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBP), Kating Hill, Itangar on Monday, August 28 where Union Minister of Earth Sciences, Kiren Rijiju gave away appointment letters to 25 candidates out of 454 successful candidates in which 180 candidates were physically present and 274 candidates were present online where 39 nos. of ITBP, 32 nos. from Assam Rifles, 5 nos. from CRPF and 18 nos. from SSB candidates were successful recipients of the employment certificate.

Governor visits Gandhi Smriti

NEW DELHI, August 31:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) visited Gandhi Smriti, a revered museum dedicated to the life and principles of Mahatma Gandhi, in New Delhi, India on August 31, 2023.

Gandhi Smriti comprises visual aspects immortalizing Mahatma Gandhi and his noble ideas. Formerly known as Birla House, Gandhi Smriti stands as the poignant location where Mahatma Gandhi resided in the final 144 days of his remarkable life. It is a place of profound historical significance, preserving the legacy of the Father of the Nation. The museum displays photographs, paintings, sculptures, frescos and inscriptions on rocks that pertain

to the years. The museum also exhibits a large statue of Mahatma Gandhi, with a girl and a boy holding a dove in their hands on either side. This poignant representation symbolizes his universal empathy and unwavering commitment to uplifting the marginalized and underserved.

The Governor after paying floral tributes at the Martyrs column where the father of the nation was assassinated also visited the museum. He expressed his deep appreciation for the opportunity to engage himself with the rich history and values exemplified by Mahatma Gandhi.

The Governor said that the Smriti symbolizes the great non-violent struggle led by the reverent Mahatma for the Independence of India. He said that Gandhi ji was a simple noble and caring personality, who was a great unifier of humanity and has made a place of reverence in the hearts and minds of the Indian citizens.

Appreciating the officials of Gandhi Smriti, the Governor said that Gandhi ji's memories have been kept alive through the artistic and innovative displays in the museum. He emphasized on the continued relevance of his teachings in contemporary times and paid homage to Gandhi ji on behalf of the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

700 beneficiaries selected under ANBYat DLMIC meet

ZIRO, August 31:

Of the 1100 applications received, 700 beneficiaries were selected during the District Level Implementation and Monitoring Committee(DLMIC) meeting for selection of beneficiaries under

Atma Nirbhar Bhagwani Yojana (ANBY) 2023 for Lower Subansiri District held at the Golden Jubilee Hall of District Secretariat on August 31 last.

Chairing the meeting, Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime lauded the state government for allocating requisite fund under ANBY-2023 to the District and urged the DLMIC members to enroll more beneficiaries and suggested allocation of 0.5 Ha or half unit to all the selected beneficiaries without violating the prescribed guidelines under ANBY in line with the Centre's motto of 'Sab ka Saath Sabka Vikash'. Nime also urged the bank managers to cooperate and comply with the department and the beneficiaries for timely completion of the scheme.

Zilla Parishad Chairperson Likha Sangchorey also appealed the bank managers to take note of the problems faced by the beneficiaries and urged them to be more pro-active and expedite the disbursement of ANBY loans to deserving farmers.

Earlier, District Horticulture Officer-cum-Member Secretary Komri Murtem in his welcome address urged the board members to minutely scrutinize and examine the applications based on which the beneficiaries ought to be selected.

District Agriculture Officer Tasso Butung also offered some inputs for smooth functioning of the scheme at the District.

Other DLMIC board members present at the meeting included District Planning Officer Joram Tatum, ZPM Bamin Gumbo, Sr. Scientist, Krishi Vigyan Kendriya Hage Munth, Arunachal State Rural Livelihood Mission District Mission Manager Senong Namchoom, Branch Managers of Apex Bank Hapoli, Axis Bank, Central

Bank, Canara Bank, PNB, HDFC and APRB.

Sub-Divisional Horticulture Officer Hibu Dante offered vote of thanks while Horticulture Development Officer Tasso Yalu moderated the event.

Market Regulatory meeting held

YUPIA, August 31:

DC Papum Pare, Cheechung Chukhu announced cash incentives for bringing into his knowledge video recordings of any illegal activities pertaining to drug peddling, gambling, illegal sale of liquor etc during a meeting held to discuss the regulation of markets of Papum Pare District at the DC's Conference Hall, Yupia on August 31 last.

The meeting which was attended by the admin officers, police, market welfare association members and student unions deliberated on issues like 'late night opening of shops/gumtis to sell liquors illegally, rampant playing of gambling activities in the weekly markets and other market areas of the district and Illegal activities along the river banks of Dikrong river and the railway tracks.'

DC Cheechung Chukhu asked the SP, ADCs and SDOs to map out the probable locations where gambling and drug related activities are likely to be held so that regular patrolling can be carried out in such places. He also suggested seeking the cooperation of the student bodies and NGOs to help fight social menaces.

He further assured that strict notices will be issued to the owners of the weekly markets to refrain from any kind of illegal

activities, unhygienic garbage disposal and inadequate revenue payment to the government.

Informing about the 'KNOW YOUR KITH & KIN' initiative by the District Administration the DC informed that 'under this initiative all concerned public should post 'KNOW YOUR KITH & KIN' on social media platforms at 10.00 PM every evening to "alert and remind the parents and guardians to check whether their children and wards are at home or not."

He hoped that this initiative will act as an instrument to prevent our young people to get engaged in illegal activities such as drugs consumption.

Speaking on the occasion, SP, Papum Pare (Rural) Shri Taru Gusar called for joint and concerted efforts of all the stakeholders and emphasised on the importance of the local people as 'the eyes and ears of the law enforcing bodies.'

"The police department is emboldened because of the cooperation and inputs from the local people," SP Gusar added.

Further, taking into account the concern raised by Shri Gollo Lento, President, All Papum Pare District Students Union (APPDSU), over the porous border at Gumto under Doimukh Sub-Division which is a gateway for outsiders without ILP, smuggling of drugs and ferrying of stolen vehicles, SP Gusar informed that, "regular patrolling is being carried out along the railway tracks but stated that narrowness of the Gumto inter-state highway acts as an impediment in the strict checking of vehicles as it gives rise to huge traffic congestion. However modalities are being worked out to ensure strict checking".

He also exhorted the NGOs and the student leaders attending

the meeting to identify doubtful spots along the Dikrong River and the railway tracks so that "patrolling in these areas can be intensified."

Tago Maga, SDPO, Tai Arun, Trade Development Officer and Taha Nega, General Secretary, Doimukh Bazaar Welfare Committee also spoke.

DCM unveils memorial statue of Anglo-Abor War 1911-12 at Kekar Monying

BOLENG, August 31:

In a significant step towards honoring the historical contributions of Arunachal's unsung heroes, State's Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein unveiled a commemorative memorial statue at the Kekar Monying, Kebang village in Siang district on August 31 last.

This memorial commemorates the Battle of Kekar Monying, which played a pivotal role during the Anglo-Abor War 1911-12, where the Adi warriors stood against the British forces.

The memorial pays tribute to the Adi martyrs, war heroes and all those who endured hardships during the war lasting over three months, including the elderly, women and children.

At the unveiling event, Mein highlighted the efforts of RGU professors towards uncovering the stories of over 220 Unsung Heroes of Arunachal Pradesh. The focus was on narratives from the Anglo-Khamti, Anglo-Wancho and Anglo-Abo Wars. The significance of celebrating the 75 years of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, that culminated with the launch of the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign

during this year's 77th Independence celebration, was also underlined by Mein as part of the nationwide commemoration of all bravehearts. In addition, Mein mentioned that discussions for extending the members of the core committee involved in the preservation of the state's unsung heroes are already in motion. He also emphasized the need for a distinct political history for Arunachal Pradesh.

On the occasion, the DCM extended his congratulations to the Adi community on the memorial's unveiling, reassuring that the Unsung Heroes Committee remains committed to revealing more untold stories.

The descendants of the unsung heroes and freedom fighters of the Anglo-Abor War were present during the unveiling ceremony. The occasion was also attended by prominent dignitaries including MP and Vice Chairperson of Rajya Sabha Phangnon Konyak, MP Karbi-Anglong Horen Singh Bey, MP Arunachal East Tapir Gao, Minister RWD Honchun Ngamdang and MLAs Biyuram Wahgeand Ojing Tasing.

Depart of Economics wins the Inter-departmental Quiz Competition

RONO HILLS, August 31:

In run to commemorates the National Sports Day-2023, the Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences organized an Inter-departmental Sports Quiz Competition here on August 31 last.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Sambhu Prasad, Head, Department of Physical Education

expressed his view on health and suggested them to prioritize their health because in later stage of life we start losing our wealth due to bad health. He explained the significance of good diet and regular exercise in our daily life.

Dr. Proshanto Kumar Saha, Head, Department of Psychology highlighted the significance of stress management and spoke on some strategies to manage stress during different phases of life.

Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar, Head, Department of Social Work also addressed the gathering and motivate the participants.

In all seven departments participated in the quiz, viz - Economics, Mass Communication, Music and Fine Arts, Social Work Statistics, National Security Studies, Sports Sciences.

The event was divided in two phases - Phase one was qualifying phase from which top two teams qualified for the finals in which team Economics, Social Work, National Security Studies and Sports Sciences qualified for the finals. There were 5 rounds of questions in qualifying stage, while in final there were seven rounds of questions. In the finals, the department of economics secured the 1st, while 2nd and 3rd were secured by sports sciences and social work respectively. There were questions for audience also and total four questions answered by the audience were given away prizes by the department.

Dr. Hemantajeet Gogoi, Sangey Tsering gave away the medals and certificates to the participating teams, while Dr. Sambhu Prasad gave away the trophies to winner and runner-up teams.

NEWS IN PICTURE



Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy Shri Raj Kumar Singh called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 12th August 2023. CM Shri Pema Khandu and DCM Shri Chowna Mein also present in the meeting.



Chief Minister Pema Khandu along with Health Minister Alo Libang inaugurates the first Cath Lab of the state in Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Science (TRIHMS) at Naharlagun on August 16, 2023.



DCM Chowna Mein attending the Amrit Sarowar Program and celebrates the Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign with the people of 46th Chowkham Assembly constituency at Chowkham-II on August 13, 2023.



The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) interacting with Gaon Burahs, Panchayat leaders and public at Pasighat in East Siang District on August 22, 2023.



Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) inaugurating the Rajiv Gandhi University's Community Radio Station - Radio Rono 91.2 FM at Doimukh on August 11, 2023.



Chief Minister Pema Khandu attending the inaugural ceremony of The Yonex Sunrise North East Zone Inter-State Badminton Championship, 2023 at the Raj Bhavan Badminton Hall on August 16' 2023.