Arunachal Pradesh is situated in the North Eastern region of the Indian Sub-continent. It is rich in natural resource, beauty and majesty. Jawaharlal Nehru described it as an ‘Island of Peace’ for the peaceful and innocent life of indigenous people. Indira Gandhi depicts her as ‘Drawn Lit Mountain’ because of the early sun rising in the region. The state has a proud history from the earliest time. Matmur Jamoh’s team killed Captain Neol William British officer’s troop. This massacre was discussed in the British parliament which led to the outbreak of Anglo-Abo war in 1911. In the mountain clip of Kekarmoyong and the villages along the banks of the Siang River, the Arunachalee fought against the mighty war trained British throng. To defend the sovereignty in the cold weather they wore sack clothes, used local bows & arrows and swords and stood against the developed force till their many warriors shed blood by the bullet of the enemy. The British were advanced and they burned their houses, granaries, killed beasts and destroyed crops. The consequences of war were that the British partially annexed the region and established her limited administration through Political Zamder and Political Interpreter as their representative. Under the leadership of Moji Riba and Mojie Riba, the Arunachalee hosted the tricolor flag on the nation’s first Independence Day at Dipa village of the present Lower Siang in 1947. The region was kept under the control of the union government and was granted statehood on 20th February 1987.

**Tribes**

The indigenous people groups of Arunachal are tribal. She is a land of tribal having around 26 tribes & more than 42 sub-tribes. It spreads into 21 districts, many towns and villages. Numbers of districts are internationally bordered with Bhutan, China, Tibet and Myanmar. Each district is populated by a particular tribe. To look after the welfare of the people each tribe has their own welfare society which acts as the highest parliament of that particular tribe. Every ethnic group has its own distinct culture & tradition yet they cheerfully respect each other’s customs and live joyfully. With the growth of Christianity in the region, their communications are developing which brings them closer. The Arunachal Christian Forum, the apex Christian organization is working hard for unity and it is fulfilling gradually. History records their migration in oral tradition, dances and songs. Due to their migration in different places the geographical barrier arose, so some clan (family) though they are from the same clan opted for a different tribe.

**Food Habit**

Geographically, Arunachal is filled with natural habitation of flora and fauna. It has been blessed with varieties of food stuff and rice is their staple meal. They eat rice three times a day. They love bamboo shot and agya (which is made from soyabin by fermenting them for at least two weeks). They cook curry with water, eatable tree leaves, chilly and salt without any oil and industrial product spices from the market. If they happen to go the forest, they cook rice and curry on the bamboo. For any mass gathering they use glasses made up of bamboo and plates of kokam (large tree leaf). This kokam plate is meant for one time use but the bamboo glass is washable which is entirely used for that particular week long occasion. They eat meat/fish by burning it or boiling and preserving it for months by roasting it on smoke.

~Yumri Taipodia, Columnist based in Shillong
Issues
There are several issues faced by the people of this state. They are Boundary disputes internally with the bordering states and internationally with China as old as Arunachal's history. There are no concrete walls or barbed wire along the border line so it has become a key problem. From time to time the strong neighboring states internally and mighty China is encroaching the actual line of control and snatching the land inch by inch. If NGO's or any organizations from the state raise their voices then there could be road blockades in which the life line of Arunachal depends.

Another issue is the imposition of AFSPA (Armed Forces Special Power Acts) in some districts. AFSPA confirm special power to the armed forces as they are required for security reasons. In the name of their duty for checking underground militant/ban ultra many innocent civilians and government officials are tortured by the Indian army personnel. With that APFRA (Arunachal Pradesh Freedom of Religion Acts 1978) is also one of the chief controversial existing acts. As the days pass the relevancy of this act is reduced and it is the most stumbling blow for peaceful existence. Based on this law in the olden days, Churches were destroyed either by being burned to ashes or by being stripped from top to bottom and the Christians were tormented by either being made to parade naked or being exiled from the state. Since many years for developing holistic societies in spiritual cause, some feel (especially Christian community) and they even voiced that it should be removed by the state legislature.

Corruption
The most burning subject in every stratum of societies and its chief sources are absence of transparency, useless accountability methods, deficiency of reporting devices, fragile governance and scarcity of truthful bureaucrats. In every step crystal clean rules and straightforward officials are required to execute the office. It has to do noble thinking by reducing the crave for personal gain by barring themselves from misusing the office such as to keep themselves away from indulging in bribery (either by demand or by receiving the bribe offered to them), extortion, nepotism and misappropriation of public properties/power. Well deceit is done by the official while bribing, extorting and influencing the peddler involved -giver and taker. This practice has made them to fittingly call some leaders as ‘Calculator’ or ‘Percent’ for the money they take from the contractors. In place of being concerned with the public, the leaders are prowling. Even during recruitments, cash in the leaders (officers) account is mandatory to get a job as each job has fixed rates and it is enhanced in a yearly basis. In order to get a job an aspirant should first connect ‘Line’ who has the link to ‘Calculator’ of selection power. Then ‘Link’ keeps some amount for himself while the rest of the demanded amount is handed over to ‘Calculator.’ Higher the post, higher is the rate. It is an open secret in the recruitment process from where only scanty of toppers from the merit list are exempted. After joining the post to meet their expended money those officials receive bribe and in this way corruption multiplies. The election is akin to corruption festival where the candidates spend enormous amount of cash to buy voters and once they are born in the legislative body they again loot the public money to meet their election expenses. This results in weak developments. Every opposition party voices against corruption but once they come to power they too participate in the same game. Corruption only serves the basic human tendency for greed of individuals. Nowadays people either grab power to make money or snatch finance to be born in the chair. It is a vicious cycle in Arunachal Pradesh and the question is how to break that cycle.
Scientific cultivation of Ginger in Arunachal Pradesh

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Ginger is a very important commercial crop grown for its aromatic rhizones which is used both as a spice and a medicine. It is marketed in different forms such as raw ginger, dry ginger bleached dry ginger, ginger powder, ginger oil, ginger oleoresin, gingerale, ginger candy, ginger beer, brined ginger, ginger wine, ginger squash, ginger flakes etc.

Climate: Ginger grow in warm and humid climate. For successful cultivation, ginger requires a moderate rainfall at the time of sowing till the rhizome sprout.

Soil: Ginger thrives the best in well drained soils like sandy or clay loam. A friable loam rich in humus is ideal.

Variety:
- High dry ginger: Maran, Nadia, Karakkal.
- Oleoresin: Ernad Chernad, China, Rio De Janerio.

High volatile oil: Sleeva local, Naaarasapattam
- Green ginger: China, Wynad local, Maran, Varadha

Manuring in Ginger: Ginger requires heavy manuring. Application of wellrotten FYM/Compost @ 6.5 to 7.5 tonnes/ha may be made as a basal dose while planting the rhizome.

Land Preparation: While preparing the land minimum tillage may be adopted. One ploughing is done by turning plough and 2-3 ploughing is done by cultivator.

Sowing time: 15th May to 15th June.

Seed material and Sowing rate: Carefully preserved seed rhizomes free from pests and diseases which are collected from Research centre. 15-20 quintals seed rhizomes are required for one hectare.

Sowing method: Ginger is planted in rows, 25 cm. apart at a distance of 20-25 cm. within the row.

Irrigation: In Arunachal Pradesh ginger is cultivated depends upon rainfall.

Mulching: Mulching the soil with green leaves is an important operation in ginger farming. Mulching may be done with green leaves thrice in ginger crop, one immediately after planting @ 10 tonnes/ha. to enhance germination, increase organic matter and conserve soil moisture and prevent washing of soil due to heavy rains. It is repeated @ 5.0 tonnes/ha. at 40th and 90th days after planting preferably at the time of weeding, hoeing and earthing up.

Weed control: Two weedicings are generally given to the crop. The first weeding just before the second mulching and repeated depending on the intensity of weed growth.

Earthing up: The soil around the plants is worked with the help of khurpi in the first week of September. It helps to break the fibrous roots and thereby supports new growth. The soil near the rhizome becomes loose and friable and helps in proper development of rhizomes.

Pest and Disease management: Shoot borer is the major pests infesting Ginger farming. It appears during July-October. Spray Neem oil (0.55) at fortnight intervals if found necessary.

Rhizome rot is a major disease of ginger crop. Trichoderma applied at the time of planting and subsequently if necessary.

Harvesting: For green ginger, harvesting is done 210-215 days after planting.

For curing purpose, harvesting is done 245-260 days after planting when the leaves start yellowing.

Yield: 100-150 qt/ha. green ginger.
DCM assures govt’s support in running Drug De-addiction camp
NAMSAI, May 1:
53 drug addicts including 5 women were de-addicted in the first phase of Drug De-addiction Camp organized by the Women Welfare Society, Namsai at Drug De-Addiction Centre at Lathao. The one month long drug de-addiction camp that began on April 2 last was sponsored by the Oil India Limited, Duliajan under their Corporate Social Responsibility Scheme.

Attending the valedictory function of the drug de-addiction camp, Mein lauded the Women Welfare Society for spearheading the drug de-addiction campaign in the district and for successful de-addiction of 53 drug addicted in the first phase thereby setting an example for others to follow. Assuring the government’s support in running the Drug De-addiction Camp on regular basis, Mein urged that the de-addiction centre should be run regularly. He mooted to convert this drug de-addiction centre in to a Rehabilitation Centre citing that despite affected with rampant drug addictions, the State still do not have a single Rehabilitation Centre.

Citing the shortage of men power and skilled persons to run the drug de-addiction centre, he opined to hand it over to interested NGO or society willing to run the De-addiction or Rehabilitation centre and assured the support from the State govt.

He asserted that it is high time that the Agriculture and Horticulture Department should be serious about the alternative crops for the poppy cultivation and further said that the departments should work in coordination with the District Administration in finding suitable crops for the specific areas/districts for alternate crops.

He also assured to extend the package of alternate crops to the de-addicted persons and advised them never to repeat the bad habits again which is not only harmful to their life only but affect their family and whole society.

Parliamentary Secretary for Planning & Personnel, Chau Zingnu Namchoom also said to render all possible support from his side as a local MLA for regular functioning of the Drug De-addiction Centre. He informed that the Govt is very concerned about the Drug addictions and efforts are on to accelerate the developmental process taking along the farmer, women and educated youths to counter such menace.

He further urged the de-addicted persons to support the Women Welfare Society, District Administration and the Police in fighting the drug menace by sharing necessary information.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bijay Talukdar, District Medical Officer, NRika, Women Welfare Society (Namsai) President, Shristi Maio and General Secretary, Pinjira Namchoom and senior citizen also spoke on the occasion.

Inmates also shared their experiences and expressed their gratitude to the Women Welfare Society and the government for providing such facility and environment to recoup from their harmful addictions. They also pledge never to take again drugs or indulge in selling and buying of addicted substance. They also form a group namely, Anti-drug addiction group to fight the menace and to support the Women Welfare Society and the District Administration.

They also sought special package from the govt to support their family and also for a pilgrimage package and
submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Chief Minister, to which he assured to look into.

The inmates also presented songs on the occasion. It is pertinent to inform here that the drug de-addiction centre was lying non-functional since its inauguration in the year 2014. It was only after the allocation of fund from the government during the last financial year that it was renovated and made functional this year under the initiative of Deputy Chief Minister.

CM inaugurates State’s 36th VKV, ADC office at Chayang Tajo

SEPPA, May 1:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Saturday visited the remote Chayang Tajo ADC headquarters. The Chief Minister on his maiden visit to the place was accompanied by MoS Home Kiren Rijiju, RD Parliamentary Secretary Mama Natung, local MLA cum Industries Parliamentary Secretary Karya Bagang, Tax & Excise Parliamentary Secretary Tapuk Taku, AAPSU President Hawa Bagang and Arunachal Press Club (APC) President Chopa Cheda.

During his visit, the Chief Minister inaugurated the Arunachal’s 36th VKV at Chayang Tajo and announced Rs 7 crore to fulfill the requirement of Rs 10 crore corpus fund for the school. He informed that to strengthen the VKVs in Arunachal, the state government has sanctioned Rs 40 crore as corpus fund.

The Chief Minister later, inaugurated the office of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chayang Tajo and laid the foundation stone for Tagampu Smart Village.

On the occasion, Rijiju laid the foundation stone for VKV Girls Hostel with intake capacity of 180 students. Earlier, he also inaugurated a football stadium and academic block of the Govt Polytechnic.

Attending a developmental meeting later, the Chief Minister exhorted the people to work in unison for the development of the area. He appreciated the works of local MLA in bringing sea change in the development of the constituency.

Khandu said the government is focused in development of all the constituencies irrespective of party affiliations and said that in the previous financial year under SIDF, even constituency with non ruling party MLAs have got funds higher than the ruling.

On deteriorating Seppa-Chayang Tajo road, the Chief Minister assured to request the Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein to call up a review meeting with all concerned engineers, company officials and local administration to find early solution to the problem. Responding to public memorandum on demand for a SBI bank in Chayang Tajo, he said the state government with the support from central government is connecting all administrative headquarters and gram panchayat with digital connectivity. Once the digital connectivity is assured, the establishment for SBI bank will be expedited, assured Khandu.

On demand for a helipad, the Chief Minister requested the locals to propose suitable location assuring to sanction funds within this year. On air connectivity, he informed that by next few months, Pasighat and Tezu will be connected by commercial fixed wing aircraft services. For Itanagar airport, the Chief Minister informed that a committee report on the proposed Greenfield airport is ready and will be placed in the coming May 10 cabinet meeting. A decision will be taken in the cabinet and accordingly the central government will be intimated on the situation, informed Khandu. Earlier, speaking on the occasion, Rijiju said East Kameng district has seen highest mobilization of funds for roads and hoped that in new few years’ connectivity within the district will be improved. He informed that under his initiative, flow of funds has been strengthened under BADP to meet up the developmental requirement. Also through his personal initiative several measures in health sector and community development has been taken mobilizing funds under CSR.
Mein distributes TV Sets to 40 Gaon Burahs

MAHADeVPUR, May 2:
Fulfilling the long felt demand of the Gaon Burahs and commitment of the Govt, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein distributed TV Sets with Set Top Box to all the 40 Gaon Burahs of the Lekang Constituency at Community Hall, Mahadevpur on Tuesday.

“Gaon Burahs being an important institution of the govt administration at the grass root and village level, they need to be updated with the latest development and information” said Mein while distributing Micromax HD 32 Inch LED TV and Set Top Box to the GBs. He urged them to share the information and welfare programmes & policies of the Govt at the Centre and the State with the villagers so that the poor people in the villages are also aware of such developmental and welfare schemes implemented by the Govt for the betterment of the poor people and avail the benefits.

He said that the rapid developments are taking place under the BJP government in the Centre and under the leadership of Chief Minister Pema Khandu in the State. Highlighting various developmental schemes implemented in his constituency, he urged the people not to believe in mere hearsay and reiterated his commitment to work for the development of the area and welfare of the people.

He informed that while the TV Set is provided from the Govt Fund but the Set Top Box with Disk is provided from his own source so that they can view all channels.

He also said to look into the demands of the GBs for finding a lighter replacement of the Red Coat in summer season and for mobile handsets to the GBs.

ADC Bijay Talukdar, ZPM Jogesh Taye, EAC Mahadevpur, S Roy, DPO cum DVO Dr Keshab Sharma and representative of Gaon Burahs also spoke on the occasion.

New DG BRO calls on CM

NEW DELHI, May 3:
The newly appointed Director General of Border Roads Organization Lt. General Harpal Singh called on Chief Minister Pema Khandu at the later’s Arunachal Bhawan office here on Tuesday evening.

Matters relating to road projects taken up by BRO in the state including Trans Arunachal Highway and land acquisition issues were discussed in detail during the meeting.

The new DGBR informed Chief Minister that the projects undertaken by BRO are being expeditiously executed. He also said that the matters pertaining to land acquisition are being worked out with the State Government machinery and sought CM’s intervention expediting the matter.

Khandu, while assuring all possible support to BRO, said that development of road network in Arunachal Pradesh has been accorded highest priority as good connectivity would lead to all round development of the State.

Meeting discusses on start of academic session of Palin Model Degree College

ITANAGAR, May 3:
PHE & WS, Parliamentary Affairs, IPR & Printing Minister Bamang Felix convened a joint meeting of the district administration, Kra Daadi and Directorate of Higher Education at his office at Civil Secretariat here on May 1 last.

The meeting was basically for starting the academic session of Government Model Degree College, Palin from the current year. It may be mentioned that during his recent visit to Kra Daadi district, Felix was approached by the people of the district with the request to immediately start the academic session of the Government Model Degree College Palin.

As a follow up, Felix called the meeting to know what delayed the start of the
college even after the Government had ordered for establishment of the model college in the year 2011-12.

After a threadbare discussion, Felix requested the officers of Department of Higher education to visit Government Model Degree College Palin to find out the problems which could be sorted out to start the academic session of the college from the current year. He asked them to plan their trip within seven days and submit the report by 10 days.

The team would also be visiting Tadar Taniang Government Degree College Nyapin and Government Polytechnic Institute, Layang during their tour.

The meeting was attended by Kra Daadi Deputy Commissioner Pige Ligu.

**Gram Swaraj Diwas organized at Loiliang village**

**TEZU, May 3:**
As a part of celebration of Gram Swaraj Abhiyan programme (Village Self Governance Campaign) in Lohit district, the Gram Swaraj Diwas was organized at Government Secondary, Loiliang village under Tezu circle recently.

Panchayat members, villagers from Loiliang and other two nearby villages, namely Hucheliang and Pomliang attended the function. Addressing the programme, Duyu Ribya, Project Director DRDA Tezu highlighted the significance of various Rural Development programmes being implemented in the district such as PMAY (G), MG-NREGA, IWMP etc. He informed that Loiliang village has been selected under the State flagship programme under Chief Minister’s Adarsh Gramin Yojana (CMAGY) to develop it as a Model Village in the district and works will be taken up on receipt of fund from the government.

On the occasion, he appealed to the Panchayat members and villagers alike for proper implementation of all the poverty alleviation programmes in their respective villages for uplifting their livelihood.

Smti. G. Manyu, Block Development Officer (BDO) Tezu, S.N. Singh, APO (M), and K. Dondup, APO (Tech) DRDA Tezu were also present in the function along with other Block officials.

In their speeches they explained about the aims and objectives of various rural development activities being undertaken by DRDA and requested the village leaders to motivate the villagers to link their respective Bank Accounts with Aadhar Card for convenience of making payments.

It was also emphasized to promote social harmony, enhancement of livelihood opportunities of rural poor, cleanliness of villages and strengthening of Panchayati Raj institution for all round development of the rural areas in the district. They also requested the panchayat and village leaders to avail all the opportunities provided by the Government for improving their livelihood.

Besides the RD Officers and officials, the function was attended by representatives of State Bank of India (Tezu Branch), Deputy Director APEDA, and District Food & Civil Supplies Officer.

They also explained about various schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Ujjala Scheme and Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana concerning their respective departments.

**Felix rolls out slews of developmental programmes; NYAPIN, May 3:**
The serene and beautiful 19th Nyapin-Sangram Constituency echoed to the mantra of “Many Journey..One Dream” when PHE & WS, Parliamentary Affairs, IPR & Printing Minister Bamang Felix rolled out slews of developmental programmes at various locations during his weeklong whirlwind tour of the constituency he represents from April 20 to 28 last. The people of Nyapi- Sangram
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constituency had every reason to rejoice as their long felt demand of good roads, adequate infrastructure and efficient administration were being realized. The visioned transformation process had begun with new development chapters unfolding one after another in the once termed remote and under developed constituency.

Primarily aimed at reviewing the ongoing projects and monitoring its execution in terms of quality and quantity, Felix undertook the tour program with renewed energy coupled with a vision of changing the development trajectory of Nyapin- Sangram constituency.

Starting his inspection spree with 10 ongoing PMGSY projects comprising of approximately 185 KMs stretching from Pallang, Pinchi, Sango, Layang, Majuriang, Dolo, Langthi Loth, Yuba, Peel, Kaung, Leel and Langrh, Felix directed the executive agencies to maintain utmost quality while ensuring timely completion of the projects. These roads when completed would provide connectivity to almost all villages in the constituency.

The Minister laid the foundation stone for road from Taji Langpo to Kambang under RIDF and bridge over Panyi River between Pogriang and Layang under CRF. On inspection of the road projects from Sangram to Nyapin-Phase I and II, Felix called for expediting the work. On inspection and inauguration of critical infrastructure like PHC building at Hiya, 100 bedded girls hostel at Laya, Nyapin, Panung, Hiya Gida & Langro, infrastructure development of Tadar Taniang Government Degree College Nyapin, Eklavya School at Nyapin, VKV school at Gaga, DIET building at ‘O’ point, Bailey bridge over Pinchi river, Tourist lodge at Nyapin, circuit house at Lungs and Langrh, RWD Division office at Layang, SDO office at Pogriang and rostrum at Sangram play ground, Felix called upon the people to make good use of the infrastructures.

“The infrastructures created by the government are an asset which should be maintained, cared and protected and the onus of preserving these assets lies on us”, Felix emphatically said. He exhorted for shoudering the responsibility of becoming responsible citizens by up keeping the morality of respecting public properties.

A significant development that stole the show was inauguration of bridge over Pinch River that connects the most interior circle headquarters of Lungs and Phassang. It was an emotional moment for thousands of people from these two interior circle headquarters whose dreams of road and bridge connecting the world had come true. Hundreds of people thronged the inauguration sets and extended gratitude to Felix for gifting them with their choicest gift.

The minister further inaugurated Keding Mini Hydro Project and inspected Pinchi Mini Hydro Project which shall cater to the power need of the entire constituency. Laying emphasis on development of hydro projects, felix said that the government is very serious in developing green and clean energy from the enormous hydro power potential of the state.

During the tour he was accompanied by DC, PRIs, GBs, HODs, public and youths.

Governor graces Buddha Purnima celebration

ITANAGAR, May 3: Arunachal Pradesh Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd) attended the 2562nd Buddha Purnima celebration at Theravada Buddha Vihara, Itanagar here on Monday.

The Governor, accompanied by First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra and State Home Minister Kumar Waii paid obeisance at the Vihara on the occasion.

Conveying his greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion, the Governor said that the teachings of Lord Buddha are relevant in equal measures even today. His messages of peace, knowl-
edge, non-violence (Ahimsa), upliftment of downtrodden and freedom from superstitious are the promoters of the modern welfare societies.

Quoting a message of Lord Buddha, i.e. Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship, the Governor said that Lord Buddha’s teachings cover all aspects of life and cares for the last individual in last social rung of the society. He said that there is the truth of suffering, the truth of cause of suffering, the truth of the end of suffering, and the truth of the path that leads to the end of suffering comprise the essence of Buddha’s teachings of Four Noble Truths. The eight parts of the path to liberation are the essential elements of Buddhist practice, which include moral conduct, mental discipline, and wisdom, which is the promoters of the human deliverance, the Governor said.

The Governor, while sharing his association with Buddhism which started at early age quoted Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who says that India is blessed to have given to the world the invaluable gift of Buddhism, which has today spread throughout the world.

The Governor also inaugurated the Blood donation initiative jointly organised by Arunachal Vivekananda Yuva Shakti, Arunachal Voluntary Blood Donor Organization and Indian Red Cross Society, Arunachal Pradesh State Branch on the occasion.

Former minister P.W Sona, Venerable A. Pannasara and Sahitya Academy Awardee and former Commissioner Y.D. Thongchi along with the guests, invitees, Monks and Bikus and devotees were present on the occasion.

**Mein stresses on the need to fight drug menace**

**NAMSAI, May 3:**

Addressing the devotees on the occasion of 2562 Buddha Jayanti Celebration at Namsai Pariyatti Sassana Buddhist Vihara on Monday, Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein said that Buddhist Vihara (temple) is a seat of learning besides a worshipping place.

He said that a temple is a place for learning moral values and ethics, philosophy of life and good path of living besides humbling oneself and called to treat such places with reverence.

Reiterating the need to fight the drug menace, Mein called upon the Community Based Organizations to play a lead role in moulding the society in right directions. He said that one should come forward and discuss the issues on the table instead of playing blame-game, which if do so, aggravate the matter more instead of solving the issue and finding a way forward solution.

He also called for the change in mindset and to move along with the fast changing technology in this era of globalization and at the same time advised not to lose their own identity and be rooted in their own cultures and traditions.

Parliamentary Secretary for Planning and Personnel, Chau Zingnu Namchoom called upon the people to join hands together irrespective of the community/tribe one belongs to and fight the menace united. He said that with the drug addictions at large, the society will never move forward and appealed to make a drug free Namsai.

To mark the Buddha Jayanti, a procession was taken around the Namsai township and hundreds of Buddhist Devotees offer prayers and worships on the auspicious day.

**Kisan Kalyan Diwas celebrated in Siang**

**PANGIN, May 3:**

As a part of the ongoing Gram Swaraj Abhiyaan Campaign, Kisan Kalyan Diwas was celebrated yesterday in all over Siang district in a befitting manner.

At Pangin, it was celebrated at Government Higher Secondary School with ADC Tamik Talom as chief guest and other officers including Deputy Director Agriculture Baleng Mengu and PRI members.
The programme witnessed active participations from many SHGs and progressive farmers from the nearby villages like Pangin, Koreng, Yeksi etc. Agriculture Development Officer Limi Ado highlighted the aims and objective of the programme and informed the participants about the various ongoing agricultural schemes, while seeking cooperation from all in achieving the target set by GoI of doubling the farmer’s income by 2022.

Horticulture Development officer Oying Tayeng also informed about the various ongoing horticultural schemes being implemented in the district.

Staff from Agriculture and allied departments in collaboration with concerned administrative officers successfully organized Kisan Kalyan Diwas at all targeted villages in the district with full enthusiasm. The programme was also celebrated at Rumgong under the chairmanship of ADC T. Gangkak. Farmers were informed about various schemes and subsidies available and they were also encouraged to adopt and apply technical know-how in farming, while at Riga, it was celebrated in the presence of EAC Riga T. Mibang and HDO Kenpi Lollen. At Mongku, the programme was celebrated under chairmanship of CO Jomlo-Mobuk Binti Mibang and at Jomo village; HDO Rumgong D. Lomi and AFA Rumgong T. Tatak informed the public about various ongoing schemes.

At Pangin Village Soil Health Cards were distributed by staff from Agriculture and Horticulture department.

**BRTF CE oversees road conditions in NE sector**

**AALO, May 3:**

RK Dhiman, VSM, Chief Engineer who has recently taken over the charge of Chief Engineer Project Brahmank, BRTF visited the sector of 44 BRTF at Fearless Forty Four from April 21 to 25 last.

The Chief Engineer was briefed about the roads in the North East sector under AoR of 44 BRTF at headquarter location. The Chief Engineer along with Col Sameer Malik, Cdr 44 BRTF visited and inspected all roads in the sector and emphasized on the need to accelerate works and stressed upon ensuring quality of work. Appreciating the work being done by the GREF personnel in this difficult terrain and inclement weather, he also stressed upon the safety of the persons during working hours. He further emphasized upon training of crucial GREF staff to ensure achievement of desired quality work and interacted with the troops in forward areas and motivated them for early completion of ongoing works.

**Review meet on implementation of BharatNet and other Telecom projects in NER**

**ITANAGAR, May 3:**

The Union Minister of State for Communications (I/C) Manoj Sinha said that Government has achieved a significant milestone under the BharatNet project by completing Phase-I and connecting over one lakh Gram Panchayats (GP) across the country with high speed optical fibre network as per the declared deadline of 31st December 2017.

The Union MoS was speaking at a review meeting on implementation of BharatNet and other major telecom projects in the North Eastern Region at Itanagar on April 26 last.

Sinha said that the vision of the Ministry of Communications is to connect the entire country to realize the Prime Minister’s goal of Digital India by bridging the digital divide. The provision of Broadband & Internet services has a positive impact on GDP growth, besides quicker, transparent and cost effective governance. The implementation is expected to be much faster and smoother with the participation of the states.

In the eight States of NER there are 11970 GPs, of which 5858 GPs were taken up in Phase-I and 2281 GPs are Service Ready. The prog-
ress of the BharatNet project has been slow in NER due to capacity of agencies implementing the project, various developmental activities like expansion of National Highways, hilly terrain, excessive rainfall and law and order related issues. But we are committed to partner with State Governments to accelerate the pace of implementation.

Given the strategic importance of the North-East, as well as the fact that there are a number of areas which are in remote and hilly locations with poor connectivity; Telecom Commission has approved a comprehensive strategy to implement BharatNet in North East Region (NER). Under this strategy all the uncovered Gram Panchayats in the North-East are to be connected by broadband. 4989 Gram Panchayats in the North-East in 6 States, namely, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Manipur and Tripura are being linked through broadband connectivity on Satellite media by December, 2018. The estimated cost of the Satellite Connectivity to these GPs is Rs 733 crore.

Under the Comprehensive Telecom Development Project for NER, 6994 towers are to be setup to provide connectivity to 8621 villages and along the National Highways, at a cost of Rs. 5336 Crore. MOU has been signed between BSNL and USO Fund to setup 2817 mobile towers in Arunachal Pradesh and two Districts of Assam while the work of setting up of 2004 towers in six states has been initiated by Bharti Airtel in December, 2017, which is to be completed in 18 months. For Meghalaya, the Telecom Commission has recommended setting up of 2173 towers on 2G+4G technology at an estimated cost of Rs. 3,911 Crore.

In order to ensure reliability and redundancy in the transmission network and augmentation of transmission media between state capitals in NER, and also between state capitals and district headquarters, BSNL has to set up about 3,000 Km of OFC network at an estimated cost of about Rs. 295.97 Crore. Tender evaluation has been completed and further action is under process. In addition, schemes are also being implemented by BSNL and RailTel for augmentation/strengthening of OFC between District HQs and Block HQs in North Eastern States.

The Union Minister categorically said that North East Region is accorded the highest priority by the Union Government as is evident from these projects with a total outlay of more than Rs. 10,500 crores. He thanked the State Governments for their participation in the meeting and requested them to provide full support for providing suitable sites for towers, ROW facilitation etc. in order to overcome the shortcoming of telecom connectivity. He said that with the projects being taken up under CTDP for NER, the potential of Digital India would be utilized in transforming the lives of citizens in rural, remote and tribal areas through generation of employment, development of tourism and financial inclusion of citizens.

On the occasion, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu expressed gratitude on the focus and attention the North Eastern States are getting for bringing IT Connectivity from the Union Government. “Despite connectivity bottlenecks and numerous challenges the state continues to face, the state has aggressively proved itself by successfully launching significant IT & e-Governance projects like Arunachal eServices, eILP, CM Helpline, e-Office, e-Cabinet, Secretariat WiFi, Jeewan Pramaan, CPGRAMS, GeM, NSP to name a few. Many projects of importance are in pipeline which varies from education to health, agriculture to cabinet, capacity building to connectivity”, Khandu said. He thanked the Union MoS for holding the review meeting in Itanagar and assured to work with the DOT in fast tracking digital connectivity projects in the state.

The day also marked the launch of mobile connectivity of unconnected vil-
lages of NE region, launch of Satellite connectivity of Gram Panchayats under BharatNet, unveiling of vision document of “Ashtamangal” Phase II and handing over of Satellite Phones to Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister for effective and efficient monitoring of activities during natural catastrophe or any other eventualities by Union Minister of State for Communications (IC).

2nd Edition of NE Junior Prize Money Badminton tournament held ITANAGAR, May 3:
State Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) attended the inaugural function of the 2nd Edition of North East Junior Prize Money Badminton tournament as the chief guest at Raj Bhavan Badminton stadium, Itanagar on April 27 last.

In his inaugural address, the Governor said that sport is the most important aspect of life. To be healthy, positive and progressive, a person takes part in sports. It is the best form of recreation and indulgence of the life.

Motivating the children, the Governor exhorted them to work hard to perfect their techniques and stamina. He also called upon the coaches and mentors to guide the players properly.

The Governor urged upon the parents, guardians and sporting organizers to encourage the budding players, appreciate their potentials and motivate them. He also underscored the responsibility of the State Governments of North eastern States to provide infrastructure and exposure opportunities to the youth for the sports achievement. While reposing his faith in the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Shri Pema Khandu, being the youngest Chief Minister, who is keen on the sports activities in the State, he called upon every member of the society to promote sports in their own way.

Welcoming the participants from the eight north eastern States for which he has coined an acronym ‘ASTAMNMM’, the first five letters of the acronym represent the States of Arunachal, Sikkim, Tripura, Assam and Meghalaya on Northern cardinal point and Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram on the Eastern cardinal point, which phonetically be pronounced as ‘astam namam’, meaning ‘Salute to the great eight’, the Governor said that the Central Government’s focus on the development of the region will definitely assist the States in harnessing the potential of the youth of the region in the field of sports.

While conveying his appreciation to the Badminton Association of India and Arunachal State Badminton Association for conducting the event, the Governor expressed his confidence that the tournament will be conducted in a befitting manner and as per the highest traditions of sportsmen spirit.

The tournament included under 9 years, under 11 years, under 13 years, under 15 years and under 17 years for boys and girls. 340 players participated in the tournament.

First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra, Minister, Animal Husbandry, Veterinary, etc. Dr. Mohesh Chai, Parliamentary Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs Nyamar Karbak, Secretary Sports And Youth Affairs Dani Salu, Director of Sports Tadar Appa, Secretary General Arunachal Olympic Association A.K Tech, Vice Chairman, Sports Authority of Arunachal Doni Nich and Organising Secretary, North Eastern Junior Prize Money Badminton Tournament, Bamang Tago were present on the occasion along with officials from Badminton Association of India and Arunachal State Badminton Association.

Mein flags off 17 two wheelers under NVBDCP ITANAGAR, May 3:
Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein flagged off 17 numbers of two wheelers under National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme from the premises
of Waii International Hotel here on April 26 last.

Attending the inaugural programme of the three days North East Regional Review Meeting of Intensified Malaria Control Project - 3 (IMCP-3) and Intensified Malaria Elimination Project at Waii International Hotel, Mein calls for team works, coordinated efforts and commitment to achieve the target of eliminating Malaria from the State by 2025 as planned by the Govt of India. He assured that the necessary financial support will be given to the department to achieve the given target. He advocated for rational deployment and judicious utilization of men power created under NVBDCP and involvement of local community & PRI members to achieve the objectives.

He thanked the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India for sanctioning Rs 3.73 crore for construction of Zonal Malaria Officer’s office cum training centre at Kimin, for providing 120 sophisticated microscopes under global fund to the State citing that it will help to upgrade the health status of the State.

He also expressed his thankfulness to the Directorate of NVBDCP, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for providing 21 numbers of vehicles and 17 numbers of two wheelers for carrying out NVBDCP programmes successfully in the State. He informed the representative of the Directorate of NVBDCP, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare that the State Govt needs more numbers of two wheelers, microscopes and modernized laboratories where G6PD deficiency diagnosis and other sophisticated tests can be performed while citing the difficulties in carrying out various NVBDCP in the hilly terrains and scattered & sparsely located villages of the State.

He also cited the need to review and enhance the incentives for the ASHAs in order to motivate them saying that the ASHAs play an active role in successful implementations of various vaccinations, disease eradication and health awareness programmes in the grass root level and far flung areas. He requested the representative to convey the requirements of the State to the Ministry.

He lauded the State Health Department for their efforts in bringing down malaria cases (positive) from 6398 in the year 2013 to 1540 in the year 2017 with zero death case in the year 2017 and further urged them to take up the issue seriously to achieve the target.

He further said that malaria disease has to be declared as a Notifiable disease by the Govt so that every single case is brought to the notice and has to be taken care of in order to achieve the target within the time frame. He also sought the logistic support from the State Govt for the success of the programme.

Senior Regional Director of Arunachal Pradesh & Assam, Dr Partho Jyoti Gogoi, Special Secretary (H&FW cum MD NHM), Dr Tapasya Raghav, Director (Health Services), Dr M Lego, Director (H&FW), Dr K Lego and State Programme Officer (NVBDCP), Dr A.Yirang also spoke on the occasion.

Among others, Parliamentary Secretary (Planning & Personnel), Chau Zingnu Namchoom, Director (TRIH&MS), Dr Moji Jini, Regional Directors and State Programme Officers from other North Eastern States also attended the meeting.

Governor, First Lady visit Seppa District Hospital

SEPPA, May 3:
Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) and First Lady of the State, Smt Neelam, who were on a two-day visit to East Kameng district recently, visited the District Hospital, Seppa on April 26 last and interacted with the medical officers, para medic staff and patients. They also distributed fruits to the indoor patients.

In a meeting with the medical officers and para medic staff in the District Hospital, the Governor said that doctors
are more than God and parents to the people and patients and therefore, they must advise the people on healthy way of life and at the same time they must maintain the sanctity of the noble profession.

Acknowledging the shortage of doctors particularly specialists in the state, the Governor said that action has been initiated by the State Government and it will get better but resources will not improve overnight. He exhorted the medical officials to go extra mile and extra effort with sincerity and dedication in order to realize a healthy society.

He also emphasized on institutional deliveries for safety of the newborn and the mother and for ensuring proper vaccinations.

Local MLA and Parliamentary Secretary Tax & Excise Tapuk Taku, who was present during the Governor’s visit, assured a Diesel Generator (DG) set as a power backup for the District Hospital from MLALAD (Member of Legislative Assembly Local Area Development) fund on the occasion.

East Kameng Deputy Commissioner Gaurav Singh Rajawat and Superintendent of Police Vikas Kumar were also present on the occasion amongst other.

The East Kameng District Medical Officer Dr. Kaya Lapung and District Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. Kopi Gyati briefed the Governor about the overall health scenario of the East Kameng district and the district hospital respectively.

Earlier on the preceding day, the First Lady visited the Khampu Hollen Orphanage at Seppa and interacted with the inmates and Miss Renu Bengde who runs orphanage. The First Lady appreciated the effort of the lady and conveyed her good wishes to the children of the orphanage and distributed sweets to them.

**TV Sets distributed to GBs NAMSAI, May 3:**

With an aim to empower the Gaonbura institutions and as a welfare measure for them, the state government had decided to provide TV set to all Gaon buras of the state through Finance, Planning & Investment Department.

In a function attended by Chau Zingnu Namchoom, Parliamentary Secretary of Planning, 32 inches Micromax LED Colour TV sets & Set Top Box to 51 GBs in Namsai, Pi-yong & Lathao Circles of Namsai Constituency were distributed.

Addressing the GBs, Namchoom informed that the TVs have been provided to them under CM’s Information scheme which will enable them to gather knowledge about various developmental and welfare initiatives of both central and state government. He urged the GBs to aware the public in respective villages about these schemes which is also a part of “Sankalp se Siddhi” launched by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

It is to be mentioned here that the fund for procurement and distribution of TV sets was provided by the state government whereas the funds for Set Top Box & Dish TV have been provided by the local MLA from his resources.

While presiding over the meeting, Deputy Commissioner, R.K Sharma reiterated the importance of Gaonbura institutions in overall development of the villages and requested the GBs to cooperate in execution of the developmental schemes. He also specially urged the GBs to monitor the functioning of educational and health institutions, works of ASHA & Anganwadis.

The DC further requested them to inform any illegal activities within the villages including illicit poppy cultivation & drug peddling to district administration.

The GBs expressed deep gratitude to the state government and spoke on the difficulties being faced by them. It was decided to hold quarterly circle level GB conference to discuss and sort out the difficulties in a participatory process. The meeting was also attended by DIGP, all HoDs, ZPC and ZPM beside public leaders.
**PMRSSM launched at Borum village**

**Borum, May 3:**

The Papum Pare District Health Society had organized a launch programme of Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Swasthya Suraksha Mission at Borum Village on Monday.

Director Health Services Dr. Moramor Lego, while launching the programme as chief guest directed the DMO, DRCHO and all programme officers, MO i/c, ANM, ASHAs and PRI leaders to involve wholeheartedly for achieving 100% target beneficiaries. He also lauded the team Papum Pare for organizing the programme nicely in short notice.

Dr. Tana Takum, State Nodal Officer of the programme on the occasion explained the whole mechanism of the programme and benefits to the poor people of the district and state as a whole.

Dr. Tasso Kampu Subu, DMO Papum Pare highlighted the aims and objective of the programme and directed all MOs to create awareness at respective block and activate all beneficiaries in portal under Gram Swaraj Abhiyaan.

During the launching programme, all the stakeholders and beneficiaries were shown a video clip on Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Swasthya Suraksha Mission, AYUSHMAAN BHARAT DAY under the Gram Swaraj Abhiyaan. On the occasion, five beneficiaries of Borum village were activated in the portal through their ration card and mobile numbers.

Earlier, Dr. J. Ado, DRCHO Papum Pare also briefed the gathering about the programme. The launching programme was attended by DANO, District VBOCP Officer, MO i/c Kimin, Doimukh, Balijan, PHC Lengka, Chiputha, PRI leaders, ASHAs, ANM and beneficiaries of Borum Village.

**Registered workers of APBOCWWB to be covered under PMJJBY & PMSBY**

**ITANAGAR, May 3:**

A coordination meeting of Registering Officers of the Arunachal Pradesh Building & Other Constructions Workers Welfare Board (APBOCWWB) was chaired by Jalley Sonam, Chairman of the Board here on Monday wherein all the District Registering Officers of the Board participated.

Sonam, while exhorting registering officers to dedicatedly work for the welfare of the registered workers of the Board informed that it is mandatory on the part of the Board that it should make aware of the Pradhan Mantri Jivan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Sureksha Bima Yojana to the registered workers of the Board and make them avail of these two schemes introduced by the government of India. He further informed that Pradhan Mantri Jivan Jyoti Bima Yojana is an Insurance Scheme offering life insurance cover for death due to any reason. It would be a one year cover, renewable from year to year benefiting sum of Rs. 2 lakh payable on member’s death due to any cause. Premium of Rs 330/- per annum per member will be borne by the Board.

Speaking over Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Sonam informed that it is available to people between 18 and 70 years of age with bank accounts. It has an annual premium of Rs 12 which will be paid by the Board. In case of accidental death or full disability, the payment to the nominee will get an amount of Rs 2 lakh and in case of partial permanent disability Rs 1 lakh. Full disability has been defined as loss of use in eyes, hands or feet. Partial Permanent disability has been defined as loss of use in one eye, hand or foot. He directed officers to submit all details of the registered workers of respective districts with all require documents before May 31 next. OSD to the Board Ashok Sonam also spoke on the occasion.
SBWL declares Pakke-Paga Hornbill Festival as annual state festival

ITANAGAR, May 3:
The State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) that met here on April 26 last for the second time under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister Pema Khandu approved the proposal for a comprehensive Red Panda Conservation Plan for the state besides declaring the first community initiated conservation festival – the Pakke-Paga Hornbill Festival – as an annual state festival.

Red Panda, one of the most endangered mammals in the world, habitats the forests of Arunachal Pradesh in presumably largest number in the country. The state boasts of the largest amount of potential Red Panda habitat in India and therefore a conservation plan is being pushed by WWF (India) to preserve the endangered species.

WWF (India) has been working in two districts of West Kameng and Tawang covering more than 7000 sqkm of biodiversity rich areas for more than a decade on community based conservation of forests and wildlife. Red Panda is a major focal species on which wildlife conservation efforts have been focused since they are indicators of the temperate ecosystem. It was observed that despite having more than 1000 sqkm Red Panda habitat under community conserved areas, there exist a much larger scope and need to expand the conservation efforts securing Red Pandas for future.

WWF (India) has proposed to develop a state-level management plan for Red Panda based on advanced habitat analysis and stakeholder consultation and ensure its implementation through the state department of Environment and Forests. The plan will be first of its kind in the country and shall set a benchmark for all future conservation efforts for securing Red Pandas on a long term basis.

The Board also approved to celebrate the Pakke-Paga Hornbill Festival at Seijosa in East Kameng district, in the vicinity of the Pakke Tiger Reserve, as an annual event. The festival touted as the only wildlife conservation based festival of the state, which was being celebrated through community participation, will now be taken over by the state government.

Khandu directed the Environment & Forest department to ensure establishment of required infrastructure for celebration of the festival annually and make it a global event.

Arunachal Pradesh is home to various endangered faunal species like high altitude pheasants – Peacock, Monal and Tragopan. The Board approved a proposal for establishment of a High Altitude Breeding Center cum Aviary at a select location. It observed that the center will be not only significant in view of promoting tourism but also for education and interpretations and breeding of the pheasants.

The Board also approved few other proposals related to wildlife clearance to allow land for construction of roads and defence establishments.

Meanwhile, the Board members discussed in detail the prevailing menace of land encroachment and illegal activities within reserve forests. It was decided that the government will relook at the licenses provided for guns that can be used for hunting wild animals.

The Chief Minister directed the Home Department to study the menace of illegal use of gun licenses and submit a plan to deal with it to the Cabinet. He also directed the department to issue strict directives to concerned DFOs and subordinate officers to physically inspect and check wherever there are complaints of illegal activities in reserve forests. He sought to take a detailed meeting of all forest officers and officials in May next.

He also requested Board Members to take up issues related to their respective wildlife sanctuaries with concerned deputy commissioners. If issues are not resolved
at the district level or no action is being initiated on their complaints, they may approach the CMO, he suggested.

Present in the meeting were legislators Japu Deru and Paknga Bage and members from various districts, Chief Secretary Satya Gopal, Principal Secretary (E&F) Dr Rabindra Kumar, PCCF (WL & BD) Dr R Kemp and representatives of Police, WWF, etc.

**Union Minister of State calls on Governor**

**ITANAGAR, May 3:**

Union Minister of State (Independent charge) Communication & Railways Manoj Sinha called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on April 27 last.

They discussed on various issues pertaining to the electronic connectivity and telecommunication of the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sharing his observations with the Union Minister of State about the recent district tour to East Kameng district, the Governor said that due to lack of electronic connectivity many important central government schemes are not being implemented properly. Even online registration for Army recruitment is facing problem, he added.

The Governor also drew the attention of the Minister on the slow pace of work of laying of optical fibre cables, across the State and requested the minister to expedite the work.

Highlighting the challenges in telecommunication network in Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor said that providing electronic and internet connectivity is the need of the hour. Local inhabitants and the army personnel posted in the remote and interior areas find it difficult to keep in touch with the family members in case of emergencies, he pointed.

The Governor also requested the Minister to station Deputy Director General (IT) rank officer in the State as it would aid in expeditious implementation and monitoring of OFC projects and other Telecom Services in the State.

The Minister assured the Governor that by December 2018, Arunachal Pradesh will have workable connectivity and IT facilities. He would review the ongoing projects and expedite those projects which are under process of implementation.

**Capacity building cum skill development camps launched in Anjaw**

**HAWAI, May 3:**

A series of capacity building cum skill development camps was launched in Anjaw district to augment human resources in the sparsely populated interior district. Addressing a gathering of the capacity building cum skill development programme on Home stay, etc at Hawai recently and recalling the pioneering, first of its kind Career Counselling programme supported during 2017 under MLALAD programme, Anjaw Deputy Commissioner Smti. M Riba thanked the Chairperson APMDTCL and local MLA Smti Dasanglu Pui for her noble initiative and the government for its skill development programme under BADP for skill- ing of the youth.

She called upon the people of the area to come forward and avail avenues for self employment which can contribute for a progressive district.

DPO Anjaw W. Chautang, FAO Smti Niya Milli, STO Smti J. Tayeng were among those who attended the ceremony at Hawai. Simultaneously at Manchal Circle headquarter; similar capacity building cum skill development camp under BADP was addressed by R Siboh, Circle Officer Manchal. He called upon the gathering to augment their resources through indigenous plants citing that indigenous medicinal plant is a good alternative to poppy cultivation. Both camps have been organized in collaboration with Light Foundation and experienced Resource Persons for Home Stay, Cookery, Plumbing, Electrical and Herbal Medicinal Plant cultivation.
and resources persons from all over have been garnered by the Training provider Light Foundation under Shri Pasang Dorji to provide affective skill- ing.

Meanwhile, a training on Electoral Literacy Club was conducted on April 26 last at Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner, Hawai.

Speaking on the occasion Mito Dirchi, Project Director cum District Trainer (Election) exhorted the Designated Officers and The Supervisors of the District who had come from all over the district to initiate functionalization of ELC in all the Schools, Chunav Paathshala and in all government, semi-government offices and private institutions. In the training programme, emphasis was laid on hands on training and awareness on electoral process with greater participation of all through extra-curricular activities. The training was well received by participants who appreciated the training modules adopted by Master trainer Mito Dirchi who has been imparting election related training for last many year.

Orientation training for retainer & remand advocates held

ITANAGAR, May 3:
A one day orientation training for the retainer and remand advocates of various courts, legal aid clinics, front officer in Arunachal Pradesh was held here on Saturday.

Imparting training to the advocate trainees on the topic- legal services authorities act 1987, schemes there- of, Constitutional perspective, NALSA’s various schemes and it’s implementation, resource person Alok Agarwal, Member Secretary National Legal Services Authority called for wide legal awareness campaign through the advocates, whose duty is to promote constitutional equality and justice into reality in civil and criminal cases which can be achieved through legal awareness campaign to the common people with the help and supervision of legal services authority of India and the state legal services authorities as well.

Agarwal advised the advocates and lawyers to act as a guide to the people who are innocent and unaware of the legal matters.

As another resource person, Ms Geetanjali Goel, Special Secretary, Delhi legal Services Authority (DLSA), while delivering interactive speech on role and responsibilities of legal services, said the lawyers should help poor and downtrodden who are unable to afford to hire lawyers and advised them to act as the representatives of the voice-less and helpless people. She encouraged the lawyer that the latter are competent enough to organize services aware- ness camp whenever or wherever necessary. Budi Habung, Member Secretary, APSLSA had interactive session with the advocate trainees on basic knowledge in criminal trial on arrest, remand, bail, evidence, judgment etc.

Gram Swaraj Diwas observed

BOMDILA, May 3:
‘Saubhagya’ under Gram Swaraj Diwas; a component of the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan was observed yesterday at Buddha stadium Bomdila.

Emphasis was laid on creating awareness and on providing free and convenient electricity connections to all un-electrified households in all the rural and urban households by the end of this year.

Opining that electrification brings in development and prosperity and reiterating for use of LED bulbs and other products which is cost effective and being provided at a subsidized rate by APEDA, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Sonal Swaroop directed for complete electrification of the 16 target ed villages in the district within the stipulated time frame as it is one among the pro-poor based schemes under the umbrella scheme termed Gram Swaraj Abhiyan.

Officers of the Department of Power and APEDA made elaborate presentations on the concept of Saubhagya, activities undertaken under
Saubhagya in the district and on relative tips on energy saving.

Of the few remaining villages under the targeted 16 villages in the district, electrification would be completed within May 2 on On-Grid or Off-Grid basis.

Subsidized LED bulbs were also sold on the occasion. The Diwas was jointly organized by Department of Power and APEDA Bomdila.

**West Siang DC distributes LED TVs to GBs**

**AALO, May 3:**

West Siang Deputy Commissioner Swetika Sachan distributed LED TV to HGBs and GBs of Aalo East and West in a function held at Conference of DC office on April 27 last.

Interacting with the HGBs and GBs, the DC said that it is a part of incentive to the institution of Goan Buras so that they too watch news and television programmes to keep abreast with the rest. She also emphasized on the need to provide new red coats and torch and exhorted them to continue their good services in settling local disputes as agent of the district administration.

ADC Sode Potom and Circle Officer (Admin) were also present on the occasion to give useful advices to the GBs.

**Khandu graces maiden conference of ‘Monpa Mimang Tshokpa’**

**TAWANG, May 10:**

The dream for an apex body of Monpa tribe residing in West Kameng and Tawang districts of Arunachal was finally realized on Monday, May 7 last.

In the first general conference of ‘Monpa Mimang Tshokpa’ (MMT) chaired by Chief Minister Pema Khandu here at Kalawangpo Convention Hall, about 500 delegates from Monpa tribe of the two districts unanimously adopted the constitution and bye-laws of the organization - bringing the whole tribe under one platform.

“The desire to have a common platform for all Monpa people was first felt in 2009 by former CM late Dorjee Khandu and late TG Rinpoche”, Khandu said in his address during the conference.

He congratulated the Monpa society and the newly selected MMT President, Rinchin Dorjee and MMT Secretary General TT Dirkhipa and all other members of the central executive committee (CEC) of the ‘Tshokpa’ for the dream to have been finally fulfilled. “Besides working for upliftment of Monpa people, the apex body will help them to reach out to other tribes in Arunachal building bridges for peaceful and cordial relation,” said Khandu.

Extending greetings to all other communities in Arunachal on behalf of ‘Tshokpa’, the Chief Minister said the Monpa apex body will also work along with other tribal apex bodies in the state for spreading communal harmony and to generate feeling of brotherhood.

Underlining the importance of community apex bodies in culturally diverse states like Arunachal, Khandu said the apex bodies have helped resolved conflicts between tribes by giving opportunities for dialogues and bridging the differences. He said the apex bodies in Arunachal have also strengthened peaceful co-existence and harmony between tribes. To strengthen cultural harmony within the Monpa tribe, the Chief Minister emphasized on use of Bhodi as a common language in the tribe that speaks more than three different dialects - incomprehensible to each other.

Khandu thanked former Chief Minister Nabam Tuki under whose tenure, the state government had assured to create about 100 posts of Bodhi teacher to teach the language.

Earlier, RWD Parliamentary Secretary Jambey Tashi urged the apex body to adopt good practices followed in other communities and to forge relations to learn from each other.

Health Parliamentary Secretary Phurpa Tsering
urged that to bring oneness among Monpas, he emphasized on language exchange programs between Monpas of Tawang, Dirang and Kalaktang.

Besides daylong discussion on roles and objectives of the apex body, the conference felicitated DIG PN Khrimey and SSB DIG Sonam Yudron.

**Free Mega health check-up camp held BOMDILA, May 10:**

A free Mega health check-up camp was organized on May 5 and 6 last at Buddha Stadium, Bomdila by a NGO named HOPE, “The NGO for better tomorrow” based at Bomdila in association with District Administration under the active initiative and guidance of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Sonal Swaroop.

A team of specialist doctors namely Dr. Lelin Saikia, (MD-Orthopaedic), Dr. Pranjit Musahary (MD- Medicine), Dr. Abhigyan Sarmah (Paediatric), Dr. Animesh Sarkar (MD- Dermatologist), Dr. L.D. Chada (ENT) and Doctors from West Kameng District, Dr. Phari Dajangju (MBBS), Dr. Kiren Deru (MBBS), took part in the health camp. The nurses and other staffs of General Hospital, Bomdila also supported the health camp.

Free physical examination along with free blood sugar, blood pressure tests were provided in the camp. Approximately a thousand denizens from various circles of the district came for the health camp. HOPE had also arranged a on the spot Laboratory and a Mobile Pharmacy for better assistance.

The NGO got support from the Kumaon Regiment, Arunachal Scouts and, SSB (Sector Headquarter), Bomdila. The health camp was also attended by the ADC Headquarter, Bopai Puroik and Deputy Superintendent of Police, G. Dajangju. The response which the campaign got from the people of West Kameng was truly overwhelming.

**Governor exhorts officers to try new ideas and reach out to people PANGIN, May 10:**

Arunachal Pradesh Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) has exhorted the district officers to try new ideas and reach out to the people. ‘Be punctual and maintain schedule, depend more on visits, personal contacts and address their challenges or else the very purpose of administration will be defeated’, he said.

The Governor, who was on a two-day visit to Siang district, met the District Heads of Departments at Pangin yesterday. He reiterated that in the implementation of projects, programmes and schemes of the government there must be transparency, accountability, continuity, review and audit and if require, midterm correction and advised them that they must avoid the ‘tendency of pen pushing’.

Interacting with the officials, the Governor said that whatever action they take or initiate, it must be for welfare, wellbeing and development of Siang district. He advised them to ensure that the last person on the last rung of the society benefits from the schemes and programmes.

Stating that road communication and IT & mobile connectivity are the most essential aspects of life today, the Governor stressed that the road construction agencies, optical fire laying company and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd to work in hand in hand and expedite the connectivity process. He said that success of many important central and state government’s schemes and programmes depend on road communication and IT & mobile connectivity, including supply of essential items, Aadhar linking, Direct Beneficiary Transfer (DBT).

Emphasizing on doubling the farmer’s income, the Governor advised the officers of agriculture and horticulture departments to gap between market prices and price at which the farmers are selling their products. Go out of your way to ensure that farmers get...
good prices for their hard work, he stressed.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Rahul Singh briefed the Governor on the overall developmental scenario of the district.

The Governor visited Community Health Centre, Pangin before leaving for Yingkiong on his three-district tour of Siang, Upper Siang and East Siang district.

170 candidates trained for Army recruitment

PASIGHAT, May 10: Altogether 170 candidates from East Siang, Siang and Upper Siang districts were motivated and trained for forty days at the JN College lower campus auditorium to appear in Army Recruitment scheduled to be held from May 10-13 next at Jairampur.

The candidates were trained for physical test, preliminary medicals and written tests. Earlier also such training capsule was held at Pasighat where eight local candidates were selected for Army.

The training programme was organized by AAUN Foundation in association with Military Station Sigar and East Siang district administration.

In an impressive ‘Sending-off function’ at the JNC auditorium, SP East Siang, Prashant Gautam, Lt Col Saxena from Military Station Sigar and Group Captain Mohonto Panging, VM (Retd), Secretary AAUN Foundation spoke and shared their views through motivational speeches to the trained candidates.

In his impressive speech, SP Gautam stated that armed-forces offer excellent career opportunities to the adventurous young candidates. It is a career that offers immense facilities, a privileged lifestyle and of course, honour in serving the nation.

Group Captain M Panging VM Retd, Secretary AAUN Foundation expressed hope that more trained candidates would be selected this time.

DC inaugurates Bamboo Depot

ITANAGAR, May 10: Itanagar Capital Complex Deputy Commissioner Prince Dhawan has inaugurated the Bamboo Depot at 6 km near Palwan Point along National Highway between Naharlagun and Itanagar in presence of Gora Lotak, Councillor, EAC Itanagar Hengo Basar, Charu Yassuk Chairman IMBWC, Khyoda Yaji, President AAPH&SVF and host of other people.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC traced back the history of long association of bamboo with the tribal culture which is an inherent part of its identity and culture. He urged upon the members of the Itanagar Market Bamboo Welfare Committee (IMBWC) to ensure that all the bamboo vendors function within the designated location and not to allow random selling of bamboos along the NH- 415 other than the depot. He assured to notify the area as Bamboo Vending zone in the next Town Vending Committee meeting and directed the Councillor Gora Lotak and Roger Nabam, General Secretary AAPH&SVF to submit a proposal in this regard.

He also cited the example of vending zones in Itanagar and Naharlagun and lauded the executive members of AAPH&SVF for their cooperation in streamlining the system in a disciplined way and hoped the same from the IMBWC.

Emphasizing on the importance of Swacchta, the DC urged upon them to keep the area clean and to pay their garbage collection charges timely. He also urged them to cooperate with the District Administration in carrying out awareness and to brief people about the depot so that the system could be streamlined otherwise the DA would be bound to carry out eviction of random bamboo vendors.

The IMBWC also submitted a memorandum wherein they requested the DC for a toilet at the depot to which the DC assured to take it up in the 2nd phase of construction of community toilets and asked Lotak to submit representation regarding the same.

The DC also informed that the
1st phase is expected to be completed in a month during which 46 community toilets in Itanagar, Naharlagun and Banderdewa are being constructed.

KhyodaYaji, President AAPH&SVF also stressed on the need to streamline the bamboo vendors under one umbrella at the notified area.

CharuYassuk President, IMBWC briefed about the history of the bamboo vendors in the Capital Complex since 2002 and thanked the DA for their effort in identifying a proper area for the vendors and hoped that the area would be notified soon.

Mein inaugurates world class Astro-Turf Hockey ground at SLSA

ITANAGAR, May 10: Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein on Wednesday inaugurated the world class Astro-Turf Hockey Ground at SangayLhaden Sports Academy, Chimpu.

On the occasion, Mein said that Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy is the centre of sports activities in the state and lauded the Sports Academy for their endeavour in tapping the hidden sports talents of the state and for imparting scientific training and coaching to them besides providing academic education. He said that young sports man and woman of the state has brought laurels to the state in many Zonal, National and International level sports competitions/championship in Boxing, Judo Weightlifting, Wushu, Table Tennis and Badminton, etc.

He also lauded the Arunachal women and men who have also earned a niche for the state in the field of mountaineering.

While citing that there is no dearth of sports talents in the state, he emphasized on providing more training facilities and urged the Sports Academy to upgrade the level of competitions and produce more sports persons like that of the Manipur from our State too.

He also said to encourage and involve maximum numbers of youths to take part in games & sports activities to counter the prevailing social evils like drug addictions.

He said that the sports facilities will not only be concentrated to the State Capital but it will also be extended to the district headquarters too. One more State of the Art Sports Academy will be established in Tirap, Changlang and Longding (TCL) region which was also announced in his Budget Speech and seven new major stadiums are also coming up in Yupia, Pasighat, Ziro, Daporijo, Chimpu, Aalo and Tezu, out of which the construction work of Yupia, Pasighat, Ziro and Daporijo is on the verge of completion.

Mein while assuring to strengthen the men power of the Department of Sports & Youth Affairs, asked Parliamentary Secretary for Sports &Youth Affairs to send the proposal to place it before the Cabinet. He also asked the Department to submit the DPR for Rostrum and public gallery around the Hockey & Football Ground at SangayLhaden Sports Academy and assured to provide fund for the same.

Deputy Director of Sports (Technical), Heni Robin informed that Astro-Turf Hockey Ground is the first project of its kind in the State funded under the ‘Khelo India Scheme’ a flagship programme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India. It was constructed by the Engineering Wing of the Department of Sports with an estimated cost of Rs 500 lakhs. He also informed that the Hockey turf was imported from the USA and international size and standard of the ground were maintained so that the national and international games can be conducted on this ground. He further informed that water supply provision for the ground and cover drain were also installed around the ground to prevent water logging and players can practice in all types of weathers here.

Managing Director, Khelo India, Gumnya Karbak and Deputy Director of Sports, Mala Linggi also spoke on
the occasion. Among others, Parliamentary Secretary for Sports & Youth Affairs, Nyamar Karbak, Vice-Chairman Sports Authority of Arunachal Pradesh, Doni Nich, Vice-Chairman Arunachal Olympic Association, G Doke, President All Arunachal Hockey Association, Gumjum Haider, Secretary, Sports & Youth Affairs, Dani Salu and Director Sports, Tadar Appa were also present on the occasion.

**Governor calls upon citizen to be an active partner in developmental process**

**PANGIN, May 10:**
Arunachal Pradesh Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) visited the Siang district on Tuesday. Accompanied by First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Mishra, the Governor reached Pangin from Itanagar by road and addressed a huge public meeting.

The Governor called upon each and every citizen to be an active partner in developmental process by ensuring transparency, accountability, continuity, review and audit and if required, mid-term correction in the implementation of projects, programmes and schemes of the government be made. He also stressed that developmental process should be based on merit.

Emphasizing on twin critical pillars of health and education, the Governor while specifically stressing on girl education, said that for better and prosperous society, every child must have the opportunity to be educated and excel in life, particularly by the girl child. He further said that with a literate and healthy woman, the society, state and nation will be better than it was yesterday.

Stating that for development, road communication and IT & mobile connectivity are the most essential prerequisites, which are at the same time work intensifying and time taking, the Governor advised the people to cooperate in ensuring infrastructural related compensation reasonable, just and proper.

Disclosing his objective of recruiting 2000 plus youth of the state in the armed forces and informing them regarding ensuing recruitment in the Indian Army, the Governor called upon the public leaders, Gaon burahs, Panchayat leaders and government officials to motivate all the abled youths and prepare them for recruitment.

In this regard, he advised the youths to raise the literacy standard amongst them.

As a token of appreciation to the Gaon burah institution, the Governor presented a ‘red coat’ to the eldest gaon burah of the district, 78 years old Tameng Messar. Minister for Power and Industries, Tamuyo Tenga and Local MLA Tapang Taloh also spoke on the occasion.

A brief but colourful cultural presentation depicting the cultural heritage was presented on the occasion.

Earlier, the Governor and the First Lady were accorded a traditional reception by Ponung teams, Tapu War dancers and government officials at Pangin led by Deputy Commissioner Rahul Singh and Superintendent of Police Dr. Irak Bagra.

The Governor also visited a terrace agricultural farm of Tapang Tamuk at Khardung and interacted with the farmers. He advised the farmers to go for double cropping and cash crops and asked the agricultural and horticultural departmental officers to assist the farmers to double their income.

**Naharlagun Railway Station gets free Wi-Fi facility**

**ITANAGAR, May 10:**
Much to the delights of the railway commuters, the Naharlagun Railway Station gets free Wi-Fi facility with the launching of high speed free Wi-Fi by the Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein here on Tuesday.

Mein in his inaugural speech said, “the launching of free Wi-Fi is another step towards digital connectivity” and
added that it would fill the digital divide of the country and contribute towards fulfillment of Prime Minister’s Digital India initiative.

Citing this initiative just the beginning of digital connectivity in the state, he informed that under BharatNet project, executed by RailTel with the full support of Arunachal Pradesh government, most of the District, Blocks, Circles and Gram Panchayats will be connected with High speed internet very soon which will further bridge the gap of digital divide and will enhance the services of e-governance, e-education, e-medical etc. for the betterment of people of Arunachal Pradesh, Mein said. He assured to extend all possible support to the ongoing project work for development of infrastructure and betterment of the people of the State.

He added that the enhanced digital connectivity will further facilitate smooth implementation of GST in the State and informed that after the implementation of GST, revenue collection of the State has also increased.

He further stated that with the railway line coming up in various parts of the State viz. at Pasighat, Roing, Tezu, Parashuram Khund, Namsai, Tirap & Changlang Districts and Aalo & Tawang in the pipeline for which the survey works are going on and with the operation of fixed wing aircrafts at Advanced Landing Grounds at Pasighat & Tezu followed by ALGs at Ziro & Mechuka, there will be tremendous improvement in the connectivity in all sectors. He exuded hope that with these improvements in the connectivity, tourist flow will also increase in the State.

Parliamentary Secretary for PWD & UD, Techi Kaso while lauding the initiative requested the Dept. of IT & Communication, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and Govt. of India that whenever such projects are launched it should also be extended to the nearby villages for the larger benefit of the local population. He said that since the local villages nearby mostly consists of the land donor for the Railways, employment opportunities should also be given to them.

DC Capital Complex cum Special Secretary for IT, Prince Dhawan informed that the government is focusing on improving digital connectivity and employing all means to expand connectivity up to village level. He also informed that 407 GP will have Internet connectivity by the end of December 2018 and 100 GPs will be connected by fibre by AirJaldi. He further said that Free Space Optical Communication (FSOC) technology will be brought-in in the State to connect the remote locations and the main focus is on using RailWire for fibre based connectivity. Assistant Divisional Railway Manager, Santosh Kumar Sharma and DGM RailTel, Prakash Ratray while speaking on the occasion informed that the launching of free Wi-Fi at Railway Station is part of the Indian Railways initiative to provide free Wi-Fi facility to Rail users at major Railway stations.

With this free Wi-Fi facility, railway passengers can remain connected while waiting for the train. They can also use this facility for streaming High Density Videos, downloading new games for their journey, downloading movies, researching their destination etc.

One can connect to the free Wi-Fi by registering their mobile number at Wi-Fi network ‘Railwire’ and by entering the four digits number password sent to their mobile number.

World Red Cross Day celebrated

ITANAGAR, May 10:
The World Red Cross Day was celebrated at Banquet Hall here on Tuesday last with the theme “Memorable Smiles from around the World”.

The event was organized by Indian Red Cross Society of Arunachal Pradesh State Branch, Naharlagun in collaboration with Arunachal Voluntary Blood Donor Organization (AVBDO).

Deputy Chief Minis-
ter, Chowna Mein while addressing the gathering, acknowledged the humanitarian role played by the World Red Cross Society in caring and extending medical aids to the men, women and children in sufferings caused by wars and natural calamities across the world from the time when there were no proper Health Care facilities. He lauded the volunteers and nurses for their helping hands in the most needed time comparing them to angels saying that it is the angels that comes to offer their services to save the lives of others.

He also lauded the 200 volunteers who were ready for blood donations citing it as a noble act of service to humanity and encouraged them to continue their service for the mankind.

Mein complimented the personnel from paramilitary forces like CRPF, ITBP, NDRF for rendering their service for the welfare of the people of this frontier State whenever needed and urged them to maintain the same spirit. He also lauded the Rama Krishna Mission for their services in health care and education sectors in the State. Lauding the civil organizations like Oju Welfare Association, Mother’s Vision, Aalo and Women Against Social Evils Pasighat for the welfare and rights especially for the children and women, he urged them to spread their areas of working and extend their help to other women organizations in other districts in fighting against drug addictions and other social evils. He also lauded Tatung Ramesh Jeke and Toko Teji for their personal sacrifice and service for the cause of the humanity.

He encouraged them to continue their humanitarian service and not to get discouraged by negative response, which they receive sometimes but win them with positive actions.

While extending all support from the state government to the Indian Red Cross Society, AP State Branch for the noble cause, Mein said that the government accords top priority to the Health Sector. He said that care facilities are improving in Arunachal Pradesh and blood banks are coming up in the General Hospitals and some District Hospitals of the state.

Dr Emi Rumi, Honorary Secretary of Indian Red Cross Society Arunachal Pradesh State Branch has highlighted the importance and history of World Red Cross Day. He informed that the World Red Cross Day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Jean Henry Dunant, founding Father of the Red Cross.

Retired Secretary (PHED), Er Tomi Ete, who is also the Vice-Chairman of Indian Red Cross Society, Arunachal Pradesh and Tatung Ramesh Jeke, President Junior Red Cross Society & Chairman, AVBDO also spoke on the occasion.

Among others, Assistant Secretary Maharaj, Rama Krishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar, Pradiptananda Maharaj, Special Secretary-cum-MD NRHM, Dr Tapashya Raghav, Commandants CRPF, ITBP & NDRF were also present on the occasion.

Red Cross Society felicitated various organizations namely, R K Mission Hospital, Itanagar, Oju Welfare Association, Indian Medical Association Arunachal Pradesh State Branch, Mother’s Vision Aalo and Women Against Social Evils and individuals namely, Mr Toko Teji and Mr Tatung Ramesh Jeke with mementos for rendering humanitarian service.

**Government visits Upper Siang**

**YINGKIONG, May 10:** Arunachal Pradesh Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D Mishra (Retd.), who was on a four-day district tour reached Yingkiong in Upper Siang district on Wednesday.

The Governor and the First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra were accorded traditional reception by Pongun and Tapu dance troupes on their arrival by road at Geku and Yingkiong led by local Geku-Mariyang MLA Olom Pangyang, Deputy Commis-
Addressing a huge public meeting at Yingkiong, The Governor said that the pace of development has enhanced in last few years in the state. Many important projects have been taken up and fund is being provided accordingly. He called upon the people to shoulder responsibility in ensuring transparency, accountability, continuity, review and audit and if required, mid-term correction in the implementation of projects, programmes and schemes of the government.

In his maiden visit to the district, the Governor appealed to the people to go for entrepreneurship and self employment. He made special request to the parents and guardians to motivate their wards towards these alternate livelihoods instead of government jobs.

Stating that road communication and IT & mobile connectivity are the most essential aspects of life today, the Governor advised the road construction agencies, optical fire laying company and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd to work in as a unit to expedite the connectivity challenges. He said that success of many important central and state government’s schemes and programmes depend on road communication and IT and mobile connectivity, including supply of essential items, Aadhar linking, Direct Beneficiary Transfer (DBT).

Emphasising on strengthening education and health sectors, the Governor said that human resources in health and education departments must be managed in an equitable manner. Stressing on ‘Schachhta’, he advised the teachers and doctors to teach the students on healthy hygiene practices and instil sense of cleanliness to the children at young age.

Informing the people regarding vacancies in Indian Army, which he had initiated for the youth of the state, the Governor made a passionate appeal to the gaonburahs, Panchayat leaders, public leaders and government officials to motivate the youth to avail the opportunity. He said that with ‘Home grown’ soldiers, the state and nation will be more secured.

Further, informing that there are, at present, six Arunachali officers in Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Indian Navy, whom he suggested to form a group titled, ‘Pay back to Society’. He said that the officers will go to schools and colleges in the state and motivate the youth to join Indian Army.

As a token of appreciation to the GaonBurah the Governor presented a ‘Red Coat’ to senior most GaonBurah of the district Aduk Nopi, Gaon Burah of Simong village on the occasion.

Deputy Commissioner Duli Kamduk, Yingkiong Zilla Parishad Members BadingTeng, Tutung Zilla Parishad Members Nyokgon Nitik and Gaon Burah Akkong Libang also spoke on the occasion.

Later, the Governor visited the Indian Army Unit stationed at Yingkiong. Interacting with the personnel, the Governor highlighted the importance of their role and duty and appreciated their zeal and enthusiasm towards national integrity. He commended their initiatives in providing pre-recruitment trainings to the local youth and under Operation Samaritan. The Governor expressed gratitude to them on behalf of the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

Earlier, the Governor and the first lady of the state visited the District Hospital and interacted with the doctors and nursing staff. He advised them to take pride in the noble profession and avoid the tendency of referring patients to bigger hospital.

Kishori Diwas celebrated
ITANAGAR, May 10:
Urban ICDS Project Itanagar had conducted a series of Kishori Diwas under Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) on May 3, 4 and 5 last at Chandranagar, ‘P’ Sector & Niti-Vihar.
Anaganwadi Centre (AWCs) respectively.

During the celebration, various activities were carried out including BMI administration, Health Checkup, distribution of IFA & De-worming tablets, various events like drawing competition, speech competition on health & hygiene and indoor games competition were organized.

The Deputy Commissioner Itanagar Capital Complex Prince Dhawan informed that the objective of the celebration is to improve the nutritional and health status of adolescent girls in the age group of 11-18 years and empower them by providing education in life-skills, health and nutrition and to improve and upgrade their home-based and vocational skills, and to promote their overall development, including awareness about their health, personal hygiene, nutrition and family welfare and management.

Representing the District Administration on the inaugural day, Tame Yajum, EAC (Welfare) congratulated the participants and asked them to take advantage of such an opportunity.

Heera Panggeng, CO, Itanagar who attended the programme on the second day advised the participants to grasp the core objectives of the Schemes for advantages of their own as well as for the society and nation. DoniikTayu, Councilor, Ward No.8, appreciated the activities being undertaken by ICDS Itanagar Project (Urban) and announced to provide 3 (three) Nos. ceiling Fans and assured to initiate for electrification of Niti-Vihar AWC at the earliest.

Dr. Kabak Tamar, MO i/c, Dr. Akang Radhe and Dr.(Ms) Pumin Hiri, MO, Urban Community Health Centre, Itafort attended the programme with a team of Health Functionaries & administered the Health Checkup of the participating AGs which was the main activity during the celebration.

Adolescent girls under the age group of 11-18yrs, Anganwadi Workers (AWW) from various Anganwadi centres (AWCs) of the Itanagar ICDS Project (Urban) attended the programme. PRI leaders and members from Urban Local bodies (Municipality) also attended the program.

Supplementary Nutrition Programme (Khichdi items) were also distributed to the anganwadi centres by Itanagar CDPO SC Tok in the presence of Tame Yajum EAC at various locations.

The EAC informed that to ensure proper implementation of the project, the DC has directed the Administrative Officers to supervise the same in every Anganwadidcentre.

Aajeevika evam Kaushal Vikas Mela conducted

ITANAGAR, May 10: Aajeevika evam Kaushal Vikas Mela was conducted in various parts of the state on Sunday marking the culmination of Gram Swaraj Abhiyan celebrations in Arunachal Pradesh.

Alo Libang, Minister RD, PR and Cooperation attended as the chief guest and lauded the efforts of ArSR-LM in empowering the rural women in the selected blocks under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Rural Livelihoods Mission programme. He said that just as development of villages leads to development of the nation, in a similar manner development and empowerment of rural women will lead to development of villages. Therefore development and empowerment of women is essential for development of state and nation as a whole.

He said that women have been respected traditionally in Arunachal Pradesh, there have been several women visionaries too. Commenting on the experience shared by women SHG members, he said that despite not being formally a member of any Self Help Group, all official functionaries and leaders should consider themselves as members of Self Help Groups and facilitate them. He mentioned that as on date DAY NRLM is
being implemented in 12 districts and 15 CD Blocks presently. He expressed his belief in the amazing ability of people of Arunachal Pradesh, and cited that despite formal education coming to the State only in 70s, the State has made considerable progress in a short span of time, especially as ground operations commenced from September 2016 onwards.

He also called upon the senior representatives from various banks including APRB, NABARD, Apex Bank, YES Bank to come forward and support the initiatives for ensuring cent percent financial inclusion in the State.

The Minister said that the main aim of Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, being conducted all across the country under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was to create awareness and enthusiasm about various government programmes and concentrate on saturating 21058 villages with basic amenities and ensure financial inclusion. 356 villages are being covered in Arunachal Pradesh under Gram Swaraj Abhiyan.

Earlier, speaking on the occasion Mama Natung, Parliamentary Secretary (RD, PR and IPR) Mama Natung said that the real strength of the State lies with the people. He also said that people of the state are also realising the subtle change that the state has been witnessing under the present NDA government and the efforts of state government under the leadership of Chief Minister Pema Khandu, is also bringing results.

He whole heartedly appreciated the rural women SHG members who had arrived from Yingkiong, Seppa, Sagalee, Yachuli, Daporijo, Basar, Pangin, Roing and Namsai. He said that the policies of Central government might appear difficult to implement, but adherence to guidelines and policies for upliftment of rural poor shall bring out the real strength of people. This shall enable them to not only access entitlements but also enable them to contribute towards making their lives better as well as building vibrant villages and a strengthened nation.

He said that efforts of team members of ArSRLM from the Secretary Rural Development to the Cluster Coordinator, all need to be acknowledged and appreciated for enabling transformation of rural poor women by bringing them into Women SHGs. He also appreciated the policies of Government of India that provided the framework for effecting such implementation.

Smt. JarjumEte, a noted social worker and pioneer of women empowerment appreciated the women SHG members. She thanked the State Government for providing much needed autonomy to ArSRLM in implementation of DAY NRLM from the recruitment to physical implementation of the programme. She said that women SHGs under DAY NRLM need to consider personal hygiene, cleanliness, and sanitation along with socio-economic pursuits.

Smt. Techi Meera, State Mission Manager (Financial Management) ArSRLM and Chairman APRB were given certificate of appreciation by Hon’ble Minister RD & PR and Hon’ble Parliamentary Secretary RD & PR respectively.

Secretary (RD, PR) BidolTayeng earlier, welcomed all to the programme. He gave a succinct outline of the programme including its present coverage. He also outlined the various initiatives undertaken under the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan.

Special Secretary RD & PR Nyali Ete speaking on the occasion mentioned about the need for Women SHGs to come forward for implementation of MG NREGA in the selected locations under DAY NRLM. He emphasised on the need for convergence under Rural Development. Representatives from APRB, NABARD and YES Bank also shared their opinion on the occasion. CEO cum State Mission. The programme was attended by senior officials from SIRD & PR, Department of PR,
Director of RD, Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society, Women SHG members, officials of ArSRLM and selected invitees.

Governor on 2 day tour to Kamle district

RAGA, May 10:
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.), on the second day of his two-day tour to Kamle district, visited the health centre and educational institute at Raga on May 4 last.

The Governor, who has been emphasizing strengthening health and education sectors in the State, visited the Community Health Centre, Raga and interacted with the medical officer and para medic staff. He urged upon them to sincerely render their service to the people for a healthier Arunachal. He appreciated them for creating awareness on health issues inspite of many challenges.

The Governor assured to facilitate in providing a doctor and ambulance for the CHC.

The Governor also visited the Government Higher Secondary School, Raga and interacted with the teachers. He advised them that they must put in extra effort to improve the educational standard of the school. Every action and activity in the school must be for the welfare of the student, the Governor said while enquiring about availability of text books to the students. The Governor assured to facilitate in providing a National Cadet Corp Unit and a bamboo auditorium for the school.

Local MLA and Parliamentary Secretary Animal Husbandry & Veterinary and Dairy Development, Tamar Murtem, Deputy Commissioner Moki Loyi and Superintendent of Police John Pada were present during the visit. Dr. Kapu Sopia DRCHO briefed the Governor about the health scenario in the district.

The Governor had a meeting with Divisional Commissioner (West) Gamli Padu and Deputy Commissioners of Kamle and Lower Subansiri at Ziro and advised them to expedite the manpower distribution after the bifurcation of districts for smooth functioning of the district.

State govt committed to plug revenue loopholes & streamline financial transactions: CM

DIRANG, May 10:
The revenue generated by the state government in the last few years has been outstanding and the increment trajectory every financial year has been exponential, informed Chief Minister Pema Khandu here on Saturday.

While asserting the state government’s commitment to plug revenue loopholes and streamline financial transactions, Khandu said that the measures adopted resulted in increased revenue generation of Rs1253 crore last financial year compared to Rs 900 crore under the previous regime.

“We generated Rs 300 crore more than the previous year immediately after we came to power. This financial year we generated Rs 1600 crore and in the next (2018-19) we aim to cross Rs 2000 crore. Such a growth trajectory has never been witnessed in the state since its inception,” he said this attending a developmental meeting here in West Kameng district.

Khandu assured that the money is being judiciously and equally utilized for developmental projects in every assembly constituency and the districts.

He said sufficient funds under SIDF are being distributed to each assembly constituency irrespective of party affiliation of the incumbent MLA - first to complete all unfinished projects and then take up new projects.

“I can vouch that no other state in the North East has a Secretariat or Assembly building as grand as ours!” he observed.

Khandu explained in detail the hard work and commitment that went into preparation of the state’s vision Document and Budget 2018-19. He said the government is committed to decentralize the ad-
administration and therefore set up divisional commissioner offices for Western and Eastern zones besides setting up zonal offices of all line departments. He announced establishment of a PWD Chief Engineer’s office at Tawang.

He said besides decentralization of governance, formulation of schemes and projects are also being decentralized. Henceforth, all schemes and projects would be decided at the district level through consultations and forwarded to the state government, he informed.

In order to bring in fair and impartial recruitment system, Khandu informed that the state government is processing to constitute a staff selection board that will be mandated to conduct recruitment of all group C posts. With the APPSC already in place, the newly created board will plug all practices of illegal or ‘back door’ appointments, he affirmed.

He appealed people to avail the benefits of flagship programs like the Swavalamban Yojana. Expressing concern over lesser number of beneficiaries from the area, he exhorted government officials to spread awareness amongst the people on all such schemes.

Khandu welcomed the proposal to shift the old Additional Deputy Commissioner Office to a new location at Chuk Valley and called on the locals to donate land for the purpose. He assured funds for construction of a mini-secretariat at the new location. He also announced a fire tender establishment at Dirang.

Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju, who also joined the program, announced Rs 75 crore for construction of a double lane road from the 9 Mile diversion-point to Nafra besides establishment of an ITBP Sector HQ in Sangti. He also announced Rs 2 crore for development of Thembang village as a smart village.

Rijiju emphasized on proper coordination between the state and the center for developmental projects to accelerate. He said the sudden demise of the then Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu, brakes were put on developmental projects in the state. He though expressed happiness that under Pema Khandu, son of the late Chief Minister, all pending projects are being taken up with new vigour and are seeing the light of day.

Local legislator and Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Phurpa Tsering expressed gratitude on behalf of the people to Rijiju and Khandu for sanctioning an amount of Rs 15 crore and Rs 30 lakhs respectively for relief and rehabilitation of the Dirangfire victims. He further thanked the Chief Minister for contributing generously in construction of the Upper Gompa and the Sangti Gompa.

Earlier, the Chief Minister dedicated the Zhangdongrong Mini Hydel project (2x500 KW) to the people. The mini-hydel constructed by the state Hydro Power Development department will supply power to about 19 villages in the area. Phosum Khimhun, Parliamentary Secretary for Hydro Power Development, assured to provide a transformer so that uninterrupted power is supplied to the villages.

Meanwhile, Rijiju laid the foundation stone for Rs 18 crore Tchang Ringbu RCC bridge in presence of the Chief Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries Phosum Khimhun, Kumsi Sidisow and Phurpa Tsering.

Aajeevika & Kushal Vikas Mela organised ZIRO, May 10: Aajeevika & Kushal Vikas Mela was organised in Abotani hall, Hapoli as a part of the final leg of the Gram Swaraj Abhiyaan here on Saturday.

Attending the program, MLA cum Parliamentary Secretary Tage Taki who spearheaded the Abhiyaan right from the start of the campaign said, “Swaraj in today’s context can be attained only if every individual in the society is independent and performing a self sustaining, income generation activity. A self dependent per-
son will be free from poverty and all other issues arising out of poverty. This is the very aim of the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan.

“Aajeevika and kushalvikasmela organised by the Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods mission today aims at capacitating all of you with the knowledge and provide logistic support to all SHGs for better performances and improving the socio-economic conditions of the members. SHGs create a platform for sharing knowledge, skills and even burdens of every individual” He added while encouraging the women folk to form SHGs.

“The conducive weather in Ziro, enables the growth of off season vegetables. We can become the hub and supply vegetables to the neighbouring districts and create a vibrant economy.” He further added while committing to solve the irrigation problem by tapping water from the Pangeriver and completing the community fencing as early as possible”

Reiterating his will to create a smokeless Ziro, with gas connections to every household under UJJAWALA yojana, he called for sensitization and awareness on the scheme and requested the PRI members to assist the beneficiaries in submitting the documents etc.

He also suggested for creating a working calendar under MNREGA by keeping in mind the idle work periods, for effective implementation of the 100 working days.

Zilla Parishad Chairperson Hage Kobing, while addressing the gathering said that the Aajeevika & Kushal Vikas Mela aim to empower women. A society will be a forerunner in every aspects of development if the women in the society are empowered, he added. He exhorted the women participating in the program to utilize the opportunity to learn more about SHGs and its correlation with the banking sectors.

The newly appointed Deputy Commissioner Chukhu Takar called for creating an effective monitoring and feedback mechanism for all the flagship programs by the concerned implementing departments.

PK Das, Dy. Director Industry, Prabin Hazwwary, Chief manager, SBI, Ziro and Dr. Tsewang Dorjee, BMM, AR-SRLM through power points explained about various provisions and programs under Aajeevika & Kushal Vikas Mela.

Smt. Hage Nania, Former Mrs Arunchal Pradesh also shared her experience and the success story of her SHG. A documentary on ‘AAJEEVIKA’ was also screened on the occasion.

ADC Nending Chatung and more than 600 women from 32 SHGs attended the program.

CM inaugurates solar power plant

ITANAGAR, May 10: State Chief Minister Pema Khandu today inaugurated one MWP Grid- interactive solar power plant installed at Energy Awareness Park, Itanagar.

Minister Power Tamiyo Taga along with other senior officers were present on the occasion.

This is the biggest solar project so far installed in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. It is feeding the power generation into 11 KV grid networks of Power department.

CM inaugurates office of Karmik and Adhyatmik Affairs

ITANAGAR, May 10: Chief Minister Pema Khandu today inaugurated the office building of the department of Karmik and Adhyatmik Affairs (DoKA) here at Buddhist Gompa premises. Present on the occasion were Speaker TN Thongdok, Tawang MLA Tsering Tashi, DoKA Chairman Jambe Rayndg, Chief Secretary Satya Gopal and other dignitaries. The Chief Minister later inspected the facilities of the office building.

East Kameng observes Aajeevika Diwas

SEPPA, May 10: Joining the rest of the country, the District Administration in collaboration with Arunachal
Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission, Rural Development and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Departments observed the Aajeevika Diwas across the East Kameng district under Gram Swaraj Abhiyan on Saturday.

Celebrating the day here at Seppa, BDO Deepak Pabing briefed the gathering about the objectives and salient features of the event. Cluster Coordinator Tage Yassung highlighted about the various modes of livelihood generation and status of livelihood interventions and SHGs in the district. She also briefed about the ways and means of capitalization and financial management of a self help group (SHG).

DAH&VO M Modi, DDA U Bahar, DFDO H.Tajo and ADI N Doka were the resource persons of the interactive session organized during the events. They enlightened and promoted the gathering about various livelihood schemes being implemented by their respective departments and urged everyone to avail the benefits at the fullest. They also assured to provide all possible assistance for socio-economic development and welfare of the society.

Success story of SHG named Pampoli Dunne Group was narrated in the programme. A promotional film on Aajeevika being prepared by ArSRLM was also screened during the event. 30-odd SHGs, mostly managed by women folk, and 200 plus female participants were present in the event.

Taki lays foundation stone for Gano Model village

ZIRO, May 10:
MLA- cum -Parliamentary Secretary, Food and Civil Supplies Tage Taki laid the foundation stone for Gano Model village on Sunday.

Bullo, Mudang, Tinho and Takhe clans of the Apatani tribe will be settling in this village. He urged the members to set up the village as an exemplary and a well planned Model village after due consultation with the Town Planners and architects. He assured to take up the creation of the civic infrastructures at the earliest with the higher authorities.

The inaugural program was also attended by Hibu Tama, DDSE, Er. Kago Habung, EE, PHED, ZPM Tilling Sambyo, senior public leaders, officers, Goan buras and buris and public.

Electoral roll management is foundation to poll management - CEO

PASIGHAT, May 17:
East Siang Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Kaling Tayeng said that there was a felt need to train election officers since they perform election duties in addition to their primary work. Tayeng was addressing in a certification programme for Electoral Registration Officers (ERO), Assistant Electoral Registration officers (AERO) of Siang, East Siang, West Siang, Lower Siang and Upper Siang districts held at the DC’s conference hall with various aspects, improving efficiency in dealing with electoral roll revision on Monday.

Importance should be given to procedures and systems, which are two of the most important factors in making elections a success. “Electoral roll management is the foundation to poll management. Thus, it is necessary that electoral roll is clean and healthy”, the CEO further added in his address. He urged the participants to continue the tradition of working diligently in conduct of elections.

All together 47 EROs and AEROs today participated in an examination, conducted by the DEO to evaluate the knowledge.

Pre-monsoon district disaster management preparedness meeting held

YUPIA, May 17:
Pre-Monsoon District Disaster Management preparedness meeting of Papum Pare was held at DC’s conference hall Yupia under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Tai
Kaye on Monday. Addressing the august gathering, the DC called upon all Head of Departments to remain alert and prepared during the monsoon period and updates the details of officers and staffs in district administration portal at earliest.

During the discussion, disaster preparedness plan for the district were discussed in length pertaining to procurement of emergency equipments, opening of control room at DC Office, Yupia, maintaining the food grain stocks at remote circle like Tarasso and Mengio, preparation of mitigation plan for Doimukh area and timely issue of notice to people living in vulnerable areas, and maintaining stocks of life saving drugs in the district.

The meeting was conducted by department of Disaster Management, Papum Pare District, Yupia. All Head of Department attended the meeting and shared their suggestion on disaster preparedness.

Be proactive in disseminating info to public - Felix to DIPROs

NAHARLAGUN, May 17: Information & Public Relations Minister Bamang Felix has exhorted the district information and public relations officers (DIPROs) to be proactive in disseminating information about the programmes, policies, and activities of the government.

Highlighting the role of the DIPROs and PROs in creating wide publicity on the developmental and welfare programmes of the government through various mediums, Felix urged them to discharge their duties with missionary zeal.

He was addressing a review meeting with DIPROs at the civil secretariat here on Tuesday. “The role of the IPR officers should not only be confined to communicate and disseminate information to the people. They should be more proactive and involve themselves in creating public awareness about various flagships schemes of the government,” Felix said.

He said crores of rupees are lying unspent in the state at various levels, “only due to lack of awareness among the people about the process of availing the benefits of those schemes.”

With regard to shortage of infrastructure for the DIPROs, the minister said the government is planning to meet not only the infrastructure needs but also to build the capacity of the officers by providing them with training. “The government is working on a strategy to strengthen the department and its working system,” he said. He asked the directorate of public relations to expedite the process of framing recruitment rules for the officers and creating posts and projection units wherever required, besides addressing infrastructural needs like office and residential buildings, vehicles, PA systems, etc.

IPR Parliamentary Secretary Mama Natung said, “Since the information and public relations department is the mouthpiece of the government, the DIPROs should involve themselves in IEC campaigns to make the rural populace aware about government schemes.”

He suggested organizing district level awareness campaigns on flagship and centrally-sponsored schemes, involving panchayat leaders, gaon burahs, students, and the general public. Natung informed that the state government has earmarked Rs 4 crore for completion of the Soochna Bhavan, and expressed hope that the building would be completed within this year.

IPR Secretary Sonam Chombay assured to provide smart phones and other equipment to all the officers for smooth dissemination of information. He advised the officers to be proactive and explore every possible medium, including the social media, for dissemination of information. He advised the officers to open Face book and Twitter accounts of their respective districts.
IPR Special Secretary Himangsu Gupta highlighted the proposed ‘Arunachal Raising’ campaign-set to be launched on 7 June-through a Power Point presentation. He asked the officers to reach out to the people in a holistic manner through various mediums.

DIPROs and public relations officers of various districts shared their achievements and the constraints faced by them, during the meeting.

**CM inaugurates District Secretariat at Tezu**

**TEZU, May 17:**

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Tuesday inaugurated the Block A building of the District Secretariat here in presence of DCM Chowna Mein, WRD Minister Kamlung Mossang, Art & Culture Minister Dr Mohesh Chai, RD Minister Alo Libang, Parliamentary Secretaries PD Sona, Nyamar Karbak, Tesam Pongte, Zingnu Namchoom and Gabriel D Wangsu.

Later, addressing the government officers at the secretariat conference hall, the CM appreciated the executing agency PWD for completing the work in 14 months maintaining the quality of work.

Khandu assured support for completion of another two blocks of the secretariat. On probability that if the sanctioned fund of Rs 25 crore for the entire secretariat building falls short, the CM assured to have it examined in the cabinet for further addition of the funds.

For early functioning of Block A, Khandu thanked DCM for his assurance to provide the required furniture and other facilities for the office. He also requested the local MLA and DC for putting all efforts for smooth function of the office in the new secretariat building.

The Chief Minister thanked the government officers and the officials for contributing to growth of revenue in the state from Rs 900 crore to Rs 1600 crore within two financial years. He urged continued cooperation and assured to meet up any grievances of theirs.

Earlier, the Chief Minister also inaugurated the Kalikho Pul Memorial Badminton Club and the Treasury Office constructed by PWD and RWD respectively.

He later laid the foundation stone for construction of an outdoor football stadium with seating capacity of 5000 to be constructed at the cost of Rs 36.10 crore.

**Moyong inaugurates DG Power unit and Water tank at BPGH**

**PASIGHAT, May 17:**

Parliamentary Secretary (Disaster Management) Kaling Moyong on Tuesday inaugurated a 200-KVA DG Power unit and PS overhead tank (35,000 Lrs capacity) at the Bakin Pertin General Hospital (BPGH) on the occasion of “Etor Giddii” festival in presence of DC Tamyo Tatak, JDHS Dr. D. Raina and Chief Councilor Kalining Doruk.

Moyong greeted the people on the auspicious occasion for good health and prosperity and extended his thanks to Power and PHE departments for timely completions the assigned works. Expressing his extreme happiness, Moyong who is also local MLA of the area had informed that under SIDF 2016-17, twenty lakhs was provided for installation of the said DG set and under SADA 2017-18, one crore twenty four lakhs were provided for installation of two numbers of 200KV and one 250KV power transformers and allied electrifications to maintain optimum level of safety of sophisticated health care setting and its safely operation in the hospital.

Earlier, there were public complaints that many services like X-ray, Ultrasound etc were hampered due to low voltages and patients had to go outside for the said services. Taking serious note on the issue, initiative was taken by him and as a result the hospital received improved power supply, he added. Thirty five lakhs was received under SIDF for boring, construction of pump-house with 15KV silent Gen-
set and PS overhead tank to meet up the long felt demand of the hospital administration, further added the MLA.

Among others, DMO Dr. M. Perme, MS Dr. YR Darang, PRI leaders, retired bureaucrats and representatives of host student unions were also present on the occasion.

Rebia emphasizes on preservation & safeguard of age old culture and tradition

MAHADEVPUR, May 17:

Different communities residing in Mahadevpur area under Namsai District converged to celebrate the valedictory Lekang Anchalic Rongali Bihu Sammilan (LARBS) with great pomp and show here on Monday.

While greeting the people on the occasion, Minister UD & Town Planning, ULB etc, Nabam Rebia who graced the function as chief guest called upon the younger generation of Assamese community to give more emphasize on preservation and safeguarding of their age old culture and tradition of Assam so that people from all over the world can know the cultural richness of Assam.

“Let this Bihu, which marks the advent of Assamese New Year, be the harbinger of a new dawn of warm and harmonious relationship and peace, prosperity and progress in the state,” said Rebia. He also credited the contribution of Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein for bringing substantial development in Namsai District and highlighted the several welfare measures initiated by the State government for the upliftment of people in the State.

Guest of Honour, Chow Tewa Mein addressing the huge gathering lauded the various communities of Lekang constituency for celebrating the Bihu festival jointly in a grand manner. He said that this has made the celebration more beautiful and urged to maintain the same spirit.

Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein who is the Chief Patron of Lekang Anchalik Bihu Sammilan said that the Rongali Bihu celebrations has reinforced love and goodwill among all sections of people and also strengthen the bonds of unity and bonhomie.

Mein said that he is profoundly happy to be closely associated with the Bihu Festival for the last 26 years. He lauded the Assamese communities for keeping their rich culture and traditions alive and urged the young generations to carry forward the legacy.

L.R. Neog, Advisor and Prahlod Moron, Secretary, LARBS Committee also spoke on the occasion.

The Chief Guest also distributed awards to the winners of various cultural competitions. Bihu performance by winners of Bihu Dance competition mesmerized the august gathering.

Earlier, Chief Guest and other dignitaries were accorded a warm traditional reception at Mahadevpur.

DC inaugurates community toilet

ITANAGAR, May 17:

Deputy Commissioner Itanagar Capital Complex Prince Dhawan inaugurated the Community Toilet at Ward No. 11.

During the programme, the DC handed over the Community Toilet to DWNE SET AJIN SHG for its upkeep and maintenance.

The DC asked the SHG to ensure that the toilets are properly maintained. He stressed that the toilets have been constructed for the convenience of the public and appealed the public to use the facility. However, it is the duty of every denizen to ensure its maintenance, added the DC.

He also hoped that the community toilets will go a long in facilitating public and tourists.

The DC further informed that the 1st phase of community toilets is expected to be completed in a month during which 48 community toilets in Itanagar, Naharlagun and Banderdewa are being constructed. Earlier, 5 numbers of community toilets at various locations of ward 8 have already been made func-
The complete list of toilets can be accessed from website of Itanagar administration at itanagar.nic.in.

The DC further informed that for effective functioning of the community toilet, mandatory display of phone numbers of the SHG executive members have to be displayed on the board of the toilet for any complaints.

The Community Toilet consists of two separate units of toilets for males and females each. Nominal user charges would be collected by the SHG for upkeep and maintenance of the toilets.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Councilor Higio Aruni, Circle Officer Moyir Kato, officials from PHED etc.

### Consolidated assessment programme of DOs & Supervisors held

**HAWAI, May 17:**

A consolidated assessment programme of Designated Officers and Supervisors under Anjaw District Election Office was organized for up scaling and monitoring of activities of Booth Level Officers as well as Electoral Literacy Clubs at Hawai recently under District Election Officer with special emphasis on Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Roll with 01st January 2019 as qualifying date.

The District Election Officer Smti Mamata Riba called upon all Nodal Officers engaged in the Special Summary Revision process and Electoral Literacy Club process viz Supervisors, Designated Officers, Nodal Officer with Nodal Officer ELC, Campus Ambassador etc to adhere to calendar of pre-revision and revision activities issued by Nirvachan Bhawan Itanagar in strict manner.

District Master Trainer DIO Dheeraj Kumar who is also a member of District Level Committee made Power Point Presentation on ELCs and VVPAT for purpose of familiarization.

A review meeting with Political Parties was held back to back by the DEO regarding calendar activities of Special Summary Revision of intensive nature 2019, involvement of political parties in FLCs, status of polling stations and specifically active involvement of designated BLAs.

Lasum Pul, addressing the gathering as CSO partner selected for wider engagement at grass root level for mainstreaming Electoral Literacy, assured full corporation for familiarization of evolving concept like Electoral Literacy Club, Chunav Paathshala, Voter Awareness Forums and VVPAT among the electoral.

### Mein inspects various development works at Namsai

**NAMSAI, May 17:**

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein on Monday went on an inspection spree, visiting sites of ongoing development works in various locations of Namsai district and passed on directions to the executing agencies for timely completion of the projects.

Accompanied by Parliamentary Secretary for Planning & Personnel, Chau Zingnu Namchoom during his visit, Mein inspected the ongoing construction works of the Multi Sports building, multipurpose cultural hall, officers’ residential complex and the bridge over river Jengthu. He also inspected the internal road constructed in the area.

While taking stock of the work progress, Mein said that Namsai being a new district, these projects are significant for the district as the district lacks require infrastructure. He asked the executing agencies to expedite the construction works while maintaining the quality and also urged them to monitor the works regularly. He also directed the executing agencies to carry out beautification and landscaping of the premises.

Among others, ADC Namsai, Bijay Talukdar, SE PWD Tezu, R.Tabin, EE PWD Namsai C.S. Nam-
REBIA calls upon public to create developmental friendly atmosphere

Minister of Urban Development & Planning, Housing, Land Management, Law and Justice cum local MLA Doimukh Constituency Nabam Rebia attended a Huto and Sangri village developmental meeting at Doimukh on Tuesday.

While addressing the gathering, Rebia called upon the public to create developmental friendly atmosphere so that all government flagship programmes can be implemented smoothly.

He assured the people of Huto and Sangri village that both the villages will be connected with all weather road through Bage Tinali to Doimukh road under urban development programme and requested the land owners to donate the land so that road can be complete in this financial year.

Deputy Commissioner Papum Pare also spoke on the occasion and requested the people to cooperate the administration in maintaining law and order and proper implementation of all Govt schemes which are for benefit of people. SDO Doimukh, HoDs, PRI leaders and public were present.

DCM pays visit to ailing monks

Margherita, May 17:
Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein on Wednesday paid a visit to ailing monks, the most Venerable U. Gunawantha Mahathero at Margherita Buddha Vihara and Venerable Wannasara Mahathero at Dibong Buddha Vihara in Assam to enquire about their wellbeing and health.

He was accompanied by Parliamentary Secretary to Planning & Investment, AR & Training and Personnel Chau Zingnu Namchoom.

The 100 years old most Venerable U. Gunawantha Mahathero popularly known all over as Munglang Bhante and 83 years old Venerable Wannasara Mahathero has not been keeping well for quite some time and has been undergoing treatment in Assam.

The Deputy Chief Minister spent more than 30 minutes interacting with them at their respective temple in the morning and wished them speedy recovery and prayed that they recover quickly from their illness.

The Deputy Chief Minister and Parliamentary Secretary were informed by the people taking care of them that both are responding well to their treatment. Mein and Namchoom also offered prayers at the Margherita Buddha Vihara and Dibong Buddha Vihara before their departure.

District Level Steering Committee meeting on IDCF held

Yupia, May 17:
District Level Steering Committee Meeting on Intensified Diarrhea Control Fortnight (IDCF) was held on Wednesday at ZPC Hall under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Tai Kaye.

DC called upon the Health departments and all line departments to work in team spirit to make IDCF programme successful in the district. He added that administrative officers in outpost and district administration as a whole will always assist in proper implementation of the programme and advised the MO in charges to conduct IDCF coordination meeting with concerned administrative officers.

DRCHO Dr. J. Ado presented an overview of IDCF campaign in Papum Pare district, incentivisation on full immunization and review on 1st round SIMI.

IDCF is a nationwide drive to control diarrhea. IDCF would be launched on May 28 to June 9 next. The goal of IDCF is to attain zero deaths due to childhood diarrhea.

ILP drive conducted across West Kameng

Bomdila, May 17:
Under the instruction of Deputy Commissioner, West Kameng District, a special ILP drive has
commenced in the district from Sunday. The drive to check il-
legal unauthorized entrance was conducted in all border
areas of the district.

On the first day of the
drive a total of 46 persons
without ILP were detained and
pushed out of the state juris-
diction by the police.

The drive was spear-
headed at Kalaktang and Bh-
alukpong sub-division by the
respective administrative offi-
cers with assistance from the
police.

Deputy Commissioner,
Dr Sonal Swaroop further in-
formed that the special drive
would continue further in the
coming days too.

Drug peddling gang
busted at Roing

ROING, May 17:
Coming down hard upon the
drug menace and drug ped-
ddlers in the district, the Roing
Police conducted a raid in the
house of one Yubi Mega of
Cheta-II, Roing after receiving
a tip off. The Police team led
by SI Abraham Taying, SI Mo-
han Milli and SI Padi Nikang
raided the house and appre-
hended 3 persons, Constable
Monu Sonowal of Roing PS,
Constable Mikhail Mito of SP's
Office, Kurung Kumey and
Yubi Mega.

4 packets of cocaine
weighing 14.50 gms were
seized from their possession.

Another raid was in-
stantly conducted in the house
of Atoga Pulu at Mayu-II, Ro-
ing. The Police team, on ar-
ival found Atoga Pulu and his
mother Samine Mega packing
the drugs for selling out to the
customers. A plastic packet
containing cocaine weighing
3 gms, two digital weighing
devices and cash amount-
ing to Rs.34,300/- only was
recovered and seized from
their possession in presence
of Opir Paron, Dy.SP (Hqtr)
and the town magistrate CO
Sanjay Taram.

On proper interroga-
tion of the arrested persons
led to the arrest of other co-
drug peddlers Sokho Mendo,
Biju Mega, Shiv Linggi and
Ege Miso. The arrested co-
peddler Ege Miso is a Gov-
ernment Employee. A case
vide Roing Police Station
Case No. 21/2018 U/S 22(b)
/27(a) NDPS Act has been
registered.

Meanwhile, SP Roing
Sanjay Kr. Sain has lauded
the Police team for their
prompt and swift action. He
also said that many unoffi-
cial complaints had been re-
ceived about the involvement
of Police personnel in drug
peddling in the district. This
was degrading the image of
the Police fraternity and also
demoralizing others. Both
Police personnel involved in
drug peddling have been ar-
rested and are in custody.
They have also been placed
under immediate suspen-
sion.

Drive to check illegal
immigrants in twin
capital cities

ITANAGAR, May 17:
The Capital Administration has
been carrying out Inner Line
Pass checking in the Capital
Complex since the last few
days.

The Executive Mag-
istrates along with the police
personnel carried out the
drive in the twin Capital and
captured a total of 135 persons
without any valid Inner Line
Pass. All the ILP violators were
externed out from the Inner Line
check gate at Banderdewa on
the same day.

The Deputy Commissi-
oner Capital Complex Prince
Dhawan has stressed that the
Capital Administration has
zero tolerance against such il-
legal immigrants. He has fur-
ther stressed that such illegal
persons may create law and
order problems and breach
of peace and tranquility with-
in the territorial jurisdiction
of Capital Complex and sought
cooperation of every individual
to support the DA in this drive
against illegal immigrants.

Earlier, the DC vide an
order has also directed the SP,
ICC and all the Administrative
Officers to carry out intensive
checking of ILP and to deport
those caught without valid ILP
beyond the Inner Line Jurisdi-
cation. He also directed the SP to
intensify checking of ILP at all
the Check Gates/ Entry Gates
of Capital Complex. The DC has also directed all construction agencies involved in infrastructure development within the Capital Complex to ensure that the outside laborers engaged in work should have valid documents/Inner Lime Permit etc or else necessary action as per provisions of law will be initiated against them.

EAC Itanagar Hengo Basar also informed that during the ILP checking held yesterday, two persons were also caught with two sacks of cannabis (locally called ganja) weighing approx. 70kg at Itanagar. The EAC informed that he has written to the OC PS Itanagar to register a case under relevant section of NDPS Act. The vehicle used for the purpose has also been seized, informed the EAC.

CM cautions officials engaged in maintenance and construction of high voltage power lines to maintain extreme caution
ITANAGAR, May 17:
State Chief Minister Pema Khandu while expressing shock and grief over the demise of one Akho Wangsa, casual worker of Power department who died due to electrocution at Borduria village on Tuesday, has cautioned the officials and workers engaged in maintenance and construction of high voltage power lines to maintain extreme caution so that such unfortunate incidents do not reoccur.

The deceased along with three others were installing new electric posts when they met with the unfortunate accident. Those who sustained severe injuries are being treated at Assam Medical College Dibrugarh and are said to be in critical conditions.

Extending his condolences to the bereaved family members, the Chief Minister announced ex-gratia relief to the next of kin as per the laid down norms. He also wished speedy recovery of the injured.

Governor felicitates badminton players
ITANAGAR, May 17:
Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) felicitated the badminton players of Raj Bhavan Badminton Stadium at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar, who won medals and also those who participated in the recently concluded 2nd Edition of North East Junior Prize Money Badminton tournament.

The Governor exhorted them to work harder, practice more and hone their techniques to bring more laurels for the State and Nation. He said that the players of the State have huge potentials and they can do better than others in every arena of the game. He further said that the game of Badminton helps a person to be physically fit and also mental alert.

The Governor called upon the parents and guardians to encourage their children towards games and sports activities for a healthy lifestyle. Motivating the children and youth towards sporting activities will help the society in promoting healthy environment and also containing the menaces such as drug abuse and other social evils, he added.

The Governor also advised the young shutters, who were in the age group of 4 to 15 years, to focus on the game while playing and concentrate in their studies during study hours.

Friendly football match on ‘say no to plastics’ organized
ITANAGAR, May 17:
With an aim to promote plastic free Capital, the District Administration Capital Complex today organized a friendly football match between the DC-XI and IMWA-XI on Sunday to mark the occasion of Mother’s Day with the theme ‘say no to plastic’.

Chief Secretary Satya Gopal stressed that it’s high time that people should learn to say no to plastics and lauded the District Administration for their initiative to promote the same. As every day is a Mother’s Day, the CS stressed...
that lets take this day to dedicate to our mothers and take the pledge of saying no to plastics.

He also stressed that people should promote paper bags, jute bags and other substitutes in place of plastics and asked the IMWA President Yumlam Achung also to ensure the same in markets.

Later, he congratulated the team players and asked them to maintain the spirit of the game and to continue with the theme of Saying no to plastics in their daily life as well.

DC Prince Dhawan informed that prior to enforcing plastic ban it is necessary that people should be aware about how it is affecting the environment and should learn to live without it so the match is an effort to create awareness regarding the same. As the day is an important one, what could be better than to gift mother earth with a pledge to say no to plastics, said the DC.

The DC further sought the cooperation of IMWA in its endeavor to say no to plastics. IMWA won the match by 4 -1.

**Muri Linggi of Lower Dibang Valley sums Mount Everest**

**Roing, May 17:**
Muri Linggi of Roing, Lower Dibang Valley has become the second woman from the district to summit Mount Everest. She summited Mount Everest on May 14 at 8.00 am. Her expedition was flagged off from the district on March 5, 2018 at Roing.

Muri started from Roing to Kathmandu on April 7 last and started her expedition to Mount Everest on April 12 from Lukla. She reached the base camp on April 20, 2018. After attempts to move forward with the expedition was foiled due to inclement weather, she started for Mount Everest again on May 10 last at 1.00 am in the morning. After 4 days of trekking during daytime and nighttime, she summited Mount Everest on May 14 at 8.00 am in the morning.

Muri Linggi did her basic course in mountaineering from National Institute of Mountain-eeering and Allied Sports (NIMAS), Dirang in 2013 and was a part of the women expedition team to climb Peak Menthosa in Lahaul and Spiti, Himachal Pradesh. Muri completed her advance mountaineering course from Darjeeling in 2016 and climbed the Gorichen Peak in October 2017 and now has realized her dream of summiting Mount Everest.

**Training on ELC, intensive summary revision held**

**AALO, May 17:**
A one day training on Electoral Literacy Club, Intensive Summary Revision Photo Electoral Role, ERN-Net and certification programme was held under the chairmanship of District Election at Conference Hall of DC office on May 11 last.

The DEO asked the ERO and AEROs to keep abreast with latest guidelines of the ECI in conducting a free and fair election. Lijum Ete, Circle Officer gave a detail power point presentation on formation Electoral Literacy Club, ERO-NET by Papu Pradhan, Certification Programme by Miss Ome Apang, Circle Officer.

All EROs, AEROs from west Siang, Siang and Lower Siang attended the meeting.

**Materials distributed to registered workers**

**Anini, May 17:**
A one day mass awareness cum distribution of materials to workers under the aegis of Arunachal Pradesh Building & Other Construction Worker’s Welfare Board was held at Labour cum Registering Officer office at Anini recently.

Gautam Hazirika, ADC, attending as the chief guest gave away the non statutory benefits like rain coat, l/icard, coat, boot and solar lamp to registered workers of Dibang Valley.

Mrs. S.B Namsa, Registering Officer narrated the benefits given under Board. She informed that there are two types of benefits to
workers; statutory and non statutory, adding that non statutory benefits are those benefits received from APP-BOCWWB in time to time as per need based and it is not fixed and depends of fund availability in the Board.

Jando Taru, President AAPPWU, Dibang Valley Unit appealed each worker to register their name in the Board to get benefits. Addressing the gathering of workers, he said that workers are root of all development and without you wheel of development cannot march ahead. He reiterated that Union will stand and fight for rights and privileges of workers.

The programme was attended by ADC, Labour officer, RO, Executive members of AAPWU and workers of different departments.

**Governor visits Boleng and Sainik School site**

**BOLENG, May 17:** Arunachal Pradesh Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D Mishra, who was on a four-day three-districts tour to Siang, Upper Siang and Upper Siang district, interacted with public of Boleng, Siang District on May 11 last. The Governor said that the central government is giving special focus on the state and its development. He called upon the people to ensure correct utilization of funds allocated.

There should be no leakage of funds. In the implementation of projects, transparency, accountability, continuity, audit and review and wherever required midterm correction must be there. He further said that it is the duty of every citizen, including Gaon burahs, Panchayat leaders and general public to see that development is seen on the ground. The Governor urged the people for their cooperation and participation in strengthening health and education sectors. He also shared his concern about non-availability of textbooks to school students and shortage of medical specialists in the State. The Governor informed that textbooks will be made available from the coming session. He stressed that teachers should be ready to work in the interior places.

Deputy Commissioner Rahul Singh, Superintendent of Police, Dr. Irak Bagra and former minister Tahung Tatak were present on the occasion.

The Governor also visited the proposed site of the Sainik School at Niglok, East Siang district. He advised the concerned authorities to expedite the process of starting the academic session from this year. He assured his full support for the first and lone Sainik School of the state.

**Goto Ete sworn in as State information Commissioner**

**ITANAGAR, May 17:** Goto Ete, Advocate has been sworn in as Information Commissioner, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on Wednesday. In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 15 (3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (No. 22 of 2005) and on the recommendation of the Committee chaired by the Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) appointed Goto Ete and administered the oath of office to him. First Lady of the state, Smt Neelam Misra, Parliamentary Secretary (Sports) Nyamar Karbak, Chief Secretary Satya Gopal, State Chief Information Commissioner Dr. Joram Begi, Information Commissioners, Abraham K. Techi and Matheim Linggi, invitees and special guests were present on the occasion.
Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein distributed TV Sets with Set Top Box to 40 Gaon Burahs of the Lekang Constituency at Community Hall, Mahadevpur on May 1, 2018.

The newly appointed Director General of Border Roads Organization Lt. General Harpal Singh called on Chief Minister Pema Khandu at Arunachal Bhawan office on May 1, 2018.

Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein inaugurated the world class Astro-Turf Hockey Ground at Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy, Chimpu on May 9, 2018.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today inaugurated one MWP Grid-interactive solar power plant installed at Energy Awareness Park, Itanagar on May 10, 2018.

Deputy Commissioner Itanagar Capital Complex Prince Dhawan inaugurated the Community Toilet at Ward No. 11 at Itanagar on May 17, 2018.
Attention Readers

Arunachal Review is planning to introduce a section, called ‘Youth Section’ in this monthly magazine shortly.

‘Youth Section’ aims at promoting creative potentials of students and young generation of Arunachal Pradesh by highlighting their achievements and also giving a platform for creative development thereby aiming to promote a constructive and progressive spirit among them.

Articles concerning people and culture, welfare issues of students, short stories, poems, drawing and paintings and reports on achievement on various issues concerning the arena of youth will be received by the undersigned for inclusion in the section.

Honorarium of Rs 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand) will also be given for selected matter.

Participants are requested to send their matter in both hard copy and CD or email at dipr_arun@rediffmail.com or diprarunx@gmail.com along with proper address and a brief bio-data.

Readers of the section can also write letter to the Editor on issues related to the magazine and views of common interests of the youth.