The Adi House: Manifestation of Traditional Wisdom

The Adis, the blanket name of some sub-groups are inhabited in Siang Valley the central part of Arunachal Pradesh. They are comprising around one fourth of the tribal population of this state. They are having unique tradition and rich cultural heritage of their own. In Arunachal Pradesh every ethnic community has own architectural design of house as part of their traditional wisdom to cope with their ecology. Likewise the Adis have own traditional architect in constructing their houses which are tested over the time. For that matter no much damage or casualties were found during great earthquake in 1950 because of their century old tradition.

Literally, tradition refers to any human practice, belief, institution or artefacts which are handed down from one generation to the next. While the content of tradition is highly variable, it typically refers to some elements of culture considered as part of the common inheritance of a social group. Tradition is an important ingredient of socio-cultural heritage. Socio-cultural heritage is the summation of the circumstances that the individuals inherit from his parents and other elders of the society. It is very much conducive in the fulfillment of the basic needs and the requirements of community members. Traditions and socio-cultural heritage are uniformly inherited by individuals and society.

The traditional house of the Adis are constructed with bamboos, woods, canes, leaves etc. which are found abundant in their surroundings. Till today the construction is made always on community or collective basis to which all the abled body villagers contribute their labour spontaneously as part of century old tradition. Community work is still alive among the Adis. The size of an Adi house determines the size of the family. The days are fixed in accordance with the decision of Kebang, the rural self government institution, so that community members make them available keeping aside other domestic works. It is not the compulsion rather joyful and spontaneous activity to the villagers. Though architecture is almost identical, but style of house differs from area to area. All these are designed and modulated to cope with the ecological environment controlled by the conditions of their habitat on the basis of past empirical knowledge. That is why Adi houses always face the hill side with the back away from it. Even, every Adi village depicts a definite pattern in housing. Prospect of water, sunlight and drainage facility of domestic waste towards lower slope at a village site are always wisely taken in consideration with utmost importance. All these traditional mechanism reveal a foresight and scientific thinking as outcome of deep experience based on century old behavioral science. Security of the houses is also major concern in early days. In a village houses are camouflaged with profuse plantations surrounding the houses to hide from direct view of the strangers. Adis house architecture may be compartmentalized into three (a) Dwelling house, (b) Granary or Kumsung, (c) Dormitory or Moshup or Rasheng.

The Adi dwelling house is constructed on raised platform in rectangular shape and varies in length with the different sub-groups of the Adis. Usually there are no partitions and into rooms or cubicles within the house which is simple one large hall. The important features within this hall is fire place. The Adi house in villages has no window. Therefore, there is pitch dark inside and no arrangements for letting in light. The fire place is
ablaze emitting smoke inside the room. The Adi house has generally two doors – one in the front and another at the back which are seemed only inlet for light and air. Raised platform is constructed on solid framework using bamboos or wooden logs tied with cane strips where mats of thick bamboo splits to form the floor. Walls on all sides are made with uneven wooden planks or matting or split bamboos. A wooden or bamboo ladder leading from the ground is fitted in front the front door. Fire place is made of square shaped wooden tray coating with thick soil in order to keep aside any sort of possibility of fire accidents. Above the fire place a three tiered and square shaped shelf made of bamboo splits are fitted for drying meat, fish and fire items. Shelf is fitted scientifically in safe height from fire.

Terms used in Adi language to identify important parts of the house are mentioned hereunder:

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<td>ATAK-PEU/HODUNG</td>
<td>The right corner of the main hall, earmarked for the guests.</td>
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<td>ASI-PERTIK</td>
<td>The place for storing drinking water in front the Kodang.</td>
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<td>Fire place in the middle of the hall.</td>
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<td>RISING</td>
<td>The place between fire place and wall, used for sitting of the male family members.</td>
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<td>KUNGE PUE</td>
<td>The place in extreme right corner to sleep for woman with children.</td>
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<td>SUNGE-KENYUNG</td>
<td>The place in extreme left corner beside the back door used to prepare rice bear by women folk</td>
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<td>KODANG</td>
<td>Left of the middle portion of the hall marked for storing food grains and feminine activities.</td>
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<td>REGUM</td>
<td>A separate platform on the left side of the Kodang, outside the hall used as latrine and also to keep pigs.</td>
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The above table surely reflects the well-organized patterns in Adi house architecture. Every corner of the house is well defined which symbolizes the well-organized ethnic community. This is the century old socio-cultural tradition followed by the Adis. Even purpose of each corner of the house is wise thought. The inner portico and outer portico is earmarked for drying grains and weaving activities of the women folk. The mezzanine floor, below the platform is used to shelter the domestic cattle. The roof is covered with leaves or grass or straw fitted with the support of bamboo or wooden rafter according to availability or the surroundings.

Construction of dormitory is also done with community works following same architect like dwelling house. But size is different. It is a long barrack like construction. There is specialty in constructing granaries – a depiction of vivid scientific notion. It has been constructed on poles slight higher from the ground level than the common residential house. Granaries are constructed outside the village maintaining a considerable distance from houses to protect food items from fire accidents. Granaries are slight small in size. Platform and walls are constructed with wooden planks. Roofs are same as dwelling house. The poles are fitted with round wooden discs beneath the platform to protect the approaching of rats.

The construction of an Adi house requires expert craftsmanship, experience, traditional knowledge, scientific notion to make frame work. An Adi house also depicts the social attitudes, social psychology, discipline, economic activities, behavioral knowledge for survival, socio-cultural tradition. It is the manifestation of cultural heritage still alive in this progressive community.

Keeping in view of the above, it is a modest effort to think about some problems in present perspective of the traditional house pattern in the rural areas as an outcome of keen observations over three decades.

(a) Adi house pattern contains mainly one single room for a family though extensively large. Whole family consisting of parents, school going children and guests use that one room using as bedroom, dining room, drawing room and kitchen simultaneously. For school going children there is no separate study room. In the evening i.e., the study time the students have to spend their time along with senior members of the family who are commonly used to gossip in the light mood after the end of day long hard working in agriculture field. At that moment the parents are naturally so casual that they do not remind the bother of the study of their children. Moreover, the Adis are habituated early into bed and early to rise. Students irrespective of girls or boys are engaged to assist their parents in different activities of domestic chore in the day light, rest time of school hours. In this juncture students of country side cannot accommodate with regular study and teaching of school. This affects the result in final examination of class. It also creates impact to increase number of drop out students. It should be checked through modulating some changes in architecture of the house. For that matter provision of separate study room may be made in the house. Because only education can bring real development of the study.

(b) So far medical science is concerned pigsty or latrine may be constructed in separate area which will be helpful to keep aside some diseases and virus.

(c) The provision of window may be made in the traditional house pattern for ventilation of smoke to save the dwellers from the carbon mono-oxide gas and also to receive light on day time.
It is humble submission from the bottom of the heart that guardians and elders of the society will think the viability to bring changes within the fabric of tradition unanimously for the better progress of the society. Because there is nothing wrong to welcome slight modulation in tradition for the sake of better living in new socio-cultural setup to advanced society like Adis and their rational tradition. Better life is the goal of the society.

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The Medicine Man

For those born in this age when medical advancements are being made in leaps and bounds, practitioners of traditional or indigenous medicine are considered as people clinging to the past beliefs and practices. Even those in the field of medicine warn against going for indigenous treatments as it may counter the effects of modern medicine and cause more harm than good. When society in general starts to reject the claims of indigenous medicine, people born and socialized in it who become permanent believers, temporary believers who turn to it in crisis times, and those who only believe in specific aspects, not in all of it, gravitate towards it. It has to be remembered that the practitioners of indigenous medicine practise through the knowledge and experience gained through generations of healing using medicinal herbs.

There still are some healers practising their knowledge in the villages of our state. One such person who is silently carrying on the practise and providing a healing touch to the faithful is Chow Khanjing Chowpoo. He has been helping the believers and the people who have approached him, for years. Some people swear by his preparations to cure stomach ache, head ache etc and others by his medicines that help heal joint pain etc. Be it the healing power of the medicine or the true faith of the believer, it is the happy and satisfied patient who matters in the end.

Indigenous medicine practitioners get a name through their effective cures, fame of which spreads through word of mouth of satisfied patients. Testimonials of users of indigenous medicines are necessary to keep the practice going and the knowledge alive.

An adherent of the indigenous medicine system shares his first experience after which he started believing in the practice. Chow says that he injured his knee while playing volleyball without first warming up. While in the middle of the game, he heard a sound from the left knee and it got slightly swollen. On going to the doctor and after some tests, he was informed that the ligament in his knee had got torn and an operation was needed to repair it. Because of his fear of further damaging the knee even after the operation, Chow decided to forego surgery and live with the pain and deal with it when it caused him problems. He occasionally suffered from pain when he walked and the knee got locked sometimes.

Chow lived this way for many years and then he heard of a man famous for healing and mending bones and decided to try the treatment on his knee. His treatment began when a concoction of local medicinal herbs was wrapped and bandaged on his knee and kept for three days. He had three sittings of the treatment but found no difference with his condition and was severely disappointed. After about 3 more years of suffering, he heard of Chow Khanjing Chowpoo, who

~~Nimina Namchoom
had healed family and friends with his knowledge of herbal medicines but did not practice commercially. With high hopes and following local practice of seeking help with an offering of flowers and sugar, he went to Chowpoo and stated his case. Chowpoo accepted his case, prepared the medicine, applied it and bandaged his knee and advised him to rest and continue the treatment three more times. He was also given a herbal preparation to drink. Being a young man and not really believing in the powers of the herbs to heal, he did not rest and went on with his daily activities. After three days he removed the bandage and only continued to drink the herbal concoction. Even then he lived in fear of his knees locking while he walked, but realised that it did not happen and is now a firm believer in Chowpoo’s remedies. Even today he regrets that he did not truly believe and go in for the follow up sittings.

Many more instances of people being happy with Chowpoo’s remedies are available. But this knowledge is slowly in the wane as the majority of the practitioners and users of indigenous medicines are of the older generation and few of the younger generation believe in it. It has also become increasingly difficult to find the medicinal herbs in the local jungles and the new generation is more inclined towards modern medicines that the age old remedies.

CM attended the 29th Annual College Day celebration of Indira Gandhi Government College
TEZU, November 1:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu today declared open the 29th Annual College Day celebration of Indira Gandhi Government College, Tezu in presence of Sports Minister Dr Mohesh Chai and State BJP President Tapir Gao.

Chief Minister in his speech congratulated the college for putting up good academic performance in the last semester exam of Rajiv Gandhi University.

He said IGGC college is the only govt college in the state to have made it to overall top ten results in the recent undergraduate university semester exams along with the private colleges - Saint Claret College, Ziro and Venerable Uktara Bethany College, Mamow.

He appreciated and thanked the college administration, teaching staffs and students for giving out such brilliant result. He also congratulated all the achievers from the college who had made it to the top ten of the University exams. Due to such reputation of the college, students from Anini to Changlang prefer to study in IGGC college though there are colleges in their vicinity.

Chief Minister in his response to a memorandum submitted by the college students union assured to get sanction order by this year for construction of a separate college administrative block and for 2 lane road and internal roads in the campus. He directed the local administration to take up immediate survey of the proposed works with the executing agency.

On operation of state’s first civilian airport in Tezu, Chief Minister said the tender has been floated and soon two private airlines will be operating from this airport under UDAN scheme. He also said the state government will have its own fleet of fixed wing aircrafts to connect all ALGs and airports in the state.
Earlier Chief Minister made house wise and NCC parade inspection. This was followed by display of parade by NCC contingent and house troopers. He then administered the oath to the four house - Donyi Polo, Rangfra, Nanyilntaya and Amik Matai represented by their captain and lighted the Olympic torch to begin the annual college sports and cultural week.

Chief Minister also gave away merit certificates to the students from the college who had topped the University undergraduate exam in the previous semester.

Later the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for construction of office of the Chief Engineer (Eastern Zone) of Hydro power department in its office campus,

He also participated in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan at the Tezu market organized by a local women association.

Governor attends programme on Biodiversity in the Eastern Himalayas

ITANAGAR, November 1:
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) attended the valedictory function of the two-week long training programme titled, ‘Adapting to Climate Change - A Focus on Biodiversity in the Eastern Himalayas’ at Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), Rono Hills, Doimukh on 3rd November 2018. The Governor gave away the Participation Certificates to the trainees and released the training manual of ATREE-RGU Autumn School Programme.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that Mother Earth is benevolent, bountiful, beautiful and bias less. It provides food and shelter to all, if is used properly but if misused follow calamities. With growing population pressure on earth, unlimited exploitation of resources, the fine balance in the nature is disturbed. The world human community must put it right, he said.

The Governor emphasised that positive human management to preserve the biodiversity is the need of the hour. All laws, rules and actions initiated proclivity should be in the interest of the people and the Nation.

Recalling the Indian cultural heritage towards flora and fauna, the Governor called for unified effort of world community in conservation and protection of natural environment.

The Governor complemented the Vice Chancellor, RGU, Botany Department of RGU, ATREE (Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment) Bangalore for effectively conducting the training programme, which he said is very important for the present scenario of world environment.

Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, Dr. Sarala khaling, Regional Director, ATREE, Gangtok, Dr. Soubadar Devy, Fellow, ATREE,Bangalore and Dr. Hui Tag, Head of Department, Department of Botany, RGU and Training Coordinator of Autumn School Programme also spoke on the occasion, which was attended by Prof. Tamo Mibang Advisor, ATREE-RGU Autumn School Programme and Former Vice Chancellor and Dr. Tomo Riba, Registrar, RGU amongst others.

Research and PhD scholars from the North Eastern region including research scholars from RGU attended the programme, which aims to enhance research skill and capacity to explore, use and conserve the rich biodiversity heritage of the region for sustainable regional and national development, while tackling issues, such as climate change, adaptation and mitigation.

Faculty members from North Eastern Institute of Science and Technology, Nirjuli, National Institute of Technology, Arunachal Pradesh and G.B. Pant National Institute
of Himalayan Environment & Sustainable Development, Itanagar also attended the function.

**Dr Anshu Jamsenpa honoured with ‘Eastern Himalayan Global Environmental Ambassador’**

GUWAHATI, November 2: World record holder mountaineer and Himalayan lover, Dr. Anshu Jamsenpa has been honoured with ‘Eastern Himalayan Global Environmental Ambassador’ instituted by Balipara Foundation.

The award was conferred by Dr. K.K. Sarma a world-renowned wildlife researcher and veterinarian in the presence of over 1000 delegates from 13 countries around the world including USA, UK, Germany, France, Australia, Japan, China etc on Friday evening.

The 6th edition of Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics Forum and the award function was beamed live by Jio Digital with over 220 million viewership worldwide.

Dr Anshu Jamsenpa during her brief acceptance speech said that in order to cope up with the prevailing deteriorating environment and economic conditions, we need to conserve nature and do more plantations to preserve the ecology and improve economy of the region.

“I’m honoured and at the same time it’s a responsibility for me to spread the word for conservation. I congratulate the Balipara Foundation for playing a significant role towards the conservation of the eco-system,” said Anshu.

She also wished Ranjit Barthakur, Founder Trustee Balipara Foundation and his team all the best in their nature conservation effort by planting seven million trees in the border landscapes of Arunachal Pradesh, Bhutan and Assam.

Indian scholar and inspirational leader, Dr. Vandana Shiva in a keynote address highlighted the importance of organic farming for Rural Futures and to conserve the web of life.

Oxford historian, Mark Davies and Diana Owen, Royal Overseas League, UK spoke about the rich heritage of Eastern Himalayas and synergizing education, art and tourism for community development.

Lt. General Arun Sahni, Lisa Mills, University of Montana, Vishal Massey, Club of Rome, Sunayana Sarkar, NMIMS University, Md. Maksudur Rahman, Bangladesh Environment & Development Society, Dietrich Schmidt-Vogt, University of Freiburg, Misako Namiki, Teikyo University, Japan; Bittu Sahgal, Sanctuary Asia and others spoke on various topics related to Rural Futures & environment.

**DCM participated in the seminar of AP police on ‘challenges of policing in Arunachal Pradesh’**

ITANAGAR, November 2: Participating in the Seminar of Arunachal Pradesh Police on ‘Challenges of Policing in Arunachal Pradesh’, Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein lauded the members of Arunachal Pradesh Police for their relentless efforts and performing to the expectations of the people by keeping the State safe, secure and peaceful despite the challenges of inadequate infrastructures and man power.

He said that the Police Department needs to be accorded top priority after Health & Education stating that no development can take place without a peaceful environment. He stressed on upgrading the Police Department with new vehicles for quick mobility and imparting training the police personnel to deal with the new forms and tactics of crimes emerging due to modern technology.

He urged the DGP to gear up the Intelligence Report System, improve the fitness level of the police personnel right from the Officers’ rank by sending them in regular refresher courses and to maintain strict discipline among the armed police. Citing Drug Menace a social evil, he said
that police alone cannot fight the menace but every responsible citizens, administration, bureaucrats, NGOs and community as a whole must come together and wage a war against the drug menace. He further said that political will and administrative & bureaucratic wills are essential to bring the desired changes in the society.

He asked the DGP to prepare a policy from the outcome of the Seminar and recommend it to the State Govt for consideration in order to deal with the challenges faced by the Arunachal Pradesh Police in Policing.

Rina Inaugurates SAD Camp, Flags off Transport Tata Sumo
AALO, November 3:
The 8th Edition of the Sarkar Aaapke Dwaar held Gensi under Lower Subansiri was inaugurated by Shri Kento Rina, 36 Nari Koyu MLA at Gensi on 3rd November last. The MLA also flagged off a transport Tata Sumo that will ply from Koyu to Likabali to give essential services to the people. Altogether 16 departments from Lower Siang took part in the camp to give essential services to people through door services.

The MLA appreciat-ed the district administration and all participating departments for carrying out the govt. policy of reaching out to the doors of needy people to give all possible services and exorted the people to give all possible cooperation and reap the benefits. The Nodal Officer and EAC Gensi, Shri Ejum Angu highlighted the importance of the programme.

Aboh graces 2nd Janjati games & sports meet at Khonsa
KHONSA, November 4:
MLA Tirong Aboh as Chief Guest and SP Tirap J.K. Meena, IPS as Guest of honor graces the prizes distribution function of 2nd Indigenous Games & Sports Meet organized under the aegis of AVP (Arunachal Vikas Parishad) Sports & Culture Centre, Tirap Unit on 4th November, 2018 at Nehru Stadium, Khonsa.

Addressing the participants and gathering Chief Guest, MLA Tirong Aboh urged the youths of Tirap to shun all intoxicating substances and instead adopt physical exercise on daily basis, he added that since last few years good news of achieving medals by Tirapian’s players have been witnessed in media which is indeed a proud moments for the Tirapians. Aboh asked the organizing committee to make proper publicity at least one week ahead to ensure mass participation in such important event and he assured to contribute from his side for next year sports meet.

In his speech Tirap SP Jitendra Kumar Meena, IPS informed that at least 17 Police personnel including 2 Sub Inspectors was recruited from Tirap District under sports quota for which he appealed the youths of Tirap to avoid indulging with unlawful activities and suggested to give more importance in games and sports in addition to their studies.

DSO (Sports) Noah Mongku also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier organizing committee AVP President Wangphun Socia extents welcome address and briefed about the Indigenous Games and Sports event.

The following sports persons were adjudged winners and were awarded with certificates by the Chief Guest cum 56-Khonsa West MLA Tirong Aboh and Guest of honour SP J.K. Meena, IPS. The programme was attended by DFO Bitem Darang, DMO Dr. K. Mos-sang, President DAYA Jalin Hakhun, participants from 16 villages, Members from Nocte Mothers Federation and organizing committee members from AVP Arunachal Vikas Parishad and spectators.
ST Status for Monpa, Sartang and Sajolang: Kiren

BOMDILA, November 4:
To the thunderous applause of the people of the district at Buddha Stadium Bomdila on the eve of Buddha Mahotsava celebration, MoS Home Kiren Rijiju assured to place the issue of Schedule Tribe status for Monpa, Sartang and Sajolang in the winter session of the Parliament and get it done.

Speaking as the chief guest during the third edition of the Buddha Mahotsava, Kiren said that this would be his reciprocation for the love and unwavering faith that the people had for him in the district.

Thanking CM Pema Khandu for the support in celebration of the festival, Kiren expressed his satisfaction over the marked changes and improvisations seen over the years in the manner the festival was being organized by the District Administration.

He gave the call for preserving and promoting the age old culture and tradition which is so dear to every arunachalee. Being rooted to one’s culture and tradition would go a long way in its preservation, he said.

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Minister Kiren later felicitated the representatives of the six CBOs of the district, the achievers of West Kameng district 2018, guest artists and patrons of the Buddha Mahotsava celebration.

Thousand benefitted from SAD at Sille

PASIGHAT, November 5:
Sarkar ApkeDwar was successfully conducted today at the Sille GHSS. According to the Nodal Officer SK Sharma (DPO), all together 33 government departments provided valuable services to the people of Sille and nearby areas.

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delivery services etc were provided to the people of Sille-
Oyan area.

DC inaugurates college
week of Don Bosco
College, Jullang
ITANAGAR, November 5:
The Deputy Commissioner
Capital Complex Prince Dha-
wan inaugurated the college
week of Don Bosco College
here at Jollang today.

The DC congratulated
the College Administration
for their preventive system
of education and for passing
out some of the best students
of the State. He exhorted the
students to dream big, to give
their best to make it true and
to never give up. He urged the
students to live in the present
while also preparing their best
for the future. He stressed
that it is necessary to work
with competitive people in life
as sense of competition give
more motivation to people.

Explore your learn-
ing skills, don’t confine your
knowledge to classroom edu-
cation be it be articulation
skills, sports skills etc, but em-
power yourself to be educated
on that skill, don’t waste time,
then only you will succeed in
life, stressed the DC.

He also urged the stu-
dents to be modern yet ethical
human being. The principal, Dr
(Fr) Jose Karamullil while giv-
ing the vote of thanks, appre-
ciated the DC for his valuable
advice to the students.

The students of Hera,
Heracles, Perseus and Zeus
houses presented the ceremo-
nial parade and took part in
various events.

GoAP confirms
partnering with
Entertainment Society
of Goa (ESG)
ITANAGAR, November 5:
Arunachal Pradesh Govern-
tment today confirmed partner-
ing with Entertainment Society
of Goa (ESG) to organize an
annual international level film
festival in the state envisioned
to tap the state’s vast natural
potential in fields of film, media
and tourism.

ESG, established by the
Government of Goa in 2004,
anually organizes the glob-
ally recognized International
Film Festival of India (IFFI).
Basically formed to frame an
entertainment policy to help
cultivate Goa into a world-class
entertainment nerve-centre of the
country, ESG today signed a MoU with
the Arunachal Pradesh Gov-
ernment to organize an ‘Inter-
national Tribal Film Festival’ at
Itanagar on a mega-scale.

Witnessing the signing
of the MoU between ESG and
the state department of Infor-
mation & Public Relations, Chief
Minister Pema Khandu hailed
it as a new direction towards
exposing the potentials of the
state that would foster further
economic activities and creation
of employment opportunities for
the youths in the long run.

“We are wary of the
boost IFFI has given Goa to
emerge as an international tour-
ist destination as well as an en-
tertainment nerve-centre of the
country. We expect the same
from the proposed film festival
for our state,” he observed.

Khandu viewed that vis-
its of film and media personali-
ties from across the country and
globe to the festival would open
up gates for film shooting in the
state while encouraging local
youths and artistes to explore
the film and media industry for
economic growth.

He expressed gratitude
to ESG Chief Executive Officer
Ameya Abhayankar for taking
keen interest to hand-hold the
state government in organizing
the international level film fes-
tival that would kick-start a dif-
ferent growth trajectory for the
state.

The proposed three-day
film festival is tentatively fixed to
be held in January next year.

In another similar devel-
opment, the state government
today signed a Petroleum Mining
Lease Deed Agreement with
Oil India Limited (OIL) for Ningru
block in Namsai and Changlang
districts.

The Central Government
had granted Petroleum Mining
Lease for Ningru to OIL for a period of 20 years from November 1983. The company had drilled 14 oil wells within Kumchai area of Ningru lease but only one well is producing crude oil. However, the lease had expired in 2003 and couldn’t be reviewed due to various complications including forest clearance.

With constant persuasion of Chief Minister Pema Khandu the lease agreement has been renewed after almost 15 years. Khandu assured the OIL officials of the state government’s cooperation and assistance in all economically viable projects and requested them to keep the interest of local citizens on top priority. He urged them to recruit more and more eligible local youths in present as well as in future projects of the company.

Present on the occasions were the Chief Secretary, Director General of Police, Secretary to CM, Special Secretary Planning and concerned departmental officers.

**Governor meets Chief Minister, GOC-in-C, Chief Secretary, GOC, 3 Corps and DGP**

**ITANAGAR, November 6:**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) met Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command of Indian Army Lt General Manoj Mukund Naravane, State Chief Secretary Shri Satya Gopal, Lt General Gopal R, General Officer Commanding 3 Corps, Shri SBK Singh, Director General of Police, Arunachal Pradesh at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 6th November 2018.

The Governor emphasised on better cooperation and teamwork amongst the security forces for instilling sense of security amongst the people, especially the population in border areas. He called for extra steps in enhancing the good relationship between the security forces and civil population. He also impressed upon the pressing need of civil Police cooperation with the security Forces.

The Governor emphasized the need for working of Army and Police personnel in tandem and cohesion. There should be no occasion for any friction between the Police and Army as both works for the security of the people.

The Governor shared the importance of security for success of ‘Act East Policy’ in the North Eastern Region. He said that India’s economic and security interests are closely intertwined with this region. In the emerging new world order, amity amongst the nations, particularly the ASEAN countries and geo-politico-economic-security spectrum play a pivotal role. To protect India’s economic interests, a pragmatic security approach is paramount; the Governor underscored.

**First Combined Poi Potwa Panchong celebrated at Chongkham**

**CHONGKHAM, November 6:**

People from different villages joint to celebrate the First Combined Poi Potwa Panchong (Pavarana) 2018 with religious fervor and gaiety at Chongkham today.

The Poi Potwa Panchong is celebrated every year by the Theravada Buddhist Community after the completion of three months Rainy Retreat (Varshavasa) in every village as per their custom. However, the Buddhist Community of Namsai district including those residing in Dihun and Miao Circles of Changlang District have decided to jointly celebrate the festival centrally in a particular village every year in rotation. The Arunachal Pradesh Bikku Sangha (APBS) will decide the venue of celebration every year.

The specialty of the ceremony is offering of Buddha’s statues to the Monastery/ Temple as a ‘dana’ and also in cash and kinds to the monastery as a virtue of generosity by the family. The offering is used for the maintenance of the monasteries/temple, to fulfill the needs of the Monks serving in the Monastery and
also for imparting education and teachings to the children in the temple.

Poi Panchong (ceremonial procession carrying image of Lord Buddha around the Buddha temple), illumination of candles in the evening and release of wish balloon (Poi Poong Phai) are the other attractions of the festival.

On the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein, MLAs Chow Tewa Mein and Chau Zingnu Namchoom, Deputy Commissioner Namsai, Dr Tapashya Raghav and ADC, Bijay Talukdar participated in the celebration amidst the peoples from all walks of life.

Sarkar aapke Dwar
TAWANG, November 6:
The 11th Round of sarkar aapke Dwar - Government at your doorstep was conducted at Gispu middle School, under Lungla sub division here today ,around 45 departments participated in this camp. The camp was inaugurated by DC Tawang Sang Phuntsod, with registration of grievances and suggestions from villagers who appreciated the improvement in power supply in last two years and placed their request for change of LT line to HT Line, a new transformer, electricity connection for newly completed badminton club and at Toma Gonpa.

The following beneficiaries were benefitted with 50 CGI sheets were Wangphiak Hakhun, Rangwang Hakhun, Nokrian Rutsum, Jansey Agi, Matjuh Agi, Wangnai Wangno, Wangsaam Agi, Nahwan Atoa, Jatwang Nokbi, Wangnyan Hakhun, Soamnye Hakhun, Chaphiah Hakhun, Khirolam Tekwa, Wanglit Hakhun and Nephoa Hakhun and some more beneficiary were in the list. The distribution program was attended by Public leader Wangchu Hakhun, Sanlang Aboh and beneficiaries.

Aboh provided 50 CGI Sheets to 15 beneficiaries
DADAM, November 6:
In continuation efforts been carried out for his people of his constituency, MLA Tirong Aboh provided 50 CGI sheets to 15 beneficiaries of Dadam area, under his MLA LAD 2018-89.

The BDO cum Circle Officer of Administrative H/Q, Dadam Taju Thama, on behalf of MLA Tirong Aboh distributed the 50 CGI sheets to 15 beneficiaries of Dadam village.

While distributing the CGI sheets CO Thama suggested the 15 beneficiaries not to sell out the CGI sheets with others but utilize it purposefully meant for roofing of dwelling house.

The Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein, MLAs Chow Tewa Mein and Deputy Commissioner Namsai, Dr Tapashya Raghav and ADC, Bijay Talukdar participated in the celebration amidst the peoples from all walks of life.

Disaster management distributed pamphlets in monpa dialect on dos and donts during disaster like earthquake and also awareness on forest fire, while Treasury department sold stamp papers worth around INR 2980.

Labour welfare board got nine new Labour registration, 25 people got registered under Chief ministers Arogya Arunachal Yojana, more than 175 patients got health checkup and treatment, 05 new job cards registered under MGNREGA,46 beneficiaries under UJJALA yojana,10 registered for old age pension,01 widow pension,02 under Chief ministers disability scheme registered under Department of social welfare, and sanitary napkins made in Tawang under skill development were distributed vegetable seeds, and nine farmers got registered under Hortnet to get the benefits from Horticulture department while the education department felicitated three toppers of classes five to six, six to seven and seven to eight. A few consumers also deposited their electricity bills in this camp.

DC Tawang, Sang Phunto along with other officers inspected the village and instructed the entire three village Gaon Burahs to maintain cleanliness in their villages.
Awareness programme and Live Demonstration on EVM and VVPAT
ITANAGAR, November 6:
The State Election Commission of Arunachal Pradesh organized an Awareness and Live Demonstration on EVM and VVPAT with all the media personnel on 6th November last in the Nirvachan Bhawan, Itanagar.

The Chief Electoral officer, Kaling Tayeng, while addressing the media persons, spoke in detail about basic aims and objectives of the awareness programme.

Tayeng stated that since the general election is due in 2019 as per normal schedule and the state election commission is ready and well equipped with all election machineries, equipments and materials, the commission, the media plays an important role for further dissemination of information to the public, voters in particular about the latest and new system of EVM and VVPAT and appealed them to make awareness among the public through both print and electronic media.

Earlier Liken Koyu Dy. CEO extended welcome address while Lijum Ete, Nodal officer, EVM explained all about the latest position and information about EVM and VVPAT through the power point presentation. Around 20 numbers of media personnel attended the awareness live demonstration programme.

Army Commander calls on the Governor
ITANAGAR, November 6:
General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command of Indian Army
Lt General Manoj Mukund Naravane, AVSM, SM, VSM called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 6th November 2018. It was a courtesy call. A highly decorated infantry officer, Lt. Gen. Naravane was commissioned into the seventh battalion of Sikh Light Infantry in June 1980.

In the meeting, the Governor shared his committed endeavour for recruitment of youth of Arunachal Pradesh in the Indian Army. He said that with the focusing of our youth in the Army, it will be multifaceted advantage, as the youth of the State are tough, know the terrain of the Border Areas like back of their hands, they are well adapted to the topography and have inherent son of the soil instinct to defend every inch of our land. In addition, it will be the best approach to mitigate the ever growing challenge of unemployment amongst the youth of the State.

The Governor complimented the Indian Armed Forces for maintaining the territorial integrity of the Nation, particularly in the Arunachal Pradesh. He suggested for more Sadbhavana programmes of the Indian Army in the State.

General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command assured the Governor of his best efforts for the welfare and wellbeing of the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

CM attended the inauguration ceremony of Rajiv Gandhi University’s ‘XIX Uni-Fest 2018’
ITANAGAR, November 7:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu today attended the inauguration ceremony of Rajiv Gandhi University’s ‘XIX Uni-Fest 2018’. State BJP Vice-President KipaBabu also graced the occasion as guest of honor.

Chief Minister in his speech said the state government is keen for greater role and participation of RGU in shaping the destination of the state towards path to progress and prosperity. He said the government is ready to partner with the University in any field they can offer to help.

He informed the gathering that government has already conducted various conclaves to get inputs of youths and citizens to know their expectations and to have their say on policy making and decisions. He encouraged the youths to come up with their important suggestions on mat-
ter related to state welfare by reaching him through social media.

Responding to a memorandum submitted by RGU students union, Chief Minister assured to support for construction of a stadium, rostrum and alternative approach road for the University. On demand for student activity centre, he sought suggestions on how to go ahead with it. He informed that state budget has already earmarked Rs 3 crore for the project.

On NLCPR funded indoor auditorium, the CM assured to fund for the remaining finishing work whose cost is likely to come around Rs 4-5 crore. He also announced Rs 2 crore for works to address the power shortages issues in the campus.

To accommodate ever growing number of hostellers in RGU, CM assured to take up the matter with HRD ministry. For days scholars conveyance, he promised 3 new buses for the University.

On pending issue of employees pension liability of RGU faculty and non faculty staffs amounting to Rs 12.44 crore, the CM assured to cover an amount of Rs 8.84 crore with the rest amount of Rs 3.6 crore to be borne by the University.

On land encroachment issue, the CM appealed the land encroacher to vacate the land voluntarily or else the state government will be compelled to forcefully demolish illegal structures or evict the encroachers. He said the University has 302 acres of land of which 62 acres have been encroached. He said University requires expansion in future as it adds newer departments.

During the occasion, Prof. Saket Kushwaha who is also the Vice-Chancellor of the RGU also spoke.

Defence Minister takes stock of the situation at Bomdila in person

BOMDILA, November 7: Cutting short the visit to Arunachal Pradesh, Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman along with MoS for Home Kiren Rijiju, GOC Eastern Command and others came to Bomdila this afternoon to take stock of the situation in person.

The Defence Minister gave a patient hearing to the local Legislator, Civil society representatives of all the six tribes of the district each of whom ventilated their grievances.

The Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police and CO Arunachal Scouts too presented their version on the incident that took place on November 3 at Police Station Bomdila.

The Defence Minister later visited the site of incident at Police Station Bomdila to see the damages caused. She gave a patient and fair hearing to the Lady Police officials and OC Police Station Bomdila who were on duty on November 2 last.
The Raksha Mantri while spending two hours in Bomdila enquiring about the whole incident of November 2-3, encouraged all the officers to keep their morale high while rendering service to the nation.

MoS for Home Kiren Rijiju while condemning the unfortunate incident called for better understanding and cooperation between the armed forces and the civil administration for a vibrant and prosperous society.

Sarkar Aapke Dwar organized at Bameng and Khewena
SEPPA, November 7:
The Sarkar Aapke Dwar (Jan Sunvai Sammelan) programme for East Kameng district were conducted successfully at Bameng and Khewena respectively on Saturday and Monday last with thousand and above of people taking advantage of the facilities provided by the District Administration and various departments of the district.

The programme was inaugurated by Minister of Home, UD & Housing and Labour & Employment Kumar Waii in presence of Gaon Burahs and a huge gathering of public. East Kameng Deputy Commissioner G S Rajawat, Bameng ADC Pama Bagang, CO Kipa Raja and all heads of departments participated in the programme to ensure smooth delivery of the services.

The minister along with DC inspected all the stalls and interacted with the officials and urged them to make sure that every single household is benefited from the programme.

Urging the people to take advantage of such programme at the fullest, the minister informed that the main motive behind conducting the programme is to provide services to the public at their doorsteps.

During the two-day programme, various services were provided, which included, among others, issuance of trading licenses, PRC, ST, birth, death, income, disability, old-age certificates, verification and enrolment of Job Cards, registration of farmers on Hortnet, distribution of seeds and farming chemicals, tools & equipments, opening of bank accounts, aadhaar enrolment, issuance of ration cards. Under CM Indigenous Textile Promotion scheme, handloom census was carried out and free yarns were distributed.

Subsidized bulbs and fans were distributed under PM UJALA scheme.

Labour welfare board distributed raincoats and rainboots and registered new laborers.

Forms were received and registration done under CMAAY. Left-out households were connected with LPG connection under PM Ujjwala Yojana.

To promote and sensitize people on electoral processes, demonstrations on functioning, operation and advantages of EVM/VVPAT were carried out. Mock Polls were also conducted during the events.

The health checkup camps were also set up by the Health Department.

Governing body meeting of District Health Society Papum Pare conducted
YUPIA November 9:
The Governing Body Meeting of District Health Society Papum Pare district, Yupia was convened on 9th November 2018 at DC conference Hall, Yupia under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Joram Beda, IAS.

While reviewing the functioning of district health society the Deputy Commissioner Dr. Beda said that the notified district hospitals at Doimukh to be functionalise immediately and the non-functional Sub-centre and PHC’s are to be rework for de-notified.

He further proposed for up gradation of one Community Health Centre to First Refer Unit in the district. He also seriously viewed the non-expenditure of fund of financial year 2017-18 and directed
DMO/DRCHO not to remit the RKS fund of the current financial year 2018-19 till Statement of Expenditure is submitted to the DHS Papum Pare district Yupia. He also asked DMO to ensure to put to task non-functioning RBSK team and said that the MO I/C RBSK should be stationed at DMO office and form a quick response team comprising of 2 doctors, 2 ANM & one Pharmacist and make themselves available during schools and Anganwadi centres programmes visit by DC & DMO Papum Pare, Yupia.

The Deputy Commissioner directed DMO and DRCHO to issue order to all the VHSN Committee and MAS to do Swach Bharat Abhiyan in every month in their respective Villages and Wards. It was also decided that a separate meeting is to be call urgently for those MO I/C of PHC Tarasso, Baysernyallo, Mengio, Chiputa, Jote & CHC Doinmukh who have not yet utilised their RKS and other funds in their respective facility for the financial year 2017-18.

The DC also strictly directed that all the fund transaction should be done only through PFMS in the district as well as in the block levels and various issues regarding financial matter has been taken up for smooth functioning of District Health Society.

Dr. (Mrs.) Subu Tasso Kampu, DMO Cum CEO, Papum Pare, Yupia, Dr. Worar Taku, DRCHO Member, Er. T. Ukap, EE PHED Member, Shri S.T.Zara, DDSE Member, Shri M. Loyi, PD (DRDA) Member, LPO (ICDS) Member, DTO Member, DSO, DVBDPCP Member, DANO-cum-MS DAMS Member, DAM Member, DDM Member were present in the meeting.

Farmers Felicitation Centre opened at Yupia

YUPIA November 9:
In a bid to improve the co-ordination between department of Agriculture and farmers of the district a Farmer’s Facilitation Centre was officially opened by the Deputy Commissioner, Papum Pare District Dr. Joram Beda, IAS, on 6th Nov’ 2018 last at the Office of the Deputy Director Agriculture, Papum Pare District, Yupia in the presence of Agriculture Development Officers, Horticulture Development Officers and progressive farmers of Papum Pare District.

While opening the Farmers Facilitation Centre Dr. Joram Beda, IAS Deputy Commissioner Papum Pare District lauded the Department of Agriculture for such initiative and suggested that the Farmer’s Facilitation Centre (FFC) be made the hub for all Agriculture and allied activities and to encouraged the farmers to frequently visit the farmer’s Facilitation Centre (FFC) for any kind of Agriculture related enquires and to avail all types of seeds, fertilizers, Plant Protection chemicals, Organic manures etc. at subsidized rate.

The Farmer’s Facilitation Centre will also facilitate the Farmers Producers Organization (FPO) in collaboration with Department of Agriculture to conduct training and awareness program for farmers of the district.

First ever major general level meeting at Tawang with Chinese army

BUMLA, November 9:
A first ever Border Personnel Meeting (BPM) at the Major General level between Indian Army and Chinese PLA troops was organised by the Indian Army at Bumla today. Located at alt of 15,000 ft and situated 42 km North of Tawang town, Bumla is one of the five designated BPM venues, between two of the world’s largest armies. The delegations were led by Major General PGK Menon as Delegation leader and Brig Zubin Bhatnagar as Deputy Delegation leader from Indian side and Major General Li Xi Zhong from Chinese side.

The meeting included the hoisting of national flags followed by interaction which took place in cordial atmosphere wherein both sides reaffirmed their resolve to strengthen
friendship, maintain peace and tranquility along the LAC. The interactions reflected mutual desire for improving relations at functional level on the border & emphasised to improve relations at ground level along the LAC. The meeting was the first one to be conducted at Major General level between two Asian giants since inception of BPMs at Bumla since 1990.

Both the Delegation Leaders expressed satisfaction over the growing mutual trust and harmony between the two countries and were sanguine that the Indo-China relationship would grow stronger in future at all the levels. This meeting at Bum La was yet another milestone in the ongoing effort by both the nations to increase interactions at all levels of diplomatic as well as military channels.

**Be agents of positive change: Tayeng**

**PASIGHAT, November 9:**

Calling upon the people to be agents of positive change, Advisor to Chief Minister, Lombo Tayeng said on Friday that Pema Khandu led state government was committed to improve the condition of the landlocked Arunachal Pradesh and has fulfilled all promises with determination giving priority to all welfare schemes and development of the state. This was stated by him today while addressing a public meeting held to distribute roofing materials at the SilukDere under Mebo subdivision.

Reiterating commitment of the Government to develop rural areas, MLA Tayeng said work on the roadmap to upgrade rural infrastructure is apace and focused attention is being paid to uplift socio-economic profile of the rural folks. While claiming that “Sarkar ApkeDwara” was very successful and being highly appreciated by the people of the state, he said it was taken up by the government for benefit of those who are living in farflung areas and have limited access to the resources.

Taking privilege, the Advisor to Chief Minister also highlighted various achievements including various health and insurance, income generation and agriculture and horticulture promotion schemes etc undertaken by the government. He appreciated the role of party functionaries in particular and also acknowledged their contributions in paving way for rapid development of Mebo subdivision as a whole. He advised the officers to work with missionary zeal and ensure that better infrastructure is created in their respective tenures. Routine inspections should be done to keep a tab on pilferage and to ensure use of good quality material in development works were undertaken by them adding that durable infrastructure could only be created when proper standards are maintained in work execution, opined Tayeng.

Tayeng who is also local MLA of the area, had distributed CGI sheets to 97 beneficiaries earlier on Sept-13 last, also today distributed CGI sheets to all left-out 38 households at the Siluk village under the Non-Border Development Program. Prominent leader AkuBorang and GBs also spoke on the occasion.

Later accompanied by Mebo ADC HageLilang, engineers, officers and leaders Tayeng visited the proposed upgraded Police Station site at Mebo and updated the feasibility.

**2nd meeting of District Agriculture Development Society (DADS) under chief minister Sashakt Kisan Yojana (CMKSY)**

**YUPIA November 9:**

Papum Pare Deputy Commissioner Dr. Joram Beda Chaired the 2nd Board meeting of the District Agriculture Development Society (DADS) here at Yupia on 8th Nov 2018 to discuss and finalise sectoral allotment of fund and project proposals under CM’s Sashakt Kisan Yojana (CMSKY) and Krishi Samuh Yojana (CMKSY). The Deputy Commissioner advised the HODs of Agriculture and allied Departments to work on mission made
to ensure that the real farmer reap the benefits.

Miss Hage Amphi briefed the member about the aim and objective of the schemes and gave a brief review about the 1st DADS meeting conducted on 8th Oct’ 2018 last.

Agriculture and allied Department submitted proposals for setting up model farm on passion fruit and stevia plants, model farm on Integrated Farming System, Milking Machine cum chilling units, construction of fresh Water fish seed Hatchery Handloom units, construction of vermi-compost unit, Integrated Nutrient Management and Pest Management and the likes.

Several progressive farmer from the District also participated in the meeting.

Deputy Director Agriculture, Shri Joram Tako accorded a warm Welcome to all the Board Member and Agriculture Development Officer

**Sarkar Aapke Dwaar Reaches Darak Circle:**

**AALO, November 9:**

The 7th edition of Sarkar Aapke Dwaar held today at Darak Middle School was inaugurated by L. Wangjen today. All line departments of West Siang including Banking Institution attended camp to provide useful services and give awareness on all flagship programmes initiated by central and state govt. to the people of Darak administrative Circle. Addressing the gathering N. Wangjen disclosed that Sarkar Aapke Dwaar is reflective of the govt. concern to bring fruits of developments at the door steps of the people and exorted all to reap every drop of benefits from the day long camp and asked the participating departments to give all possible services to the people during the camp. Shri T. Mugli Circle Officer Darak dwelt at length on the significance of the long drawn programme to reach out to the people everywhere in the district through such camps. More than twenty departments joined the services to render their respective services.

**Pasighat police seized 19 unregistered and modified bikes**

**PASIGHAT, November 10:**

Coming down heavily on modified, unregistered and defective silencers bikers, Pasighat police led by OC AtanTaki has seized 19 motorcycles in a day during random/surprise check conducted on Friday. Police ended up collecting fine who got their vehicle modified. Going a step further, police forced them to correct their motorcycles with the help of mechanics, inside the police station premise.

Meanwhile, DC TamyoTatak has stated that rash and negligent driving, and drag racing not only endanger lives of the motorists but also pedestrians, especially children and senior citizens.

SP PrashantGautam appreciated efforts of the police team comprising Inspector AtanTaki (OC), ASIs T. Jamoh, J. Kamchi, HCs Dijen-Bori, OpongGao, LolitRegon, CtsTrongMungray, Wangcha-Lowang, Mijem Rome and TugoKamdak. Gautam appealed the citizens to extend cooperation and support to police in making Pasighat pollution and accident free.

OC AtanTaki informed that keeping a check on rising noise pollution, police conducted the special drive and took action against bikers for modifying their vehicles. According to the Motor Vehicles Act, alteration of any vehicle beyond the original manufacturer’s specifications, is a violation, he added.

**Governor condoles the demise of Union Minister Ananth Kumar**

**ITANAGAR, November 12:**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) has condoled the demise of Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Ananth Kumar.

The Governor in his condolence message said that in the death of Shri Kumar, the Nation has lost one of
the grass root leaders, distinguished public figure with huge political experience and a social worker.

Conveying sincere and heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family on behalf of the people of the State and on his own behalf, the Governor prayed to Almighty to bestow enough strength to bear the loss and for eternal peace for the departed soul.

Governor visits Statue of Unity, takes up tourism issues with MoS Tourism

ITANAGAR, November 12:
At the invitation of Government of Gujarat, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh
Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) along with First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra visited the memorial to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Statue of Unity, located near Kevadia town of Narmada district on 12th November 2018.

Carrying the goodwill of the people of Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor paid respect to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Rashtra Rachaita, who is the epitome of India’s unity at the monumental world’s tallest statue.

While complimenting the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi and people of Gujarat for the conceptualization, planning and construction of the world tallest monument, the Governor mentioned about the keenness of the people of the eastern most part of India Arunachal Pradesh to visit the symbol of Unity in the western most State of India. He said that along with promotion of spirit of unity in the country, it has huge tourism potential as large number of tourists are visiting the statue. Besides the statue itself, there are several other tourist attractions around including the valley of flowers, natural beauty of the Satpura and Vindhyachal hill ranges besides the Sardar Sarobari dam on the mighty Narmada River.

Impressed by tourism aspects, the Governor met the Union Minister of State Tourism Shri KJ Alphones on 14th November 2018 and took up issues related to the development of tourism in Arunachal Pradesh. He emphasized that harnessing the tourism potential of the State will change the course of development in Arunachal Pradesh. By promoting the eco, adventure, cultural, rural and religious tourism in the State, it will ensure quantum jump in the revenue for the State and Nation and also have positive impact on ‘Act East’ policy.

The Governor had in-depth discussion of ‘Pay Back to Society’ initiative and Kendriya Vidyalayas in selected border villages of Arunachal Pradesh. Continuing his endeavour in the core sectors of education and employment opportunities, the Governor met the Chief of Army Staff, General Vipin Rawat and also Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Shri Santosh Kumar Mall on 14th November 2018. The Commissioner Kendriya Vidyalaya Shri Mall is visiting Itanagar on 19th and 20th November to discuss and finalise the opening of six Kendriya Vidyalayas in Arunachal Pradesh.

Women’s Fitness Club Inaugurated at Roing

ROING, November 14:
A Women’s Fitness Club was inaugurated today at the Mipi Pene Cultural Centre, Ezengo, Roing by MLA (Roing) Mutchu Mithi in the presence of Deputy Commissioner Mitali Namchoom (IAS), District Sport Officer (DSO) Raju Mipi and women of the area.

The Women’s Fitness Centre has a Badminton Court and equipment for Table Tennis and exercise will be added in due course. The centre will be open from 6 am to 8 am in the mornings and 4 pm to 8 pm in the evenings.

MLA Mutch Mithi appreciated the efforts of the Deputy Commissioner and DSO in catering to the needs of women for a separate fitness centre in the area and said that it was a step towards Women empowerment in the area. He also expressed his satisfaction over the proper
utilisation of the infrastructure that had been created.

DC Mitali Namchoom advised the women folk to make utmost use of the facilities provided and hoped for participation of more women of the area.

World Diabetes Day observed
YUPIA, November 14:
The District NCD Cell, Yupia observed the World Diabetes Day with the theme ‘The Family and Diabetes’ on the 14th of November 2018 with the rest of the globe. A walkathon was flagged off by Dr. M. Lego, DHS, Govt. of A.P in the presence of Dr. L. Jampa, State Nodal Officer (NCD), Dr. Murthy, Specialists & Doctors from TRIHMS, Members of IMA, the Dean, MS, faculty members and the students of the Medical College along with the teaching Staffs and the students of Don Bosco Higher Secondary, Jullang. Dr. R.R.Ronya, DPO (NCD) and all the staffs of the state NCD Cell and District NCD cell, Yupia also participated in the walkathon.

Sarkar Aapke ke dwar pe held at Tajang village
TAJANG, November 10:
The 5th edition of Sarkar Aapke dwar pe of Lower Subansiri was held in Tajang Village of Ziro -I circle today.

The program was inaugurated by Smt. Rubu Bune, HGB of Tajang village in the presence ADC Shri Gombo Tsering, HoDs and officers.

Smt. Bune along with the ADC inspected all the stalls set up by the departments and interacted with the officials and the beneficiaries. Laundering the program as a very innovative and pro-public one. Smt. Bune urged the villagers to avail the facilities.

During the day long program government certificates like ST, PRC, AADHAR etc were issued by the General Administration department on the spot.

Besides holding AYUSH and Homeopathy OPDs, The District Health Society conducted eye screening, blood sugar, blood pressure, RMT tests and haemoglobin percentage tests.

Education department demonstrated Smart class procedure to eager bunch of kids and also distributed textbooks.

Agriculture and horticulture department distributed seeds, farming tools and pesticides and registered progressive farmers.

Department of Textiles And Handicraft provided free yarns to 50 registered women weavers under Chief Minister’s Indigenous Textile Promotion Scheme.

28 nos. of free gas connection under PMUY were distributed to beneficiaries by the Chief guest Smt. Rubu Bune.

The veterinary department distributed livestock medicines and Phamplets on various schemes under thy department.

ICDS, PHED, WRD, Tax and Excise, SBI, Rural Bank, Textiles ,DRDA, DTO(transport), Disaster Management Departments participated in this edition of Sarkar Aapke dwar pe.

8th ‘Sarkar AapkeDwar’ held in Balek
PASIGHAT, November 14:
The 8th edition of ‘Sarkar AapkeDwar’ camp was held in Balek village on Wednesday. The program was formally inaugurated by the 38-Pasighat MLA Kaling Moyong in presence of DC Tamuyo Tatak, GBs, local officers and leaders.

According to DPO cum Nodal Officer, all together 32 government departments including banking institutions attended the camp to provide useful services and to spread awareness on government sponsored various flagship programmes to the people of Balek villagetoday under one roof, making it truly a doorstep people friendly program.

MLA Moyong along with the DC Tatakand others inspected all the stalls set up by various departments and interacted with the officials and the beneficiaries. Laundering the program as a very innovative and pro-public one,
Moyong appreciated the officials for their tireless efforts to bringing fruits of development at the doorsteps of the people and further exhorted all to reap every drop of benefits from the day-long camp.

Deputy Commissioner Tamiyo Tatak added that such camp was hugely successful in the district as huge number of people from every walks of life coming to avail the govt. services of various departments. The motive of the camps were to resolve public grievances on the spot through delivery of services of the government to the citizens, Tatak said.

All major government services, including caste and income certificates, power saving electrical items by APEDA, driving license and registration and transfer of ownership of vehicles, CMAAY, enrollment of Aadhaar and ration cards, old age pension scheme and opening of bank accounts, new LPG, water and electricity connections, demonstration of EVMs with VVPAT, awareness on food and civil supply, agriculture, horticulture and veterinary beneficial schemes, sensitization on activities of rural, social welfare, education and health and family welfare beneficial schemes and also other various Jan-subidha/digital delivery services etc were provided to the people.

District Level Science Exhibition Held at Roing

ROING, November 14:
A District Level Science Exhibition for Lower Dibang Valley district was conducted on 13th November 2018 at the Government Higher Secondary School, Roing. Altogether 10 schools participated in the competition.

Nui Pertin, Class XII(Sc.) of Govt.Hr. Sec. School, Roing bagged the 1st Prize and Akoya Yalla, Class-X of Intaya Public School, Roing bagged the 2nd Prize.

The programme was graced by Project Director (DRDA) Oling Lego as Chief Guest. He gave away the Cash prize to the winners and Ego Doye (DDSE) gave away cash prizes of 8(Eight) Sub-theme to the student winner.

Ikar Lollen, Group Instructor (I.T.I.) and Taba Smith, AUPO (DUDA) were the Judges who evaluated the performance of student.

T. Tayeng, V.P (Govt. Hr.Sec.School, Roing), officials of DDSE office, teacher escort from participating school were present on the occasion.

CM inaugurated the 5th North East Connectivity Summit

TAWANG, November 14:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu today inaugurated the 5th North East Connectivity Summit here organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). The two-day summit is being attended by representatives and delegations from neighboring Countries such as Bhutan and Bangladesh, from Government of India and representatives from the corporate and industry. The theme for this year is ‘Tourism Connectivity’.

The summit is one of the most important forums for action-oriented deliberations on sub regional economic integration and connectivity between North East India and South East Asia.

Welcoming the delegates, Chief Minister requested the gathering of industry representatives to come forward and explore the diverse opportunities offered by the state and the region. He said the state government is willing to extend its full support to investors who are interested in investing in Arunachal Pradesh.

Citing connectivity as the biggest challenge for the state, CM said the state has suffered historically primarily in absence of robust road connectivity with road density of 25 km per 100 square km area as against an all India average of 142 km per 100 sq km area. Fortunately, the strong support provided by the Central Government in the last four years is now bringing about a visible transformation, said Khandu.
and informed that Arunachal Government has prepared a roadmap for connectivity strategy by 2022 which would ensure reliable connectivity to all administrative and commercial centres.

He said Railways has also found a footprint in our state and is going to give huge fillip to the movement of passengers and cargo as well as tourists to the State. Informing on air connectivity, CM said under the UDAN Scheme, Pasighat is now an integral part of the Indian aviation map apart from six helicopter services to Aalo, Itanagar, Tutun, Walong, Yingkiong, and Ziro. Advanced Landing Ground at Tezu and Ziro shall also become operational soon for fixed wing aircrafts.

Informing on huge scope for development of Inland Waterways Transport in the State, Khandu said we are exploring possibility of developing floating terminals on the major rivers like Dibang, Lohit and Siang in collaboration with Inland Waterways Authority of India.

Drawing the attention of the delegates to the tourism potential the state offers, CM said Arunachal has niche in eco-tourism with its unique flora and fauna, its large biodiversity, rolling hills, green valleys, virgin forests and diverse culture and tradition that makes Arunachal, a relatively unexplored Paradise for Tourists. He said this great tourism potential of the region remains largely untapped and here lies a great opportunity; to develop circuits, develop Hotels and other destination infrastructure. Arunachal Pradesh and the North East offer great opportunities for Nature Based Eco Tourism, Adventure Tourism, Culture and pilgrimage Tourism, River Tourism and you name it.

Informing on huge surge in flow of tourists to Arunachal, CM informed that more than 450000 tourist arrival was recorded last year in the state in comparison to meagre 2178 in the year 1999. And this year alone till September we hosted 350000 tourists. This figure will shoot much higher as the peak season started from October. Very recently on 2nd November 2018, the Arunachal Pradesh Police has also initiated Tourist Police, informed Khandu.

On industry friendly policies adopted by the state government, Chief Minister informed about launch of various land reforms which gives lease for 33 years and which can be renewed. Land possession certificates are being given to the owners and the industries can directly buy land from landowners.

Inviting the power sectors to invest, Khandu said the state is on the path to become power surplus with the commissioning of two hydro power plants of 110 MW in Pare and 600MW in Kameng. We invite the power intensive industries to come and explore the state. We are willing to create tailor made policies for industries that are non-polluting and help the state achieve its potential. We welcome fresh ideas and cooperation from the private sector to harness the potential in our state,” said Khandu.

Earlier Union Minister of State for Tourism KJ Alphons also spoke. Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Aviation Suresh Prabhu sent his congratulatory message through a video message for hosting the 5th FICCI summit.

The summit was also attended by Power Minister Tamiyo Taka, Lok Sabha MP Ninong Ering, Chief Secretary of Meghalaya Yeshi Tsering, Chief Secretary of Arunachal Satya Gopal, Chairman FICCI North East Advisory Council Ranjit Borthakur and various other dignitaries.

**Children’s Day celebrated with great enthusiasm**

**ITANAGAR, November 14:** On the eve of Children’s Day, the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, various activities were carried out in the Capital Complex to celebrate the day with great enthusiasm. The District Administration Capital Complex organised essay competition under the
Arunachal Rising Campaign, an initiative of the State Government through the Department of Information and Public Relation for all the Higher Secondary Schools of the Capital Complex at Govt. Middle School ESS Sector for the students of Itanagar and D Sector Middle School, Naharlagun for the students of Naharlagun. Students from more than 12 Higher Secondary schools of Capital Complex participated in the event.

The Deputy Commissioner Capital Complex Prince Dhawan gave his best wishes to all the participating students and asked them to give their best. He hoped that such events would help bring out the best in the students. He further hoped that more such events should be conducted in various fields, giving chance to the students to showcase their talents.

The DDSE, Mallo Yam Gollo also visited the schools and gave her best wishes to the participating students.

Various cultural events, games and sports, awareness program on drug abuse etc were also organised in respective schools to mark the day.

World Diabetes Day held

YUPIA, November 14:
The State NCD Cell, Naharlagun in association with District NCD Cell, Yupia and TRIHMS has observed World Diabetes Day, 2018 with rest of the world on 14th Nov, 2018 on the theme “The Family & Diabetes”.

To mark the occasion, A “WALKATHON” was organized at Naharlagun which was flagged off by Dr. M. Lego, Director of Health Services at 7.00 am. The students of TRIHMS along with faculties of TRIHMS, doctors, officer’s and staffs of DHS & TRIHMS participated, along with students of DON BOSCO school, Jully.

The walkathon was followed by a Seminar on the theme “The family and Diabetes” organised at Auditorium of TRIHMS which was attended by the Faculties of TRIHMS, Officers and staffs of DHS & TRIHMS along with nursing students and MBBS students of TRIHMS.

The seminar was chaired by Prof. P. Jayakumar, DEAN, TRIHMS where Dr. Kinny Singh, IAS Special Secretary(Health & FW) cum Mission Director(NHM) was the Chief Guest.

While Ms. Kenyir Taipodia, State Prog. Coordinator (NCD) delivered the Welcome speech, Dr. Lobsang Jampa, State Nodal Officer(NCD) delivered on the theme and had focused on the status of the diabetes in the state. A presentation on “Eat Right India” was presented by Sri. U.K. Mitra, Dy. Food Safety Commissioner, Dr. Obang Perme, Asst Prof. TRIHMS spoke on the management of Type 2 Diabetes; Dr. R. Nattung, Specialist(NCD) spoke on The role of family on management of diabetes. Dr. Dr. D. Sachdev, Associate Professor, TRIHMS spoke on Lifestyle modification and diabetes with a session on Aerobic exercise. Finally, Dr. B. V. S Murty, TRIHMS spoke on Management of Diabetes through AYUSH.

Dr. Kinny Singh, IAS, Chief Guest appreciated the organisers on their effort and exhorted the house to bring about awareness among people and community on Diabetes.

Prof. P. Jayakumar, DEAN, TRIHMS, Chairman of the Programme summarised on the issues raised and welcomed everyone for Lunch. The programme ended with a Vote of thanks delivered by one MBBS student of TRIHMS.

CM signed and exchanged MoUs with 17 private investors

TAWANG, November 14:
Arunachal Pradesh government under the leadership of Chief Minister Pema Khandu today signed and exchanged MoUs with 17 private investors for projects worth Rs 1200 crores during the 5th edition of North East Connectivity Scheme.

The MoUs with private investors across sectors like
tourism and hospitality, oil and gas, retail, power, equipment manufacturing and sports has potential to create over 8000 gainful employment opportunities in the state.

The Polo Towers Group, a pioneering hospitality group has identified 11 investable projects in Arunachal worth Rs 419 crore and will generate 1850 employment opportunities. The projects identified are – Itanagar City centre-5star hotel cum mixed use complex, development/conversion of existing star category hotels, world class budget hotel and mixed use at Itanagar, State Institute of Hotel Management on PPP, 4/5 star resort at Tawang, Dirang and paradise lake, development/conversion of existing hotels into star category hotels in Tawang, world class museums, world class budget hotel and mixed use at Naharlagun and world class budget hotel and mixed use at Tawang.

Jungle Travels India Pvt Ltd exchanged MoU to invest in 20 rooms Jungle Lodge in or near Pakke Tiger Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary with investment of Rs 10 crore and generate employment for 60 people.

Sterlite Power exchanged MoU to invest in detailed study of power system for Arunachal and take upgrade and update project on Annuity basis. They are also interested in supply and instalation of OPWG network on entire transmission system. The project shall garner investment of Rs 325 crore.

Alinz Portable Petrol Pump Pvt Ltd exchanged MoU to setup portable petrol pumps in Arunachal and in Northeast, which will be executed in PPP with investment of Rs 500 crore providing employment to 5000 people.

Archit Electricals Pvt Ltd intends to setup a unit of Manufacturing and repairing of electrical items like oil cool and air cool transformers of various type with investment of Rs 10 crore and employing about 100 people.

Mobisoft Technology exchanged MoU intending to setup IT Hub with investment of Rs 10 crore. Headkicks exchanged MoU intending to organize football themed festivals with investment of Rs 0.25 crore.

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd exchanged MoU intending to deploy HAL-Dornier-228 Commuter Aircraft and ALH Dhruv helicopter for inter and intra state air connectivity in Arunachal.

Sarkar Aapke Dwar in Deomali circle
PASIGHAT, November 16: Despite inclement weather, the Sarkar Aapke Dwar organized at Namsing Village under Mebo-Subdivision today had huge number of rural people from Namsing and all villages under Namsing Circle coming forward enthusiastically to avail the various citizen centric services.

DC East Siang Tamayo Tatak, who inaugurated the daylong 9th Sarkar Aapke Dwar organized in the district, on the occasion interacted with the GBs and beneficiaries and during his visit to the stalls of Government departments and other service providers, while lauding their efforts, also instructed that the last beneficiary must be attended, so as to achieve the vision of the Government to provide doorstep services to all citizens at the grassroot. ADC (Mebo), Hage Lailiang, Joint Director, Health Services (Trg& Research), Dr. D. Raina, DMO, Dr. Kaling Dai, DPO & Nodal Officer (SAKD), East Siang, S.Sharma, CO Namsing, Khoda Lasa were among others present on the occasion.

Altogether 33 departments including financial institutions provided various services and awareness, benefiting farmers, senior citizens, students, children, women, patients, youth, patients, traders, among others. Also, the District legal Services Authority (DLSA), Pasighat also organized legal services camp, where in paralegal volunteers and Panel Lawyers (DLSA) provided free counselling, legal awareness including awareness on A.P. Victim Compensation Scheme 2011. GBs from
all the villages under Namsing Circle also set up a facilitation centre in facilitating obtaining of ST and PRC and the GBs were also briefed on various provisions of Local Administration. Financial literacy Centre was set up by SBI, Lead Bank Office, Pasighat, supported by FIF, NABARD under the guidance of Chief Manager, SBI, Pasighat, Rajesh Todi during the daylong SAKD.

A beneficiary, Milaity Patir Mili, hailing from the area, said that she had come to the SAKD with her children adding that she is happy to avail services so near.

DC graces 11th Sarkar Aapke Dwar at Makkat
MAKKAT, November 16:
The 11th phase of “SARKAR AAPKE DWAR” was conducted at Makkat village under Deomali Administrative circle 65 kms from Khonsa H/Q wherein Tirap DC P.N. Thungon graced the occasion amidst huge participants from adjoining villages.

While gracing the occasion -Tirap DC P.N. Thungon said that Sarkar Aap ke Dwar program has been initiated by centre and state government to facilitates the villagers in doorsteps living in far flung remote areas, he appealed all the departmental heads and subordinates staffs to deliver their best services in the interest of Public - so as to avail all facilities under various PM/CM Flagship programmes. Earlier the DC distributed free LPG connection under PMUY scheme, LED bulbs under APEDA, Agriculture Kits and Forest seedlings to the beneficiaries on the occasion.

MP Inaugurates Infrastructure Developed under BADP at Hunli
ROING, November 16:
MP (Rajya Sabha) Mukut Mithi, who is on a 2 days tour to Hunli subdivision, inaugurated a slew of infrastructure developed at Hunli on 15th November 2018.

He inaugurated the newly constructed auditorium, girl’s dormitory, computer lab and CC steps and CC drain at KGBV, Hunli developed under BAPF 2017-18 at Hunli Model Village and executed by DHPD, Roing.

The MP also inaugurated the Indoor Stadium constructed by the department of sports and youth affairs and funded under NEC, in the presence of MLA Mutchu Mithi, DC Mitali Namchoom (IAS), heads of departments, GBs and public of the area.

MLA Mutchu Mithi inaugurated the the Inspection Bungalow constructed by PWD, community Recreation Centre near SDO office and Bachelor Barrack at Govt. sec. School, Hunli executed by DHPD Roing, on the day. DC Mitali Namchoom inaugurated the Bachelor Barrack at CHC, Hunli on the day.

A public meeting was also held where the MP, MLA and DC along with the SDO and heads of departments heard the grievances of the public and answered to their queries.

The public informed about the difficulties faced due to lack of regular power supply in the area, lack of proper water supply, security wall and playground in the government school at New Elope village, distribution of solar power panels under DDUGJY in the area, requirement of a hostel building at Jamupani school etc.

MP Mukut Mithi assured to look into providing a playground and hostel building for the needy schools under BAPF 2019-20.

MLA Mutchu Mithi, addressing the gathering, appreciated the quality infrastructure developed under BAPF by the hydropower department and thanked the government and the DA in bringing governance to the doorstep of the people through provision of services and information dissemination during the Sarkar Aap Ke Dwar camps conducted in the district.

He also expressed his concern over the poor inter village / township road of Hunli and poor power connectivity in the area. Replying to the griev-
ances of the public, he stated that problems were being faced due to existing power lines laid in difficult terrain and highway construction works taking place and assured that a comprehensive new plan will be made to tackle the problem.

The DC appraised the public that solar panels will be distributed and all households at Desali and Jamupani, will be electrified (off grid) under Saubhagya Scheme by 31st December 2018.

**Sarkar Aapke Dwar held at Katan**

YINGKIONG, November 16:
Sarkar Aapke Dwar camp was held at Katan circle one of the most remote administrative HQ under upper siang district on 15th November last. The event was inaugurated by Sri Mingkeng Taku, HGB of Katan in presence of CO Katan Sri Olom Panggeng and host of officer & staffs and general public of Katan.

While speaking on the occasion circle officer Katan, reiterated that the main objective of SAKD is to provide various services & resolve public grievances on the spot with the doorstep of general public specially people residing in far flung remote outpost and urged the public to avail various service. Circle Officer also extends thank and appreciate to representative of various deptt. For whole hearted participation despite inclement weather. All major govt. deptt like District Administration, Agriculture, Horticulture, H&FW, DSO(Stat), Civil Supply, Transport, AH & Veterinary, Environment & Forest, BDO(Geku), CDPO, District Legal Service Authority, APCBWWB, APEDA, APRB Geku/Katan, Treasury, Tax & excise, Election, Power, Textiles & Handicraft, DDMO, SBI/Apex Bank, Post Office, Judicial Branch and Education of the district whole heartedly took part in event. Awareness on EVM, VVPAT & SVEEP was also imparted to people by Nodal Officer Sri Obang Mibang ARCS on behalf of DEO, upper siang district. Hundreds of people benefited in the camp i/c, Yingkiong.

**Awareness programme on product standardization held**

ITANAGAR, November 16:
The Deptt. of Legal Metrology & Consumer Affairs in collaboration with Bureau of Indian Standards, Gol, Regional office Guwahati organized a one-day awareness programme on Standardization of Products related to BIS here at the conference hall of the Department at Naharlagun on Friday last.

Representatives from various stakeholders of Govt and private agencies including Legal Metrology officers from District and HQ office participated in the awareness programme. Attending the programme as the representative of Bureau of Indian Standards, Regional office, Guwahati, Amit Roy, Director highlighted on importance of product standardization with reference to Indian standards like ISI, ISO and Hallmark through power point presentation. Many Doubts put forward by the participants relating to enforcement of the provisions of BIS Act was clarified by him.

Hoktum Ori, Controller Legal Metrology & CA, Daro Marbom DCLM, Rheli Kato, EE RWD and Tojir Kadu, Dy Director, F&S also spoke in the programme.

Later after completion of the programme, a separate awareness programme was also arranged for the Jewelers of Capital Complex Itanagar and Naharlagun. The Director, BIS insisted them for early registration under Hallmark scheme as it likely to be mandatory under the provisions of BIS Act, 2016.

**Governor attends National Seminar on Act East Policy**

Indian diplomacy today is at its best since independence: Governor

ITANAGAR, November 16:
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) attended the National Seminar ‘Act East through Northeast: India’s way to a
The Governor said that the new era of Diplomacy’ in Dera Natung Government College (DNGC), Itanagar on 16th November 2018.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said Indian diplomacy today is at its best since independence. Under the political leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, our approach today is ‘we matter’, which is important for the dignity of the nation and for the prestige and honour of every Indian.

The Governor suggested that to realize the goal of development of the Nation, every plan, action and policy must national interest oriented. It must be with a mantra of ‘integrity, honesty, accountability, audit and midcourse correction’. Along with it there must be good diplomacy, strong preparedness, beneficial mutual business policies and contribution of technocrats and scientists.

The Governor said that North East Region has great potential. It has hydropower, minerals, fertile land, pristine environment and abundant forest cover. It is important for National Security, Nation Resources and best human resource.

The Governor said development of North East Region is very important for the overall development, national defence, security and integrity of the Nation. It has big area and sizable population.

The Governor said that the 8 North Eastern States have almost similar geography, demography, assets and challenges. They need to be considered as one entity, he said. The Governor calls the eight North Eastern States, ‘ASTAM-NMM’. The five letters of the acronym are composed of the first English letter of the State’s 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 emphasised that the development of the region must not be piecemeal but with an integrated approach, focused on ‘PHIRAN’, which stands for Power, Highways, Inland Waterways, Railways, Airway and electronic and communication Network. He also stressed on peace, stability and good law and order environment, within the Region and also in the neighbouring countries, like Myanmar and Bangladesh in addition to maritime security along the sea route.

The Governor complimented the Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar and Jadavpur Association of International Relations (JAIR), Kolkata for organizing the two-day National Seminar. He also congratulated the students of DNGC, Itanagar for the brilliant dance-drama presentation, emulating the valour and heroism of Martyr Havaladar Hangpan Dada, Ashok Chakra (Posthumous) awardee.

The Governor released a book ‘Us Raat ki Subah’, a novel on social issues related to women of Arunachal Pradesh, authored by Mrs. Tumbom Riba Jomoh, Assistant Professor, DNGC, Itanagar on the occasion. He complimented Mrs. Jomoh for novel and said that it is reminder to all men to stand for human dignity and importance of enabling the women and girl child to progress and develop to their full potential in the society.

DR. N.T. Rikam, Principal, DNGC, Itanagar, Dr. R.K. Mandal, Head, Department of Economics, DNGC, Itanagar and convener of Seminar, Dr. Imankalyan Lahiri, General Secretary, Jadavpur Association of International Relations (JAIR), Kolkata also spoke on the occasion.

Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar in collaboration with Jadavpur Association of International Relations (JAIR), Kolkata organised the two-day National Seminar in DNG College campus, Itanagar on 15th and 16th November 2018. Participants from Jadavpur University, Kolkata, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, Symbiosis School of International Stud-
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AALO, November 16:
Sarkar Aapke Dwaar reaches Jini Village

All line departments of West Siang led West Siang Deputy Commissioner Shri N. Wangjen attended Sarkar Aapke Dwaar at Govt. Upper Primary School Logum Jini to render essential services to people of Logum Jini, Biru and Eyi at their doorsteps today. The day long camp provided spot facilitations of services like for the ST, PRC, Birth Certificate, Aadhar Card generation, LPG, driving licenses forms, farmers online registration and distribution of implements at subsidized rate, free distribution of plant seeds, medical checkups, distribution of plants seedlings by Forest Department, subsidized led bulbs, tube and fans by APEDA etc.

The camp was inaugurated by Head Gaon Bura of Logum Jini amid cheer and applause. Smti Binti Mibang, Circle Officer highlighted the importance of such camps organised in the nook and corner of the district.

Sarkar Apke Dwar held
SUNPURA, November 16:

The sixth phase of “Sarkar Aapke Dwar” for the Lohit District was held at the Bhekuliang village under the Sunpura Circle on 16th November 2018. Shri Mohesh Chai Hon’ble Minister for Agri and Allied Dept and Youth and Sports Affairs was the Chief Guest at the event, which was attended by DC Tezu Shri Karma Leki, SP Tezu Dr D.W.Thongon, all the Administrative Officers, HODs, Officers and officials, GBs, EX PRI Members and public of the neighboring villages.

The program started with the ribbon cutting ceremony by the chief guest of the event and followed by the planting of saplings at the venue. Thereafter token distribution of incentives was distributed to the selected beneficiaries on the spot by the chief guest. That included the distribution of free LPG connection under PMUY, distribution of STC and PRC, ILPs, Ration Cards, blankets to the workers under the Dept. of Labor and employment, soil card and spray machine under the Dept. of Agri, issue of fixed deposits amounting to Rs 1000 to the girl student of class vi . After that the stalls of various Govt Dept. was formally open for service deliverance to the general public of the area. In all total 32 numbers of Govt. Dept. participated in the said program.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Mohesh Chai Hon’ble Minister expressed his happiness in organizing of the said program at the Bhekuliang village, one of the remote villages of the District. He further added that keeping in the true spirit of the “Service Deliverance at the Doorstep of the People” the program had benefited more than ten thousand people of the district till date. He gave all the credit of launching Sarkar Aapke Dwar, to the visionary insight of our Hon’ble Chief Minister Pema Khandu and also lauded the efforts of District Administration and all the concerned Dept. for successful conduct of the program in the district every month. He also informed the gathering about the Dulari Kanya Yojana, CMAAY, Saubhagya Yojana, Vidya scheme. He further informed that Saubhagya Yojana (Rural Electrification) of Tezu and Sunpura circle will be completed by the month of December. Hayu Bridge will be completed by March and then Bhekuliang/ Bedagam will be connected to the rest of the district all throughout the year. He asked the people of the area to generously donate land for all the developmental activities. Many schemes like construction of Multi Purpose building, opening of Veterinary clinic, construction of bridge over Paya river has been proposed. Shri Karma Leki DC Tezu in-
formed the gathering that the program was also fixed earlier in the month of October for the Bhekuliang village, but due to monsoon season and uncrossable river the plan could not materialized. He expressed his satisfaction on the conduct of the said program in the village and urged the villagers to take the maximum advantage of the program.

The villagers of Bhekuliang were very happy that SARKAR AAPKE DWAR has been held in the village as it was difficult for them to frequently travel to Tezu for official purposes. The program was great success with people from all wake of life participating and availing the opportunity of the program.

**Meeting for PWD voters held TEZU, November 16:**
A meeting on the theme of Accessible Voting for the PWDs voters was convened in the office chamber of DEO/DC Tezu. The meeting was chaired by Shri Karma Leki DC/DEO Tezu and attended by the ERO Tezu Smti Pricilla Tayeng, AERO Tezu Smti Pime Keche, AERO Sunpura Shri S. Bellai, EE PWD, DD ICDS, Members from CALSOM and MWS (Mishmi Women Welfare) and representative from the PWD community.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Karma Leki DC Tezu informed the gathering that the Election Commission of India has kept the theme of Accessible Voting this years, which means inclusive and accessible voting rights for all individuals and the special focus had been given to the PWDs voter. All facilities to be provided to the PWDs voted including facilitating them during the enrollment process, ramps to be constructed at all the polling stations for easy access, holding of special camps for awareness generation and maximum enrollment of such voters.

He sought the cooperation of all the stakeholders in the successful implementation of the said program in the district. He requested EE PWD for construction of ramps in all the polling station, he asked DD ICDS to compile a correct data on the PWDS in the district, he also asked all the Civil Society Organization to spread Awareness on the subject.

**District health society meeting held YUPIA, November 16:**
District Health Society Papum Pare District met today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Joram Beda, IAS at DC conference hall, Yupia to discuss and review the financial expenditure of Rogi Kalyan Samiti (RKS), gap analysis for Health and Wellness Centre, Mission Indradhanush and Mission Prati Raksha of RBSK school visit. DC Dr. Beda pointed out poor financial progress of many schemes and directed CMS TRIHMS and all MO i/c to achieve 100% fund utilization by the end of 2nd quarter. He opined that poor performance of JSK is because of tendency by expecting mothers from villages to deliver in hospitals in Capital Complex. We need to sync our efforts in JSY (Janani Suraksha Yojana) with Mother-Child tracking system. ASHA incentives should be released in a timely manner. All ANMs will ensure convergence of VHSNC and Swachch Bharat Abhiyan and conduct cleanliness drives in villages from time to time. DC directed all MO i/c to utilize RKS funds to make respective Hospitals more patient friendly and also to ensure better work environment for doctors.

DC reiterated DA’s position to solve the land issue of CHC Doimukh so that project can be completed at the earliest. Further, DC expressed disappointment on poor performance of RBSK because of poor funding. RBSK doctors pointed out that they have not been provided with any funds for vehicle to conduct field visits. Performance of the district under Mission Indradhanush (MI) is 76% and we shall achieve 100% target, may be more quipped DMO Dr. Subu Tasso Kampu. Among other attended the meeting were
7th National Convention of past pupils of Don Bosco inaugurated

ITANAGAR, November 16:
The unfurling of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco flag by the national president Ketan Gala marked the start of the three-days 7th National Convention of Past Pupils of Don Bosco (PPDB) here at Tadar Tankiang Hall, DBYC this morning. Centered on the theme, “Past Pupils of Don Bosco Towards Nation Building”, the three-day interaction and sessions will adopt resolutions which the nation-wide PPDB will carry out in the days to come to create a progressive and united India.

Speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion Bosconian, Francis Ngajokpa, former Minister, and presently Advisor to Chief Minister, Manipur lauded the yeomen services that Don Bosco institutions has rendered to the whole of North East India and called upon the young people present to imbibe the spirit of Don Bosco. “I myself am a beneficiary of Don Bosco institutions and am proud of that”, said Francis. The Guest of Honour, Bosconian, Francis Sangma, former Minister, Meghalaya also spoke of the influence that Salesian education has on his life.

The National President of PPDB, Ketan Gala in his presidential address said that the past pupils of Don Bosco has a great role in nation building keeping in mind the values of Don Bosco. “We as past pupils can share and execute the mission of Don Bosco towards nation building by contributing effectively to the enrichment of its traditional values of integrity, faith, selfless service and strong work ethics,” said Ketan. The National President of PPDB also greatly appreciated the Arunachal unit of PPDB for shouldering the responsibility of hosting the National Convention at very short notice due to the change of venue from Kochi due to the devastating Kerala floods.

Eminent personalities present at the inaugural included the Regional Counselor for South-Asia Maria Argyam, Rapahael Jayapalan, the World Delegate of the International Confederation of PPDB, National Delegate of PPDB, Albert Johnson and Noel Madhichetti, Executive Director of Bosco Net, New Delhi.

Earlier, Kago Tabiyo, president of PPDB, Itanagar welcomed the 300 strong delegates from across the nation and thanked the National Federation of PPDB for entrusting such an important responsibility on past pupils of Don Bosco, Arunachal.

“Media has the power to change the world.”: Felix

NAHARLAGUN, November 17:
While speaking as the chief guest at the National Press Day celebrations at state banquet hall, Itanagar on 16th November, IPR Minister Bamang Felix while exhorting the media persons to strive to travel the proverbial extra mile in their pursuit of excellence, said that the media had the power to change the world and asked them to work hard to create a truly enlightened society. He told them that the Chief Minister Pema Khandu was according top priority to addressing the problems and predicaments of the media fraternity in the state adding that the state government had addressed most of the genuine grievances of the media.

The minister said that he was deeply impressed by the thought-provoking speeches delivered by the distinguished guests adding that he got enlightened and enriched by listening to them. Felix asked the media to utilize their enormous onus responsibly for the uplift of the society. While lamenting that all individuals in the society
talked only about their rights and not about their responsibilities, the chief guest said that the media had the huge responsibility of changing such selfish and self-centred mindset.

Earlier, he conveyed the message of the Chief Minister who had signed a number of MoUs at Tawang and later in the evening announced that the fund for celebration of National Press Day including Arunachal CM’s running trophy debate competition had been enhanced from Rs 5 lakhs to Rs 15 lakhs by the state government.

The guest of honour Prof. Saket Kushwaha, VC, RGU in his speech while congratulating the media fraternity on the occasion, said that such celebrations should be gainfully used for the welfare of the society and in guiding the society and the nation at large. MLA and government Spokesperson PD Sona while speaking as a special invitee asked the media to be responsible tool and be correct while filing news reports. He opined that paid and bought news must be avoided as it had the potential to tarnish the image of the fourth pillar of democracy. The Special Secretary, IPR Himanshu Gupta, IAS while describing the day as an expression of growth of democracy in its true sense, urged upon the media persons to be honest and free and fair while reporting news while adding that their profession was noble and maintained that print media still played a pivotal role towards dissemination of information.

In his keynote address Karma Paljor, Editor-in-Chief of East Mojo said that the media was living in interesting times with the growth of social media and other forms of communications and asked the media persons to work hard to adapt themselves to the fast changing media scenario in the world. He said that the media was in a huge mess and in its frenzy thanks to the growth of smart phones that had virtually made all individuals reporters and photo journalists. Paljor said that the spurt of fake news in social media was a matter of great concern and cautioned the young journalist to be vigilant. He further said that a strong civil society was sine qua non to make media more effective.

The chief guests and other dignitaries later gave away the prizes to the winners of the debate competition and also the V. Ravindran journalist awards. The day was organized by Arunachal Press Club, Arunachal Pradesh Union of Working Journalists and Arunachal Electronic Media Association in collaboration with the department of IPR.

2- Day National Conference at Namsai on doubling farmers income by ICAR RC for NEH held

NAMSAI, November 17:
Administrative building and staff quarters of ICAR-KVK, Namsai was inaugurated today by the Chief Guest, Chow Tewa Mein, Hon’ble MLA, Chongkham and Guest of Honour, Chow ZignuNamchoom, Hon’ble MLA Namsai in presence of Dr. B. C. Deka, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Umiam, Dr. H. Kalita, Joint Director, ICAR RC NEH Region, AP Centre, Basar, Dr. TapasyaRaghav, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Namsai, Dr. Manish Kanwat, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Namsai and other dignitaries. In continuation of the event, the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour inaugurated the exhibition stalls and National Conference cum Krishi UnnatiMela 2018 with the focal theme “Approaches for doubling the farmers income- the road ahead for farmers prosperity”. All the dignitaries visited the exhibition stalls put up by ICAR, CAU, AAU, NEIST, SLRD, Line Departments, NGOs, FPCs and SHGs. The inaugural programme started with the welcome address by Dr. H. Kalita, the organizing secretary of the event. He briefed about the necessity and importance of the event. The Chief Guest in his inaugural address expressed
his concern about the present situation of agriculture in the state and congratulated ICAR for organizing such a mega event for the overall benefit of the farmers in this region. The Guest of Honour emphasized on strengthening the marketing facilities in the region for enhancing the farmers’ income. Both of them appreciated the efforts made by ICAR, AP Centre, Basar& KVK Nam-sai for initiating different approaches for doubling the income by 2022. A MOU was also signed between SLRD, Shillong and KVK, Namsai for value addition, branding and marketing of different spices produced in the region. The formal vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Manish Kanwat.

The conference sessions of the second day led under the chairmanship of Dr. N. Prakash Director, ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam Meghalaya in presence of Guest of Honour Prof. V.K. Kawatra, Vice Chancellor, Arunachal University of studies, Dr I. Shakuntla Joint Director ICAR Mizoram, Dr. K.K. Baruah , Head Animal Production, Dr. A.K. Jha, Head Horticulture, Dr G.T. Behere, Head Plant Protection, Dr T Samajdar, Principal Scientist & ICAR Nodal Officer, Dr V.S. Devdas, Dean Agriculture, AUS, Dr H. Kalita&Dr Manish Kanwat was full of scientific and technical session comprised of various 11 themes focused on “Approaches for doubling the farmers income- the road ahead for farmers prosperity”. A total of 220 scientists of ICAR, CSIR, CAUs, KVKs, AUS, Ph.D. scholars and students participated in the scientific deliberations in the form of lead lectures, oral & poster presentations. The conference was concluded with the major recommendations of the national conference includes Urgent need to adopt the modern agricultural techniques, popularization of Secondary horticulture, Documentation and validation of traditional knowledge, Organic farming need to be promoted in tribal areas by establishing market linkages through involvement of different stakeholders for providing better returns to the farmers. A souvenir cum proceedings book on was also released by the dignitaries during the National conference Cum Krishi UnnatiMela. The programme was ended with the vote of thanks by Organizing Secretary to the Chair.

More than 1200 numbers of farmers from different villages of Namsai and neighboring districts and more than 220 scientists, students, officials from various line departments, KVK, FPCs, SHGs participated in the event.

The 6th University Badminton League-2018 underway:

Finalists for Intra-Club doubles finalized

RONO HILL, November 18:
The 6th University Badminton League-2018 in RGU organised by the Officers’ Club, RGU was inaugurated by Er. Tadar Tarang, Executive Engineer of Itanagar Municipal Corporation cum Joint Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Smart City Itanagar as Chief Guest amidst a huge gathering of sports enthusiasts and badminton diehard fans on the colourful Sunday evening of 18th November. The chief guest while lauding the club and its effort in promoting the sport opined that badminton as a sport is the ultimate game, a game of no retirement, a game which could keep a person of any age to remain fit and of sound health. It has been a source of recreation. While wishing the organisers for the successful conduct of the tournament he came forward with the contribution for sponsoring the cash awards for the winners.

The Officers Club of RGU which is a member affiliate of Arunachal State Badminton Association (ASBA) is organising men’s doubles event for both intra-club category and open category. Speaking on the occasion the founding chairman of the club and Pa-
tron of the UBL-2018 Dr. David Pertin exhorted and urged the players to play the game with true sportsmanship spirit. Earlier, Chairman of the Officers’ Club Dr. Gibji Nimasow while giving the welcome address presented a brief note on the championship, while organising committee member Dr. Tadam Ruti led the felicitations. A total of 36 players are participating in the men’s doubles event comprising of faculty members, administrators, research scholars and post graduate students from the age ranging between 21 to 54 years. The finals of the match will be played on 21st November, 2018. The winners, runners-up and 2nd runners-up will receive cash prizes, trophies and citations, besides bagging sponsorships by the club to participate in ASBA organised tournaments. Later, the convenor of UBL-2018 Pitam Jomoh proposed the vote of thanks. In the intra-club doubles competition the pairs of Dr. David Pertin-Pura Deilyang and Terge Sora-Dr. Tadam Ruti have made it to the finals getting the better of the pairs of Dr. Gibji Nimasow-Hage Kojee and Pitam Jomoh-Dr. Tabang Mibang respectively in the semi-finals. The league matches of the open category amongst the teams divided into 4 pools will be completed by the 19th November evening. Among others RGU’s faculty members, officers, research scholars, students and staffs witnessed the programme.

**Mothers’ Vision continues untiring Campaigns on drug Addiction in Schools**

AALO, November 18:
In its continued and tireless effort for a drug addiction free society, the mothers’ vision reached out to New Market Secondary school with first hand input on drugs and substance abuse. This initiative is specially design for the youth with objective to break their limited understanding and ideas about drug and alcohol.

Resource Person Shri Kennedy Bagra highlighted on how our early civilized societies are suffering from wrong concept of modernization before civilization, a prime factor leading teenagers and youth into addiction. Smti Jumde Yongam Gamlin shared on how a mother dream a world from their which go shattered due to use and substance abuse.

**Chief Minister Pema Khandu today met with Major General RK Jha**

RUPA, November 18:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu today met with Major General RK Jha, GOC 5 Mountain Division Tenga here to discuss on carrying forward the mission to build and maintain harmonious relation between the public and the Army.

In a brief meeting held, Chief Minister discussed on upcoming recruitment rally being organized for the Arunachali youths in the Indian Army. He urged the Army to carry out awareness drive for youths on building career in the Armed Forces.

CM also discussed on celebration of the upcoming 10th Annual Maitree Diwas, a civil-military festival to be held on 1st and 2Nd December in Tawang.

The meeting further discussed on job opportunities available with the Indian Army and on the scope of recruitment for Arunachali girls as officers.

**Rina Inaugurates 11th SAD Camp at Pam Village**

AALO November 18:
The 11th Edition of the Sarkar Aaapke Dwaar held at Pam village under Lower Subansiri was inaugurated by Shri Kento Rina, 36 Nari Koyu MLA on 17th November last. Altogether 15 departments of Lower Siang took part in the day long camp to give essential services to 2995 beneficiaries. Special camp was organised to give awareness to KGBV, Dronacharya Gurukul Yojna, CMSSY, PMVVY, IGNOAPS etc.

The MLA appreciated the district administration and all participating departments for carrying out the govt. policy of reaching out to the doors of needy people to give all pos-
isible services and exhorted the people to give all possible cooperation and reap the benefits. The Nari Koyu ADC Shri Bani Lego and Nodal Officer SAD, Shri Ejum Angu highlighted the importance of the programme.

7th National Convention of Don Bosco past students held

ITANAGAR, November 18:
“To build our country, we must groom the young minds in right directions”, said the Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein. He was attending the concluding session of the 7th National Convention of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco at Don Bosco Youth Centre here today. The 7th National Convention was organized by the Itanagar Unit of Indian National Federation of Past Pupils of Don Bosco with the theme, ‘Past Pupils of Don Bosco towards Nation Building’.

Mein said, “our country is the country of innovations & technology and we must groom the young minds to develop innovative ideas by making best use of the technology.” Though Arunachal Pradesh is a late starter in the field of education, we have come a long way.

He emphasized to impart education on skill development to the youths to make them capable of engaging themselves in self-employable activities after completion of their education and enable them to get jobs in private companies or in Govt. He also said that distractions among the students and prevalent drug addictions among the youths is a huge challenge before us. “We must also find out ways how to bring back those youths to the mainstream of life for a peaceful and healthy society”, he said.

Mein, who himself is an alumnus of Don Bosco School, Guwahati and Chief Patron of the Organizing Committee further said, “we are groomed, shaped and nourished by the fathers of the school in our childhood days”. Crediting his achievement to Don Bosco, he said, “we have become what we are today because of their teaching and disciplining in our early age”. He expressed his thankfulness to the Fathers of Don Bosco for the sacrifices they have made for the cause of spreading education and health services across the country since the time of pre-independence era when our people were still ignorant about the importance of education.

Former Lok Sabha MP, Takam Sanjoy who is also an alumnus of Don Bosco School, Shillong and one of the Patron of the Organizing Committee shared his experienced and memories of the school on the occasion. He said that we have learned to be on time, how to make use of scarce water and to value even one piece of food. He narrated that in those days Mother Teresa used to collect left out food of the hostels and gave it to those homeless and needy in the streets.

About 400 delegates from all over India and foreign delegates also participated in the four days National Convention that concluded today.

World Toilet Day celebrated with great enthusiasm and participation

Itanagar, November 19:
The world toilet day was celebrated in a benefitting manner at Chimpu and at IMC Naharlagun with great enthusiasm amidst huge participation of students, teachers, public etc.

The Deputy Commissioner Capital Complex Prince Dhawan flagged of the rally for the World Toilet Day from Govt. Secondary School Chimpu to Govt. Middle School Chimpu. The DC took part in the rally along with the Officers and Officials from the Department of PHE, students and the public.

The DC stressed that it is the time of life when children imbibe the basic habits, which they follow throughout their lives and urged the students to learn good habits. He stressed that as Capital Complex has been declared Open Defecation Free both at Urban and
rural level, therefore, it is our moral responsibility to maintain this status. He sought cooperation of every individual to keep Capital clean and green. He briefed about the hazards of open defecation and also highlighted the advantages of sanitation and personal hygiene. The DC also informed that the District Administration along with the Department of PHE had also carried out repair and maintenance of water supply and toilets in every school of Capital Complex.

The DC also administered Swachhta pledge to the students to maintain hygiene and to stop open defecation.

The SE PHED Er. Tayum Tok informed in detail about the importance of the day. He explained about the health hazards and other environmental hazards that could result due to open defecation. He also urged people to use toilets to ensure a healthy and wealthy life. He said that a toilet is the indicator of the wealth of a country. He also urged people to avoid use of plastic and urged people to promote zero waste instead of leaving footprints of waste.

Er. Tadar Mangku, EE PHED stressed that as Itanagar has been declared Open Defecation Free which signifies that every household has a toilet, it is necessary that toilets should be maintained properly for use. He also briefed in details about the importance of using toilets. Explaining about the technology of Twin Pit Latrines which has won a gold medal at the national level and replicated globally, the EE stressed that the model is an environment friendly model which requires minimal maintenance.

The DC also distributed dustbins under SLWM (Solid Liquid Waste Management), to separate solid and liquid wastes and briefed about the mechanism to use it.

Tamchi Kumar, President Chimpu Women Welfare Society submitted a three-point memorandum to the DC.

The DC, SE(PHED) and the EE(PHED) also distributed certificates to the winners of Essay competition and Drawing competition along with the Best Swacchagiri award to Tadar Cheke, Best consultant award to Tadar Tang and Best performing JE in SBG(G) award to Er Ngurang Karuh.

The Itanagar Municipal Council also organized a rally with participation of hundreds of school student and public here on Monday. In the rally shramdaan was also done which is to put into dustbins, waste items thrown on streets by the student volunteers.

Dr Devansh Yadav ADC, IMC in his address urged the students' community and teachers to develop sense of cleanliness. He stressed that we need to shift mindsets in order to hold approaches in which everybody benefits from adequate service delivery outcomes, where human waste is safely managed along with the whole sanitation service chain. He urged the students to pass on the message of Swachhta to every individual that they come across. He also administered the "Cleanliness Pledge" to the school children.

The EAC, IMC Hengo Basar stressed that living without access to basic sanitation negatively affects people's health, safety, and education. Further stressing about the importance of cleanliness, he said that unless the sense of responsibility is instilled in every citizen, all the efforts by the government or authority would be failed.

An essay and wall painting competition was also organized for the students.

A short film "Toilet Ek Prem Katha" was also screened.

Amongst others, the DDSE ICC, President, Naharlagun Bazar welfare committee, officer and officials of IMC were also present at the function.

CE, highway clarifies on Kamla bailey bridge
ITANAGAR, November 19:
In response to Memorandum submitted by All Kamle District Student's Union to Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Press Release on Dated 18/11/2018 that appears in some local dai-
lies regarding the Kamla Bailey Suspension Bridge over Kamla river. The Chief Engineer, Highway informed that the Ministry of Road Transport and Highway has already sanctioned for Repair & Maintenance of 4(Four) Bridges on Potin-Pangin Road i.e. including the said bridge, Kamla Bailey Suspension Bridge over Kamla River in Tamen in Kamle District. He informed that the works have been already awarded and the Contractor has already started the work from Potin End. Minor maintenance & repair works viz, replacement of Suspender, fixing of Bolt & Pins, etc. has been already started in Kamla Bailey Suspension Bridge and Subansiri Bailey Bridge. He further informed that the major repair & maintenance will be started within this month on Kamla Bailey Suspension Bridge. However, considering the dilapidated condition and longevity of Bridges, especially of Kamla Bailey Suspension Bridge and Subansiri Bailey Bridge, the Ministry is being requested for funding for total replacement or re-launching of entire bridge components.

He also informed that the Concern Deputy Commissioner was already appraised regarding the condition of the bridge and directed to restrict and regulate load and traffic movement till total repair/maintenance and relaunching/replacement of entire bridge component is done.

**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao held at Tuting**

**YINGKIONG, November 19:**
The District administration Upper Siang District organized programme on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao held at Tuting Block on 14th to 16th November last.

On 14/11/2018 in the morning session/shift there was cultural presentation from Anganwadi Workers and Girls from Tuting Block to promote Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. Similarly, there was celebration of Beti Mohatsav at Tuting Block in which 21 parents were given gifts with birth certificate of the girl child.

While on 15/11/2018, Alo Libang, Hon’ble Minister of Health & family welfare cum panchayati Raj, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh graced the event by giving away gifts and certificate to the parents of newly born baby girls as a part of Beti Mahotsav. Whereas the main training programme was with effect from 15/11/2018 to 16/11/2018. The training cum sensitization programme on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was for the Officers, Anganwadi Workers, NGOs, ASHAs, etc. it is to be mentioned that the training programme was conducted jointly for Tuting Block and Singa-Gelling Block as the population of both the blocks is less. The programme was attended by A.K. Bhattacharya, master trainer who dealt in length the various provisions of Beti Bachao Beti Pradhrao scheme. The POCSO Act and Child Marriage Act were also covered in details by Akoying Tekseng, Legal cum Probation Officer District Child Protection Unit Upper Siang District. In the programme more than 105 participants attended.

The programme ended with vote of thanks given by Pakkar Nomuk, Nodal Officer BBBP Upper Siang District.

**DCM meets officers of research department**

**ITANAGAR, November 19:**
In a significant initiative towards documentation of cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh, Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein held a meeting with the Secretary Research, Dani Salu, Director Research, Batem Pertin and German Psychiatrist (MD), Anthropologist & Research Scholar, Dr Gerhard Heller here today.

Mein gives directive to the Secretary Research to expedite the research work in connection with the project, ‘Audio – Visual Documentation of Cultural Heritage of Mishmi Tribes of Arunachal Pradesh’ especially on the indigenous healing practice of Idu Mishmi Tribe.

Mein said that the project was announced in his Budget Speech and also reflected in the departmental SADA 2018-19. He asked the department to complete the formal-
ties of signing an agreement with Dr Heller immediately and let the work starts soon. He also asked the department to expedite the project on Digital Museum in the State Capital which would showcase the rich cultural heritage of all the tribes of the State.

It is pertinent to mention here that Dr Gerhard Heller, who hails from Heidleberg, Germany has been doing research works in the State of Arunachal Pradesh for the past 15 years. He had already made documentations on the traditional healing system of Idu Mishmi, Miju Mishmi, Digaro Mishmi, Monpa and Galo tribes of Arunachal Pradesh and had travelled in the nook & corner of the State.

Secretary Research, Dani Salu informed that the project will be implemented in a transparent manner and will be completed within the stipulated time of two years. He also informed that the concept paper for the project on Digital Museum had already been submitted and it is under finalization.

**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao awareness programme held at Gelling**

YINGKIONG, November 19:

On 17th November 2018 the District Administration Upper Siang District organized Beti Bachao Beti Padhao awareness camp held at Gelling, the last border village of India which was graced by Sri K. Bath, Circle Officer Gelling and Dr. Mize Medical Officer, Gelling. While speaking on the occasion Sri K. Bath, CO appeal the public giving importance to the girls’ education. Similarly Dr. Mize highlighted the various schemes implemented by the govt. for the girls besides the provisions of PC&PDNT Act. The programme was attended by Sri A.K. Bhattacharya Master Trainer BBBP who gave details speech on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme implemented by the govt. of India. Sri Packkar Nomuk, Nodal Officer BBBP emphasized on education of the girls as their performance is not up to the mark. And it is through education only we can expect better and empowered society for girls. The awareness camp was attended by the staffs of Women & Child Dev. Deptt. and the Anganwadi Workers and Helpers as well as the staff of education Deptt and the public. The programme was organized under the supervision of Smti. Tiluttama Taki, CDPO Singa-Gelling. In the programme more than 60 participants attended. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Smti. T. Bagra, CDPO Tutung.

**Governor chairs meeting on Kendriya Vidhyalaya**

ITANAGAR, November 19:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) chaired a high-level meeting to finalize the proposal for new Kendriya Vidhyalayas (KVs) in the State at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 19th November 2018. In depth deliberation to meet inertia for opening of KVs in seven identified KVs at Kurung Kumey, Dibang Valley, Namsai, Upper Subansiri, Anjaw, West Siang and Upper Sziang Districts were finalized in the meeting in presence of Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein, Commissioner Kendriya Vidhyala Sangathan Shri Santosh K Mall, IAS, Secretary Education Dr. Madhu Rani Teotia, IAS and Joint secretary Education Shri Rahul Singh, IAS.

Stating that education is the paramount requirement of any society for the development of the people, the Governor emphasised the necessity of having good central schools in different parts of the State particularly in those districts where there is no schools such as JNVs, KVs and RK Mission schools.

The Governor called for concerted effort from the State Government and Kendriya Vidhyala Sangathan to strengthen education in Arunachal Pradesh. He also ad-
vised the State Government to facilitate in providing land and other requirement for establishment of the educational institutes.

The Governor asked the Deputy Commissioner, Kendriya Vidhyalaya, Tinsukia to extend his stay by two days in Itanagar and directed the Secretary Education Smt Tiotia to finalize the proposals, after obtaining them from the concerned Deputy Commissioners and submit it in approved official format, on behalf of the education department, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, to Deputy Commissioner, KV, Tinsukia by hand before the latter departs from Itanagar.

Deputy Commissioner of Namsai Smt Tapasya Raghav and Deputy Commissioner of Kurung Kumey Shri Binod Kumar Behera and representative of DC Upper Subansiri, Smt Dani Riliang and officials from Kendriya Vidhyalaya Sangathan attended the meeting.

**Governor condoles the demise of Nabam Runghi**

**ITANAGAR, November 19:** The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) condoled the demise of Shri Nabam Runghi, who was the member of first Agency Council of NEFA administration and is credited to be the person behind making Itanagar as the State Capital.

In his condolence message, the Governor said that for his farsightedness, Late Nabam Runghi will always be remembered for convincing the then governor of Assam, Late Shri B K Nehru to choose Itanagar as the State Capital.

Praying for the eternal peace for the departed soul, the Governor said that Shri Nabam Runghi’s demise is a great loss to the State.

**CM condoles Nabam Runghi’s demise**

**ITANAGAR, November 19:** Chief Minister Pema Khandu has condoled the sad demise of Late Shri Nabam Runghi who breathed his last on Sunday evening.

Late Nabam Runghi was the first Agency Council member from Nyishi community and is credited to be the person behind making Itanagar as the State Capital.

In his condolence message to Late Runghi’s wife Smt. Nabam Yania, Khandu wrote, “it pains my heart to write to you at this moment of extreme grief. I humbly endure to share with you the saddest times of your life though I know that it would be hard to do so and ease the pain you and your family are going through.

The news of sad demise of Late Shri Nabam Runghi, the first Agency Council Member of NEFA administration has come as shock to me. As the story unfolds,Late Shri Runghi was able to convince the then governor of Assam, Late Shri B K Nehru to choose Itanagar as the state capital. Places such as Pasighat, Basar and Yachuli were other potential sites identified for state capital but lost the race to Itanagar due to his persuasion. He was conferred Gold Medal in the year 2017 by Government of Arunachal Pradesh for his outstanding contribution to the state and the society.

He will be remembered as a first generation leader, a pioneer and an architect of State Capital Itanagar and a great social worker. His demise is a great loss to the State.

Though it would be difficult to share your grief at this moment, I join my family, colleagues in the government and the people in extending our solidarity with you and your family and pay rich tribute to the great soul.

May Almighty God bless the departed soul with eternal peace in heavenly abode and give strength to you and your family to bear the irreparable loss”, the message added further.

**Governor presides over 7th Convocation of NERIST**

**Nirjuli, November 19:** The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) presided over the 7th Convocation of North Eastern
Region Institute of Science and Technology, Nirjuli at its campus on 19th November 2018.

The Governor said that society has enabled the passing out students to be qualified competent academic degree holder individuals, now it is time that they pay back to the society.

Reminding the passing out students of their fundamental duties as enshrined in our Constitution, the Governor advised them to make sacrifices for higher good, that is for the society and the nation. He asked them to ensure honesty, integrity, transparency, accountability, audit and mid-course correction in every action, if needed in their action.

The Governor called upon members of the faculty to be involved in the teaching-learning process and not be confined to classroom schedules only. He asked them to be coach, friend, philosopher and guide for their students. He underscored that teachers must take pride in imparting prepared lessons to students. Self motivated students and guiding motivation of the teachers are the basic components of any vibrant academic institute.

Addressing the continuing students, the Governor advised them to set their goals, work hard and take active part in games, sports and extra curriculum actives. He said that to be successful student, they have to use every second for acquiring knowledge. He suggested them to change the trend of ‘study for job’ and be entrepreneurs. They must think out of box and provide jobs to others.

The Governor, who is the President of NERIST Society emphasised on the vibrancy of the NERIST campus. He stressed on timely cent percent admission, good academic atmosphere, cent percent teacher-student attendance, fearless campus environment, disciplined study atmosphere in the hostel, on time examination and result declaration on schedule.

Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, delivered the convocation address. NERIST Board of Management Chairman, Prof. Umesh Chandra Ray, and NERIST Director, Prof H.S. Yadav also spoke on the occasion.

18 toppers in Base Module, Degree Module and Post Graduate Module received Gold medals on the occasion. 12(Twelve) of 19 candidates received Ph.D. degrees, while 54 (Fifty-Four), out of 122 candidates received Post Graduate degrees in Master of Technology, Master of Science and Master of Business Management in person. 358 (Three hundred Fifty Eight) candidates received Under Graduate degrees in Degree Module and Post Graduate Module.

Chief Minister calls on the Governor
Itanagar, November 20:
The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Shri Pema Khandu called on the Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 20th November 2018. They discussed developmental issues of the State.

The Governor apprised the Chief Minister about the discussion he had with the Commissioner, Kendriya Vidhyalaya, Shri Santosh Kumar Mall, IAS, and the finalization of opening of seven Kendriya Vidhyalayas in the State, for which the necessary procedural activities are now underway.

The Governor also discussed about the Arunachali Armed Forces Officers’ Groups of ‘Pay back to Society’ programme, where in officers of Arunachal Pradesh in Indian Army, Navy and Air Force will visit schools and colleges in different parts of the State from 25th November to 2nd December 2018 and deliver motivational talks to the students. It aims to motivate the youth of the State to join armed forces.

In the meeting, the Governor shared his interactions with Union Ministers for Culture and Tourism in the National Capital New Delhi and
his observation during the visit to Statue of Unity at Kevadia, Gujarat.

**Sarkar Apke Dwar inaugurated**

**LUMLA, November 20:**
Shri Jambey Tashi Honble MLA 1-Lungla ST Assembly constituency inaugurated the 13th round of Sarkar aapkedwari.eGovt at your doorstep at Middle School Mangnam under Lungla sub-division on 20th of November 2018. Addressing the people in the camp he appreciated the initiative of present govt. under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, and informed the mass that, this type of govt at your doorstep camp is being carried out in every district to bring the benefits of government scheme and machineries till the last man on the row, and appealed the villagers to avail maximum benefit out of such camps, till so far five times Sarkar aapkedwar camps has been conducted in various villages and circle headquarters under Lungla sub-division, and every time more than forty departments along with its Head of the deptt and its officials participated in it. The MLA also conveyed his gratitude to the officers and officials for their sincere service and participation. He further distributed three numbers of Gas connection to the female head of the family under ujjwal scheme, and felicitated the school toppers of Mangnam and Thrillam Middle school.

Till so far all kinds of necessary documents and certificates were issued on the spot to the applicants, but first time, in this 13th round of Sarkar aapkedwar, at Mangnam, Deputy commissioner, Tawang, shri Sang Phuntso issued a succession certificate to an applicant from Mangnam village on getting witness from the two Gaonburahs of Mangnam and the applicant’s relatives and villagers, DC Tawang further distributed crop and vegetable seeds to the villagers of Mangnam, Bu-khyung, and Thrillam, Eight marriage registration certificates were also issued by Shri Sang Khandu, Marriage Registration officer Tawang.

**Ministers meet protesting APPSC examination aspirants**

**ITANAGAR, November 20:**
On the direction of Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Cabinet Ministers Bamang Felix and Dr. Mohesh Chai met the protesting candidates of APPSCCE who are on hunger strike for past many days.

After a patient hearing to the grievances putforth by the agitating candidates, both the ministers appealed the candidates to withdraw their agitation owing to the fact that the matter is subjudice. They also clarified that the Public Service Commission is a Constitutional Autonomous Commission which independently functions. The state government has no authority to interfere in the commission’s matter.

“You all are our brothers and sisters and we cant see you hurting yourselves”, said the ministers. They appealed the protesting candidates to call off the hunger strike for the interest of all including the aggrieved candidates and take up their grievances in the appropriate forum for redressal.

**CMPCS- a livewire in preserving and promoting Indigenous Culture**

**AALO November 20:**
Central Mopin Preservation and Cultural Society, a livewire Apex Body has been striving hard for more than a decade in preserving and promoting indigenous festival and culture at its office at Gumin Kiin. The said society is manned by mixed blend of people, folklorists, well versed in traditional culture and faith and dedicated workers to gear up the task for documentations and preservation of age old indigenous festivals and culture to its graceful tradition through laid down regulations on mode of celebration of festivals like Mopin and Nyirmen.
The mantle of taking up the task which was handled by Degam Ete as president, Shri Tumto Ete as Secretary and team of workers has been handed over to incoming President Shri Mijum Lona and Secretary Advocate Gekar Angu as the Secretary to continue with the societal works in a function held at Gumin Kiin with standing ovation and applause on 19th Nov last. The outgoing and incoming Presidents of CMPCS and other members called upon each and every member of the society to abide by the rule and bylaws that govern the entire Galo community for greater interest of maintaining and preserving the age old culture and tradition.

The Presidents and Secretaries of Sector Mopin Celebration Committees of Aalo townships also attended the function to give useful deliberations.

CM pays homage to late Nabam Runghi

ITANAGAR, November 20:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today attended the funeral of former agency council member late Nabam Runghi.

Khandu paid his respect to the departed soul at the residence of late Runghi at Yupia. He, along with cabinet ministers and MLAs laid wreaths and paid obeisance to the mortal remains of the former agency council member.

Chief Minister in his speech said late Runghi was a visionary leader who had convinced the then Governor of Assam BK Nehru to make Itanagar as the headquarters of the newly formed Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh in 1975-76.

“We are thankful to late Shri Runghi ji for his visionary step and in recognition of his such contributions, he was awarded with a Gold Medal last year,” said Khandu.

Chief Minister said when late Runghi had proposed Itanagar as the capital of Arunachal four decades back, he might had lots of dreams for the city on how it should grow in future.

"Today I am asking have we fulfilled his vision for Itanagar or not? My view is that we haven’t,” said Khandu.

He said late Runghi’s soul will be in peace only when we are able to stand to his expectations by making Itanagar as a beautiful city. He then appealed all to work together in fulfilling the vision of late Runghi.

Following the speech, body of late Runghi was cremated with full state honour.

The funeral was also attended by Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, former CM Nabam Tuki, Urban Minister Nabam Rebia, MLA Techi Kaso and others.

80 MTM Cyclists on Goodwill Mission and Promotion of Tourism Reaches Kamba:

AALO, November 20:

Around 80 Mountain Terrain Bicycling Team comprising of foreigners including 10 riders from the state reached Kamba on 19th evening after it was flagged off by Shri Kiren Rijiju, MOS at Itanagar on 21st Nov last. The team will leave for Yapi this morning and reach Mechuka on 21st Nov to be a part of Adventure@ Mechuka. The main objective behind the race is to foster unity, goodwill, oneness and promote tourism in this hilly terrain of India.

The team was given a warm reception by Liromoba MLA Shri Nyamar Karbak during their night stay at Kamba. The MLA expressed his gratitude to all for undertaking such a strainous cycling to promote adventure tourism in this part of the country. A.Honda Menjio from Roing is performing second in the overall performance.

RK Mission Distributes Relief to Yoji Yora Fire Victims

AALO, November 21:

As a humanitarian gesture, Ramakrishna Mission, Aalo distributed 2 sets of utensils each set containing a Khasahi, Pot, Kettle, Bucket, 4 Plates, 4 Bowls, Hata, Jug, Glass and Mug, Teapan, and
garments like Shirts, Jackets, Pants, Sweaters, Shirts, Belts, Money Bags to 15 persons through Swami IshanandaMj, RavishankarMj, ManoharMj, Sivatejashwi Maharaj, RohitMj and our staff members on 18th Nov Last.

Two houses were completely destroyed at Yoji Yora colony when a major fire broke out in 21st October last.

**Minister Wangki Lowang inaugurates indigenous food fest of Noctes**

**KHONSA, November 21:** Hon’ble Minister for PHE&WS & DoTCL Wangki Lowang inaugurated Indegenous Food Festival of Noctes on the beginning day of 50 Glorious Years Golden Jubilee Celebration of Nocte Chalo Loku at Nehru Stadium, Khonsa here today in presence of Adviser to CM cum President GJNCLC Wanglin Lowangdong, Secretary GJNCLC Tirong Aboh and entire committee members and HoDs for accorded him a warm reception. The Chief Guest appealed younger generation of Noctes to preserve, protect and promote aged old traditional culture which were held dear by ancestors and handed over to us for posterity.

Earlier Chief Guest was presented with a Nocte Traditional Nocte Coat and Headgear as a token of love from GJNCLC organizing committee. The President of GJNCLC Wanglin Lowangdong informed that the celebration shall continue till 25th November, 2018 in which he invited all to attend the 5 day long grand celebration, he added that on 23rd November in the evening there will be a ROCK CONCERT at Nehru Stadium, Khonsa being performed by Dinero Ash Project group from Mumbai.

In his vote thanks – Secretary GJNCLC cum MLA Tirong Aboh appreciated Minister Wangki Lowang for his kind consented to the graced the Food Fest as Chief Guest and for contributions toward Loku fund.

**Observation of Vasectomy Fourth Night Launched at TRIHMs**

**NAHARLAGUN, November 21:** Non scalpel Vasectomy is being observed by the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt.of Arunachal Pradesh w.e.f 21st November to 4th December 2018 under the theme of the programme “PURUSHO NE APNAYA NAI PEHCHAN PARIVAR NIYO-JON MEIN BAAGHIDAR SE BADHAYA SAMMAN,” Shri Alo Libang Minister (Health& Family Welfare) released sky balloon and flagged off a rally of Bullet Rides at TRIHMS (Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical science) Naharlagun small and colourful impressive function.

The Minister Shri Libang while conveying his message particularly appealed male citizen of the state to improve their participation in the reproduction health system. Dr. Kinni Singh IAS special secretary Health& Family welfare said small family is a happy family and therefore she appealed the male members of the society to share the burden of family planning along with their wives and adopt Non-Scalpel Vasectomy. Earlier the Director of TRIHMS, Dr. Moji Jini informed about the latest sterilization, namely non-scalpel vasectomy in which the beneficiaries do not suffer any
pain and problem. Later the Minister accompanied by Dr. Kinny and Dr. Jinni Director visited the ongoing construction new building for O.P.D and other branches and latter informed the building would be completed by the end of March 2019.

The programme is being observed in every district throughout the state of Arunachal Pradesh.

Legal literacy Club inaugurated at Govt. Hr. Secy. School and Legal awareness camp held at Kaying Community Hall.

KAYING, November 21:
District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Upper Siang conducted legal awareness programme at Kaying on 21st of November. Legal topics were delivered by Secy, DLSA Mary Kamsi, Advocates Tapang Tabing and Kabang Taron to general public, PRI members, Women Society and Students on the topics Legal Services Act, AP victim Compensation Act, AFR 1945, MV Act. JJB Act., POCSO Act and Child Rights to create awareness regarding new laws which was followed by interaction and question hour. EAC, Kaying Jumte Jini along with Principal, Govt. Higher Secondary School was also present on the occasion. In addition to that Legal literacy Club was inaugurated by the Principal of Govt Hr Secy. School, Kaying under the aegis of DLSA, Upper Siang. Legal Brochures were distributed to all the participants.

BRO DG calls on the Governor

ITANAGAR, November 21:
The Director General of Border Roads Organization (BRO) Lt. General Harpal Singh, AVSM, VSM called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 21st November 2018. They discussed on steps to be taken to strengthen the road communication in the State.

The Governor said that the road communication in Arunachal Pradesh is vital for the development of the State and security of the Nation. Every step must be taken to make it all weather, he emphasised.

Sharing his experience of district tours by road, particularly in border areas, the Governor said that every aspect of development, education, health and basic requirement of common citizen in the State depends on road communication. Therefore, BRO has the onerous responsibility to ensure good roads in Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor advised the DG, BRO to study the road construction issues from Miao to Vijoy nagar, Changlang District, one of the remotest circle administration centres of the State.

Reposing his confidence on the organization, the Governor extended his good wishes to the officers and men of the BRO and exhorted them to rise to the expectation of the people.

The Director General of Border Roads Organization assured the Governor of the best contribution of his organization for the construction and upkeep of the roads in Arunachal Pradesh.

Bollywood superstar Salman Khan declared open the 6th edition of Adventure at Mechuka festival

MECHUKA, November 22:
Bollywood superstar Salman Khan today declared open the 6th edition of Adventure at Mechuka festival in presence of Chief Minister Pema Khandu and MoS Home Kiren Rijiju amidst great fanfare.

Admiring the beauty of Arunachal, the Bollywood actor in his speech promised to shoot for his upcoming film in the state giving a big boost to film tourism in the state.

Welcoming Salman to Arunachal, Khandu in his speech thanked the actor for his contribution in promoting tourism in the state in a big way. He also thanked the actor for his presence during the curtain-raiser event for the sec-
Chief Minister said the strength of Arunachal lay in its diversity offering great many unexplored natural paradise and cultures. He said each place in Arunachal has its own unique beauty. He informed that state government has recently signed MoU with 17 private investors and majority of them are related to tourism sector. He expressed hope that with private sectors beginning to invest heavily in tourism sector, Arunachal in future will see exponential growth in this sector.

Earlier, Salman flagged in the second edition of the Dalmia MTB (Mountain Terrain Biking) Arunachal Mountain Bicycle race, which was flagged off by Rijiju on November 14 last in Itanagar. About hundred bikers from ten countries including USA, Portugal, Canada, Germany, UK, Nepal and Bhutan took part in the event covering a distance of 650 km. Salman’s magnanimity and pro-bono contribution for promotion of Arunachal as a tourism and film destination was lauded by all present.

The Bollywood superstar took part in the 10km bicycle ride from Dorjeeling to Mechuka along with Chief Minister and MoS Home culminating at the festival ground, where they were accorded warm welcome.

During the inaugural event, the winners of the MTB bicycle race were felicitated with certificates and cash prizes by the guests. Chief Minister released the 2019 calendar of Adventure at Mechuka.

The inaugural event was also attended by Mechuka MLA Pasang Dorjee Sona and Liromoba MLA Nyamar Karbak.

Arunachalee Armed Forces Officers interact with students under “Pay Back to Society”

PASIGHAT, November 26: An initiative of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Dr. B.D. Mishra, the group “payback to society”, Arunachalee Armed Forces Commissioned Officers from the Navy, Army and Air-force reached Pasighat and interacted with school and College students and shared their experiences and encouraged them to join the Armed Forces as a career choice for their personal and professional growth in life and motivated them on values of dedication, hardwork and discipline to succeed in life.

In the morning session here organized at the Pasighat Outdoor Stadium, interacting with more than 3000 (three thousand) students from IGJ HSS, SFS, DE Middle School and various Govt. Secondary Schools including private schools, led by Group Captain, Mohonto Panging, VSM (Retd), the visiting team members, Surgeon Commander, Marak Pertin, Major Ponung Doming and Captain Ligang Sera were accorded a rousing welcome by the huge gathering of students and Teachers in presence of DC, Tamiyo Tatak, SP, Prashant Gautam, Principal IGJHSS, T. Taloh, CO (Protocol) Khoda Lasa among others.

Group Captain, Mohonto Panging, who is one of pioneers from the State to join the Armed forces as fighter Pilot addressing on the occasion said that joining the Army is an opportunity to serve the nation, besides experiencing the various opportunities to explore the world adding that life in the Armed Forces is an enriching and fulfilling experience offering you adventure and to see the world expanding your horizon. Speaking on the various scopes in the Armed forces in the Army, Navy and Air-force he said “We are available for guidance “and urged them to “work hard on your studies”. He also stressed on healthy lifestyle, discipline and the need to build and allround personality.

Surgeon Commander Dr. Marak Pertin, from the Indian Navy, who shared his journey from life in rural Parpuk to life in the mighty Ocean said “If I hailing from Parpuk Village can join Indian Navy, you surely can, whether girl or boy.
You can join any field, it is upto you." Life in Forces earns you honour and respect in society

Lady Army Officer, Major Ponung Doming, who did her schooling from DEMS, Pasighat, also shared her 12 (twelve) years in the Army with opportunity to serve in the UN Congo Mission." I am very happy with the response and happy to be with you all at homeground." Major Ponung also called upon on the value of hardwork adding that "you can also reach out to me through social media-twitter, fb and Instagram for any guidance"

Young Army Officer, Captain Ligang Sera, who joined Rashtriya Military Academy after Class 8 also informed the various entry levels to serve in the Army in various capacities adding that "I take huge pride in doing my duty, that I am protecting my Nation." Stating that we need more homegrown officers and personnel in the Armed Forces, he called upon the students to focus on their studies, to be disciplined.

DC Pasighat Tamiyo Tatak, in his address said that District Administration is privileged to facilitate such programmes to promote interaction and motivate the young generation adding that the Armed Forces is synonymous with dedication and discipline.

SP Pasighat, Prashant Gautam also called for working hard to gain knowledge adding that with good academic qualifications, graduation being the minimum, one can have various career avenues including in the Armed Forces.

Arunachalee armed forces officers also delivered motivational speeches at the lower campus auditorium of JN College, Pasighat 26 which was attended by more than 200 students. The students were educated about all the three Indian Armed Forces wings, - Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Indian Navy. The Officers urged the students to join armed forces by giving concrete examples and informing them about the salient features of the army including about the challenging life, professionalism, unit ethos, secularism and other aspects of the Indian Army adding that Government of India have taken more initiatives to enlist students from North East in the Indian Army.

11th Sarkar Apke Dwar camp held at Parong, Riga Circle
SIANG, November 26:
The 11th Sarkar Apke Dwar camp was conducted on 26/11/2018 at Parong village under Riga Circle, Siang district.

The event was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Shri Rajeev Takuk in presence of incharge EAC Riga Miss Sarah Enung Borang, other HoDs, Officers and staff from various departments, village authorities, public leaders, school students, teachers and general public.

Altogether 17 departments participated in the programme which also included demonstration of modern scientific agricultural equipments and tools, distribution of seeds, saplings to farmers etc.

Tawang runs for stronger civil military friendship
TAWANG, November 26:
As a run up to the 10th Tawang Maitree Diwas scheduled from 28 Nov 18, the Tawang Brigade, District Administration and YUVA Arunachal (NGO) jointly organised the annual mini marathon from majestic Tawang Monastery to the imposing War Memorial covering a distance of 5 Kms. The run was flagged off jointly by Shri Tsering Tashi, MLA Tawang. Brigadier Zubin Bhatnagar, Commander of Tawang Garrison in presence of large number of civil and Army dignitaries. In total 400 runners of all age, gender, caste and creed participated under three categories of junior, senior and veterans for both male & female participants.

The main two day grand celebrations of Civil Military Friendship will be inaugurated by Brigadier (Retd) Dr. B.D Mishra, Hon’ble Governor
of Arunachal Pradesh and Shri Pema Khandu, Honble Chief Minister who is also the Chief Patron of the event. Lt General GS Sangha GOC Gajraj Corps and Major General RK Jha, GOC Ball of Fire Division will also grace the occasion as the guests of honour along with large number of military and civil dignitaries. ‘Know Your Army’ is the theme of the event that will enlighten the youth about the Armed Forces and motivate them to adorn the uniform and serve their mother land. The event is likely to witness heavy footfalls as it has already drawn wide spread attention and interest of locals.

LMD book 22 cases

ITANAGAR, November 26:- The mobile Inspection Team (MIT) of Department of Legal Metrology consisting Daro Marbom, Dy Controller Legal Metrology (HQ), T. N Tara, Dy. Controller, West Zone, G. Singpho, Inspector LM (HQ) and Debia Tana, Inspector LM, Papumpare District along with team of officials, conducted surprise inspection of trading units located in and around D-Sector and G-Extension at Naharlagun here on 26th November last.

During the course of inspection, various natures of irregularities have been detected at 22 trading premises. Accordingly they have been booked for violation of the provisions of Legal Metrology Act, 2009. Of them, 14 cases were related to Packaged Commodities who were found selling products without mandatory information or erased MRP whereas rest of the 8 cases were for using unverified weights and measures as well as for non-production of verification certificates.

Following booking of the cases, the violators have been instructed to follow the rules strictly so that the common consumers do not sustain loss.

Sarkar aapke dwar and Jan Sunwai Sammelan was held at Khet village

TAWANG, November 26:
The 14th round of Sarkar aapke dwar and Jan Sunwai Sammelan was held at Khet village under Jang sub division on 26th of November 2018. Shri Dochora Lama EAC, incharge DC Tawang inaugurated the camp along with ADC Shri Lobsang Wangchu Bapu. Speaking on the occasion shri Dochora Lama told the villagers about the facilities available in the camp, ADC Shri Lobsang wangchu also spoke on the occasion and asked the villagers to avail maximum benefits of this camp.

After the formal inauguration of the camp Shri Dochora Lama handed over the utensils for school kitchen to the teacher incharge of Khet Middle school and also felicitated the school toppers as per the tradition of the camp.

The villagers availed on the spot issuance of ST, PRC, birth, Marriage registration, Driving license AADHAR enrollment, and application for various government welfare schemes, health checkup and payment of electricity bill, application for new electricity and water connection etc.

CS held a meeting with AAI relating to CSR schemes

ITANAGAR, November 26: Chief Secretary Shri. Satya Gopal undertook a meeting with D.K. Kamra Regional Executive Director (RED), Airport Authority of India on the matters relating to CSR schemes, and review the project status of Airports in Tezu and Hollongi at the Conference Hall, Block 2, Floor-5 at Civil Secretariat, here on 26th November last.

Chief Secretary Shri. Gopal took stock of the status of proposed Four Lane Road to Tezu Airport, shifting of utilities etc and requisite Forest and Environment Clearance in the meeting.

While reviewing CSR contributions made by AAI to the State, the CS directed that all such CSR activities should be undertaken in full knowledge of the Government, to ensure transparency and accountability, to stop or tap misuse of CSR schemes if there may be
any. Lohit District Deputy Commissioner Karma Leki presented a power point presentation briefing the house on the status of Tezu Airport. Video clips of safe landing of DONIER and ATR at Tezu Airport was also shown in the PPT.

On the recent issue of conversion of Tezu Airport from VFR to IFR, the Deputy Commissioner informed that the matter has been referred to District Forest Officer, Tezu for NOC/Approval to clear the vegetative obstacles for conversion as requested by the AAI.

The First ever Arunachal Literature Festival is being organised by the Department of Information and Public Relation

ITANAGAR, November 26: The First ever Arunachal Literature Festival is being organised by the Department of Information and Public Relation with the theme ‘building bridges through literature’ with effect from 28th November 2018 to 30th November 2018 at D.K. Convention Centre, Itanagar in which renowned writers and poets will be participating from all over the country.

Many eminent authors/ poets/ novelists like Mark Tully, Dhruva Hazarika, Mridula Garg, Ravi Singh, Mamang Dai, YD Thongchi, Dr Rita Chowdhury, Damodar Mauzo, Former Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh etc will be participating in the three day event, informed the Director IPR Obang Taying in a press conference held at the Press Club.

The Director said that although we are rich in oral literature, the written literature is still in nascent stage because of various reasons. Therefore the sessions have been planned in keeping with this backdrop emphasizing more on discussion on script issues, values in our oral traditions, poetry reading, language and various issues concerning literature of North East Region.

The Deputy Director Denhang Bosai stressed that Literature festival of this magnitude is happening for the first time and sought the cooperation of the media houses to make it grand success.

The Arunachal Literature Festival is an initiative of the Department of IPR to create awareness on importance of literature and throw light on eminent writers and poets including emerging writers.

The event will facilitate interface between local authors and prominent authors. Renowned publishers are also coming like Penguin, Lawyers Book Stall Guwahati, Zubaan Books, etc.

The Department of Research GoAP is also putting up a book exhibition. Book Exhibition will also be set up with Authors and Readers session, Book signing by Authors etc.

‘Pay Back to Society Group’ touring different parts of Arunachal Pradesh

ITANAGAR, November 26: On the initiative of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.), the officers of Indian Armed Forces ‘Pay Back to Society Group’ are now touring the different parts of Arunachal Pradesh to conduct motivational interaction with the students of schools and colleges to inspire them to inculcate nationalism, positivity and fix up of their goals in life.

The officers, who are natives of Arunachal Pradesh, will be conducting the motivational programmes at Aalo and Kamba in West Siang District, Likabali in Lower Siang District, Pasigut in East Siang District, Roing in Lower Dibang Valley District, Yingkiong in Upper Siang District, Tezu in Lohit District, Namsai in Namsai District, Changlang in Changlang District, Khonsa in Tirap District, Longding in Longding District, Bomd
la in West Kameng District, Tawang in Tawang District, Ziro in Lower Subansiri District, Raga in Kamle District, Daporijo in Upper Subansiri District, Hawai in Anjaw District, Itanagar in Capital Complex and Yupia in Papum Pare District.

Led by Major General Jarken Gamlin, AVSM, SM, VSM, 20 officers from Army, 4 from Navy and 3 from Air Force are moving in eight groups to eight different locations. In each group will conduct a number of programmes to cover all educational institution in the State. The group has set its goal to help enrol 50 officers and 30 Jawans / Sailors / Air warriors in the armed forces in next two years and double the number in next five years. The programme, which is the flagship of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.), is being conducted in coordination with the State education department and the district administration. The mission was launched on 25th November by the Governor in the presence of Union Minister of State (Home) Shri Kiren Rijiju, Chief Secretary Shri Satya Gopal, IAS, Secretary Education, Smt Dr. Madhu Rani Teotia, IAS and Group Captain Mohonto Panging (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. The programme teams will return back to Itanagar on 2nd December 2018 to brief the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh about receptivity and efficiency of the programme.

**Skill Training for Street Vendors and Distribution of SHGs Revolving Fund through PFMS**

**PALIN, November 27:**

District Urban Development Agency (DUDA), Palin conducted a day long workshop under Support to Urban Street Vendors (SUSV) and Social Mobilization & Institution Development (SM&ID) component of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) in UD Conference Hall, Palin for Surveyed Street Vendors and Self Help Group registered under DUDA, Palin. The Meeting was chaired by Member Secretary, DUDA Palin, in his speech he spoke in detail about health conscious of street vendors and urged them to be healthy not only in home but the place where they do vending too. Speaking on the occasion Resource persons from various departments spoke on the aspects such as right, food safety, maintenance of hygiene, waste disposals, use of biodegradable waste of street vendors.

Also speaking on the occasion Resource Person Dr. Gimi Tang, MO Palin CHC informed the Vendors how to segregate organic and Inorganic products produced by them and argued to be hygienic in the vending place. He also highlighted vendors in detail about the segregation of waste products which is in cumulated by vending activities. Also, Tam Talam, SP Palin spoke detail about traffic management and its consequences while vending. He also informed the vendors to do vending activities in the allocated vending zone. Shri Jimi Senaiki, Chairman Market Welfare Association Palin, Er. Chakpu Raju and Er. KipaKaro also spoke on the Occasion.

On the occasion 7 SHGs members received revolving fund of Rs. 10,000 each and 82 registered street vendors were given one-day wage amounting to Rs.300 each through Public Finance Management System (PFMS) portal.

**15 days Production Oriented Theatre Workshop Begins**

**ROING, November 27:**

A 15 days Production Oriented Theatre Workshop based on the ‘Ideologies of Gandhiji’ in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, was inaugurated on 26th November 2018 at the Multipurpose Hall, Roing. The workshop is being organized by the North East Zonal Culture
Centre (NEZCC), Dimapur in collaboration with Department of Art and Culture, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

The programme was inaugurated by the District Art and Culture Officer M. Tayeng, Resource persons cum theatre directors Bendang Walling and Kilang Temsu. More than 20 artists are participating in the 15 days long Workshop.

DACO M. Tayeng advised the participants to take full advantage of the knowledge shared by the resource persons during the course.

Bendang Walling shared the aims and objectives of the programme by stating that is not just for doing acting, dancing and drama but in 15 days long interactive session, there will be sharing of creative ideas, the knowledge of one's own society and its cultures and traditions amongst the participants. Through this program the participants can improve their personality, communication skills, acting skills, meeting with new people, get and learn new ideas and thoughts, he added. Walling also informed that this programme was started on 2016 and now it is held all over the northeastern States. He also said that during this 15 days program, artists can write any story related to their home town which should be imbued with the Ideology of Gandhiji.

Arunachali Armed forces Commissioned Officers attended “Pay back to Society” Programme at Namsai NAMSAI, November 27:

Pay Back to Society " group comprising with Colonel Koj Tari from Jat Regiment, Lieutenant Commander Chow Ronie Chowpoo from Indian Navy and Lieutenant Zoukhamgam Singpho from Jat regiment of Indian Army attended a programme here at Namsai town club on 27th November last. Local MLA Chau Zingnu Namchoom, Deputy commissioner Dr. Tapasya Raghav, IAS, ADC Bijoy Talukdar, SDO Oring Lego, Maj Sourav from 20 Madras Regiment were amongst other present in the programme. Around 400 students from various colleges and schools participated in interactive session.

MLA Namchoom in his address expressed deep sense of gratitude to his Excellency the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh for his guidance to motivate the youth of the state through the Arunachali Commissioned officer and to set an example for the new generation to choose Defence Service as a career and to serve our mother land. He applauded the efforts of the District Administration also for conducting such innovative program in the district. He appealed the students to be inspired from the senior Officers and prepare to join in Indian Army.

Deputy Commissioner in her speech said the programme is specially designed for the youth and students of the area and guidance of the senior armed forced officers will be immensely benefited. Colonel Koj Tari from Jat Regiment appealed to the student community to prepare a mind set to serve the nation as an Army personnel and he said Indian Army is always ready to motivate and provide proper guidance to maximize participation of Arunachalee youth in Defence service. Lieutenant Commander Chow Ronie Chowpoo and Lieutenant Zoukhamgam Singpho explained scope and recruitment process in various wings of Indian army, Indian Air Force and Indian Navy through PPT.

SAD camp organized at Ledum

PASIGHAT, November 27:
Thirty government departments offered their services during the Sarkar AapkeDwar camp, organized at Ledum village by the East Siang administration on 27th November last. The camp was inaugurated 37-Pasighat MLA Tatung Jamoh in presence of Deputy Commissioner TamiyoTatak, host officers, leaders and others. MLA Jamoh highlighted various achievements and ongoing schemes and projects undertaken by the government on the occasion. He appealed the villagers to avail optimum benefits during the camp.
Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated the 5th North East Connectivity Summit here organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) on November 14, 2018.

Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein attended the concluding session of the 7th National Convention of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco at Don Bosco Youth Centre on November 18, 2018.

Hon’ble Minister IPR, RWD and Parliamentary Affairs Bamang Felix inaugurated the First Ever Literature Festival of Arunachal Pradesh at Dorjee Khandu Convention Centre, IG Park Itanagar on November 28, 2018.
Chief Minister Pema Khandu attended the inauguration ceremony of Rajiv Gandhi University’s ‘XIX Uni-Fest 2018’ at Rono Hill, Doimukh on November 7, 2018.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) presided over the 7th Convocation of North Eastern Region Institute of Science and Technology, Nirjuli on November 19, 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.