

The True Heroes: Unsung and Unseen

By Nyatum Doe



It was pouring outside as usual like any other monsoon day; I was working with my Dealing Assistant to ensure that all the General election related works were wrapped up. Suddenly, my phone rang and it was a call from Kari Ete working as AE PHED.

As soon as I received the call, he enquired me “ajen (friend) would you be interested in visiting the worksite of the after flood repairing works being carried out by the Department?” “yes” I readily agreed, but lamented and in our colloquial way I said “I am all in suit boot”. He said “no worries” and arranged a pair of Gumboots for me and my photographer.

We drove to the worksite towards Shivaji Nagar, then parked our car and marched for about 20 minutes towards the mountain alongside the river. The path was muddy and slippery. I could see the workers drenched in rain carrying the heavy pipes on their shoulders walking effortlessly- whereas, for us it was difficult to even walk.

As I reached the worksite, I could see a person waving his hand with a smile, it was JE Padu. I was happy to see them smiling while working in such challenging situations. As I looked around, I could see broken pipelines lying tethered, the pipelines were totally washed away by the flood and now they were trying for some alternative source. Some workers were engaged in finding the pipes buried in the sediments, then some trying to pull out one that they could fine.

The moral of the story is that most of the time the works department like PHED or Power Department do not get the due credit. We often complain without knowing the fact; I understand sometimes the complaints are genuine.

However, the departments like power of PHED are agencies that deal with the water and electricity which are the very basic needs of the people, even its absence for a day or two impacts the people directly. Then these departments are very much at the mercy of the weather god- a little storm or some rain could ruin all their efforts.

During these days of heavy monsoon where we could see only rain, storm and raging rivers and ‘Nalas’ in Tezu; I was surprised that electricity was very consistent - I jokingly told the Executive Engineer “Sir this time it seems your department have grown resilient to flood and storm”, then he shared some photos of him and his men working in the harsh weather conditions.

The point is we should understand that for any service that we are getting - there is someone who is toiling hard, braving rain storms and thunder. So next time if you are wasting water or electricity- think of them and be judicious in your utilisation.

Specially, the workers of the department who are called casual labours or non-regular or ALCs are the first line of defence working anywhere and anytime. It would be great if the government could do something about these groups of people, especially in the work departments.

By ‘something’, I mean, some financial incentives for any kind of injury or death or other insurance. I understand that there are schemes like labour cards or E-Sharam etc. But, department wise, individualised and focused incentives would be better for them.

At last, after the visit we walked back to our car. While on our way back, my friend stopped the car to talk to his staff who were working near a village to clear a blockage. He enquired “is there any problem?”. I thought they would say it’s raining heavily or the weather is bad so it’s difficult to work.

But I was surprised to hear their answer “sir no problem, just that the raincoats have become thin and water percolates inside,” they replied with a smile standing drenched in the rain like a Hero- but alas! Unsung and unseen.

(The contributor is DIPRO Lohit.)



Luminous Lummer Dai Literary Award Ceremony held



BORDURIA, August 2:

The Luminous Lummer Dai Literary Award-2024 was jointly bestowed upon Thajam Aboh and Wangsam Zongsam, in recognition of their immense contribution to Arunachal literature.

Aboh, a former minister, is a poet, songwriter and singer, and is one of the first writers from the Nocte community as well as Tirap district.

Zongsam is one of the first-generation writers of the Tangsa community, who started writing during his school days. His writings have been published in various prominent Assamese magazines in Assam.

The award was presented by Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS) president YD Thongchi, Environment & Forest Minister Wangki Lowang, and MLA Wanglin Lowangdong at the Borduria Towang Lowangdong Auditorium here in Tirap district on Friday, August 2.

The prize money of the award has been enhanced from Rs 10,000 to Rs 25,000 this year onwards.

Born in 1962, Aboh is a legendary Nocte artist, recognised by the state government in 2012. Hailing from Thinsa village in Tirap district, he com-

pleted his secondary education from the government higher secondary school in Khonsa, and graduated from Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat.

When he was a student, he got the opportunity to record his first Nocte song (OB recording) in 1975. The following year, 1976, he was called for an audition on All India Radio and successfully recorded his Nocte songs on AIR.

His musical journey thus began in 2002. He produced his first audio album, titled Nocte Komchang, while he was a cabinet minister.

He has composed many Nocte songs, including the Nocte Chalo Loku anthem Rang o Rang. He was felicitated for the same by the Nocte Chalo Loku Committee during the golden jubilee celebration in 2018.

Aboh is an admirer of Mother Nature and finds solace in writing poems and composing songs. He published a poetry book, Echoes of the Heart, which was released in 2018, during the Chalo Loku festival. He has many poems which are yet to be published. He also writes poems regularly in the APLS literary magazine Prayas, and also on social media platforms.

Zongsam was born in 1942 in Changlang village in the Tirap Frontier Division of the then North East Frontier Tract. Belonging to the Tangsa tribe, he was one of the first boys from the tribe to go to school when a primary school was established in Changlang village in 1948 by the NEFA administration, and studied up to Class 6.

Inspired by his Assamese teacher, he started writing poems, articles and short stories in Assamese while studying at the school. His poems, articles and short stories have been published in Assamese magazines like Deepak, Amar Pratinidhi, Navayug and Payobhar.

Patkai Paharar Heojia Toluwa (The Green Meadows of Patkai Hills) authored by Zongsam, is a novel written in Assamese, and was published in 2004.

His Romansar Swapna Lekhi (Dreaming Romantically) is a collection of poems written in Assamese, and was published in 2008.

He has also authored Betupatar Bedana (The Sorrow of Cover Page) – a collection of Assamese short stories – published in 2009.

The credit for writing first in Hindi language by an Arunachali also goes to Wangsam Zongsam. He wrote a patriotic Hindi poem, 'Ek Akash, Do Desh' during the Bangladesh freedom War in 1971.

Minister Lowang recalled Lummer Dai as a source of inspiration for the young generation.

“Though late Dai could write only in the Assamese language, he was also a great contributor to Assamese literature, who promoted brotherhood between the people of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam,” he said.

Commending the APLS for its literary activities, the minister emphasised the pivotal role of literary bodies like the APLS in “promoting harmony and brotherhood among the people of the two neighboring states.”

Lowang also commended young writer Wangtum Humcha Lowang for introducing a “Nocte digest in the form of digital library.”

Borduria-Bogapani MLA Wanglin Lowangdong called upon academicians, scholars, and social thinkers to support the government’s efforts in promoting the cultural heritage of the Arunachali people.

He expressed appreciation for retired IPR DD Denhang Bosai and young writers Wanggo Lowang and Wangtum Humcha Lowang from the Nocte community for their interest in literary activities.

Earlier, APLS president Thongchi paid rich tribute to late Lummer Dai. He also provided a brief overview of the literary journey of the apex literary body of the state.

New District Hospital Building operationalised

NAMSAI, August 5:

The New District Hospital Building which was inaugurated by Chief Minister, Pema Khandu, on 14th February, 2024 has started functioning from August 5 at Namsai.

In the first phase, the OPDs (Out Patient Departments) were shifted from the old District Hospital Building to the new one. Rest of the sections like In Patient Department (IPD), Casualty, Labour room, Operation theatre, shall be shifted in a phased manner.

The New Hospital Building is equipped with 2(two) Modular Operation theatre and a well-equipped Trauma Centre besides other amenities.

The inauguration and subsequent functioning of the new District Hospital Building mark a significant milestone in the healthcare development of Arunachal Pradesh, reflecting the state government’s commitment to improving public health infrastructure. The full transition to the new facility will bring enhanced medical services and improved health outcomes for the local population.

Awareness Campaign on RTI held at Tezu

TEZU, August 5:

The Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC), in collaboration with the Lohit district administration, on August 5 organised an awareness programme on the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, and the hybrid mode of hearing and e-filing of appeals and complaints.

During the programme, Chief Information Commissioner Rinchen Dorjee explained the various sections of the RTI Act, 2005, and urged all the stakeholders to be more responsible.

He informed that the hybrid mode “is the first of its kind to enhance ease of hearing of cases and promote greater transparency and accountability with less delay in the process.”

State Information Commissioner Khopey Thaley elaborated the parameters of the various relevant sections of the Act with real life examples and court judgements.

APIC computer programmer Bharati Yun and IT consultant Himanshu Verma presented a live demonstration of the recently launched hybrid mode of hearing and e-filing of appeals and complaints.

Deputy Commissioner Shashvat Saurabh and APIC Deputy Registrar Maman Padung also spoke.

Among others, public information officers, RTI activists, and citizens of Tirap, Changlang, Longding, Namsai, Lower Dibang Valley, Dibang Valley and Lohit districts attended the programme.

Training programme for government officers on POCSO Act

NAHARLAGUN, August 6:

The Administrative Training Institute (ATI) here organised a two-day workshop on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, and the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2013.

The workshop, which started on 5 August, was designed for Group A and Group B officers of various government departments, besides police personnel and members of the Internal Complaint Committee on Prevention of Sexual Harassment Act, 2013.

It was aimed at providing comprehensive training on the legal frameworks and mechanisms in

place to protect children from sexual offences, and to ensure a safe and respectful workplace environment for women.

“This initiative underscores the commitment of the ATI to enhance the knowledge and skills of government officials in handling sensitive issues related to child protection and workplace harassment,” ATI Director Pate Marik informed in a release.

Yupia-based district & sessions court advocate Jennie Kino, and advocate Tapak Uli, who also serves as a prosecuting officer in the home department, led the sessions on the POCSO Act.

Advocates Taba Zim and Taying Nachup delivered lectures on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace, (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2013, while the ATI director enlightened the participants about the provisions of the CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, with reference to sexual harassment of women at workplace.

“This training programme reflects the ongoing efforts of the state government, the women & child development department, and the ATI to foster a safe, equitable and just environment for all, especially the vulnerable sections of society, including children and women,” the release said.

Through interactive sessions, case studies, and practical exercises, the participants gained valuable knowledge and tools to effectively implement and enforce these Acts within their respective departments, the release added.

The workshop was attended by 58 participants.

DCWPC coordination meeting held

ROING, August 6:

A review meeting of the District Child Welfare and Protection Committee (DCWPC) to review the Action Plan for 2024-2025 was conducted by the District Child Protection Unit, Department of Women and Child Development was held at Roing on August 6' 2024..

The programme was chaired by DC cum chairperson DCWPC Soumya Saurabh and attended by ADC(Dambuk) T.R. Tapu, DMO Dr.Worar Taku, CDPO(Roing) Chanda Miso, Assistant DLSA Obi Jopir, DPO Willian Chautang, Vice Principal Edison Litin, Principal ITI R.C.Dutta, DSP Tophu Wangsu and DCPU Officials.

DC Soumya Saurabh suggested for inclusion of student unions, ASHA and Aganwadi workers in the action plan to make it impactful through various activities.

Deputy Director (ICDS) cum DCPO G. A. Perying highlighted the importance of the review meeting. Protection Officer Napi Meto gave a presentation on activities conducted in collaboration with various departments and various stakeholders of the district for securing healthy and happy childhood for every child through awareness programmes on Child Rights, Child Labour, Illegal Adoption, Child Marriage, Child Abuse, 1098 (CHL), POCSO Amended Act 2019, JJ (CPC) Amended Act 2021.

It was informed that the awareness programme reached out to 33 schools, 4 Self Help Groups and 3 Tea Gardens. Children Sponsorship, Adoption cases, CNCP cases under CWC and CCL Cases under JJB Annual Action Plan for 2024-25 was presented in the meeting for the inputs.

‘Dawn of Valour’ murals unveiled to honour the Indian Defense Forces



TAWANG, August 6:

Asian Paints and St+art India unveiled one of their most unique projects, ‘Dawn of Valour’ mural paintings, in Tawang, in honour of the Indian defence forces.

Over the last decade, Asian Paints and St+Art India have brought to life over 450 murals, covering nearly 20 cities. This project pays homage to the Indian armed forces stationed in Tawang by creating multiple interventions that celebrate them.

‘Dawn of Valour’ is the first project under their newly launched initiative, ‘Asian Paints St+art Frontier’. This initiative features art interventions devoted to honouring the bravery and dedication of the Indian armed forces.

“The ‘Dawn of Valour’ mural by Reshidev RK stands as a powerful tribute to the Indian armed forces deployed in the strategic Tawang sector. The

artwork, created on a large wall at the Tawang War Memorial complex, encapsulates the commitment of the soldiers to safeguard the sovereignty and borders of the motherland amid challenging terrain and weather conditions. It depicts the valour and devotion of the Indian armed forces, while also showcasing the rich culture of Tawang,” the Indian Army said in a release.

At its heart, the mural portrays ‘The Heroes of Tawang’ – Subedar Joginder Singh, Rifleman Jaswant Singh Rawat, and Major Ralengnao ‘Bob’ Khathing – whose heroic acts in the glorious and eventful history of Tawang inspire both the locals and the armed forces.

The artwork also celebrates the crucial role of ‘nari shakti’ in the armed forces, portraying them in various roles and highlighting their invaluable contributions. It integrates spiritual icons, reflecting the depth of Tawang’s cultural heritage. Traditional motifs and symbols such as dragons and yaksinhabiting the high altitude border areas, and other artwork further highlights the region’s rich cultural heritage and strategic significance, the release said.

The location of the mural at the War Memorial complex offers a unique experience and visual delight to the visitors on a grand scale.

“This mural is not just an attractive mosaic only of colours but also a touching narrative of valour, culture, and the enduring spirit of the Indian armed forces, resonating with pride and emotion for all who witness it,” it said.

“The mural highlights the harmonious coexistence of the Indian armed forces and our locals in Tawang. Every aspect of the armed forces’ tenacity in challenging terrains is celebrated in the artwork, brought to life by Asian Paints’ Apex Ultima Protek – an exterior paint that stands strong through harsh conditions.

In addition to the mural is a community project at one of the OR (other ranks) messes for the troops in Tawang, aiming to create an environment that evokes a sense of home, featuring wall artwork, showcasing the rich heritage and traditions of the motherland. Warli art adorns the exteriors, while the interiors celebrate iconic elements such as dhol drums, diyastutari, and rajmudra, and portrays cultural festivities like Pola festival and Fugdi, creating vibrant and comforting space for the dining members.

Asian Paints CEO Amit Syngle said: “‘Dawn of Valour’, our first project dedicated to the Indian armed forces under the Asian Paints St+art Frontier, marks a significant milestone in the 10th year of our

association. Art has a universal appeal, and together we are extending the canvas to create a larger impact.

“Through these mural and artworks, we honour our soldiers deployed in Tawang, their invaluable contributions to national security, and infinite sacrifices during service in trying conditions,” he said.

“We are also delighted to unveil this project just in time for India’s 78th Independence Day. We extend our deepest gratitude to the soldiers, whose courage inspires us and whose dedication helps us create a sense of unity and belonging,” Syngle said.

St+art creative director Hanif Khureshi said: “Through the St+art Frontier initiative, our goal is to bring together the rich cultural narratives of regions like Tawang with the lived experiences of our armed forces’ personnel. In this project, we aimed to curate a visual story that not only honours the bravery of our soldiers but also integrates the unique spiritual and cultural heritage of Tawang.

“This mural is a testament to the power of art to transcend conventional storytelling, offering a layered narrative that speaks to resilience, duty, and cultural identity,” he said.

The armed forces spokesperson noted: “The mural symbolises unity in diversity of the nation through armed forces. Soldiers hailing from different parts of India bring a unique cultural heritage along, creating a vibrant mosaic, along with local customs and traditions of the Tawang region. This project amply illustrates the strong bonding and unshakeable civil-military synergy, a major catalyst to security of Tawang.

MLA inaugurates new School Building



SAGALEE, August 7:

MLA Sagalee Er Ratu Tech, inaugurated the new RCC School Building of Govt. Upper Primary School, Balapu in presence of Nabam Yakum, ZPC Papum Pare, Tana Tagu Tara, DDSE, Yame Higio, ADC Sagalee, Tech Serbang, ZPM Sagalee, all heads of Departments of Sagalee and Tech Takia, BJP Mondal President Sagalee on August 7.

The programme was organized by Tana Sania, Chairman SMC, PRI leaders along with his committee members.

The MLA also visited health and wellness centre at Balapu and interacted with the medical staffs.

On learning about the shortage of staff quarter and laboratory for smooth running of the health and wellness centre at Balapu the MLA assured to take up the matter on priority.

While replying to the memorandum submitted by the organizing Chairman Tana Sania seeking additional funds for Extension of class room, teachers quarters, Establishment of Inter village residential School, Infrastructure development at health and wellness centre at Balapu, Approach road from NH-13 to Pachin village approximately 3KM and Land development, School football ground with rostrum at Govt. Middle School under 52-Gangte Panchayat of Sagalee Circle, the MLA assured to take up the proposals in a phase wise manner.

He also assured to provide Rs.1,50,000.00 (One lakh Fifty) for C/o of footpath at health and wellness centre, Balapu.

ZPC Nabam Yakum while addressing the gathering called for coordinated efforts from all the departments for an accelerated socio economic development in the area.

She further assured to provide funds for a Panchayat office at Gangte Segment.

Meeting on 'Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan' held



YUPIA, August 7:

A coordination meeting of the members of the District level "Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan" (Drug-Free India Campaign) Committee was held here at the DC Conference Hall, Yupia on August 7.

The primary focus of the meeting was to assess the progress of the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan and to strategize further measures to intensify the campaign.

Chairing the meeting, DC Papum Pare Jiken

Bomjen called for enhanced coordination between all the stakeholders including the law enforcement agencies, educational institutions, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to effectively combat drug abuse.

SP Papum Pare Taru Gusar while highlighting the initiatives of the police department in the war against the drug menace further emphasised on the role of the public in curbing the drug menace, especially through community-based policing efforts.

"The fight against drug abuse is a collective responsibility, and through the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan, we are committed to creating a drug-free Papum Pare. This coordination meeting marks a crucial step in our journey towards this goal." SP Gusar further added.

Deputy Director, ICDS Jaya Taba presented a power point on the Nasha mukh bharat Abhiyaan.

She stressed on the importance of Public Awareness Campaigns and also discussed on strategies to scale up public awareness activities to reach a broader audience, particularly targeting vulnerable groups such as youth and rural communities.

Taba also presented the action plan to intensify the efforts under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan, with a particular focus on high-risk areas identified across the district.

Adv.Taring Nega, LAC, DLSA, Papumpare while informing that 133 NDPS cases are pending under the District Court Yupia and almost a NDPS case heard everyday in the court draws a clear picture about it's penetration in the society and the need for a 'Strong and Collaborative efforts from all the stakeholders ' before the menace destroys our younger generation.

In the interactive session that followed the members present also discussed innovative approaches, including the use of social media, community outreach, collaboration with local influencers, youths and religious leaders and forming block level Committees to create awareness at the grassroot level.

The need to strengthen law enforcement mechanisms to curb the supply of illicit drugs and sale of tobacco products to minors and improving rehabilitation services for those affected by substance abuse, with a focus on ensuring their reintegration into society was also discussed during the interactive.

At the end of the meeting the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaanpledge was administered to all the participants.

The meeting was attended by representatives from Education, Medical department, Emmanuel Rehabilitation Centre, CDPOs and police department.

DCM Felicitates Achievers from Tai Khamti and Singpho Community



NAMSAI, August 7:

In an effort to recognize the talents of the younger generation, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein along with Advisor and MLA Namsai, Chau Zingnu Namchoom felicitated the achievers of Tai Khamti and Singpho communities in an impressive felicitation ceremony organized by All Tai Khamti Singpho Student Union (ATKSSU) at the Golden Pagoda Eco Resort Auditorium on August 7.

Mein who attended the function as the Chief Guest, extended his best wishes to all the young achievers who have excelled in their respective fields of academics, sports and art & culture. He highlighted the importance of a healthy competition among the younger minds towards fostering excellence, which in turn will enable them to embark upon greater success in the future.

The Deputy Chief Minister commended ATKSSU for taking prompt initiative in recognising excellence across academics, sports, and the arts in the community. He suggested for holding this annual felicitation program alternately at Namsai and Miao in order to enhance better participation besides strengthening the historical bond and brotherhood between the Tai Khamti and Singpho communities.

Mein further recommended the establishment of a coaching centre for indoor and outdoor games in Namsai to foster young sporting talents and engage the youths in sporting endeavours. He also advocated for the creation of a standard rehabilitation centre in Namsai to address drug addiction issues.

In his concluding remarks, Mein underscored the significance of the student phase as a foundational period for future success. He encouraged the younger generation to remain diligent, follow their passions, and strive for excellence in all their endeavours. He also urged parents to provide continuous support and encouragement throughout their children's educational journey.

List of Achievers' who were felicitated

Among the high achievers, 7 students from Class X and 10 students from Class XII were felicitated for their outstanding results. Among them, Sengnu Emphum, Chau Wanseng Singthi and Nang Koilani Mansai of Class X and Nang Sneha Mungkhung, Chau Lonseng Manno and Nang Sumetta Namchoom of Class XII were among the top-three qualifying toppers of their respective classes.

At the State level sports category, the athletes who were felicitated are Chau Nanwita Chaupoo (Gold, U-15), Chau Sujanand Khen (Gold, U-15) and Chau Soijan Manlong (Silver, U-17) for their winning performance at the 10th Dorjee Khandu Memorial State Badminton Championship; along with Onglem Emboi on winning Gold (Wushu U-16) at the Sansad Khel Spradha 2023.

At the Regional / National level sports category, Nang Khemawati Manang (Gold / Silver, Archery) and Chau Kiyon Manpang (Silver) were felicitated for their victory at the North-East Olympic 2022, along with Rahul Singpho being felicitated for Representing Arunachal Pradesh at Santosh Trophy.

At the International level sports category, athletes who were felicitated were Chau Sumetha Longkan for winning Bronze under 56 kg senior at the 9th International Moscow Wushu Star 2024 and Jokhum Dilli for winning Bronze (MMA Fighters Senior) at the Gamma Asian Championship 2021.

In the arts and cultural sphere, achievers who were felicitated were Chau Deep Manpoong and Nang Sukanya Mounkang for making it to the Top 10 and Top 8 at the Arunachal Idol; Pisi Saning Singpho for being the reigning Miss Glamour; Anandra Namchoom (Shop Around The Corner) for being the Runner-Up at the 9th Arunachal Film Festival; and Chau Saratham Namchoom on receiving the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Purushkar 2022-23.

The event was also attended by DC Namsai K. Tikhak, SP Namsai S. Thinley, as well as members of the Tai Khamti Singpho Council, Tai Khamti Development Society, and numerous parents and students.

Siang Basin Consultative meeting on Youth Policy held

AALO, August 7:

A basin-wise consultative meeting of the Siang basin for formulation of Innovative State Youth Policy 2024 (Siang chapter) was held at the conference hall of the West Siang deputy commissioner on August 7.

During the meeting, representatives from various CBOs, NGOs, students' organizations and administrative officers from various districts shared their ideas and suggestions.

West Siang DC Hage Mamu, who chaired the meeting, emphasized the importance of career counseling and vocational training for the youths of the state. Mamu also said that the youths of the state must take advantage of the information technology for a positive impact in life.

Lower Siang DC Rujum Raksap emphasized the importance of providing strong educational foundation to every student and engaging the youths in different fields/sectors.

Dr. K.P Singh, associate professor at Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) gave a presentation on the state government's youth policy through powerpoint.

The meeting was organized by the department of youth affairs in collaboration with RGU.

DA launches Narcotics Anonymous meetings



KHONSA, August 8:

The Tirap district administration on Thursday, August 8 announced the launch of narcotics anonymous meetings, to be held every first and third Wednesday of the month, starting from September.

The decision was taken during a meeting on drug abuse, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Ira Singhal last month.

The narcotics anonymous meetings are designed to serve as support groups for individuals recovering from drug addiction, helping them reintegrate into society, and providing crucial support to prevent relapses and overcome temptations.

These meetings will be an integral part of the district's ongoing efforts to ensure long-term recovery of those battling addiction.

The district health department will spearhead this initiative under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan, with support from the district police and other departments.

The initiative's NGO partner, Care Me

Home, will play a vital role in spreading awareness about the meetings and coordinating their organisation.

The administration has appealed to the recovered addicts to attend these meetings regularly and take on mentorship roles to support those currently facing challenges in their journey to recovery.

Additionally, doctors and psychologists involved in the meetings will monitor the participants' progress and provide necessary guidance and counselling.

Dukam inspects SRFTI

ITANAGAR, August 8:

Minister IPR, Nyato Dukam, conducted an inspection of the construction site of the Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI) at Jollang Rakap on August 8, reviewing the progress of the ongoing works.

Describing the upcoming institute as a significant achievement and a valuable asset for the state, the Minister emphasized the importance of completing the construction and initiating the upcoming academic session on schedule. He assured that the government would provide all necessary support to expedite the institute's operational readiness and called for the cooperation of the land donors and local community.

In response to a memorandum submitted by the Panchayat leaders concerned on behalf of the locals, Minister Dukam promised to address all legitimate concerns raised. Armstrong Pame, Director (Films), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (GOI), affirmed the Ministry's commitment to making the institute functional as soon as possible. Addressing the appeal for employment priority for land donors and local residents, Director Pame assured that eligible local candidates would receive preference for non-technical positions.

Representatives from the Central Public Works Department (CPWD), the executing agency, reported that 84 percent of the structural work has been completed. They projected that all construction would be finalized by January 2025, with eight functional building units ready for handover by September this year to facilitate the commencement of the academic session.

The event was also attended by Dhananjay Kumar, Deputy Secretary, MIB, GOI; Nyali Ete, Secretary, IPR & Printing; Jiken Bomjen, DC Papum Pare; Samiran Dutta, Director, SRFTI Kolkata; Onyok Pertin, Director, IPR; and other officials concerned.

Awareness to improved finger millet cultivation held



TAWANG, August 8:

Almora (Uttarakhand)-based Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan (VPKAS) and the Tawang KVK organised a 'finger millet field days and farmer-scientist interaction' programmes on 8 August to create awareness about improved finger millet cultivation at Phomang and Kheleteng villages in Lungla subdivision.

Interacting with the farmers, VPKAS principal scientist Dr RK Khulbe informed them about the activities being undertaken by the institute in Tawang in collaboration with the KVK.

He expressed appreciation for the farmers for sharing the seeds of VL Mandua 376, produced last year, with farmers of the adjoining villages, as a result of which, VL Mandua 376 is being cultivated in over a dozen villages this year.

Millet breeder Dr Mahendra Bhinda highlighted the role of early maturing and high-yielding finger millet varieties in boosting finger millet production in the district, with special reference to VL Mandua 376.

Millet agronomist Dr RP Meena shared information about the improved finger millet production techniques with the farmers, while farm machinery expert Dr Manoj Kumar explained how VL millet thresher saves time and cost, and reduces the drudgery involved in post-harvest processing of finger millet.

KVK agronomy scientist Dr CK Singh, who has played an important role in dissemination of the variety in the district, informed that "there is growing demand for VL Mandua 376 seed and VL millet threshers from the farmers," and highlighted the need for "ensuring their adequate and timely availability for upscaling finger millet cultivation in the district."

The village heads acknowledged the efforts of the VPKAS and the KVK towards making finger

millet cultivation more profitable for the farmers. The farmers said that the grain yield of VL Mandua 376 is 1.5 to 2 times, compared to the local cultivar.

Besides giving higher yield, VL Mandua 376 matures almost a month earlier than the local cultivar.

The team of scientists inspected the seed production fields of VL Mandua 376, and explained to the farmers the precautions required for producing quality seed.

The farmers were urged to extensively share the VL Mandua 376 seeds with the farmers of other villages of the district to enable them to harvest the benefit of its high yield and early maturity.

The programmes were attended by 65 farmers.

Legal aid clinic opened at APWWS office



NAHARLAGUN, August 9:

Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLSA) Member Secretary Yomge Ado inaugurated a legal aid clinic at the head office of the Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) on August 9.

The purpose of the clinic is to make justice accessible to all common people at the grassroots level, and to provide free legal aid to weaker/vulnerable sections of the society.

In his speech, Ado highlighted the rights of a legal aid seeker entitled under Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, and the importance of paralegal volunteers, "who act as an effective bridge between the legal services institutions, legal seekers, and other institutions."

He encouraged the participants to "reach out to the paralegal volunteers and the legal aid clinic directly for any legal services and assistance."

APWWS president Kani Nada Maling highlighted the need for a legal aid clinic at the APWWS office, "especially for women vendors, who are often unaware of their legal rights."

She said that, over the last year, the APWWS has focused on imparting adult education to women

vendors, and has found that they frequently face various problems but don't know whom to approach.

"The establishment of the legal aid clinic at the APWWS office here will make it easier for them to have their grievances addressed, and to receive legal counselling," Maling said.

She further informed that the APWWS receives many phone calls seeking legal guidance, "so the clinic will cater to these needs."

She thanked Ado for taking the initiative to open the legal aid clinic.

Papum Pare DLSA legal aid counsel Nega Taying spoke on the roles and functions of legal aid clinics, the rights of women, and the new criminal laws, while APWWS law coordinator Oyam Binggep spoke on how individuals can seek help through the legal aid clinic.

APWWS chief coordinator Yomjum Geyi Jongsam and spokesperson Tana Jaya Joram also spoke.

The executive members of the All Arunachal Street Vendors and Hawkers Association, and vendors from the Naharlagun and Itanagar markets also attended the programme.

CM inaugurates water supply system at TRIHMS

ITANAGAR, August 9:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on August 9 inaugurated the 19 lakh litre per day capacity water supply system for Naharlagun-based Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS), the only medical college hospital of the state.

The new water supply project is upgraded from the previous capacity of 2 lakh litres per day and will ensure a steady and reliable water supply to the medical college hospital.

Speaking on the occasion, Khandu observed that the new upgraded facility will greatly benefit the institute and enhance the care provided to patients.

"It's a crucial step towards improving healthcare infrastructure and ensuring a reliable water supply for all needs," he said.

Khandu appreciated the Itanagar Smart City Development Corporation Ltd under the Itanagar Smart City Mission for taking the water supply project under its ambit and allotting the job to the state Primary Health & Water Supply department to execute it.

"Funded by Itanagar Smart City Mission (about Rs 19 crores), I appreciate the officials of the PHE department for completing the project within two years," Khandu said.

He informed that another project that of Intelligent Car Parking with the help of AI is being implemented by the Itanagar Smart City Mission at TRIHMS and expressed hope that work on it is progressing smoothly.

Talking about TRIHMS, the Chief Minister said that the state government is commits itself for accelerated growth of the state's lone medical college hospital. He informed that recently he had a fruitful meeting with the Union Health Minister at New Delhi and had proposed for super specialty facilities in TRIHMS.

"The Union Health Minister has principally accepted the proposal and soon the state health department will make a formal proposal and follow up for official approval and sanction," Khandu revealed.

He assured that health is one of the top most priority sectors of the state government and in line with it, he said a State Cancer Institute has already been approved, which will be situated at Midpu near Doimukh in Papum Pare district. He added that the tender for construction will be soon completed and expects work on ground will start sooner than later.

"We are revisiting the master plan for the twin cities of Itanagar and Naharlagun so that these two state capital cities can be developed in a planned manner," he informed.

Admitting that the Package B (Papuh Nallah-Nirjuly section) of the 4-Lane Highway Project is running slow, he requested local legislator Techikaso and Mayor Tame Phassang and his team of concerned Corporators coordinate with the contractors and resolve issues pending the project's proper progress.

Present on the occasion were Home Minister Mama Natung, Health Minister Biyuram Wahge Urban Development Minister Balo, local MLA Techikaso Itanagar Mayor Tame Phassang and officials of PHED, Itanagar Smart City Mission and TRIHMS.

Maize seller demo and distribution programme



TAWANG, August 10:

Almora (Uttarakhand)-based Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan (VPKA), in collaboration with

the Tawang KVK, organised a 'demonstration and distribution of maize sheller' programme at the latter's premises on August 10.

VPKAS principal scientist Dr RK Khulbe briefed the participants on the initiatives taken by the VPKAS, in collaboration with the Tawang KVK, for making agriculture more profitable for the farmers in the district, specifically mentioning "the high-yielding quality protein maize hybrids and VL maize sheller developed by the VPKAS."

Explaining the advantages of the VL maize sheller, VPKAS senior scientist Dr Manoj Kumar informed that "the traditional method of manual shelling, which involves removal of grains from maize cobs by hand, is a tedious and time-consuming task and poses long-term health hazards to the workers – mainly women – involved in this work."

The practical functioning of the VL maize sheller was demonstrated to the farmers. They were also sensitized to the precautions to be taken while using the sheller.

Six VL maize shellers were distributed to the 16 participating farmers from Bleting, Buri, Khinmey and Kitpi villages for community use.

The VL maize sheller has been developed by the VPKAS for efficient shelling of maize, and is suitable for small and hill farmers. It weighs 54 kgs and can be easily ported by two persons, and runs on a 0.5 HP single-phase motor.

Its threshing capacity is 200-250 kg/hr and threshing efficiency is 95-98 per cent. It causes minimum breakage of grains and cobwood. The unbroken cobwood is used as firewood in many areas.

Earlier, KVK subject matter specialist CK Singh highlighted "the importance of maize in the food basket of Tawang farmers," and emphasised the need to improve maize productivity in the district.

Free cancer screening camp held

PASIGHAT, August 10:

Forty adult females were screened for cervical cancer during a free cancer screening camp held at the first referral unit (FRU) CHC at Ruksin in East Siang district on August 10.

The screening was part of a central government-ICMR task force project titled 'A study on persistence of high risk HPV infection and its association with specific epigenetic markers and HLA Class-II gene polymorphism among adult females from

Northeast India', under Pasighat-based Baking Pertin General Hospital (BPGH) senior microbiologist Dr Basumoti Apum, the DIPRO informed in a release.

Ruksin FRU gynaecologist Dr James Modi led the screening camp, during which pap smears, urine and blood samples were collected to screen for high risk HPV infection, and to carry out HLA typing.

Necessary follow-up with the patients will be done as and when the test results are completed.

"The population-based cancer registry (PBCR) under the ICMR/NCDIR, Bengaluru, based in BPGH Pasighat, under Dr Kaling Jerang as the principal investigator, participated in the camp," the DIPRO informed.

The data from PBCR Pasighat, which documents cancer burden and studies the trends of cancer in eastern Arunachal, show East Siang as being among the districts having the highest rate of cervical cancer in the country.

DMO Dr Komling Perme, BPGH Joint DHS Dr Talung Tali, Ruksin FRU i/c Dr Kadum Jonnom, among others, attended the inauguration programme, the release stated.

ES Doctors Association extends supports "Ketir Momir Gokying"



PASIGHAT, August 10.

Arunachal Pradesh Doctors Association (APDA), East Siang Unit today planted more than 100 trees saplings along the highway Between Siku River and Ayeng village, in an attempt to promote and support "Ketir Momir Gokying" (local plant) initiated by Mebo ADC Sibbo Passing. Altogether, 28 doctors along with APDA President Dr. K. Perme, Dr. Talung Tali President District Unit, Dr. Keni Lego participated in the campaign in presence of Sibbo Passing ADC Mebo, Bompang Tayeng Chairman KMG and Gao Buras.

“Ketir Momir Gokying” is a call for tree plantation and Cleanliness drive in an around Ayeng Village initiated recently by Shri Sibbo Passing ADC Mebo in association with the villagers. The campaign aims to make the village greener and stop plastic waste generation littered by the visitors along the Siang River and Siku River.

Later on during a consultative session in the “Musup” (Community Hall) Dr. Oson Borang Medical Officer Incharge of Drug De-addiction and Rehabilitation Center Pasighat educated the villagers on the impacts of substance abuse. Sibbo Passing SDO in his concluding remarks requested the village youths to focus on wild life preservation and also to check drug peddling.

Minister Dukam visits key institutions at Daporijo, engages with stakeholders



DAPORIJO, August 10:

Minister of Textile and Handicraft, Industries, Nyato Dukam, conducted an extensive visit to various key institutions at Daporijo on August 10, engaging directly with stakeholders and relevant authorities to gather firsthand information on the progress of ongoing projects and to identify challenges on the ground.

The Minister was accompanied by Daporijo MLA Taniya Soki, Deputy Commissioner Tasso Gambo, Superintendent of Police Thutan Jamba, and Heads of Departments (HoDs). The delegation visited the Mini Secretariat, Tadak Dulom District Hospital, Government Higher Secondary School, the Helipad, and the Departments of Textile & Handicrafts and Industry.

During the visit, Minister Dukam expressed concern over delays in several critical projects and directed the district administration and concerned officials to address these issues with urgency. He reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that the welfare of the people remains a top priority, emphasizing that no

compromises will be made in delivering benefits to the masses. The Minister assured full cooperation and assistance from his office to overcome any hurdles impeding progress.

Minister Dukam underscored the importance of delivering quality services, particularly to students, patients, and the general public. He urged officials to not only maintain but enhance the standards of existing facilities. The Minister also solicited suggestions from stakeholders on how to further improve these services and address any challenges they face. He highlighted that all four MLAs from Upper Subansiri are united in their commitment to the district’s development and stand ready to provide necessary support.

MLA Taniya Soki echoed these sentiments, calling on all stakeholders to cooperate fully with efforts aimed at advancing the district’s progress. He emphasized the collective responsibility of ensuring that the district’s development objectives are met efficiently and effectively.

Khandu attends concluding day of Chintan Shivir (Education Conclave- 2024)



ITANAGAR, August 10:

In a serious bid to ensure ‘quality’ over ‘quantity’ in the education sector, Chief Minister Pema Khandu on August 10 gave a timeline to kickstart the reformation process of all government schools in the state that would be mandatory.

Speaking at the concluding day of the 3-day Chintan Shivir cum Education Conclave – 2024, Khandu directed elected representatives, deputy commissioners and deputy directors of school education (DDSEs) to review the status of all government-run schools in their respective jurisdictions and finalize a roadmap for reformation by September 15, 2024. By October 20, he said all finalized roadmaps should be positively submitted to the Education department by all district administrations.

“By November the state government will finalize a roadmap keeping in view of those submitted by the districts after consultations with all stakeholders. As 2025 begins we will roll out this roadmap and ensure it is fully implemented in the next five years,” Khandu announced.

He called upon all MLAs, Panchayat Leaders, DCs and DDSEs to strictly follow the timeline without fail.

Khandu also drew attention of the education department towards the National Education Policy (NEP), which as per directions of the Prime Minister’s Office has to be implemented by all states by 2030.

“It’s time for us to pull up our socks. We hardly have 6 years at hand,” he reminded.

Khandu expressed concern over poor quality of education in government schools and called for a drastic change.

“Regular government teachers receive the best of salaries compared to teachers in private and NGO-run schools. Despite it, it is quite incomprehensible how the quality of education is so bad in government schools,” he expressed surprise.

He stressed that this must change and emphasized that a time should come in the near future that children of politicians and government officials are studying in government schools.

Commending the education department headed by Minister Pasang Dorjee Sona and his Advisor Mutchu Mithi for the timely conclave, the Chief Minister expressed hope that the outcome would be incredibly valuable and provide insightful inputs to enhance Arunachal’s education system.

“Our goal is to elevate the standard of government schools to a level where every parent feels proud and eager to send their children to these institutions. We envision a future where government schools are the preferred choice for all, regardless of socio-economic background,” he added.

Dukam raises drug abuse and other key concerns with CBOs, PRIs

DAPORIJO, August 11:

Growing concerns over the increasing drug abuse in Upper Subansiri District dominated discussions on August 11 at a coordination meeting held with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) leaders.

The meeting was chaired by the Minister of IPR & Printing, Nyato Dukam, with Upper Subansiri District Deputy Commissioner Tasso Gambo in attendance. The session also saw active participation from Upper Subansiri ZPC Nyato Marde, ZPMs from various constituencies including Chetam, Nacho, Lemiking-Taksing, Sigin-1, Giba, Siyum, Nalo Bango, Gite-Ripa, and Baririjo. Additionally, representatives from key organizations such as the Tagin Cultural Society, Nyishi Elite Society Upper Subansiri Unit, and Galo Welfare Society Upper Subansiri Unit, along with Upper Subansiri District BJP President Jili Jeram, were present.

In his closing remarks, Minister Dukam praised the CBOs and PRIs for their proactive stance on addressing the critical issue of drug abuse in the district. He assured the gathering that a district-wide initiative against drug abuse would be launched, aiming to make Upper Subansiri a model district in the fight against this growing menace. “Upper Subansiri must strive to become a role model in eradicating drug abuse,” Minister Dukam stated, stressing the need for strong collaboration among all stakeholders. He also underscored the importance of intensified police patrolling to effectively curb the issue.

Regarding educational development, Minister Dukam advised awaiting the outcome of the Chintan Shivir-cum-Education Conclave 2024 before implementing new measures. He reaffirmed the state government’s dedication, under the leadership of Chief Minister Pema Khandu, to advancing education, noting that the conclave is a clear indication of this commitment. Nonetheless, Minister Dukam welcomed the innovative suggestion from CBOs about adopting schools to enhance educational infrastructure and advocated for its consideration.

Minister Dukam also directed Deputy Commissioner Tasso Gambo to expedite the completion of key infrastructure projects, including highways and bridges, by engaging with the relevant authorities.

Addressing concerns related to the health sector, the Minister assured that the district's four MLAs would coordinate efforts to improve healthcare services. He acknowledged that despite the provision of facilities, the shortage of technical manpower remains a significant challenge that needs to be addressed urgently.

Furthermore, the Minister urged PRIs to ensure that the benefits of central and state government flagship welfare schemes are effectively delivered to beneficiaries at the grassroots level. He emphasized the significance of Mahatma Gandhi's vision for Panchayati Raj Institutions, which centers on empowering communities through self-governance. "Honoring Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy requires making the grassroots masses self-reliant," Minister Dukam asserted, reaffirming the state government's unwavering support and assistance to the PRIs.

During the meeting, PRI leaders also brought attention to several other concerns, including delays in the operationalization of key infrastructure projects, issues related to land encroachment, challenges in the horticulture sector, and the need for stronger measures to protect and preserve the district's ecology and wildlife.

Free Cervical Cancer Screening Camp held at PHC Bilat

PASIGHAT, August 12:

A total of 170 women availed of a free cervical cancer screening camp organised at the Bilat PHC in East Siang district on Monday, August 12.

Samples, including whole blood, urine, cervical smears, and dried blood spots were collected for critical diagnostics, such as microscopy, genotyping, and HLA-Class II gene polymorphism analysis.

The camp was part of a central government-ICMR task force project titled 'Study on the persistence of HR-HPV infection and its association with specific epigenetic markers and HLA-Class II gene polymorphism among adult females from NE India'.

The camp was conducted by a BPGH team led by senior microbiologist Dr B Apum, in collaboration with DMO Dr Komling Perme.

It was organised by the BPGH&TC's microbiology department here, in collaboration with the East Siang District Health Society and the Population-Based Cancer Registration (under ICMR/NCD, Bengaluru).

A similar camp had been organised at the Ruksin CHC last Saturday, August 10.

Iryam Panggam awarded for best ASHA performer

PASIGHAT, August 12:

Iryam Panggam, ASHA of 2 Mile area, Pasighat had been awarded Best Performing ASHA of the district for three consecutive years. She has been performing all the entrusted duties of ASHA with untiring consistency and full devotion since 2015.

An iron lady who in spite of having one year old child, always put forth the interest and welfare of the beneficiaries of her ward, covering a population of 6787 and more than two thousand household.

DRCHO Dr. Nidak Angu informed that Panggam has been invited to attend the 78th Independence Day in New Delhi as Special Guest from Arunachal Pradesh.

Minister Dukam flags off Advanced Life Support Ambulances at Daporijo

DAPORIJO, August 12:

Minister of Textile and Handicraft, and Industries, Nyato Dukam, along with Daporijo MLA Taniya Soki and Dumporijo MLA Rode Bui, officially flagged off two Advanced Life Support Ambulances on August 12 at the Tadak Dulom District Hospital at Daporijo.

These ambulances were donated by the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Subansiri Upper Hydroelectric Project, as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. The initiative was led by NHPC's Head of Project, Deepak Ratan Sagar, and Executive Director, Sudhir Kumar Yadav.

Minister Dukam expressed his gratitude to the NHPC for their significant contribution, emphasizing that the addition of these ambulances is a crucial enhancement to the district's healthcare infrastructure. He noted that these vehicles will greatly improve emergency medical services for the residents of Upper Subansiri District.

Minister Dukam also expressed optimism that NHPC will continue to engage in such impactful initiatives in the future. He called for collective support and cooperation from all stakeholders to ensure the successful completion of NHPC's 1605 MW Subansiri Upper Hydroelectric Project. He highlighted that the project, once completed, will not only bring substantial positive changes to the district but will also

contribute significantly to the empowerment and development of the state as a whole.

Dukam discusses district growth and challenges with HoDs, MLAs



DAPORIJO, August 12:

Minister of Textile and Handicraft, Industries, Nyato Dukam, chaired a comprehensive coordination meeting here on August 12 with the Heads of Departments, joined by Daporijo MLA Taniya Soki, Dumporijo MLA Rode Bui, and Nacho MLA Nakap Nalo. The primary objective of the meeting was to review the progress and challenges faced by each department, enabling the four MLAs to collectively address these issues and unlock the potential for growth and development in Upper Subansiri District.

In his remarks, Minister Dukam emphasized the importance of embracing complex challenges rather than avoiding them. He urged the Heads of Departments to engage in innovative and collaborative problem-solving, stressing that the success of the district's development initiatives hinges on their dedication and transparency. Minister Dukam assured that the MLAs would work in unison to address the issues raised and announced that such coordination meetings would be held regularly to assess challenges and explore opportunities.

Nacho MLA Nalo on his part called on the Heads of Departments to conduct regular field visits to gain a thorough understanding of the ground realities. He highlighted the necessity of streamlining service delivery to the public and maintaining the highest standards of professional ethics and dedication among the officers.

Taking part in the discussions, Daporijo MLA Soki emphasized the importance of strong coordination and cooperation among departments and with the MLAs. He reaffirmed that the ultimate goal of both the departments and legislators is to serve the people

and assured that all possible support would be extended to the departments to achieve this.

Meanwhile, Dumporijo MLA Bui expressed confidence that with the coordinated efforts of the four MLAs and the departments, the district could be steered towards holistic development and meaningful progress. He specifically highlighted the need for uncompromising standards in education, health, and public security, stressing the importance of accountability among officers.

The day-long meeting covered a wide range of issues, including absenteeism among officials, the implementation of central and state government flagship welfare schemes, the status of roads and bridges, the condition of health centers, the Golden Jubilee Border Village Illumination Programme, and the Jal Jeevan Mission. Each department presented detailed reports on their achievements and the challenges they face, providing a clear picture of the current status and the steps needed for improvement.

Upper Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Tasso Gambo, who was also present at the meeting, pledged full administrative support to the departments, reinforcing the district's commitment to collective progress.

The meeting marked a significant step towards collaborative governance, aimed at addressing the district's challenges and realizing its developmental potential.

RGU observes Anti-ragging Day

RONO HILLS, August 13:

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here on Monday observed the National Anti-ragging Day as part of 'Anti-ragging Week' from 12 to 18 August.

During the programme, RGU Vice-Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha focused on the menace of ragging and its impact on young minds, saying that "we should all unite against such evils."

RGU Registrar Dr NT Rikam spoke about the impact of ragging, and said that "it is comparatively lower and almost absent in Arunachal."

Resource person Dr Manoj Kumar deliberated on the various aspects of ragging "and the punishments and impact," the university informed in a release.

Earlier, the chairperson of the Anti-ragging Committee highlighted the significance of and the need for observing the day.

Namsai admin sign MoU, MoA with private agencies for improving education



NAMSAI, August 13:

The Namsai district administration, represented by Deputy Commissioner (i/c) K Tikhak, and the district's education department, represented by the DDSE, here signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Asilia Technology Pvt Ltd (ATPL) on August 13 in a move to enhance the performance of the education sector of the district.

Additionally, a memorandum of agreement (MoA) was signed between the duo and the Adhyayan Quality Education Foundation (AQEF).

The signing ceremony took place at the DC's conference hall, in the presence of Namsai MLA Zingnu Namchoom.

The ATPL will spearhead the integration of technology within the district's education sector. This collaboration will encompass a broad range of functions, including school management, teacher and student management, and leave management, as well as management of teachers' and students' attendance, exams, and performance tracking.

The data management process will be decentralised, empowering teachers and headmasters to input information directly. This approach is aimed at ensuring that all school functionaries have access to real-time data, thereby fostering transparency and efficiency in the administration of schools' operations.

The AQEF will focus on implementing soft interventions, aimed at improving the quality of education in line with the National Education Policy-2020.

Recognising the importance of resource sharing within the school complex model, the foundation will undertake a pilot project in Chongkham, which will involve 14 schools grouped into three school complexes.

The foundation will conduct comprehensive student mapping and assessments, allowing for differentiated interventions tailored to the specific needs of each student.

Additionally, it will provide training in shaa-la shiddhi, besides teachers' training and weekly performance reviews to continuously monitor and elevate the quality of education.

Namchoom emphasised "the crucial role of human resource development in the education sector," and stressed on "the importance of providing strong foundational support to students from an early age." He urged all stakeholders to "collaborate with the two agencies in their mission to enhance the quality of education in Namsai district.

Tikhak further said that the district administration, the education department and the partner organisations "are deeply committed to achieving these ambitious goals."

He emphasised that "these efforts will ensure that the students of Namsai district receive the best possible education, thereby positioning them for success in the future,".

Khandu inaugurates the Aqua Excellence Center at NIMAS

TIPPI, August 14:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated the Aqua Excellence Center of the Dirang-based National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS) here at Tippi on Wednesday, August 14

NIMAS, under the Defence Ministry, is a premier institution dedicated to providing world-class training in all three verticles (Land, Aero and Aqua) of adventure and presently imparts adventure course certification in mountaineering, mountain terrain biking, white water rafting, scuba diving, paramotor and paragliding. With a focus on holistic development and excellence, NIMAS aims to cultivate skilled, resilient, and environmentally conscious adventurers.

Khandu remarked that with the inauguration of the new center, aqua or water adventure sports will receive a significant boost.

"Arunachal Pradesh is known for its rivers that have immense potential for aqua sports like all forms of river rafting, canoeing, kayaking, scooba diving, snorkelling, etc. I am optimistic that NIMAS with its expertise would explore this sector to develop Arunachal Pradesh as a major adventure tourism destination.

"This centre will unlock the potential of youth in aqua adventures, leveraging the state's abundant rivers and water bodies. It's a significant step towards

promoting water sports and positioning our state as a premier destination for adventure sports,” he said.

The Chief Minister praised NIMAS Director, ColRanveer Singh Jamwal for utilizing a building built by the state Tourism department, which was lying unused since years. He also lauded the Tourism department headed by Director K N Damo for renovating the entire building at a modest budget of Rs 95 lakhs.

Felicitating the ‘Har Shikhar Tiranga’ team of NIMAS that successfully scaled and hoisted the Tricolour on the highest peak of each Indian state, Khandu hailed the indomitably spirit of the team members ably led by Col Jamwal, who incidentally is the only Indian to reach the top of Mount Everest thrice.

On the occasion, Khandu flagged off the Mount Gorichen Massif Expedition, the highest peak in Arunachal Pradesh situated along the boundary of West Kameng and Tawang districts.

Wishing the team luck, he called for exploration of adventure tourism opportunities associated with Mount Gorichen in similar lines that of Mount Everest,

“Hundreds of mountaineers flock to climb Mount Everest every season while hundreds trek to the base camp just for adventure. Our Tourism department in collaboration with NIMAS may plan a similar set up,” he suggested.

The Chief Minister later released a coffee-table book and a video documentary on the ‘Har Shikhar Tiranga Mission’.

Present during the event were local MLA Tenzin Nyima Glow, Director Tourism K N Damo, officials of the district administration and NIMAS and local leaders of Bhalukpong area.

Tiranga Yatra organized at Ziro



ZIRO, August 14:

The Indira Gandhi Technological and Medical Sciences University (IGTAMSU), Ziro in collab-

oration with the District Administration of Lower Subansiri District organized a Grand Tiranga Yatra here on Wednesday, August 14.

The patriotic event was organized on the eve of Independence Day to instill a sense of national pride and unity among the citizens of the District. The event not only highlighted the spirit of patriotism but also showcased the coordinated efforts of the university, district administration and local law enforcement agencies.

The Tiranga Yatra was flagged-off at the District Secretariat by local MLA Hage Appa in presence of DC Vivek H.P, IGTAMSU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sidharth Shankar and Registrar Prasant Roy.

The event saw active participation of nearly 300 students from IGTAMSU accompanied by their faculty members. The participants, dressed in white and carrying the national flag, marched with enthusiasm and pride. The participation of students was particularly significant as it provided them with an opportunity to engage with the broader community and express their love for the nation.

Several officers from the District Administration also participated in the Yatra, further demonstrating the unity between the government and educational institutions in fostering national pride.

The Tiranga Yatra followed a pre-determined route that covered key areas of Ziro, ensuring maximum visibility and engagement with the local community. The rally was characterized by a vibrant display of patriotism with participants waving the national flag and chanting slogans in honor of the nation.

The route was carefully chosen to pass through prominent locations, including major roads, marketplaces, and residential areas. This ensured that the Yatra was seen and heard by a large number of local residents.

The event was recorded using drones, which provided aerial footage of the rally. This innovative approach of documenting the event offered unique perspectives and captured the scale and enthusiasm of the participants.

DEO Papum Pare launches official website

YUPIA, August 14:

The District Election Office, Papum Pare here announced the official launch of its new website; www.deopapumpare.nic.in, designed to enhance public en-

gagement, improve accessibility to election-related information, and streamline electoral services for the residents of Papum Pare.

DEO Papum Pare Jiken Bomjen while launching the website from DC Conference Hall Yupia on Wednesday, August 14 said that "The launch of this website marks a significant step forward in our mission to make election processes more transparent, accessible, and efficient for our community,"

"We encourage all citizens to explore the website, take advantage of its resources, and stay informed about their electoral rights and responsibilities." He further added.

An initiative of the ERO (Hq) EAC Dani Rikang, the new website, accessible at www.deopapumpare.nic.in, has been developed by DIO Tad Issac.

While highlighting few features of the website Issac informed that the website offers a comprehensive platform where citizens can access information about voter registrations process and forms, voter information and can download various election related forms.

"Residents can easily register to vote or update their existing voter information online, reducing the need for in-person visits," Issac further informed.

"We have made available the details of all the election officials and BLOs in the website. The website will also serve as the primary platform for official updates, announcements, and press releases from the DEO." Issac further informed.

ADC Tame Yajum, AEROS, HoDs and election officials attended the launch program.

Tsering inaugurates refurbished school facilities

THEMBANG, August 14:

Newly revamped key facilities at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalaya (NSCBAV) here under Dirang sub-division of West Kameng district were inaugurated on Wednesday, August 14 by advisor to minister for PWD, Science & Technology, Phurpa Tsering.

The facilities were revamped as part of the 'Project 37' initiative of the 2016 batch of APCS administrative officers. The comprehensive renovation included upgrades to the dining hall, the creation of a mini library, the provision of games and sports items, distribution of notebooks and other stationery to students and essential repairs and maintenance in the boys' hostel bathroom, the hand-washing point, and

the utensil-washing area, significantly enhancing the school's infrastructure.

Appreciating the initiative led by Thembang circle officer Moyir Kato and the entire Project 37 team for their dedication to the cause, Phurpa Tsering expressed his willingness to support and cooperate with the team in their future endeavors.

In his address to the gathering, Tsering assured the villagers that all necessary resources, from staffing to infrastructure, would be provided to ensure the smooth functioning of the school, benefiting not only the students of Thembang but also those from neighboring villages. He further instructed the engineering department to take immediate action on enhancing the school's aesthetic appeal, constructing a boundary wall, and establishing a 24/7 water supply-all to be funded from his untied fund.

CO Moyir Kato elaborated on the origins of Project 37, highlighting the collective efforts of the 2016 batch officers in driving development projects particularly, in rural areas, through a model of crowd funding. She proudly noted that this renovation marks the 11th successful project under their initiative.

Later during the programme, Tsering distributed stationery items to the students.

Dirang ADC, ZPMs, PRI leaders, HoDs and senior leaders were present on the occasion.

Lowang inaugurates PWD Sub-Division office at Deomali



DEOMALI, August 14:

The Minister for Environment & Forest, Geology, and DoTCL, Wangki Lowang, on August 14 inaugurated the new office building for the Assistant Engineer (AE), PWD Deomali Sub-Division here.

This project was sanctioned with a budget of ₹100 lakhs during 2022-23 under the 4059 Public Works by the state government (RE-2022-23), vide sanction No. PWD-12011/968/2023-Work-PWD/File No. 1445 dated 19th March 2023. The new building replaces the old PWD Deomali Sub-Division office,

which was constructed in the early 1950s during the CPWD era with Assam-type specifications, including akra walling, timber flooring, and CGI sheet roofing. The old structure had outlived its lifespan and was in a dilapidated condition.

The construction of a modern, well-equipped office building was a pressing need for the people of Deomali to ensure the smooth and effective execution of developmental works by the PWD in the region. This long-standing requirement has been fulfilled under the noble initiative of Wangki Lowang in collaboration with the Public Works Department. The project was rigorously pursued by the Executive Engineer (EE) PWD, ensuring its timely sanction.

Consequently, a G+2 RCC office building was constructed in October 2023 through competitive tendering, with a stipulated completion time of 12 months. The work was completed three months ahead of schedule by M/S Hahak Enterprises and was ready for inauguration.

During the inauguration, Wangki Lowang praised the PWD for the construction of the new building. He highlighted the department's extensive technical know-how and manpower, recalling that he was the first local contractor from the Deomali region in the early 1990s during the CPWD era. He expressed confidence in the PWD, mentioning that many more projects are in the pipeline under their supervision.

The Minister advised other departments to adopt the working methods of the PWD to bring about more successful projects in the near future. He also noted that the Deomali PWD Sub-Division has been a fortunate place, as all past Assistant Engineers from the sub-division have been successfully promoted to the rank of EE PWD. He congratulated the recently promoted EEs, Er. Yomken Karga and Er. Bengia Tagu.

ADC Deomali, Jotam Toko Obi, who attended the inaugural program, appreciated the new office building. He admired the PWD's adherence to CPWD codal provisions and art of design techniques and expressed optimism that the PWD Sub-Division Deomali would continue to deliver such excellent projects in the future.

EE PWD Taro Jeram delivered the welcome speech and provided a brief outline of the project. He expressed gratitude to the public and the Minister for their cooperation and support in securing early project sanctioning from the government.

Jeram also praised the Prop of M/S Hahak Enterprises, Vijay Agarwal, for completing the project

in a record time of 9 months, three months ahead of the scheduled completion date of October 2024. He also congratulated AE PWD Deomali Sub-Division, Bengia Tagu, on his recent promotion to EE PWD.

In his address, Jeram assured the public of Deomali that the PWD would complete other ongoing projects, including the construction of the Convention Hall and the Mini-Secretariat Building at Deomali, within the stipulated timeframe and as per CPWD design specification.

Meanwhile, EE PWD Khonsa requested Wangki Lowang to pursue additional funds at the government level, as the current budget allocation of ₹3 crore each for the ongoing projects is insufficient for their completion.

ZPM Soha, Sam Korak, and public leader Kawang Lowang also spoke at the event, expressing their appreciation for the PWD's efforts in bringing such beautiful projects to the region. They thanked Shri Wangki Lowang for his contributions to the development of Deomali and expressed hope that more projects would be undertaken under his leadership in the near future.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks from AE PWD Deomali Sub-Division.

Har Ghar Tiranga campaigns begins in the State

ITANAGAR, August 15:

Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyaan starts in the State here on Sunday, August 11 where various districts participated.

At Namsai, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein flagged the Tiranga Yatra marking the launch of the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign in the district along with Chau Zingnu Namchoom, MLA-Namsai, ZPC Nang Urmila Mancheykhun, HoDs, PRI leaders, CBOs, NGOs and general public.

The Yatra commenced 2nd Mile, Namsai and proceeded to the District Secretariat, Namsai.

During the program, the DCM administered the Tiranga pledge and handed over the Tiranga to the ZPC, ZPMs, school principals, headmasters, administration, and PRI leaders.

The event also featured a patriotic song performed by GHSS Namsai. The program concluded with a call from the DCM to plant trees in honor of mothers and mother earth, urging participation in the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign.

Minister Dukam leads Tiranga Yatra at Daporijo

At Daporijo, Minister of Textile and Handicraft, Industries, Nyato Dukam, actively participated in the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyaan by leading a spirited Tiranga Yatra in Daporijo. The event, organized by the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), Upper Subansiri District Unit, saw enthusiastic participation from the local community, including Daporijo MLA Taniya Soki, BJYM Upper Subansiri District Unit President Tayo Soki and others.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Dukam emphasized the importance of the National Flag as a symbol of unity, pride, and the diverse cultural heritage of India. "Our Tricolor represents the collective spirit of our nation, the sacrifices of our freedom fighters, and the values that bind us as Indians. Let us hoist the Tiranga with pride at our homes, workplaces, and institutions, reaffirming our commitment to the country's progress and unity," he said.

The Tiranga Yatra, which featured over a hundred motorbikes, was a vibrant display of patriotism. The participants, carrying the National Flag, traversed through the streets of Daporijo, evoking a sense of pride and unity among the residents.

Earlier in the day, Minister Dukam also administered the Tiranga Pledge to the participants, urging them to uphold the honor of the National Flag in every aspect of their lives. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign and make it a resounding success across the district and beyond.

Minister Dukam further added, "The Tiranga is not just a flag; it is a beacon of hope, resilience, and the undying spirit of our nation. By participating in this Abhiyaan, we not only honor our flag but also reinforce our shared responsibility towards building a stronger and more prosperous India."

The event concluded with a collective resolve to keep the Tricolor flying high, reflecting the unwavering commitment of the people of Upper Subansiri to the nation's ideals.

At Taliha, on August 13, the Minister launched Har Ghar Tiranga and held a coordination meeting with the Heads of Departments (HoDs) from Kodak ADC Headquarters and PRI leaders, where the Minister made significant developmental announcements for the region.

He revealed that the Kodak ADC Headquarters, currently functioning temporarily from Taliha due to incomplete infrastructure, will be relocated to Kodak by October this year.

The Minister also announced that the creation of Lable Circle is being actively pursued, with the

aim of establishing it by the end of the year, subject to successful completion of the required processes.

In a forward-looking move, Minister Dukam also hinted at the launch of the Gaon Chalo Abhiyan, an initiative aimed at revitalizing border villages by providing essential facilities and services.

Minister Dukam emphasized the importance of sustaining vibrant communities in border regions, stating, "Our border villages are vital to the security and cultural richness of our state. Through the Gaon Chalo Abhiyan, we will work to ensure that these communities receive the attention and resources necessary for their development and prosperity."

During his address, Minister Dukam urged the HoDs to work with diligence and a commitment to delivering quality services to the people. He emphasized that the grassroots leaders, particularly the PRI leaders, have a crucial role in transforming rural Arunachal by empowering the local populace.

"With the devolution of powers, functions, and funds to the PRIs by the state government, it is imperative that all leaders and officials be proactive in ensuring that the benefits of various flagship schemes reach the masses. Strong coordination between departments and PRIs is essential for the effective implementation of these schemes," Minister Dukam said. He further stressed, "Do not perform your duties merely as a formality; take on the responsibility with a vision for the common and holistic development of all."

Meanwhile, Minister Dukam visited the Community Health Centre and Government Secondary School in Taliha, and the Kodak ADC Headquarters where he assessed the facilities and took note of the challenges faced by these institutions. He assured the community that their concerns would be addressed, reaffirming his commitment to improving public services in the region.

At Boleng, the Citizens were encouraged to display the National flags at their homes for the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan',

Minister of Rural Development, Panchayat, Cooperation, Transport, Ojing Tasing flagged off The Tiranga Yatra.

During the Yatra, Tasing pledged "to respect the spirit of our freedom fighters and brave sons, and dedicate myself to the development of India" and shows the initiative planting trees to reinforcing the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' drive aimed to plant 15 lakh trees nationwide, initiated on World Environment Day.

DC Siang, ADC, EAC, DSP, ZPC, HoDs, Officers/ Officials, HGBs/GBs, PRI Member, Public

leaders, students and the public of Boleng Siang were present.

At Pasighat, East MLA Tapi Darrang flagged off an eco-friendly cyclothon from DC office as part of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga campaign' in East Siang district.

The cyclists, while displaying tri-colour, traversed through Siang Guest House- DC Bungalow road via BPGH Chariali- Raneghat – Mirmir Chariali before culminating back at DC office.

The MLA lauded the eco-friendly initiative to honour and spread awareness on the national Tri-colour among the people of the district.

East Siang DC Tayi Taggu, SP Dr. Sachin Kumar Singhal, ADC Tatling Pertin, students, among others were present in the event, which was organized by the East Siang district administration in collaboration with Pasighat Smart City and Pasighat Cycling Club.

Minister Jini, participated in Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra at Aalo

At Aalo, Kento Jini, Minister Law, Legislative and justice, Social Justice, Empowerment & Tribal Affairs, Sports & Youth Affairs Arunachal Pradesh, attended various Har Ghar Tiranga programme along with Hage Mamu Deputy Commissioner, West Siang District on August 12.

Attending the programme the Minister distributed National Flag to the Senior Citizens and general public's of Aalo Town, Minister attended Tiranga Bike rally and cleanliness drive at Nehru memorial School Aalo.

Minister paid a Tiranga tribute to Kirti Chakra awardee Lt. Naik Tape Yajo who sacrificed his life on 22nd Sept'2008 and late Tapop Yajo of IRBN who sacrifice his life on duty.

Later, the Minister distributed Trianga to all the HODs and administered the Tiranga pledge and Nasha Mukta Bharat pledge in presence of Hage Mamu, Deputy Commissioner West Siang to all the Officers, HoD's and officials of West Siang at Circuit house

During his speech Minister appealed the Public's of the Aalo Township to maintain cleanliness. Administration alone cannot do everything for cleanliness of the town; he urged the public to come forward for township cleanliness. He further appeals the people to respect the national flag and the freedom fighters of India who lost their precious life during struggle for freedom.

Among many District headquarters of Arunachal Pradesh, Aalo is one of the best and beautiful town. He appreciated Dr. Dubom Bagra (DMO),

Aalo for maintaining the General Hospital and PHCs and CHCs of West Siang for which the health department got 5(five) NQAS and 1(one) LaQshya certificate from government.

On Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan, he urged the Superintendent of Police to keep vigil on the drug peddlers. Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan is operational in every district of India. He appeals the District administration, Police and general Public to jointly fight to eradicate the drug menace from the West Siang District.

Har Ghar Tiranga Programme was organised by District Administration under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner West Siang District Mamu Hage

The programme was attended by ADC Hq Mabi Taipodia Jini, HoD's, Officers and Officials of Various department of West Siang District.

MLA pays tribute to Martyr Gammar Angu

In another news, joining with the rest of the country the West Siang 30 Aalo West Assembly Constituency MLA Topin Ete paid tiranga tribute to the Martyr Constable Gammar Angu at Angu Village.

Late Gammar Angu was shot dead by militant in Jammu & Kashmir while he was on election duty in the year 2002. Martyr Gammar Angu was posted as a constable in Special Service Bureau (SSB) now Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

MLA Topin Ete administered the Tiranga Pledge to all the villagers of Angu, Bikers and other participants.

Marngam Angu Daughter of Martyr Gammar Angu flag off the bike rally where the MLA also participated in the bike rally from Angu Village to PI Colony Aalo.

The Har Ghar Tiranga and other outreach programmes were supervised by West Siang Deputy Commissioner Mamu Hage.

During the Tiranga tribute Mabi Taipodia ADC Hq Aalo, HGBs, GBs, Villagers and PRI members attended the programme.

The MLA also participated and leads the "Ek Ped Maa Ki Naam" programme at Government Secondary School, PI Colony Aalo where he interacted with the students and teachers. He appeals them to keep the Yomgo River bank clean and maintain the greenery of the environment.

All the participants planted saplings in and around the secondary school PI Colony.

At Likabali, Lower Siang Deputy Commissioner Rujjum Rakshap urged the government officials to play a pivotal role in bringing about a drug-free society.

After launching the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan and administering pledge to the government officials to fight against the drug menace, the DC on Tuesday, August 13 urged every official to “set a good example for the youths of the district by shunning drugs and addictive substances for a strong and vibrant Bharat.”

He said that “the tricolour is our identity as an independent country and it is our prime responsibility to honour and respect it.”

The abhiyan will cover every nook and corner of the district, touch every household of the villages, and culminate at the Chidu Chigo ground in Likabali on Independence Day.

MLA Ratu Techī organises plantation programme on Har Ghar Tiranga camping

At Sagalee, Ratu Techī, MLA 15-Sagalee launched the “Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan from Balapu village.

The rally was flagged off from Balapu at 8:00 am and culminated at Sagalee general ground where a mass social Service was conducted by the 15-Sagalee BJP Mondal unit in collaboration with PapumPare District BJP unit.

Later as a part of the program tree plantation was carried out at Govt.Hr. Secondary, School Sagalee.

The MLA also visited the Girls hostel block, which was constructed 40 years back and in dire need of immediate attention from the authorities. This SPT hostel houses 56 girl students currently.

School Management Vice Chairman Debia Lalum and Principal Sendo Lomi appraised the MLA about the infrastructural requirements of the School.

The MLA assured to look in to the matter on priority.

The ADC, Sagalee, HoOs, ZPM Sagalee, PRIs member, the BJP Mondal President Sagalee, BJP Party worker and general public attended the programme.

At Tawang, “Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign was launched on Tuesday, August 13 Led by MLA Namgey Tsering, the campaign commenced at Dorjee Khandu Government College and concluded at the Tawang War Memorial.

Earlier in the morning, another Tiranga procession began from Old Market and culminated at the Tawang War Memorial. Participants, including students and the general public, carried a 100-meter-long tricolour along with national flags, chanting patriotic slogans such as “Bharat Mata Ki Jai” during the procession. A Tiranga concert was also organized at the Tawang War Memorial, featuring patriotic dances, songs and speeches by students from various schools.

Earlier, MLA Namgey Tsering, deputy commissioner Kanki Darang, and Commander of the Tawang Brigade, Brigadier V.S. Rajput, laid wreaths at the memorial, paying tribute to the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation. The ceremony was followed by a tree plantation drive within the war memorial premises.

In his address, Tsering expressed deep gratitude to the freedom fighters who gave their lives to liberate India from foreign rule. He also remembered Major Bob Khating for his contributions to Tawang and paid homage to the war heroes of the 1962 Indo-Sino War.

Brigadier V.S. Rajput expressed his appreciation for the community’s participation in the grand Tiranga yatra.

At Hawaii, hundreds took part in a bike Tiranga rally and a foot march organized at Hawaii and Walong respectively, by the Anjaw district administration and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad under ‘Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan’ on Wednesday.

Minister for WCD, CA, science & technology, Dasanglu Pul, who flagged off the events, requested all the villagers residing in the border areas to take more participation in such Tiranga rallies under ‘Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan’ in the days to come.

At Yupia, Students and teachers, besides officials and staffers of the rural development (RD) department took part in a Har Ghar Tiranga programme here in Papum Pare district on Tuesday. It was organised jointly by the RD department and the district administration.

DC Jiken Bomjen flagged off the programme, which culminated at the DC office complex here.

The DC also administered the pledge to honour and protect the national flag to all the participants.

Later, cleanliness and plantation drives were conducted at all the office premise

Raj Bhavan celebrates the 78th Independence Day



ITANAGAR, August 15:

The 78th Independence Day of India was celebrated at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar, on 15th August 2024. The

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), unfurled the National Flag and saluted it. The Echo Company of the 33rd Battalion of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police, attached to Raj Bhavan, presented the Guard of Honour to mark the occasion.

In his address, the Governor extended heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the people of Arunachal Pradesh on this historic occasion. He remarked that India's Independence Day marks the birth of the world's largest democracy and paid tribute to the brave sons and daughters of India who made the ultimate sacrifice to secure our freedom.

The Governor reverently recalled the values that guided our nation's founding fathers, along with the contributions of our own freedom fighters, including Matmur Jamoh, Moje Riba, and many others who played crucial roles in the struggle for independence.

He emphasized that Independence Day is a powerful symbol of national unity and pride, offering a moment to reflect on our country's remarkable journey, a journey that continues to inspire future generations. He highlighted that this celebration instills a sense of responsibility and patriotism in the youth, encouraging them to contribute positively to the nation's progress.

In the context of our rapidly changing world, the Governor noted that the youth of our State are the torchbearers of tomorrow. He pointed out that our creativity, innovation, and determination will shape the future of India and urged everyone to embrace this responsibility with enthusiasm, working together to make the country a beacon of hope and progress.

The Governor also drew attention to the vision set forth by our apex leadership, Viksit Bharat @ 2047. He explained that this vision encapsulates the aspirations of a nation determined to build on its strengths, overcome challenges, and emerge as a beacon of prosperity, equality, and global leadership by 2047. Arunachal Pradesh is achieving this vision, he said, with collective effort, determination, and a deep commitment to the ideals that have guided India's journey so far. To realize this vision, he stressed the importance of focusing on industrial growth, digital innovation, sustainable development, and creating a favorable environment for entrepreneurship. He added that strengthening the education system, promoting vocational training, and encouraging research and innovation are essential steps toward achieving these goals.

The Governor expressed confidence that Team Arunachal would be able to achieve its goals with confidence and dedication.

The Governor and the First Lady of the State, Anagha Parnaik distributed sweets to the participating school children and officials on the joyous occasion. Officers and staff of Raj Bhavan, along with department officials attached to Raj Bhavan, as well as students and teachers from Government and private Schools, participated in the celebration.

Governor, First Lady of the State attend the Independence Day 'At Home'

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) and First Lady of the State Anagha Parnaik attended the 'At Home' function, hosted by Chief Minister Pema Khandu on the occasion of 78th Independence Day in the State Guest House, Niti Vihar, Itanagar on 15th August 2024.

The Governor and the First Lady of the State exchanged Independence Day greetings with the Chief Minister Pema Khandu, the distinguished guests and invitees present on the occasion.

Adding to the inspiring ambience of patriotism was the cultural presentation by the local cultural organization and the patriotic theatrical show by the Kamsa Dramatics Society

78th Independence Day celebrated

CM graces the Independence Day celebration at Itanagar

ITANAGAR, August 15:

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated across the state with usual patriotic fervour and enthusiasm on 15 August.

At Itanagar, Chief Minister Pema Khandu called upon the people of the state to join hands with the government with renewed vigour and determination to achieve the goal of a developed state.

Hoisting the national tricolour at Indira Gandhi Park here on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day, the chief minister said that "the goal of building a developed Arunachal cannot be achieved without the wholehearted support of the people."

"We stand today at a crossroads, where the path of tradition and modernity intertwine. By leveraging our natural resources responsibly and preserving our cultural heritage, we can drive sustainable development that benefits all sections of the society," the chief minister said.

Through collective efforts, dedication and determination, we can achieve remarkable milestones

and transform our vision of a developed Arunachal into reality, he said.

“According to the Sustainable Development Goals scoreboard for 2023-’24, Arunachal Pradesh has ascended to the esteemed group of ‘frontrunner states’ – a significant improvement from our status as a ‘performer state’ in 2020-’21. Despite these achievements, our work is far from over. In the future, we will pursue all SDG goals with a saturation approach,” Khandu said.

The chief minister claimed that the state had significantly reduced multidimensional poverty by almost 11 per cent in the last three years, which, he said, “is a testament to the efforts and enduring spirit of the citizens in striving towards a developed Arunachal, where no citizen is left behind; one where the government is truly committed to the overarching goal of *antyodaya*, the holistic wellbeing of the last man in the queue.”

Sharing the government’s vision, Khandu said, “Our vision for 2047 rests on the foundation of robust governance reforms to enhance transparency, accountability and efficiency in administration.”

By fostering an environment of good governance, we can ensure that policies are formulated and implemented in a manner that fosters trust and satisfaction among citizens, the chief minister said.

“Our commitment to eradicate poverty is steadfast. While currently at 13.76 per cent, our aim is clear by 2047, we envision a state where no one lives in poverty, ensuring that economic prosperity reaches every household,” Khandu said.

Stating that the government is aiming to achieve cent per cent digitalisation of services by 2029, empowering citizens with easy access to essential services, Khandu added that the government will continue to make substantial investments in enhancing human capital, focusing on education, skill development and vocational training, to empower citizens with knowledge and expertise needed to participate actively in state’s growth story.

“Our strategic pillar of ‘environment protection and climate resilience’ underscores the significance of safeguarding the environment and building climate resilience. Arunachal became the first state in India to commit to climate-resilient development through the Pakke Declaration-2047, with 75 strategies identified under Panch Dharas,” he added.

Khandu said that the government will introduce bottom-up planning to ensure effective and comprehensive development, “right down to the

last mile by considering the needs and aspirations of every person, every village and every region.”

“To enhance the quality of life of citizens, we will ensure cent per cent physical and digital connectivity for all unconnected village and administrative headquarters,” Khandu said, adding that the government is committed to empower at least 21,000 women to become “*lakhpati didis*” over the next five years, enabling them to earn an annual income of more than Rs 1 lakh.

The chief minister said that the government is launching “the SEE Trinity (Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Employment) to completely reorient the entire ecosystem, providing over 25,000 employment and self-employment opportunities in the next five years for the youths, especially women.”

He said that, “with the vision of ‘Vikas Bhi, Viraasat Bhi’, the government is committed to ensure that the unique linguistic, cultural and social identity is adequately preserved, protected and promoted.

“We are committed to utilise new-age technologies for preventing crimes and ensuring scientific investigation. We will adopt advanced technologies, including GIS, AI, machine learning and big data analytics for crime mapping and monitoring, enhancing crime prevention and resolution,” he said.

To ensure a safer environment for women, the government has started the “pink patrolling” initiative and will further enhance it with state-of-the-art PCR vehicles, he added.

“We must be prepared for global challenges like pandemics, climate change, technological disruptions, economic instability and the rising geopolitical tensions. It is essential for us to think and act locally and globally,” Khandu said, and urged the people to embark on this journey with renewed vigour and determination.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein hoisted the National Flag at the General Ground here in presence of MLA Chau Zingnu Namchoom, ZPC Urmila Mancheykun, DIG (East) Kime Aya, Namsai DC in-charge Kretkam Tikhak, SP Sange Thinley, and others at Namsai.

In his address, Mein paid tribute to India’s freedom fighters and martyrs, emphasizing their pivotal role in inspiring the nation’s aspirations for development by 2047, as outlined in the Amrit Kaal vision.

Mein also inaugurated the exhibition stalls put up by various departments, NGOs, SHGs, schools & colleges. Later in the day, the Deputy CM attended the closing ceremony of the United Brotherhood Cup

Football Tournament in Manmow, Namsai, organized by United Brotherhood Club with the theme 'Unity Through Sports'.

Independence Day celebrated across the State

At Daporijo, IPR & Printing Minister Nyato Dukam hoisted the national flag at the Rijo Mini Outdoor Stadium here. In his address, Dukam paid tribute to the freedom fighters whose sacrifices laid the foundation for the nation's independence. He urged the gathering to honor their legacy by fostering a spirit of unity and compassion, emphasizing the importance of standing by one another in times of need and striving together towards a future that is bright, inclusive, and just.

The event was marked by a vibrant display of patriotic spirit and was attended by Daporijo MLA Taniya Soki, Upper Subansiri DC Tasso Gambo, and other dignitaries.

At Tawang, the border district of Tawang celebrated the 78th Independence Day with strong patriotic fervor. In the district HQs, local MLA Namgey Tsering hoisted the national flag at the general parade ground. The soldiers from Indian Army and SSB, NCC cadets, Scouts & Guides and Cub Bulbuls participated in the I-Day parade. The patriotic dances, songs and traditional cultural programmes added more colour to the celebration.

In the afternoon, the Independence Day Cup Football Tournament final match was played between Monyul Football Club and defending champions D-Club at the Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso high altitude stadium. After a tough match, the defending champions retained the title with 1-0 in penalty shootout.

At Yupia, Hoisting the national tricolor during the 78th Independence Day celebration here, Papum Pare DC Jiken Bomjen gave a clarion call to all the denizens to create a drug-free India, empowering the youth to lead healthier and more productive lives. He urged all the citizens to join the "Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan" and actively participate in the ground level activities to make it a success.

Asserting the Govt's will to resolve the Asam-Arunachal boundary issues amicably, Bomjen informed that the new Government has last month reconstituted the Regional Committee chaired by Minister Balo Raja, to continue the efforts of the previous Committee for a permanent solution of the vexed inter-state boundary issues.

On the occasion, the DC presented commendation certificates to several Govt officials for their exemplary dedication towards their work. Cultural programs by school children, Dog show by the NDRF and band display by VKV Nirjuli girls, exhibi-

tion stalls by various departments and NGOs, and a friendly volleyball match were the other attractions of the program.

At Doimukh MLA Nabam Vivek hoisted the National flag at Taraso general ground on the occasion of 78th Independence Day. The MLA while paying tributes to the freedom fighters said that 'their sacrifices are a reminder that our independence is a priceless gift, one that must be cherished and safeguarded'.

At Ziro: Hoisting the National Flag at the packed Padi Yubbe outdoor stadium here, Ziro-Hapoli MLA Hage Appa, in his address, said freedom was precious which needs to be vigilantly protected. While acknowledging the efforts and contributions of the past political leaders of Ziro for shaping and chartering the growth and development of Ziro plateau, Appa appealed to build Ziro as a 'model district'.

During the ceremony, the MLA also distributed LPC and land allotment certificates to all Govt schools under Lower Subansiri district and also launched the 'Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan'. Among others, Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Vivek HP, and SP Keni Bagra were also present on the occasion.

At Yingkiong, along with rest of the country, Upper Siang district also celebrated the 78th Independence Day with great joy and enthusiasm.

At Yingkiong, MLA, Alo Libang hoisted the national flag. Paying tribute to the martyrs, he said, 'this day reminds us of the great sacrifices made by innumerable freedom fighters for the freedom of our country. Today on this day, we salute all of them and offer our tribute'.

Later on, Libang along with DC Hage Lailang and SP Token Saring felicitated the meritorious Govt employees, CBSE toppers of classes X and XII and best performing schools.

At Tuting, Likor-Palling ZPM Zimpir Dangen hoisted the national flag in the presence of ADC, Tuting Pandov Perme, host of Army and Govt officers, and others.

At Khosna: The 78th Independence Day was celebrated across Tirap district peacefully. The district administration organized week-long programs, including "Har Ghar Tiranga" and "Ek Per Maa Ke Naam", in alignment with the national festivities.

At Nehru Stadium here, Khonsa East MLA Wanglam Sawin hoisted the National Tricolour. The celebration featured the inauguration of stalls, patriotic dances, and songs performed by various tribes and school children, adding vibrancy to the day.

While addressing the gathering, he praised the District Administration, Arunachal Pradesh Police, 44 Assam Rifles, 36 Bn CRPF, and other security agencies for their relentless efforts in promoting development and maintaining peace in the region.

At Deomali ADC headquarters, Environment & Forest, Geology, Mining & Mineral, and DoTCL Minister Wangki Lowang hoisted the Tricolour. The event was attended by ADC Deomali, Commandant 1st IRBn Namsangmukh, CCF (SAC) Deomali, ZPM Deomali, and other heads of departments.

The Independence Day was also celebrated with great enthusiasm in all administrative headquarters, including Lazu, where the national flag was hoisted by ZPM Rangmo Rantu, while MLA Wanglin Lowangdong did the honour at Borduria.

At Changlang, State Assembly Speaker Tesam Pongte attended the Independence Day celebration here as chief guest and addressed the gathering. He also inaugurated the exhibition stalls put up by various departments, showcasing their respective products and other schemes. The ceremony was also attended by Changlang Deputy Commissioner Vishal Sah, SP Kirli Padu, and ADC Marpe Riba, among others.

At Aalo, Law, Legislative & Justice, Social Justice, Empowerment & Tribal Affairs, and Sports & Youth Affairs Minister Kento Jini graced the Independence Day celebration at Govt Hr Sec School ground here and highlighted the various development initiatives of the Government.

During the celebration, the Minister along with West Siang DC Mamu Hage, and Mrs Dobom Jini gave away the commendation certificates, medals and trophies to the winners of various sports achievers, dedicated officers and officials.

The Independence Day was celebrated with great pomp and gaiety by showcasing the cultural programs of various tribes, exhibition stalls, band display of Indian Army, patriotic dances of various school students. The celebration was also attended by SP Abhimanyu Poswal, Brigadier Md Sahid Ahmed of 5-Infantry Brigade, ZPC Tumpe Ete, and others.

At Boleng, the 78th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and pride across Siang district. At this district headquarters, Minister Ojing Tasing hoisted the national flag.

Besides highlighting the notable achievements of various departments within the district, the Minister launched three new State Transport Services (APSTS) buses. These include bus routes from Boleng to Itanagar (alternate days), Boleng to Suple

(daily), and Riga to Aalo via Boleng and Pangin (daily), which are expected to boost economic activities and improve the overall quality of life in the region.

At Rumgong, MLA Talem Taboh hoisted the national flag and distributed appointment orders and certificates to newly appointed HGB/GB, while at Pangin, Kebang ZPM Topi Jerang hoisted the tricolor.

At Tato, Education, Rural Works, Parliamentary Affairs, Tourism and Library Minister Pasang Dorjee Sona hoisted the Tricolour in this district headquarters town of Shi-Yomi.

On the occasion, he addressed the gathering, and reiterated Govt's commitment to ensuring that "our state, its children & their education, as well as the immense tourism potential, are elevated to the highest level. Together, we will work towards a brighter future for the state & the country," he said.

He appreciated the participation of youth in various exceptional performances in the march past and patriotic dance.

At Seppa, the 78th Independence Day was celebrated with exceptional zeal and patriotic fervor in East Kameng giving due honour to the nation's heritage.

The main celebration took place at Seppa, where the national flag was hoisted by Home Minister Mama Natung. The event was also graced by MLA Ealing Tallang, DC Sachin Rana, and other notable dignitaries from the district. The Independence Day was also celebrated at Bameng and Chayangtajo, where the national flag was hoisted by MLAs Kumar Waii and Hayeng Mangfi, respectively.

The day was marked by display of parade by marching contingents from various schools, vibrant cultural programs featuring patriotic songs that elevated the spirit of the occasion and showcased the rich cultural heritage of the region.

At Lemmi, Health and WRD Minister Biyuram Wahge hoisted the National Flag here. Speaking on the occasion, he said it's a day to remember and pay tribute to the national heroes who sacrificed for the freedom of our country.

The celebration witnessed enthusiastic participation from all walks of lives. School children and women from Anganwadi centers presented colorful cultural performances, PT display and patriotic songs. Exhibition stalls by various Govt departments, and sports competitions were other highlights of the day.

At Bomdila, the 78th I-Day was celebrated with pomp and gaiety at Buddha Stadium here as well as in other sub-divisions of West Kameng district.

West Kameng ZPC Karma Thongdok hoisted the national flag here in presence of DC, SP, HoDs, PRI leaders, and others. Expressing concern over the growing issue of narcotics consumption, the ZPC appealed to the public, especially the youth, to stay away from such substances.

The event also saw the launch of the "Two Bins, Environment Wins" campaign. Under this initiative, residents who bring segregated waste (biodegradable and non-biodegradable) will receive 1 kg of rice as a reward from DUDA.

At Dirang, MLA cum Adviser PWD, Highway and Science and Technology, Phurpa Tsering hoisted the Tricolor at Lupon Stadium, in presence of ADC Hage Tarung, Commander, 46th Infantry Brigade (Sela Brigade) Brig Vikram Lawand, Commanding Officers of 16 Madras Regiment and 15 Sikh LI, and Commandants of 30th Battalion, SSB and 4th Bn ITBP.

At Basar, the 78th Independence Day was also celebrated at Basar, the headquarters of Leparada district where the local MLA Nyabi Jini Dirchi hoisted the National flag. On the occasion, Dirchi also inaugurated the exhibition stalls put up by various departments showcasing their activities, products and services. The day also showcased a beautiful display of patriotic dances, drills and presentation of songs by students from various schools. Later, a friendly tug-of-war competition was held between MLA XI and DC XI, which was won by the former.

At Likabali, the 78th Independence Day was celebrated in the Lower Siang district headquarters at Chidu Chigo Ground, where Deputy Speaker Kardo Nyigyor hoisted the Tricolor.

Nyigyor along with DC Rujjum Rakshap also flagged off the vehicles provided to the beneficiaries under Arunachal Grameen Express Yojana under the district unit of ArSRLM, besides launching the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan and administering the NMBA pledge to the people.

Colourful cultural events, band display, exhibition of local cuisines and drinks, display of Govt schemes etc were the main highlights of the daylong programme.

At Koloriang, MLA Pani Taram hoisted the national flag at Koloriang. The Independence Day celebration was also attended by Deputy Commissioner Vishakha Yadav, SP Bomken Basar, public leaders, HoDs, GBs and others.

At Rono Hills, Rajiv Gandhi University also marked the 78th Independence Day with a grand celebration, showcasing the spirit of patriotism and unity. The event commenced with a solemn floral tribute to

the unsung heroes of India's independence struggle, followed by the ceremonial flag hoisting by Vice Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha, who then delivered an inspiring speech highlighting the university's remarkable achievements.

At Pasighat, Local MLA Tapi Darang unfurled the national flag and inspected the gala march past of eleven contingents, led by parade commander Inspector Samuel Pertin of 5th IRBn at the Pasighat Outdoor Stadium amid mammoth gathering.

DC Tayi Taggu, SP Dr Sachin Kumar Singhal, ADC (HQs) Tatling Pertin, retired bureaucrats, a host of officers and leaders were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, chief guest Darang greeted the gathering and conveyed his profound gratitude to the freedom fighters and brave forefathers for sacrificing their lives in attaining freedom without worrying about their comfort.

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

Darang along with other dignitaries also gave away awards to individuals in recognition of meritorious services rendered by them. He also inaugurated and inspected exhibition stalls put up by various government departments.

At Ruksin, The 78th Independence Day was also celebrated at Mebo (HQs) and Ruksin with similar pomp and gaiety at the general ground where Lok Sabha MP Tapir Gao hoisted the national flag. Among others, MLA Ninong Ering was also present. A cultural program was also held where patriotic songs and dances were performed by the children

MLA Darang releases Adi book authored by Arak Megu



PASIGHAT, August 16:

Pasighat East MLA Tapi Darang in presence of DC Tayi Taggu, SP Dr. Sachin Kumar Singhal and ADC

(Hq) Tatling Pertin released a 'Book' authored by Arak Megu on August 15. The book has been co-published by Ayi Ke Ekum Society which is taking initiative to run a 'Day Care Centre for Elders', based in Pasighat. The profit earned from the selling the book will go this society for the cause it is pursuing.

Arak Megu from Kelek Mirbuk village, Pasighat is retired Assistant Director of Research, philology, (GoAP) who has contributed many books to his credit and was conferred the prestigious "Bhasa Samman Award" by Sahitya Akademi in the year 2015 for his outstanding contributions to research for Adi Language and Culture.

This is second book in the Solung A:bang series after Limir Libom A:bang by the Author. In this book, Megu has compiled the mythological rhapsodies from different expert Ponung-Miris and translated them into English and general Adi language. Solung is observed for three consecutive nights, in the first night the Miri narrates the mythology behind the birth of Mithun and the origin of other animals. Binnyat A:bang is sung in the second night where the Ponung Miri narrates the origin of agriculture, cultivation of foodgrains and how it was handed over to the Tani. In the third night, the A:bang related to Humans' struggle for existence is beautifully explained in rhapsody. The Binnyat A:bang is sung on the second night of the Solung festival and the Author has tried his best to translate the A:bang Maxim in a plain and lucid language for the readers who do not understand A:bang language.

MLA Tapi Darang DC Tayi Taggu, SP SK Singhal, ADC T. Pertin and educationists and litterateurs present on the occasion gave their best wishes and asserted that the book will be widely accepted by the whole Adi society.

MLA attends meeting held on waste management byelaws

TEZU, August 16:

MLA Tezu Dr. Mohesh Chai, addressed various grievances put forth by the vendors and the SHGs during a coordination meeting which was to create awareness of implementation of the waste management bye-laws like Arunachal Pradesh Solid Waste Management (Management and Handling) Bye-Laws, 2023, Arunachal Pradesh Plastic Waste Management Bye-Laws, 2023 was conducted here at Kali Mandir Complex, Tezu on Friday August 16

where the discussions focused on identifying sustainable solutions, raising awareness among the public, Behavior change, IEC on Waste Management Bye-laws notified by state Govt. on 18th Oct'2023.

The MLA promised to improvise the operationalization of the cleanliness initiatives in carrying forward the visions of Swachh Bharat Mission at Tezu Township. He also announced plans to organize a one day social service every month in the Market Area.

The MLA further discusses the issues related to garbage collection and pollution caused by haphazard disposal of garbage.

Earlier, while addressing the meeting, which aimed to address the growing concerns regarding waste management in Tezu and develop a comprehensive plan for its effective disposal and management, DC Lohit, Shashvat Saurabh highlighted the key principles of the Waste Management Bye-Laws to the general public.

He urged the public to imbibe civic sense and contribute towards maintaining the pristine beauty and cleanliness of Tezu, suggesting that the concerned departments to start levying user charges on garbage as per notified rates; imposition of penalty on defaulters thereof and briefed on safe waste management practices; duties and responsibilities of the generators of construction and demolition (C & D) waste, and requested the agencies responsible to ensure its proper implementation.

DC, Lohit encourages collective responsibilities in realizing Sampurna Swachhta in Tezu Township. He exhorted on collaborative effort of the district administration, general public and all stakeholders in the matters of cleanliness of the township.

DC further discussed the functioning of Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Tezu, effective treatment of Bio-Medical wastes and segregation of wet and dry waste as provided in the bye-laws.

The meeting which was convened by the Office of the Executive Engineer, Urban Development & Housing, Tezu Division, was attended by Shashvat Saurabh, DC, Lohit, Tumme Amo, SSP, Lohit, along with HODs of various departments, SHGs, Social Workers and Vendors to provide insights and guidance on the matter.

DCM Inaugurates Theravada Buddhist Convention Hall at Namsai



NAMSAI, August 16:

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein inaugurated the “Theravada Buddhist Convention Hall” at Zero Point Nanam-Sulongtoo Village at Namsai on August 16 in the presence of MLA Namsai Zingnu Namchoom, Sanghanayaka APBS Ven Narindra Mahathero, APBS President Dhammakitti Mahathero, and ABPS General Secretary Ratnadeepa Bhikku, among other dignitaries.

The newly inaugurated convention hall is set to become a vital center for the preservation and promotion of Theravada Buddhism and will serve as a hub for cultural enrichment in the community. In addition to the hall's inauguration, the event also saw the launch of the Pali textbook “Pali Akhara Pada,” reflecting ongoing efforts to safeguard cultural heritage and traditional languages.

In his address, Deputy CM Mein expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the event. He emphasized the urgent need to preserve the Theravada Buddhist culture, language, and beliefs, especially given the diminishing presence of Theravada Buddhism in India compared to other forms such as Mahayana Buddhism.

Highlighting the significance of Namsai, where the Tai Khamti and Singpho communities are prominent followers of Theravada Buddhism, Deputy CM Mein urged everyone to unite in the effort to prevent the extinction of this tradition. He noted that numerous scriptures are currently being prepared to ensure their transmission to future generations.

He called for the proper maintenance of the temple premises and assured his support for the maintenance and development of temple and its upkeep. He also called upon the Bikkhu Sanghas and the village communities to come together for the upkeep of the shrine places and its maintenance.

Governor appeals to the youth of the State to join IRCS



ITANAGAR, August 17:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) appealed to the youth of the State to join the Indian Red Cross Society and be part of the global organization in the service of humanity. The Governor, who released the Annual Activity Report 2023-24 of the Indian Red Cross Society Arunachal Pradesh State Branch (IRCSAPS) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on Saturday August 17, said that the Red Cross is more than an organization; it's a movement dedicated to saving lives, providing relief, and fostering a spirit of humanitarianism.

The Governor, while sharing his experience in working with the Red Cross Society under the UN Mission in foreign countries, said that by joining you get the chance to work alongside like-minded individuals, gain valuable skills, and make a tangible impact on the lives of people in need. He said that their commitment to the Red Cross principles implies humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality and serves as a beacon of hope in our State and our country.

The Governor commended the members of IRCSAPS volunteers for the good work they have carried out in the year 2023-24. He said that they have been on the front lines of disaster relief, providing first aid in times of crisis, and supporting blood donation drives and their efforts have brought comfort and solace to so many. He also commended the National Service Scheme members and Bharat Scouts and Guides, who participated in the programme for the good social activities carried out by them.

The Governor, who is the President of the Indian Red Cross Society Arunachal Pradesh State Branch, advised the Red Cross volunteers of the State to motivate more and more people to join the Red Cross organization and enhance the number of enthusiastic volunteers to be the first responders in time of need for helping the society. He urged them to continue to build an environment where compassion

knows no bounds, where every act of kindness brings us closer to a better and just world, we all aspire to create.

Honorary Secretary of IRCSAPSB Dr. Emi Rumi briefed about the annual report.

Red Cross Volunteers, NSS Volunteers from Dera Natung Govt. College, Itanagar, Bharat Scouts and Guides and students from Govt. Secondary School, G-Sector, Naharlagun and Oju Mission, Naharlagun participated in the programme.

Soft trekking conducted

TAWANG, August 17:

A soft trekking event, named 'The Merak Lama Trail', from the Tawang monastery to the Tserteng grazing area, the Gyangong Ani Gonpa and Doble Tse, at elevations ranging from 9,698 to 11,624 ft, was organised by the Tawang district tourism department on Saturday, August 17.

Organised in collaboration with the district administration and the Tawang Cycling Association, the event was aimed at "exploring the unexplored adventure tourism scope in the district," stated a press release.

Government officers, including Deputy Commissioner Kanki Darang and SP DW Thongon, besides tour operators, tour guides, youths, and members of the Tawang Cycling Association participated in the trekking.

11th Li-Ning Dorjee Khandu Memorial State Badminton Championship begins



NAMSAI, August 18:

The 11th Li-Ning Dorjee Khandu Memorial State Badminton Championship, with the theme 'No to drugs, yes to badminton', began here on Sunday, August 18.

Attending the opening ceremony, Health & Family Welfare Minister Biyuram Wahge advised the

players to maintain discipline both on and off the field.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein underscored the importance of sports coaching to help the athletes of the state hone their talents, so that they can participate at national and international level competitions.

He encouraged the youths to read biographies of renowned athletes and draw inspiration from them.

Players from 26 districts, Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy, the APP Sports Control Board, and RGU will be seen competing for top honours during the five-day event.

The championship is being organised by the Namsai Badminton Association, under the auspices of the Arunachal State Badminton Association (ASBA).

WCD Minister Dasanglu Pul, MLAs Chau Zingnu Namchoom, Dr Mohesh Chai, Mutchu Mithi and Punyo Apum, and MLA and ASBA president Ratu Tech, besides Sports Secretary Abu Tayeng, and Namsai DC (i/c) K Tikhak attended the opening ceremony.

SHGs of Pasighat ArSLM avail Vehicles under AGEY Scheme 3.0

MLA lauds initiative for women economic empowerment in rural transport



PASIGHAT, August 19:

Self-Help Groups (SHGs) from the block mission management unit Pasighat ArSRLM — Mibosuna SHG, Mirku Gumin Ane SHG, and Soryit Pekung SHG here have availed three vehicles under AGEY scheme. Each group was awarded ₹4.5 lakh from ArSRLM and ₹2 lakh from the state government as an interest-free loan, for enabling to enter and thrive in the transportation sector.

MLA Tapi Darang, who along with DC Tayi Taggu had flagged off the vehicles on the occasion of 78th Independence Day at Pasighat Outdoor Stadium, emphasized the transformative potential of the initiative. "This is not merely about providing vehicles. It's about creating entrepreneurial opportunities for women and uplifting their socio-economic status," Darang

remarked. The support aims to not only address the transportation needs of rural communities but also to empower women by offering them a sustainable source of income through vehicle operations.

The current AGEY support in Pasighat Block Mission includes Four Good Carrier Vehicles (Bolero Pick Up and One Passenger Carrier Vehicle (Eco Van).

These additions are expected to significantly improve local mobility, facilitating easier access for residents to essential services and economic opportunities. The Arunachal Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY) is a rural transportation initiative launched by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh under the broader framework of the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM). The primary objective of this scheme is to enhance mobility and improve access to essential service in remote and rural areas of the state. The initiative aims to contribute to the socio-economic development of rural communities, facilitating better access to markets, healthcare, education, and other critical services.

CM to strengthen IPL system



ITANAGAR, August 19:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Monday, August 19 set the ball rolling to strengthen the existing Inner Line Permit (ILP) system that makes it mandatory for any non-Arunachalee citizen to obtain a permit to enter the state.

In a joint meeting with top government officials and leaders of the All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (AAPSU) here this morning, Khandu emphasized on the need to strengthen the ILP system to prevent illegal entry and prolonged stay of non-local migrants in the state.

"Our main objective is to protect our indigenous tribes from outside influx and we are committed to it," he said.

While informing that the state government is internally preparing to strengthen the ILP system, Khandu said that it was necessary to take inputs from the state's premier students' organization.

AAPPSU, headed by its President Dozi Tana Tara, through a power point presentation explained in detail a survey conducted by the Union and ways and means to strengthen the present system.

First foundation day of Spring CDC for children with special needs celebrated



PASIGHAT, August 20:

The first foundation day of the Spring Child Development Centre (CDC), dedicated to children with special needs was celebrated at Diking village under Pasighat Sadar.

The programme was participated by the staffs, children of the centre and their parents. The celebration was marked by highlighting the importance of therapies and early intervention by therapists and by announcing the future plans by the chairperson, followed by dance and indoor games by children and the parents.

Chairperson, CDC, Dr. Oimang Megu informed that at present the centre is providing Occupational therapy, speech therapy, behaviour therapy to the children and children from all parts of East Siang District, Lower Dibang Valley, West Siang, Siang District are benefitting from the centre.

Founded on 19th of August 2023 by a group of Mothers who were in need for such a Centre for their Children and to support other parents, the Chairperson CDC .Dr. Oimang Megu said that the Centre work with the motto of 'beyond disability, life with dignity', for the overall development of the child and empower the children through therapy ,special learning tools and vocational skills and games and sports.

The Centre has therapist and trained staff for the wellbeing of the children.

DVO, launches sensitization campaign on Zoonotic Diseases caused by Open Selling of Meat



YUPIA, August 20:

In an ongoing effort to safeguard public health, the District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Office here has launched a comprehensive sensitization campaign targeting hawkers and vendors involved in the open selling of meat.

The campaign aims to raise awareness about the risks of zoonotic diseases, which are transmitted from animals to humans, and to promote safe meat handling practices in open markets.

As a part of the campaign an awareness program was held at Kimin on Monday, August 19.

DVO Dr TakioTaram, CO, Kimin Rebeca Borang and officials of the Veterinary department interacted with the members of the Kimin Bazaar Welfare Association, the meat sellers/vendors, youths and PRI members.

Calling for proper handling and selling of meat DVO Dr.Taram informed that ,” Zoonotic diseases, such as anthrax, avian influenza, and brucellosis, pose health risks to both the public and those directly involved in the handling and selling of meat. These diseases can spread rapidly in environments where hygiene and proper meat handling practices are not strictly observed. “

He appealed to all the vendors to follow the sanitation and hygiene guidelines issued by the DVO office.

The DVO also informed that such awareness programs will be held across the district.

“If the meat sellers/ vendors do not follow the guidelines issued by the District Administration in this regard, the Administration in the interest of public health will cancel the license of such vendors,” Dr.Taram further added.

Similar programs have been conducted for Banderdewa, Naharlagun hawkers and vendors Association in the first week of August.

Natung urges Patil to release pending GoI share Rs. 457.59 Cr under JJM



NEW DELHI, August 20:

Arunachal Pradesh Home, PHE & Water Supply & Indigenes Affairs Minister Mama Natung called on Union Minister Jal Shakti GoI C.R. Paatil at his office, Shram Shakti Bhavan, Rafi Marh, New Delhi seeking release of pending GoI share of ₹457.59 cr under JJM.

Natung also appealed the Union Minister for consideration of funding under Support Activity & Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance component as envisaged in the guidelines for ₹ 60.79 cr.

Union Minister Jal Shakti Paatil assured Natung to release the pending Government of India share of ₹457.59 Cr & additional ₹60.79 Cr as sought for within 2 months.

Natung also highlighted & expressed gratitude to GoI under Jal Shakti Ministry for constant support & guidance as a result of which Arunachal Pradesh has become the first state in the North East to be declared ‘Har Ghar Jal’ by providing Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) to more than 2.28 Lakh household.

Upon being invited by Natung, Union Jal Shakti Minister Paatil expressed his keen interest and desire to visit the state soon. Natung was accompanied by Seppa Town MLA Ealing Tallang, PHE & WS Commissioner Pawan Kr Sain, DRC (Protocol) Marto Bagra.

Orientation programme on suicide risk reduction and improving mental well-being held



ITANAGAR, August 20:

Dera Natung Govt. College (DNGC), Itanagar in collaboration with RGU Research Project Team led by Prof. Tadu Rimi, on 19th August, organized an Orientation-cum-Consultative Meeting on Suicide Risk Reduction and Improving Mental Well-being among School and College Students, in the college Conference Hall of DNGC here.

Dr. M.Q. Khan, DNGC Principal, addressed few suggestions on the Project: its model, implementation and Possible Outcomes. He advised that a proper education on Suicide Prevention and Mental well-being is imperative to the society including students, parents, teachers, public leaders, etc.

“Proper knowledge and awareness on the topic should be imparted towards the people especially to the target group i.e. teenage students, with more focus on girl students who are more vulnerable towards the darkness of Suicidal risk, depression, etc.”, Dr. Khan said.

The event began with number of Slide PPT presentations from RGU Research team led by Prof. Tadu Rimi accompanied by 5 Psychologists, wherein they elaborated comprehensively the Projective Objectives: its Experimentation and Implementation.

They talked on 4 types of Interventions viz. Leader engagement for Mental Health First Response, Gatekeeper Training For Suicide Prevention, Promotive & Preventive Self-Help Interventions For Youth and, Youth Engagement For Mental Health Advocacy & Peer support.

It was followed by Questionnaire Round and Interactive session wherein every member placed their opinions, ideas and experiences.

Around 30 members including DNGC faculties, members of RGU Research Team and DNGC students participated in the programme.

Governor participates in POCSO workshop

ITANAGAR, August 21:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participated in the ‘One Day State Level Workshop on Model Guidelines with respect to Support Persons as per Section 39 of POCSO Act, 2012 in Arunachal Pradesh’ at Itanagar on Wednesday, August 21. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights in collaboration with and Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights organised the workshop.

In his inaugural address, the Governor said that the children of Arunachal Pradesh deserve a future where they can grow up free from fear, with the opportunity to realize their full potential. He said that it is the collective responsibility of every citizen of the State to ensure that the children are protected from harm, and that those who seek to exploit or abuse them are brought to justice.

The Governor, while commending Deepak Nabam Living Home, Donyi Polo Mission and Oju Mission, urged upon the people to come together, as a State and as a community, to stop crimes against children in Arunachal Pradesh. He exhorted them to commit themselves to creating a safe, nurturing environment for every child, so that they can thrive and contribute to the rich tapestry of the State’s future.

The Governor, while expressing his pain about recent POCSO cases in Arunachal Pradesh said that it is the bounden duty of all the people of the State to prevent sexual offences being perpetrated on children in the State. He underscored that the duty implies social orientation, honest implementation of POCSO Act 2012/19 including related acts pertaining to juveniles, and focus on preventive methods, deterrent punishment to offenders and fullest cooperation from communities and citizens at large.

The Governor suggested that the stakeholders must raise awareness amongst parents, teachers and community leaders, tackle the root causes of child exploitation, ensure that every child has access to safe spaces, foster a culture of zero tolerance towards any form of violence against children and strengthen the legal framework for swift justice to deter offenders.

He also advised strengthening cyber protection for children, robust mechanisms for combating child trafficking and exploitation, ensuring accountability in child care institutions, fast-tracking child abuse cases and supporting victims and their families, while expressing his hope that the newly enacted criminal laws,

i.e. BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA, BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA and BHARATIYA SAKSHYA ADHINIYAM will enable faster prosecutions while guaranteed protection to the children and even compensate the families appropriately.

The Governor emphasized a need to bring about a social change to encourage the concept of equality of sexes and provide the children with safe spaces to live, play and learn. He said that the problems are acute for poor and marginally deprived families. He further said that the State and Central Governments are providing numerous amenities and taking welfare measures in the spirit of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas aur Sabka Prayas' as part of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Viksit Bharat 2047'.

The Governor released the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights calendar and pamphlet that highlights the rights and responsibilities and 'Good Touch Bad Touch', which will be distributed to all the educational institutes of the State.

Preeti Bharadwaj Dalal, member, of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Ratan Anya, Chairperson, Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Smt Khoda Rakhi, Member Secretary, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights also spoke on the occasion.

Kenjum Pakam, Chairperson of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Mimum Tayeng, Secretary, Women and Child Development, Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police and Deputy Directors of School Education from all Districts, Panchayati members and Gaon Burahs participated in the workshop.

JNC Principal inaugurates Entrepreneurship Development Centre



PASIGHAT, August 21:

Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat recently took a significant step towards nurturing entrepreneurial

talent by hosting a dynamic one-day Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme, coupled with the inauguration of the new Entrepreneurship Development Centre (EDC).

The event, held with the aim of fostering innovation and entrepreneurial spirit among participants in East Siang district, marked a milestone in the college's commitment to empowering future business leaders.

The day commenced with the official opening of the EDC by the JNC Principal Dr. Tasi Taloh. The inaugural function was highlighted by an impressive exhibition of locally crafted products, including a diverse range of handicrafts and baked goods, which not only showcased the creativity of the participants but also their potential to make a mark in the entrepreneurial world.

In his inspiring address, Dr. Taloh lauded the participants for their innovative contributions and encouraged them to continue pursuing their entrepreneurial dreams. He stressed the crucial role of entrepreneurship in combating unemployment and emphasized the importance of promoting and developing local products with the potential to reach global markets.

Vice Principal Dr. Leki Sitang also addressed the gathering highlighting the pivotal role that entrepreneurs play in driving the economic development of the region. The programme coordinator, Nang Rasami Thamoung, shared insights into the event's objectives, while Associate Professors Dr. DP Panda and Agin Taboh from the Department of Commerce provided their expertise as resource persons and focused on "Business Development and Planning," in their session and drew inspiration from the success stories of renowned local entrepreneurs and motivated participants to strive towards their own entrepreneurial goals. The awareness program was conducted over three batches starting from 19 to 21 August, August 2024.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from 120 individuals and was organized by the Entrepreneurship Development Centre at JN College Pasighat, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati. The programme was generously sponsored by the North Eastern Council (NEC), Shillong, Government of India, further underscoring the importance of entrepreneurship in the region's development.

RGU signs MOU with Amazing Namaste Foundation, Guwahati



DOIMUKH, August 21:

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) and Amazing Namaste Foundation (ANF) have officially entered into a partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Wednesday, August 21 aiming at documenting and preserving the rich history and heritage of Northeast India.

RGU vice chancellor prof. Saket Kushwaha and ANF chairman Atul Chandrakant Kulkarni along with a host of officials from both the RGU and the Foundation were present during the MoU signing ceremony.

RGU PRO informed that the MoU sets the stage for a series of collaborative initiatives focused on cultural preservation and promotion within the region. Key objectives include digital restoration of historical documents and artifacts, fostering research partnerships, and establishing a youth exchange program to engage young people in cultural exchange activities. The collaboration will also support the creation of a memory project, dedicated to archiving oral histories and community narratives, as well as organizing festivals, exhibitions and film screenings to showcase the region's heritage.

Additionally, the partnership aims to produce books and publications that explore the diverse cultural landscapes of Northeast India.

The event was also attended by several teaching and non-teaching members of RGU including Dean of the faculty of communication studies prof. Uttam Kr. Pegu, finance officer prof. Otem Padung, head of the mass communication department prof. Kh. Kabi, RGU joint registrar Dr. David Pertin and Dean of the faculty of humanities and social sciences prof. Sarit Choudhary.

Tirap, Changlang & Longding District Toppers felicitated



ITANAGAR, August 21:

The Department of DoTCL hosted felicitation ceremony for the class X and XII toppers from Govt schools of Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts of Arunachal Pradesh on Wednesday, August 21 in Itanagar at the D.K. Auditorium Hall, Itanagar.

Addressing the students present in the gathering, the Deputy Chief Minister cited his delight over the outstanding performance of the young achievers. He noted that receiving recognition from elders for one's handwork and dedication must be taken as a form of blessing, and encouraged the young minds to pursue greater excellence in their future endeavors.

He emphasised on the Government's commitment to nurture the youths by taking active measures toward enhancing and upholding excellence in academics as well as in the field of sports, art & culture, and so on. Mein noted that the GoAP is undertaking initiatives for training and equipping their local youths from an early age onward, which will prepare them to compete in the modern era at par with peers from across the Nation as well as the world.

Mein exhorted the youths to pursue their dreams with sincerity and hard work saying that, "We want our children to grow to the fullest of their abilities and accomplish many successes in life. We aspire them to excel in all fields - whether in sports, academics, music, theatre, or any other area of interest".

The event was also attended by Minister of DoTCL, Environment & Forest, Geology, Mining & Minerals, Wangki Lowang, Advisor to Minister Environment & Forest, Wanglin Lowangdong, Advisor to Minister of DoTCL & Transport, Chakat Aboh, Secretary DoTCL Ranphoa Ngowa (IFS) and others.

GLOF survey team reaches Sangnga Nehgu Lake



TAWANG, August 22:

The team of district disaster management authority (DDMA), Tawang, which reached the Sangnga Nehgu lake at 16000 ft near the glacier on the mount Gorichen range, found that there was an incident of glacial lake outburst from lake Sangnga Nehgu on 14 August that washed away more than five log bridges and damaged the Brokpa track at several locations.

The team was led by Tawang deputy commissioner Kanki Darang and superintendent of police D.W Thongon under the instructions from National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), GoI, regarding three sensitive glacial lakes in Tawang district.

The team comprised of Mogto EAC Hon-jon Perme, Jang WRD AE Kago Kani, Tawang DIPRO, trek leader and photography expert Jam-bey Dondu, representatives from army, NIMAS and other support staffs.

The team started moving from Jethang(13200ft) on 20 August and halted for a night at Merathang (14600ft). Next morning, the team started to climb up and reached the lake Sangnga Nehgu (16000ft), surveyed it and returned via Tso Kyei lake by evening to Jethang. The team observed that there are still chances of GLOF from the same lake since the glacier on the back side of the lake is melting at a rapid rate increasing the volume of water in the lake.

Before moving back to Jethang, the DC, while responding to the request made by Brokpas said, “3 lakhs rupees will be immediately sanctioned from untied fund for repair and maintenance of recently damaged Brokpa tracks and matter regarding washed out bridges will be taken up with higher authority.”

Regarding water supply at Jethang, the DC asked the Gram Panchayat member to follow up the matter with PHED. He further assured that necessary instructions for the same will be given to the executive engineer.

Another team led by Jang ADC Hakraso Kri comprising circle officers Khoda Oniya and Tage Mooniya, Tawang DDMO Genden Tsomu, Mago village Gram chairperson Tsetim Panden and villagers visited the Tso Kyei lake(14800ft) for survey on 20 August and returned the same day to Jethang. A team of ITBP was stationed at Jethang for emergency backup for the teams. The teams returned safely to their respective headquarters after accomplishing the mission on 22 August.

Li-Ning 11th Dorjee Khandu Memorial State Badminton Championship concludes



NAMSAI, August 22:

The Li-Ning 11th Dorjee Khandu Memorial State Badminton Championship reached its thrilling conclusion on August 22 highlighting a showcase of top-tier badminton talent across the state.

The finals delivered high-octane matches and stellar performances, captivating the audience with every shuttlecock volley.

In the men's singles, Laa Talar from Kamle dominated the court with a decisive win over fellow Kamle player Laa Tukum, clinching the title with commanding straight sets of 21-12, 21-12.

The women's singles saw Pinky Karki from Kurung Kumey battle through a tense three-set final to overcome Laa Yajum of Kamle with scores of 21-18, 18-21, 21-16, showcasing resilience and skill.

In the men's doubles, Laa Talar and Laa Tukum of Kamle delivered a flawless performance, sweeping past Lobsang C. Sherdang and Lobsang Choidrup of Tawang with set scores of 21-15, 21-9.

Meanwhile, the women's doubles final was a nail-biter as Pinky Karki and Taring Yania of Kurung Kumey edged out Laa Yajum and Nisha Upadhaya of Kamle, 18-21, 21-18, 21-7.

The mixed doubles saw a powerful showing from Laa Tukum and Laa Yajum of Kamle, who secured their victory against Bcom Boje and Taring Yania of Kurung Kumey with identical scores of 21-12, 21-12.

In the U-11 boys' singles, top seed Geto Sora of L/Siang triumphed over Dakgil Bam of Leparada in a gripping three-set match, 21-10, 20-22, 22-20. Pia Basar from Leparada captured the girls' singles U-11 title with a straight-set win against Likha Deechum of SLISA, 21-12, 21-16.

The U-13 boys' singles final was a thrilling contest where Debia Tagu of Capital narrowly defeated Kangun Jamoh of Siang, 21-18, 20-22, 21-16. Laa Anu of Kamle emerged victorious in the girls' singles U-13, overcoming China Tamut of SLISA with scores of 21-10, 21-18.

In the U-13 boys' doubles, Debia Tagu and Kyon Tamin of Capital rallied from a set down to defeat Suraj Das and Todo Joram of Kamle, 18-21, 21-8, 21-14. Jumshe Riba and Tupi Gadi of Leparada claimed the girls' doubles U-13 title, dominating Gonya Riba and Pia Basar of Leparada with scores of 21-10, 21-7.

Licha Gumsh from Papum Pare shone in the boys' singles U-15 final, outplaying Teshi Bidum of Papum Pare, 21-9, 21-12. Jessica N. Saring of Lower Dibang Valley clinched the girls' singles U-15 title with a solid win over Laa Anu of Kamle, 21-14, 21-12.

In the boys' doubles U-15, Sangio Robin and Teshi Bidum from Papum Pare edged out Chomasam Kungkho and Takar Rai of Tirap with a comeback victory, 15-21, 21-17, 21-13. The mixed doubles U-15 saw Kapnai Kamikham and Likha Deechum of SLISA secure their title against Gumba Rime and Shristi Kumari of Lohit, 14-21, 21-19, 21-15.

Nabam Isaac of Papum Pare clinched the boys' singles U-17 title with a close win over Taku Manku of Tawang, 21-23, 21-17, 21-19. Jessica N. Saring of Lower Dibang Valley continued her dominance with a win over Laa Anu of Kamle in the girls' singles U-17, 21-10, 21-8.

The U-17 boys' doubles title went to Loki

Gollo and Tseten Gyurmey of SLISA, who bested C. Nantiwa Chowpoo and C. Soijan Manlong of Namsai, 21-17, 23-21. In the mixed doubles U-17, Chipe Riram and Adam Doyom from Upper Subansiri emerged victorious against C. Nantiwa Chowpoo and N. Sneha Mowke of Namsai, 21-10, 21-9.

In the U-19 category, Laa Robin of Kamle claimed the boys' singles title with a decisive win over Samuel Tamang of APPSCB, 21-17, 21-9. Montilly Pul of Anjaw fought through a tough match to secure the girls' singles U-19 title against Dolma Tamang of Tawang, 13-21, 21-13, 21-11.

The boys' doubles U-19 final saw Lobsang Choidrup and Taku Manku from Tawang defeat Kemar Riso and Mom Niting of Lower Subansiri, 21-14, 21-15.

Attending the closing function, Badminton Association of India (BAI) joint secretary Omar Radhid assured the Arunachal State Badminton Association (ASBA) that the U-19 National Championship will be hosted in Arunachal in November 2025.

Speaker Tesam Pongte, along with MLAs Mutchu Mithi, Jignu Namchoom and Likha Soni, attended the closing ceremony and distributed prizes to the winners, marking a fitting end to a memorable championship.

DC asks departments for strict enforcement of waste mgmt bylaws



YINGKIONG, August 24:

A mass awareness campaign cum DUDA meeting on enforcement of waste management Bylaws like Arunachal Pradesh Solid Waste (Management & Handling), Plastic Waste Management and Construction & Demolition Waste Management Bylaws' 2023 was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman DUDA Upper Siang Hage Lailang at Multipurpose hall, Yingkiong on August 24.

The programme was organized by dept of UR & Housing in collaboration with district administration, Yingkiong.

The DC asked the urban development and housing (UD&H) department for strict enforcement of all the waste management bylaws in the district and levying SBM user charges as per the notified rates.

He also appealed to the public and business communities to cooperate with the district administration and the department in effective implementation of bylaws.

Emphasizing on behavioral change he said, “If we really want Yingkiong to be clean, then we must come forward in a responsible manner because everyone’s contribution matters in keeping the township clean.”

He added that for public convenience, the UD&H department should notify the timings and route of the garbage collection trucks.

The DC, who is also the DUDA chairman, called upon all business communities and individuals for proper disposal of garbage and use of dustbins in their respective areas. Earlier, UD&H executive engineer Ramu Welly and AE Gopi Basar gave a power-point presentation on the waste management bylaws.

The programme was organized by UD&Housing department in collaboration with Upper Siang district administration

Army organises medical and veterinary camp in remote village



TAWANG, August 25:

The Indian army under its ‘Operation Sadbhavna’ organized a medical and veterinary camp in remote Kumrotsar hamlet near the Indo-Tibet border in Tawang district on August 25.

The medical camp provided free and high quality medical services to the villagers.

In addition, veterinary care was provided for the livestock, which is crucial for the livelihood in

these areas.

“The health camp not only addressed immediate medical requirements but also highlighted the ongoing efforts of the Indian army to support and uplift communities in remote border areas,” the army said in a release.

Kumrotsar is a remote hamlet between Taktasang village and Groleythang with a population of less than 100, mainly Yak grazers, who face severe challenges due to the absence of any hospital or medical facility nearby.

Siang Trust conducts free health camp at Seram village



PASIGHAT, August 26:

A free health camp was conducted on Monday, August 26 at Seram village under Mebo Subdivision by Siang Trust. The health camp was inaugurated by District Medical Officer Dr Komling Perme.

Ophthalmologist Dr Beauty Borang Perme, General Physician Dr Saibal Bhattacharjee, Orthodontist Dr Dominic Pao, Vice President of Siang Trust Group Captain Mohonto Panging Pao VM (Rtd) supporting staff and representatives of Siang Trust participated in the health camp.

GBs, village secretary and elders of Seram village also assisted in the conduct of the camp. Total 90 patients were examined including 55 Eye patients, 15 dental patients. Free pressure tests, sugar tests and free medicines were given during the camp. Similar free health camps are planned for citizens of remote villages of the area, informed VP Mohonto Panging Pao.

Free hearing assessment and aid distributed to beneficiaries at Pasighat

PASIGHAT, August 26:

Fifty Seven beneficiaries including 48 senior citizens and 9 Diyangjans were given hearing aids free of

charge during a free hearing assessment & hearing aid distribution camp held at Bakin Pertin General Hospital here on Monday, August 26.

The camp was conducted by Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Cooperation of India (ALIMCO) in association with Pradhan Mantri Divyasa Kendra (PMDK) Naharlagun and Vivekananda Kendra Arunjyoti, Pasighat.

East Siang District Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu while appreciating the Vivekananda Kendra Arunjyoti and ALIMCO for the humane service he along with BPGH Joint Director (T&R) Dr Talung Tali gave away the hearing Aids to the needy beneficiaries

The DC further, advised all beneficiaries to use the hearing Aids as instructed and demonstrated.

Vivekananda Kendra Sanchalak Rtd. Group Capt. Mohonto Panging Pao, Dr. Debashish Dey Adhikari, Vikrant Kumar, ALIMCO marketing officer S.K Hajoary, officials of ALIMCO and karyakartas of Vivekananda Kendra Arunjyoti were also present during the camp.

MLA takes stock of Schemes & Projects under Leparada District in DLMC meeting



BASAR, August 27:

The monthly District Monitoring Committee (DLMC) meeting was held at the DC's Conference Hall, Lower Block, Basar on Tuesday, August 27.

MLA Nyabi Jini Dirchi advocated "complete execution of projects in a timely manner, without giving any scope for complaints in Leparada district."

Addressing a meeting of the District Level Monitoring Committee, she also advocated proper use of available information technology tools in execution of works, "so that accuracy, transparency, efficiency and work quality are maintained."

Lauding the overall performance of all the departments, she urged the officers of the departments to

practically adopt the bottom-to-top approach, as envisaged by the government, "so that fruits of development are percolated to the grassroots level in the true sense."

The MLA also commended the achievements of the PHE&WS department's Basar division.

While taking stock of the education scenario, she directed the DDSE to prepare a comprehensive roadmap for reforming the education sector in the district, in line with the modalities adopted during the recently concluded state-level 'chintan shivir-cum-education conclave'.

The MLA assured that she would provide full support and cooperation to the education sector.

Deputy Commissioner Atul Tayeng directed the departments to "ensure progress of the schemes and projects as per standing guidelines and timeframe." He asked the departments to quickly resolve the local and petty issues "that are hindering the progress of implementation of schemes and projects in the district."

Tayeng urged the departmental officers to approach the district administration "whenever need arises for intervention and necessary action."

Earlier, the latest status of all the central and state flagship projects and schemes being implemented in the district were presented by the implementing departments.

The PHE&WS executive engineer informed that, besides securing sixth position all over the country, Leparada has been ranked as the top district in Arunachal in the implementation of the JJM.

The latest status of projects under the power grid and the Airtel network service provider in the district were also reviewed during the meeting.

Logo, tagline and social media handle of Nacho destination project launched

DAPORIJO, August 28:

Upper Subansiri deputy commissioner Tasso Gambo unveiled the logo, tagline and social media handles for the Nacho Destination project under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 here on Wednesday, August 28.

The Swadesh Darshan scheme, launched by the tourism ministry in 2014-15, provides financial assistance to state governments and union territories for developing tourism infrastructure at various destinations. In 2022, the scheme was revamped as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) to focus on creating

sustainable and responsible tourism destinations with a tourist-centric approach.

Swadesh Darshan 2.0 represents a significant shift, evolving from its predecessor into a comprehensive mission aimed at developing sustainable tourism destinations. The initiative encompasses tourism and allied infrastructure, services, human capital development, destination management and promotion, supported by policy and institutional reforms. It seeks to establish a robust framework for the integrated development

of tourism destinations in collaboration with states, UTs and local governments to promote sustainable tourism across the country.

The strategic objectives of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 include enhancing tourism's contribution to local economies, creating jobs and self-employment opportunities for local communities, improving the skills of local youth in tourism and hospitality, increasing private sector investment in these sectors, and preserving and enhancing local cultural and natural resources.

Arunachal Pradesh has been selected as a key beneficiary of this initiative, with Nacho identified as a prime destination for development. The 'Unlock Nacho Expedition' under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 aims to create an adventure park offering activities for thrill-seekers and nature enthusiasts. Planned features include trekking, zip-lining, river rafting, sky cycling and other adventure sports along the Subansiri River.

The Nacho Destination project has been allocated a budget of Rs. 70 crore, underscoring the government's commitment to developing world-class tourism infrastructure in the region.

Governor participates in the 3rd Convocation of IGTMS University



ITANAGAR, August 28:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participated in the 3rd Convocation of Indira Gandhi Technological and Medical Sciences University, Ziro at Ziro in Lower Subansiri District on Wednesday, August 28.

He delivered the convocation speech and also presented degrees to the recipients.

In his convocation address, the Governor said that convocation ceremonies are the celebration of dreams realized, a testament to the hard work and dedication of the graduates and post-graduates. He said that it is also celebrating the spirit of excellence and the pursuit of knowledge that defines a great institution.

The Governor congratulated the graduates and post-graduates who received their degrees and said that they had achieved a significant milestone, and the future holds limitless possibilities. He said that they must remember the values of integrity and ethical leadership. As future educated leaders in their chosen sphere of profession, they will have tremendous opportunities for their growth and progression. They will also have to create a new work culture that would adhere to values, ethics and morals, in a world that is besieged with several conflicts and concerns. The choices they make will shape not only their career but also the broader community. Your decisions should always be guided by a commitment to the greater good, ensuring that your work contributes positively to society, he advised.

Sharing his observation of the challenges of the local people during his tours to remote border villages of Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor said that as graduates and post-graduates, they have a role to play in shaping the future of the State. Your skills and expertise are vital in addressing local needs, whether it is in improving healthcare delivery, advancing technological infrastructure, or contributing to sustainable development, he said.

The Governor advised the graduates and post-graduates to make sure that they carry a 'Rootedness and Pride' in India and its rich, diverse, ancient and modern culture and knowledge system and traditions. He said that these values have instilled in them a deep-rooted pride in being Indian not only in thought but also in spirit, intellect and deeds as well as to develop knowledge, skills, values and disposition that support responsible commitment to human rights, sustainable development and global wellbeing, thereby reflecting a truly global citizen.

The Governor, while sharing a quotation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that every university has a significant role in developing character through education. It must strive to achieve global benchmarking, given the vastness and diversity of global village we live in today. He advised the members of the faculty, Heads of Department, and Directors of the Institute to maintain their endeavour in delivering to the noble cause and continue to refine and hone their skills

in producing good citizens endowed with professional excellence.

The Governor said that education is the cornerstone of progress. It empowers individuals to reach their fullest potential and equips them with the tools to tackle the myriad challenges of the modern world. He reminded the people of the New Education Policy (National Education Policy 2020) prepared under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi through years of untiring work and efforts of two National Committees, which weaves a comprehensive futuristic vision and highlights the need for full equity and inclusion as the foundation of all educational decisions to ensure that all students can thrive in the education system.

The Governor released four books, titled 'Ancient Indian Knowledge System-unlocking the Vast Repository', 'Youth Skills for Peace and Sustainable Development', 'Youth Skills Decade-2024-2033' and 'Green Legislation-Decoding India's Environmental laws' on the occasion.

Local MLA Er. Hage Apa, IGTMS University Chancellor, Dr. Markandey Rai, IGTMS University founder Chancellor Dr. (Prof.) PR Trivedi, IGTMS University Pro-Chancellor Dr. Utkarsh Sharma and IGTMS University Vice Chancellor Dr. Sidharth Shankar also spoke in the convocation ceremony.

Arunachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission Chairman Tsering Nak-sang, Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Vivek H.P., Superintendent of Police Keni Bagra, Heads of Department, public leaders, and parents and guardians were present on the occasion, amongst others.

Khonsa Post Office hosts 'Dak Chaupal' to highlight India Post Schemes and Services



KHONSA, August 28:

Khonsa Post Office, Department of Posts, Ministry Communication, Govt. of India had organized Dak

Chaupal on Wednesday, August 28 at Khonsa Post Office, District Tirap in order to disseminate about the various schemes of the India Post and its benefits.

The program was graced by 3 special guests namely Mrs. Monika Lowang Medam, Superintendent Tax & Excise, Mary Gibi, District Research Officer & Ms. Chaphun Sumnyan, District Library & Information Officer. Besides, the program was attended by Govt. officials, students, public from Khonsa & nearby villages and postal staffs of Tirap District.

Anuradha Singh, Branch In-charge IPPB (India Post Payment Bank) gave detail of financial services, insurance services, DBT based accounts for students, senior citizen & women & MGNEGA workers provided by the IPPB through Postman & Gramin Dak Sevak in rural areas.

Earlier, Chowang Wangsa, Postmaster, Khonsa Post Office gave detail information on various schemes of the Postal Department which includes Mail Services, Postal Saving Banks, Insurance, Passports, AADHAR and many Citizen Centric Services with focus on bringing government services at doorsteps.

He further informed that eight new Branch Post Offices were created recently in the rural areas of District of Tirap to provide mails, financial & insurance services to the rural dwellers. He also requested the public to be alert to avoid any cyber fraud in the banking sectors.

Many financial services and Sukanya Samridhi Accounts, Mahila Samman Saving Certificate & other POSB accounts were availed by the participant in the programme. Passbooks were also distributed to the beneficiaries of Sukanya Samridhi Accounts & Mahila Samman Saving Certificate.

CM inaugurates the new Arunachal Bhawan at Tinsukia



TINSUKIA, August 28:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Wednesday, August 28 dedicated the new Arunachal Bhawan at Tinsukia,

Assam, to the people of the state, especially those residing in eastern Arunachal districts.

“This state-of-the-art facility, equipped with amenities at par with a 3-star property, stands as a symbol of the enduring bond between the people of Arunachal and Assam,” Khandu remarked during the inaugural ceremony of the new asset.

Built on land donated by the Government of Assam, the Bhawan is located in the prime area of Bordoloi Nagar, near Civil Hospital, Tinsukia, adjacent to Chalina Nagar Naamghar.

The new Arunachal Bhawan replaces the old, dilapidated Inspection Bungalow (IB), and now offers a modern, welcoming space for our citizens who come to Assam for health check-ups, business, and other essential needs.

Khandu expressed satisfaction over the quality of work and design of the building and lauded the executing agency PWD (Eastern Zone) and the construction agency. Started in 2022, the building was made ready for inauguration in a record time of two years.

Khandu further observed that the new well-furnished facility will not only benefit people of eastern Arunachal but also the Tinsukia district administration in terms of utilizing it for official purposes as well as cultural meets. The new Bhawan comprises of a state-of-the-art cultural hall.

He informed that in the last few years similar

assets were started and completed in various other cities like the Arunachal Bhavans in Dibrugarh, Tezpur, Guwahati and Bodh Gaya in Bihar.

“A new Arunachal Bhavan is coming up in Dwarka in New Delhi, which will be ready for opening in few months. Plans are also in place for a new building replacing the existing Arunachal Bhavan in New Delhi,” Khandu added.

Appreciating the presence of local Assam legislator Bolin Chetia, officials of the Tinsukia administration, local community leaders and Assamese cultural troupes, Khandu reiterated the strong bond between the people of both the states since ages.

He said that under the leadership of prime Minister Narendra Modi the north-eastern states are witnessing unprecedented progress especially in fields of infrastructure and communication.

“Assam has to play a big role in development of the North East and I can vouch that Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma is doing commendable job in this regard. We as the North East have to develop as one entity so as to walk shoulder to shoulder with rest of the states,” Khandu said.

Also present were Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, Speaker Tesam Pongte, legislators and administrative officers from several eastern Arunachal districts, officials of the PWD and others.

NEWS IN PICTURE



Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) taking salute from 33rd Battalion of the ITBP during 78th Independence Day celebration at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on August 15'2024.



Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurating the 19 lakh litre per day capacity water supply system for Naharlagun-based Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS), the only medical college hospital of the state at Naharlagun on August 9' 2024.



Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein flagged off the Tiranga Yatra marking the launch of the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign at Namsai along with Chau Zingnu Namchoom, MLA-Namsai, ZPC Nang Urmila Mancheykhun, HoDs, PRI leaders, CBOs, NGOs and general public at Namsai on 11' August 2024.



Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) participating in the 'One Day State Level Workshop on Model Guidelines on POCSO Act, 2012 at Itanagar on August 21' 2024.



Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurating the Aqua Excellence Center of the Dirang-based National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS) at Tippi on August 14' 2024.



Minister IPR, Nyato Dukam, conduct an inspection of the construction site of the Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI) at Jollang Rakap, Itanagar on August 8' 2024.