Pollination is an important biological event in a terrestrial ecosystem. This mutualistic relation, between pollinators and most flowering plants, not only benefit themselves, but also maintain a state of healthy functioning of the ecosystem. For an agro-ecosystem, pollination is not just a process; but a critical input for crop-production.

Pollination serves the humanity through crop-yield, both quantitatively & qualitatively. It imparts sustainability and resilience to crop-production system through maintaining a harmony among the inter-dependent crop-yield-contributing processes. The major pollinator dependent crops are fruit & vegetable crops, spices & plantation crops and pulses & oilseed crops. Among the animal pollinators, approximately 73% of the world’s cultivated crops are pollinated by bees, 19% by flies, 6.5% by bats, 5% by wasps, 5% by beetles, 4% by birds, and 4% by butterflies and moths. It has been estimated that the total annual economic value of crop pollination worldwide is about €153 billion.

Of the world’s leading food crops depend upon animal pollination, representing 35% of global food production. The area covered by pollinator-dependent crops has increased by more than 300% during the past 50 years. The major services of pollinators include Essential Ecosystem service (ESS), conservation & enhancement of diversity, ecosystem function & provide food security. Major ESS through symbioent plants are carbon sequestration, Prevention of soil erosion, N-fixation, maintenance of water table, GHGs absorption, food provider & habitat provider. Pollinators are results of million years of evolution, but eroding very fast during last few decades due to some anthropogenic activities. Animal pollination of both wild and cultivated plant species is under threat as a result of multiple environmental pressures acting in concert. This article reviews some of the important literatures on various aspects of pollinators’ declining due to changing climate.

1. Depletion of pollinators:
1.1 Declining of insect pollinators:

As per FAO (2011), many researchers have identified invasive species, pesticide use, land-use changes such as habitat fragmentation, agricultural intensification and climate change as negative factors affecting negatively the plant-pollinator interactions. The populations of honeybees are eroding very fast in different countries (Table 1).

Table 1: Population decline of honeybees around the globe.

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<th>Country</th>
<th>Decline (%)</th>
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<td>Germany</td>
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<td>UK</td>
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<td>China</td>
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Source: Gallai et al., 2009.

From this report, it is perceived that the highest annual rate of erosion of honeybee population is highest in USA (6.1%) and the lowest is in India (>1.6%). The pollinators’ depletion is very alarming in developed country like USA (Table 2). In the

~Arup Kumar Sarma
USA, Mexico and Canada, both feral and managed honeybees declined by 25% between 1990 and 1998.

1.2 Declining of Bats

Bat populations have declined worldwide in recent decades. Decline of bat population is so dramatic in the USA that 2-3 pollen-feeding bat species are now listed endangered. Being insectivorous, bats help in insect-suppression and maintains a balance in their population which is important for crop-production point of view also. It is obvious that, any change in insect population will affect the bat population too. However, global warming will affect more the temperate species.

Table 2: Pollinators decline in USA.

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<th>Pollinator</th>
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<td>Honey bees</td>
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<td>Bumble bees</td>
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<td>Solitary bee</td>
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<td>Bats</td>
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<td>Humming bee</td>
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<td>Monarch butterflies</td>
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Source: Kevan & Philips (2001)

2. Impact of climate change on pollinators

Global climate change is defined as a lasting change in the statistical distribution of weather patterns over periods ranging from decades to millions of years. Since climate change is a global phenomenon and transcends geographical boundaries, its effects also will not be confined in political boundaries. Industrialization and deforestation leading to depletion of ozone layer and increased CO2 concentration in the atmosphere seem to be the major factors driving this process; however, increased temperature is thought to be the most important effect of climate change with respect to plant-pollinator interactions.

The effect of climate change will be crucial on honey bees affecting their colony harvesting capacity, new distribution ranges, new competitive relationships, behaviour & physiology of bee, quality of the floral environment which will, in turn, lead to change in their apiculture methods. Different species of pollinators will respond differently to global warming either through adaption or migration or extinction. The kind of response will depend on thermo-sensitiveness, plasticity of adaptation, floral host range, migration capacity, competitiveness etc. A species with higher genetic base in relation to such traits will be less vulnerable to climate change.

3. Impact of climate change on plant-pollinators interaction

Elevated temperature will induce change in plant-pollinator interactions timing by mismatch of flowering time and pollinators’ activity. Insects and plants may react differently to changed temperatures, creating temporal (phenological) and spatial (distributional) mismatches – with severe demographic consequences for the species involved. Mismatches may affect plants by reduced insect visitation (foraging) and pollen deposition, while pollinators will experience reduced food availability. Such mismatch has been reported from apple orchards of Himachal Pradesh, fruit orchards of Western China, almond ecosystem in Kashmir leading to total crop loss and mango eco-system in A.P during 2007.

4. Impact of climate change on crop production system:

Any agro-ecosystem with intact diversification will be less affected; because they will supply floral resources to pollinators in better way both in and off-season. Pollination service will bring both resiliency and susceptibility to crop production. In developed countries crop-production system under intensified farm man-
Management with large-scale monocultures where natural landscape affected badly at the cost of semi-natural non-crop habitats. Under such situation, pollinators get deprived of alternative resources leading to “pollination crisis” and requiring imported pollination service. However, in developing or under developed countries crop-production system is Less Intensified managed Mainly by small/marginal farmers where Natural landscape least affected and semi-natural non-crop habitats are well conserved and pollinators get sufficient alternative resources. Wild pollinators play prime role in making the agro-ecosystem sustainable. It is predictably that under changing climate, developed countries will have to depend on developing countries for food production in long run. So, food security will be a global issue & food crisis will have to be tackled globally.

5. Conclusion

For a country like India where major crop production is done by poor and marginal farmers, Crop-diversification, surrounding habitat management will be some short of solution to tackle this problem at farmer’s level for rural food security.

(References: Various research articles from net have been referred)

Health benefits of Bitter Gourd

~~Chandra Kumar Singh

Bitter gourd or Karela is not really a vegetable but a fruit. The part of the plant that is used for consumption and for various medicinal purpose is the fruit of the bitter gourd. While We have been so busy condemning its bitter Taste, we have not only overlooked this fact but Also the wide range of benefits.

1. Helps in maintaining blood sugar levels-

The World Health Organization has estimated that over 382 million people worldwide suffer from diabetes. Bitter gourd contains an insulin-like compound called Polypeptide-p or p-insulin which has been shown to control diabetes naturally. According to a 2011 study, published in the journal Ethnopharmacolgy, a, a four-week clinical trial showed that 2,000 mg of bitter gourd when taken on regular basis reduced the blood glucose level significantly in the patients suffering from type-2 diabetes. Studies have shown that this plant-based insulin in bitter gourd helps patients with type-1 diabetes as well.

2. Lowers bad cholesterol levels- Bitter gourd is an inflammatory and also helps in lowering the bad cholesterol levels in the body. Thereby, it significantly reduces the risk of heart attack and stroke. It also maintains the blood pressure of the body as it is rich in potassium, which absorbs excessive sodium in the body. It is rich in iron and folic acid which are known to decrease the risk of stroke and keep your heart healthy.

3. For glowing skin and lustrous hair-The bitter gourd juice has powerful antioxidant along with vitamin A and C which prevent premature skin ageing and diminishes wrinkles. Furthermore, it reduces acne, aids in treating eczema and psoriasis, as well as protects the skin from the harmful UV rays. The vitamin A, vitamin C, Biotin and Zinc impart shine and lustre to your locks. Applying bitter gourd juice regularly to your scalp can decrease hair loss and greying of hair, treat split-ends and rough hair, shrug off dandruff, and combat itchiness. You can apply bitter gourd juice directly to stop hair fall or mix it with some curd and massage on your scalp and hair for conditioning.
4. Cures hangovers and cleanses the liver- Got too much alcohol in your system after a crazy night of partying. You can get rid of it quite swifty by sipping some bitter gourd juice which wipes out alcoholic intoxication settled in your liver. The juice cleanses your bowel as well as heals many liver problems.

5. Helps in weight loss- Bitter gourd is low in calories, fat and carbohydrates. It keeps you full for longer and hence, it can easily fit in your weight loss plan. Bitter gourd helped in the dislocation of human fat cells and also hindered the formation and growth of new fats cells.

6. Boots your immune system- Bitter gourd fights viruses and bacteria and strengthens your immunity. It prevents allergies and indigestion.

7. Great for your eyes- Bitter gourd is helps in preventing vision-related problems such as cataract since it has compounds like beta carotene and vitamin A which are healthy for eyes and strengthens eyesight.

8. Cancer- If not detected at the right stage, cancer is almost an incurable disease. Karela juice benefits to prevent some particular types of cancer. It also helps trigger leukemic cancer cells effectively.

9. HIV/AIDS-Regular consumption of karela juice is best for triggering the condition of an HIV patient. Studies conducted on natural antidotes of HIV/AIDS establish the goodness of bitter guard in preventing further damaging of the skin cells.
DC bats for holistic approach towards implementation of urban schemes

BOMDILA, October 1:
Underscoring the need for a baseline survey and holistic approach towards implementation of the RURBAN schemes, DC Sonal Swaroop urged the officers and the departments concerned to put their best foot forward so as to fill up the critical gaps in the various sectors thereby facilitating a well balanced growth and development.

The DC also directed the line departments to ensure that the schemes incorporated under RURBAN are carried out according to the laid down norms avoiding duplicity. Further, she directed the BDO to involve and take along the line department officers for technical expertise.

The third meeting of the District Programme Management Unit of Shayama Prasad Mookerji Rurban Mission for Nafra Rurban Cluster Unit under West Kameng initiated by the GoI as a pilot project in the state was held today at district headquarters Bomdila to approve the DPR by the District Level Committee also known as District Project Management Unit.

Earlier, PD DRDA KN Damo highlighting the importance of the crucial meeting said that the objective of the Shayama Prasad Mookerji RURBAN Mission was to meet up the lopsided developments and to fill up the critical gaps in the various sectors. The mission aimed at augmenting or providing urban facilities such as road, potable drinking water, power connectivity, banking system etc at the identified village clusters for a sustainable development, he added.

Training for the in-service teachers of Government Schools of Capital Complex

ITANAGAR, October 1:
The training for the In-service teachers of Government Schools of Capital Complex in collaboration with Avanti Fellows and ALS IAS Itanagar began today ALS IAS Itanagar.
The Secretary Education Madhu Rani Teotia gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest stressed upon the importance of such training and urged them all to attend the training with sincerity and dedication.

She urged them to take the best from the training and to put them to the best of their capability so that satisfactory result could be seen.

She also stressed on timely completion of syllabus and urged the teachers to put extra effort to ensure every student is provided with quality education.

She also urged them to regularly monitor the students performance.

She also urged them to develop a new strategy wherein the students brief about their last days learning to whole class and that way, limitation of a student can also be found out.

The students be a teacher for a day, added the Secretary.

She also stressed on Parent Teacher Meeting.

She further stressed that a teacher must be equipped with the best quality that could be imbibed by the students as students tend to follow their teachers.

She also lauded the DC under whose initiative In service training of teachers has been organised.

The Deputy Commissioner Itanagar Capital Complex Prince Dhawan wished all the teachers undergoing training to utilise and make the most of the opportunity.
The DC stressed that new revolutions in the education sector is required to improve the overall educational scenario and therefore various measures have been adopted by the District Administration including the In-service training of teachers.

He urged the teachers to give their best during the training and hoped such trainings would help bring out the best of the teachers who are already highly qualified.

He also stressed on maximum output using minimum resources and cited the said training programme which would be held through VSAT as the best example of using minimum resouces to deliver quality education

As the second periodic test is scheduled this month, the DC urged them to work with new zeal and motivation to better the educational scenario. He thanked the Secretary Education for her constant support and guidance in this endeavour. He also thanked the SCERT for their support and cooperation.

Moto Nyori Jt Director SCERT stressed on Education Department as Human Resource Development department and urged the teachers to keep their best as they shape the future of a student. He termed teaching as the most noble job and asked them to do justice to their role. He also lauded the Secretary Education and the DC who are so concerned with the education sector and are dedicatedly working to improve the education scenario.

Currently, 48 teachers from Maths and 48 teachers from Science would be undergoing training at ALS

**Parakram Parv Celebrated at Itanagar**

**ITANAGAR, October 1:**

The locals of Itanagar witnessed the celebrations of ‘Parakram Parv’ celebrated by 56 Infantry Division to commemorate the 2nd anniversary of Surgical Strike conducted against terrorist camps in POK.

The awareness lectures were conducted at DON BOSCO School, Itanagar, NERIST and at ATAL (Arunachal Transformational and Awareness Leadership) Conclave being conducted at Dorjee Khandu State Convention Centre. The event at ATAL Conclave was attended by CM, Pema Khandu, Dy CM Chowna Mein and various ministers, MLAs and more than 500 youngsters from all over Arunachal Pradesh.

An insight into joining opportunities of three services, the nation building work being done as part of ‘OP SAMARITAN’, the work being done by ‘ARUNACHAL SCOUTS BATTALION’, raised on the concept of ‘Son of the Soil’ and new Sainik School at Pasighat were highlighted.

A special documentary on Surgical Strike was screened and youngsters were given an opportunity to interact with the soldiers of elite Special Forces. The hall echoed with shouts of ‘Vande Mataram’ and ‘Bharat Mata ki Jai’.

CM Pema Khandu, felicitated the team on the occasion.

**Deputy Chief Minister Flagged off Ambulance Service**

**NAMSAI, October 1:**

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein flagged off an Ambulance service of Seva Bharati Purv Arunachal at Sitpani Moran Village in Lekang Circle under Namsai District today (Monday) amidst gathering of government officials, public leaders, school children, volunteers of Seva Bharati Lekang, Namsai MLA Chau Zing Namchoom, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Tapasya Raghav, IAS, ADC, B. Talukdar and district heads of Offices accompanied the Deputy Chief Minister.

DCM in his address lauded the efforts of Seva Bharati in their efforts to serve the people for providing all benefits to the down trodden & serving for their cause of the Society. He further appreciated the efforts of Seva Bharati to convince ONGC to donate the Ambulance for the benefits of
the people of the Lekang Circle. He said recently concluded ATAL (Arunachal Transformational and Aspirational Leaders) conclave is historic for holistic development of the state and will serve the cause of the youth. It will enable to prepare road map in all the major sectors, the DCM added.

The present Arunachal Government stressed on accountability / transparency for the sustainable growth of the state. The State Govt. under the able leadership of the Chief Minister Pema Khandu is on board to fight corruption with these two Mantras and introduction of Staff Selection Board is one step of the process, the DCM further said.

Addressing the gathering Chau Zingnu Namchoom said he is impressed with the kind of activities Seva Bharti is involved and assured that he would extend all possible assistance to the NGO. He also appealed to the public avail maximum benefit from the Sarkar Aapka Dwar, a unique programme of the present government aiming to reach the last man of the state.

Earlier, welcoming the gathering former Anchal Samiti Chairperson 1-Lekang highlighted the ongoing public services being rendered by Seva Bharti. He extended gratitude to DCM for enormous development of Lekang Circle. Namsai DC Dr. Tapasya Raghav in her speech said Seva Bharti has set an example rendering noble services for betterment of the area.

Later in the evening DCM along with MLA and all Govt. Officers took part in 3rd Women Trophy Final Tournament organized by Woman Welfare Association of Narcotic Cell, United Mahila Welfare Association of Lekang at GHSS, Mahadevpur. He was overwhelmed to see the active participation of women in football and lauded the efforts of organizing committee to bring the women to fore.

Meeting with stakeholders on measures to keep Pasighat Clean, hygienic & streamline parking

Mass Social Service held PASIGHAT, October 1:
A Coordination meeting with Stakeholders was convened by the East Siang Deputy Commissioner, T Tatak today here at DC Conference, in connection with various measures to be taken for keeping Pasighat City Clean and Garbage free, with special emphasis on the Market Area. A Mass Social Service will be organized on 3 October (Wednesday) as part of the Cleanliness efforts.

The DC called upon all stakeholders viz. Government Departments, Civil Society, NGOs, Student Bodies and PMA, PMC and others to work together with collective effort by all, in keeping our town clean and garbage free and sought their support in the regulatory efforts to make the Vegetable Market systematic and other such efforts within the Municipal limit including provision of amenities like Water Supply and Power.

He also asked to check unauthorized sale of meat and other meat products, other than the earmarked Meat & Fish Market. Food Safety on sale of meat product was also discussed.

The DC directed the Civic Body, PMC & PMA to take initiative for streamlining the Cramped Vegetable Market and steps for promotion of the hygienic and sanitary conditions of the Market Area. PMC & PMA were entrusted the responsibility for daily monitoring of the cleanliness of the Market area.

The issues taken up during the meeting included regulation of movement and identification of Parking Places for Auto Rickshawa/Tata Mobile/Trucks/Tractors, streamlining of the spaces of the daily market area, improvement of street lighting and water supply system in the town, M.V. Checking by Magistrates and Police including strengthening ILP Checking, Night Patrolling in the town Police and Magistrates, Intensification of Illegal IMFL by Police/Magistrates/WASE in the district.

Bolem Gao, Vice-President, PMA, Jaya Ta-sung Moyong, GS WASE,
Yalem Taga Burang, President ABK Women Wing, ADC Mebo, Hage Lailang, T. Taloh, IGJ HSS, DJ Das, Principal GTC, Vice-Principal DEM GHSS, M. Lego, EE PMC, Kipa Gagung, Admin Officers, HoDs, R. Taloh, Pasighat Vegetable Vendor President, and representatives of Student Bodies and other Union Bodies attended the meeting.

Payment to beneficiaries under PMAY

ITANAGAR, October 1:
The Deputy Commissioner Itanagar Capital Complex Prince Dhawan today visited the beneficiaries of PMAY (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana) Urban who were paid an amount of Rs 1,50,000/- to construct houses.

Itanagar Capital Complex has identified a total of 2401, out of which nine beneficiaries were paid through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) today.

The DC visited the homes of the beneficiaries to ensure that the houses have been completed. He interacted with the house owners and wished them best and also enquired about their well being.

The DC further informed that Itanagar Sub Division I has a total of 265 beneficiaries. Itanagar Sub Division II has 202 beneficiaries.

Naharlagun Division I has 909 beneficiaries and Naharlagun Sub Division II has 649 beneficiaries. He informed that all the beneficiaries would be provided with the amount once their completion report is submitted.

He hoped that with the initiative, urban poor will get a chance to own affordable houses in the Capital Complex.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is an initiative by Government of India in which affordable housing will be provided to the urban poor with a target of building 20 million affordable houses by 31 March 2022.

The DC was accompanied by EAC Itanagar Hengo Basar.

Administration carries out eviction in PagleK UPS campus

PASIGHAT, October 1:
An eviction drive was carried out by the East Siang District Administration in PagleK UPS compound, Pasighat today to clear the concrete and chain-link fencing of sixteen houses.

ADC cum Estate Officer Tatdo Borang along with Executive Magistrate Henkir Lollen, DLRSO Ojing Nangkar and COs Koj Yajang, Omei Apang, Dorjee Lama and Sanjay Tara removed all unauthorized fencing amid tight security of CRPF and Police forces.

Estate Officer Borang informed that “Show Cause” and “Self Demolition Notice” were served by the administration but the encroachers paid no heed and finally administration had to carry out the eviction.

Raj Bhavan organises seminar on Mahatma Gandhi

ITANAGAR, October 2:
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) attended a seminar ‘Understanding the Mahatma – through the Path of Ahimsa’ a programme organised by the Raj Bhavan to commemorate the Gandhi Jayanti at Darbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 2nd October 2018. The event was aimed to kindle the Gandhian thoughts amongst the youth, students and faculties of Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, National Institute of Technology, Arunachal Pradesh, North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology, Nirjuli, Dera Natung College, Itanagar, and Bini Yanga Government Women College attended the seminar.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor spoke in depth about Gandhian thoughts and philosophy. He urged upon the youth to inculcate the Gandhian spirit and follow the principles of Gandhi ji which are relevant, even today. Honesty, integrity, accountability and fight against corruption must be the way of life, he emphasised.
The seminar was moderated by Prof. S.N. Singh from RGU. Ms Nirigi Linggi, Department of Civil Engineering, NERIST, Mr. T. Tarun Reddy, NIT, Miss Gami Bogo, RGU, Miss Sara Kino, BA 5th Semester, Dera Natung College, Itanagar, Miss Phurpa Lhamu, MA English, RGU and Miss Tage Yami, Bini Yanga Government Women College presented papers at the seminar.

The Governor presented complementary awards to the participants of the seminar.

To commemorate the Gandhi Jayanti, the Governor e-inaugurated the Gandhi Study Centre of National Institute of technology, Arunachal Pradesh from Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra, Director, NIT, Arunachal Pradesh, Prof P. Mohanta were present on the occasion amongst other.

The Gandhi Study Centre (GSC) established is one of the initiatives of the Governor, which is a first study centre of its kind in the State. Its aim is to spread the messages of Mahatma Gandhi especially among the youth and the people of Arunachal Pradesh. The centre will be working in affiliation with schools, colleges, universities, industries, and people of Arunachal Pradesh for disseminating Mahatma Gandhi’s values, ethics, principles, theories, philosophy, etc. and to encourage the youth for entrepreneurship by adopting Gandhian principles and philosophy. The activities of the centre will also include lecture series and Guest Lectures on Gandhi institutions, Village adoption, Outreach programs for schools and colleges for students and faculty members, to establish academic link with other Gandhi study centres etc.

Tawang District consider as the cleanest District in the entire North-East by Swachh Survekshan Gramin

ITANAGAR, October 2:

In what could be termed as a major milestone and another shining feather on the cap of Arunachal Pradesh on cleanliness etiquette, Tawang District of the State has been adjudged as the cleanest District in the entire North-East by Swachh Survekshan Gramin (SSG)-2018.

The SSG-2018 was conducted by a 3rd party independent agency engaged by the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Govt. of India from 1st August’ 2018 to 31st August’ 2018 across the Country in 698 Districts. The evaluation process were based on - direct observation of Sanitation in public places (30%), Citizen feedback (35%) and service level progress on sanitation as per Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), IMIS (35%) parameters.

Union Minister for Drinking Water & Sanitation Uma Bharti gave away the award to the state in a glittering function at New Delhi on 2nd October commemorating the 150th Birth anniversary of father of nation Mahatma Gandhi. Sentum Yomcha, Mission Director, SBM (G) of PHE & WS Department received the coveted award on behalf of the State Government.

It’s worth mentioning that the State had earlier achieved Open Defecation Free (ODF) on 31st December’ 2017. The Swachh Survekshan Gramin (SSG)-2018 in the State was launched by Chief Minister Pema Khandu on 25th July’ 2018 followed by District level launch by the respective Deputy Commissioners under the guidance of Chief Secretary.

The State Govt. had supported the objectives of SBM (G) in the State by funding exclusively for reconstruction of Defunct & conversion of insanitary toilets to sanitary toilets. The State Govt. earlier provided additional incentives of Rs.8000/- per Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) which had boosted the rural masses to adopt Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) at the enhanced cost of Rs.20000/- per IHHL. During the current year, the State
Govt. has allocated Rs.30.00 Crores in the budget for recon-struction of Defunct Toilets and to address the Solid Liq-uid Waste in the rural adminis-trative centres on pilot basis.

“The Deputy Commissi-oner, Tawang and the team of SBM (G) deserves special appreciation in making their District the first ODF district during September’ 2017 in the State and making it to the cleanest District a year after, in the entire North East region” a visibly happy Khandu said while extending his congratulations to the district. He called upon other districts to take cue from the achievement and commit to keep their districts clean and hygienic.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Campaign Launched in Lower Dibang Valley district ROING, October 2:
The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign was launched in the Lower Dibang Valley district with the celebration of Beti Jannotsav of 21 institutionally delivered baby girls in the district in the month of September, on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The campaign aims to generate awareness and improve the efficiency of welfare services intended for girls.

The programme conducted in the Anchal Samity Hall, Roing was attended by the baby girls along with their parents, Deputy Commissi-oner Mitali Namchoom(IAS), ADC Chesta Yadav(IAS), Everesters Tine Mena and Muri Linggi,DD(WCD) G. D. Perying, heads of departments, Administrative officers, ASHA Workers and staff of department of WCD.

DC Mitali Namchoom speaking on the occasion explained that the district has been selected for the launch of the campaign to improve the skewed sex ratio in the district. The campaign has a 3 pronged approached where 1. prevention of female feoticide / prevention of sex selection, 2. Ensuring safety and survival of girl child after birth by giving them proper nutrition and opportunities in life and 3. to educate the girl child are the 3 goals, she added.

She said that girl children should be educated, empowered and given opportuni-ties and awareness should be created so that they do not follow detrimental practices like child marriage, polygamy etc which cause emotional and mental distress.

The DC also informed about the facilities provided by government like provision of sanitary napkins, Dulari Kanya Scheme, Sukanya Samruddhi Scheme etc. she also praised the Idu community for giving the state 2 Everesters Tine Mena and Muri Linggi by saying that it is rare that a society gives unconditional support to its daughters in fulfilling their aspiration to conquer Mount Everest.

The District Administration conferred certificate of appreciation to Everesters Tine Mena and Muri Linggi, on the occasion. The newborn girls were given their birth certificates and gifts to celebrate the day. DD (WCD) G. D. Perying, Atuli Linggi and Ela Linggi spoke on the occasion.

State pays tribute to Mahatma Gandhi ITANAGAR, October 2:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Tuesday paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his 149th birth anniversary here, and also took part in a cleanliness drive that marked the culmination of the 15-day ‘Swachhta Hi Seva’ campaign.

The chief minister flagged off 11 trucks of the Itanagar Municipal Council (IMC), adding to the council’s fleet of garbage collection ve-hicles.

Pema congratulated the IMC and said the motto of keeping Itanagar clean and green should be followed with full sincerity and dedication.

The event was organ-ized by the capital district administration, along with the IMC and the urban development & housing department.

Governor BD Mishra exhorted the people of the state to imbibe the Gandhian
thoughts and way of life. Attending a ‘sarva dharma prarthana sabha’ (all-religion prayer meeting) organized on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti in the Raj Bhavan here on Tuesday, the governor said, “Incorporating truthfulness, brotherhood, cleanliness, transparency, accountability and honesty in our approach to life, administration, and projects will be the greatest tribute to Gandhiji on his birth anniversary celebration.”

He also recalled the characteristic aspects of the Satyagrah, and Gandhi’s principle of ahimsa.

Led by the governor and his wife Neelam Misra, various religious leaders and special invitees, including school children, attended the programme and paid floral tributes to the Father of the Nation.

The religious leaders offered prayers for world peace and amity in their respective customary ways.

To commemorate the occasion, the first lady released a documentary on traditional weaving, titled ‘Bhunai Ke Rangin Duniya – Loin Loom Weaving’, conceptualized by her. She dedicated the documentary, which aims to promote traditional weaving, to the Father of the Nation.

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Gandhi Jayanti and participated in cleanliness drive. Staffs of Sange Gas Agency led by Manager S. Pal participated in social service in the township to mark the occasion.

A voluntary blood donation camp was organized at Bakin Pertin General Hospital to mark Gandhi Jayanti by the JN College unit of the Arunachal Pradesh College Teachers' Association, in collaboration with the NSS volunteers of the college.

Twenty-seven units of blood were collected.

Students and staff of the College of Horticulture & Forestry, the College of Agriculture, and the Krishi Vigyan Kendra conducted cleanliness drives in the campuses of their respective institutions in Pasighat.

In Pangin, The fortnight long national campaign Swachhata Hi Seva was concluded in a befitting manner on the Occasion of Gandhi Jayanti at Government Higher Secondary School, Pangin, Siang District in the presence of Deputy Commissioner Rajeev Takuk, PD DRDA Tajing Jonnom, DDSE Tanyang Tatak, EE PHED Subat Pertin, Principal GHSS Gogom Panor, a host of other officers, staff and teaching faculty and students from various schools of Pangin Township.

The DC informed the gathering about the significance of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign and the Government of India and the State Government's objective of achieving Gandhiji's dream for a Clean India and the efforts being undertaken to achieve this dream, on the occasion. Calling for a Clean India and clean Siang District, he urged everyone to support and participate wholeheartedly towards this endeavor.

Speaking on the occasion EE PHED Subat Pertin stated that it was because of Gandhiji's struggle and sacrifice that we are today enjoying political freedom and it was our collective responsibility to fulfill his dream for a Clean India. He urged everyone to become proponents of this campaign.

The programme commenced with Ram-Dhun and garlanding of the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi by the Deputy Commissioner who also administered the Swachhata Pledge to all participants. He also awarded prizes to the winners of essay and drawing competition on the topic "Sanitation is Everyone's Business" which was conducted all over the district on 22nd September 2018 by the department if PHE & WS.


Dustbins were also distributed to schools as a component of Solid Liquid Waste Management System under SBM (G).

In Boleng, Gandhi Jayanti was observed in a programme which included Shramdaan, garlanding of portrait and address by ADC Boleng Tayek Pado. On the occasion, portable dustbins were installed all over the township area.

In Kaying, Gandhi Jayanti was observed in presence of EAC Kaying N. Nonnang, other officers, departmental staff and general public.

In Aalo, the 150th Gandhi Jayanti was observed with festive fervour across West Siang district on 2nd October. The day was celebrated at Nehru Chowk tri-junction Street jointly by the district administration, HODs, teachers and students paying floral tribute to great soul by offering flowers, singing Vaishnava Jana Bhajan followed by taking Swacchhta pledge. The HODs, Registered Contractors Association, Drivers' Association, Market Committees, Sectors Committees, educational institutions in the headquarters and other administrative outposts were involved in large scale social services. Peoples' Plan Campaign was kicked off and
Gram Sabhas were organised in all places.

The West Siang Deputy Commissioner, Shri Sode Potom highlighted life history and role of Mahatma Gandhi in the freedom movement of India and exhorted all to imbibe his ideals for a better India. Later, the DC and his team of HODs of the district went to the residence of Shri Boken Ete, a Centurion and architect of Aalo town. He vividly narrated his association with then President of India Dr. Radhakrishnan, then Lt. Governor of NEFA administration to bring English medium in Arunachal Pradesh. He was instrumental in bringing R. K. Mission School in Aalo to produce many stalwarts from the district.

In Palin, a mass cleanliness drive was organized in the town area, which saw the participation of local MLA Takam Pario, Kra-Daadi Deputy Commissioner S Miji, HoDs, students and members of the public.

Maintaining a clean environment is for the health of all humans, and good health depends on the atmosphere, Pario said.

The principal of the government higher secondary school, Byabang Kyochi, appealed to the students to understand the importance of cleanliness.

In Seppa, government officials led by East Kameng Deputy Commissioner Gaurav Singh Rajawat, religious and public leaders, students, and teachers paid floral tributes to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at the circuit house on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

This was followed by an all-religion prayer, administration of the swachhta pledge by the DC, and distribution of prizes to winners of essay and drawing competitions on ‘Swachhata Hi Seva’ which was conducted at all the schools. The celebration was organized by the administration in collaboration with the PHE&WS department.

In Yingkiong, Gandhi Jayanti celebration started with paying of floral tributes to the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi by Health & Family Welfare Minister Alo Libang.

Libang appealed to the people to maintain cleanliness, health, and hygiene, and highlighted the importance of the ‘Swachhata Hi Seva’ campaign.

Cleanliness drives were conducted at various places in the district to commemorate the day. Upper Siang DC Duly Kamduk and other government officers, students, teachers, and members of the public participated in the drives.

More than 500 members of the NCC, the NSS, and the Dera Natung Government College (DNGC) Students’ Union, along with faculty members and staffers of the college took part in a cleanliness drive in the college campus in Itanagar to mark Gandhi Jayanti.

DNGC Principal Dr NT Rikam advised the students to maintain cleanliness and follow the Gandhian principles and ideals.

The 18-day-long ‘Swachhata Hi Seva’ programme of the Doimukh-based 12 Bn NDRF in various places of the state also concluded with the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti. On the last leg of the campaign, an NDRF team led by Deputy Commandant PN Singh along with local youths and ISBT officials conducted a cleanliness drive at the interstate bus terminal in Lekhi.

In Roing, the 150th Anniversary of Gandhi Jayanti was observed at the Gandhi Park, Roing amidst a large gathering of school students of various schools of Roing. In attendance were ADC Cheshhta Yadav (IAS), Administrative Officers, HoDs, students and government staff.

Along with offering of flower garlands and singing of Ram dhun, the occasion saw the distribution of prizes for painting and essay writing competitions conducted to mark the 150th anniversary of Gandhi Jayanti and 4th anniversary of Swachh Bharat Mission, by DUDA, Roing. Swachhata Awards in categories of best sanitary worker, best sanitary driver, best public worker,
cleanest office to DC Office, Roing, best supportive NGO/volunteers to AAMYA NGO and i-Clean Roing and to the cleanest shops were presented by ADC, on the occasion.

In Hollongi, NDRF personnel, the market welfare committee, the PHE department, and the residents cleaned up the market area.

In Itanagar, over 150 NSS volunteers of the government higher secondary school in Itanagar took part in a cleanliness drive in the school’s premises under the ‘Swachhta Hi Seva’ campaign on Tuesday.

Earlier, on 1 October, the volunteers had donated blood on the occasion of National Voluntary Blood Donation Day at the banquet hall. The Students’ Council of Don Bosco College Itanagar also organised a cleanliness drive in Jollang village under the ‘Swachhta Hi Seva’ campaign on Tuesday.

The drive saw the participation of students and faculty members of the college, who collected wrappers, bottles, plastics, etc, and cleared the bushes on the roadsides.

Kidzee Smart Kids School, Chandranagar, in collaboration with the SBI Life’s Itanagar branch organized a drawing competition for school children on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

In Khonsa, ‘Swachhata Hi Seva’ was organized to mark the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti. Tirap DC PN Thungon, who participated in the cleanliness drive, administered the Clean India pledge. He also distributed dustbins at the market and various schools in Khonsa area.

Brand ambassador of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan for Tirap, Ponghong Bayang, highlighted the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

In Borduria, Advisor to CM, Wanglin Lowangdong paid homage to the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi. He called upon the people to rededicate themselves to the values espoused by the Father of the Nation for peace, fraternity, harmony and inclusive national development.

Social services were also conducted at Bera village, Deomali, Lazu, Dadam, Soha, and Bari-Basip.

At VKV Koloriang in Kurung Kumey district, VKV principal Bhim Prasad Upadhyay highlighted the vision of Mahatma Gandhi regarding cleanliness. Students also conducted a cleanliness drive in the school campus to commemorate the day.

In Bomdila, Gandhi Jayanti celebration was made memorable with skits by the students of Modern School and Shanti Deva Vidyalaya highlighting issues of health and sanitation, water conservation, deforestation, global warming, cleanliness, and construction of IHHLs. A puppet show on the importance of hand washing and cleanliness, organized by the health & family welfare department, an extempore speech competition for students, and a PowerPoint presentation on SBM were the other highlights of the event.

Earlier, MLA Japu Deru highlighted the noble thoughts and good deeds of Mahatma Gandhi and called upon the people maintain cleanliness.

West Kameng DC Sonal Swaroop said the dream of a glorious India could be achieved only by being clean in thought and deeds, and by maintaining cleanliness.

Gandhi Jayanti was also celebrated in all the administrative centres of Papum Pare district.

In Doimukh, a cleanliness drive and a swachchta rally were organised by the sub-divisional administration in collaboration with the National Highway and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.

The students and teachers of GHSS Doimukh, led by Principal Nyagi Riba, celebrated Gandhi Jayanti at the school premises.

In Sagalee, a social service was conducted to mark the occasion. Sagalee ADC S Lowang distributed prizes to the winners of the essay writing competition.

Cleanliness drives were also conducted in Yupia,
Kimin, and Balijan on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

In Yazali, a plantation programme and a volleyball tournament were organized by the Team Go Green at the government higher secondary school on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

MLA Likha Saaya in his address said “though no one can be Gandhiji, one should follow the ideology of peace, harmony and love advocated by Mahatma Gandhi.”

He also encouraged the students to spread the idea of ‘each one plant one’.

Responding to a memorandum submitted by the Team Go Green for the construction of an assembly building for the school, Saaya donated Rs 10 lakhs from his MLALAD fund, and assured to bring changes in terms of infrastructure and quality education.

In Ziro, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated in a befitting manner in the DC office complex today.

Paying tributes to the father of the nation MLA Er Tage Taki said that the optimal tribute to the Mahatma would be imbibing Swachta in our thoughts and habits and inculcating cleanliness habits and religiously practicing them.

U Mishra, Lecturer, DIET spoke in length about Gandhiji, his life and teachings. The members from Kasturba Gandhi Ashram presented Sarva Dharma Prathna Sabha.

On the occasion winners of the District level quiz competition held under Innovation activities under SSA were also felicitated

A video clip on Vaishna Bhajan created by the Department of Art and Culture, Government of Arunachal Pradesh was also screened.

Later social service was carried out in all the office complexes led by the HoDs.

Among others the program was attended by DC Chukhu Takar, BJP District President Tilling Dolley, HoDs, officers and public.

Deputy Speaker Inaugurates Kabu Maasi Gate

AALO, October 03: The Deputy Speaker AP Legislative Assembly, Er. Tumke Bagra inaugurated the Kabu Maasi Welcome Gate amid applause on 2nd October last. The newly established beautifully colony, located in the midst of natural greeneries was awarded the cleanest village of Aalo by the RCCN sponsored Clean Mission and that Award of Rs. 1, 00,000 bagged by the colony was used for constructing the gate mobilizing other shortfalls from the villagers.

Addressing the gathering in a function held in the village as Chief Guest, Er. Bagra said that it is always important to keep focus on tangible development that largely benefits the concern village and community as a whole. He urged the people to give continue support and cooperation to him to take up all unfulfilled tasks to bring visible developments in Aalo West constituency. He appreciated the people of Kabu Maasi for setting example for cleanliness and said that Swachh Bharat has been one of the successful flagship programmes without cost involvement in it, he said.

Speaking as the Guest of Honour Liduk Ete, MD RCCN said that the RCCN TV has been doing its best to disseminate information and connect all strata of people of West Siang through his TV Channel with wide varieties of programme like Chale Gaon ki Aur, Institution of Award to class X students of interior Monigong Circle, Clean Mission Aalo, Felicitation to Singers of the state etc and public should appreciate and give support for rendering such services purely on voluntary basis. He also advised the young people to look out for innovative entrepreneurships without depending solely on govt. as this dependence syndrome hampers young inquisitive minds. Kade Loya, Special Guest and senior citizen of Kabu Maasi also spoke on the occasion.

Kirdo Ete, Member of Clean Aalo Mission dwelt at
length on role of Team Clean Mission Aalo for the last one year. Deba Loya President KMVDC, Tuli Loya HGB of Kabu village also disclosed that though the village is yet to be recognised officially as a village for certain formalities, the people have self recognised it to show it as a model village in the years to come.

Tamar Murtem inaugurated the 3rd Sarkar Aapke Dwar at Kamle BOASIMLA, October 3:
Tamar Murtem MLA, Raga inaugurated the Third Sarkar Aapke Dwar of Kamle district at Boasimla, on 1st October last.

Murtem along with DC, Moki loyi and EAC Mobia Tai visited all the stalls and interacted with officials and the beneficiaries. More than 120, officers and officials from General Administration, Health, Education, Power, PWD, Horticulture, Agriculture, RD, WRD, PHED, SBI, APEDA, Forest, Vetry, ICDS, Cooperation, Sports and Police participated in the program

The General Administration stall was the busiest of all. 276 ST certificates, 254 PRCs, and 103 birth certificates were issued on the spot. The Agricultural department distributed mustard seeds to 20 farmers. The Health and family welfare department conducted blood test for various diseases, and also issued 144 CMAAY forms.

The forest department distributed 1500 nos of thuja , blue pine and gulmohar saplings. APEDA distributed 277 nos of LED bulbs and 18 nos of fans. The Horticulture department distributed 110 seateurs, 158 hoes and 158 garden rakes. The department also registered 108 farmers and distributed pamphlets on packages and practices of various horticulture crops.

The Education department gave away kits like geometry boxes, pencils, erasers, maps and slates to the kids visiting the education stall. Besides distribution of kits and subsidized products under various schemes all the departments also held awareness talks and distributed publicity materials.

All together People of the 17 villages nearby villages were benefitted from the program. The earlier camps were held at Yorkum and Kamporijo in September.

17th OEM football tourney begins
PASIGHAT, October 3:
The 17thOdamEring Memorial Football Tournament begun today at the Pasighat JN College playground. The opening match played between LMB United and PCM (JNC) teams in which the former defeated the latter by a margin of 3-2 goals.

Pasighat MLA Kal-ing Moyong formally kicked off the tournament while Rtd. Group Captain (IAF) M. Panging Pao, DSO (Sports) Nada Apa, senior citizen Obyak Ering, host of officers, leaders, students and hundreds of soccer-lovers witnessed the opening match.

Stressing on fair-play, MLA Moyong advised the participants to be disciplined and show their best talents to the audience. Such sporting activities foster unity and brotherhood among the youths, he added. Moyong appreciated the DFA President General Gamoh and Secretary Tayon Dai and conveyed his gratitude to the Ering family for organizing the tournament. He informed the audience that the newly constructed stadium would be inaugurated by HCM Pema Khandu shortly on 10th October, next.

The tournament is conducted annually in memory of Odam Ering, wife of Lt. Dr. Dying Ering and mother of Loksabha MP Ninong Ering. Altogether 28 teams are participating. Winner and runners up team will be awarded with cash prizes of Rs. 50,000/- and 30,000/- respectively and the final match will be played on Oct-20 next.
Mountain states need separate agri planning: Mein

SHIMLA, October 5: Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein has sought a separate planning process for agriculture for the mountain states of the country.

He was speaking at the Conclave of Himalayan states on the theme ‘Wellbeing of the next generation of Himalayan people’, jointly hosted here by the Integrated Mountain Initiative, the Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology & Environment, and Shoolini University on Friday.

Mein said the Centre needs to have agriculture/planning commission to deal with agriculture planning, programming, and implementation of guidelines for the mountain states.

He advocated setting up state farmers’ commissions, saying the agriculture situations in the mountain states differ from those in the mainland.

“Each mountain state may have a state farmers’ commission to make in-depth analysis of deficiency in planning for agriculture development, gaps between resource availability and utilization, and mandated to recommend measures to address the identified issues,” he said. Mein also proposed providing financial incentives for agricultural growth, based on ecological service, saying the mountain states are the major carbon sink in India because of the huge areas under forest cover in these states.

“The Government of India or world bodies should give financial incentives to the mountain states, based on the forest cover maintained by each state, for providing alternate livelihood to farmers in place of shifting cultivation, so that the current areas under forests could be maintained or enhanced further,” Mein said.

“If mountain agriculture is to develop, certain autonomy of planning and finance to mountain states as proposed may be a prudent policy decision,” he said.

Saying that connectivity and accessibility play a major role in the economic development of the agriculture and allied sectors, he called for provision of market linkages.

The PMGSY roads play an important role in linking the rural villages and the farmlands, he said.

“Arunachal Pradesh has 6792.97 km length of PMGSY roads, but due to lack of maintenance fund by the central government, the burden has fallen on the government of Arunachal Pradesh, which is already incurring huge expenditure in the maintenance of state highways and roads frequented with floods and landslides,” Mein said. He requested the Centre to allocate Rs 60-70 crore per annum for the maintenance of the PMGSY roads in the state.

He said Arunachal could provide “the balancing power source if the Centre favours some special dispensions” for the various hydropower projects being developed in the state.

He said that in order to harness the 58,160 mw power potential of the state – which constitutes 39% of the total hydropower potential assessed in the country – “necessary changes in the Centre’s energy policy are the need of the hour.”

CM meets Chairman of Rai Corporation

ITANAGAR, October 5: A six-member business delegation led by Chairman of Rai Corporation Sanjay Rai met Chief Minister Pema Khandu here today expressing keen interest to invest in the state to promote business and growth.

The delegates comprising of Non-Residential Indians (NRI) evinced interest in agriculture and allied sectors including tourism, mining etc during a meeting attended by State BJP President Tapir Gao, Chief Secretary Satya Gopal and other top officers from Government of Arunachal.

Welcoming the investors, Chief Minister said Arunachal offers huge invest-
Care of ment opportunities in agri & allied sector, as Arunachal has about 25 lac hectares of cultivable land of which hardly 3.5 lac hectares are put to use. He also informed that horticulture and agriculture produce from the state is of ‘high quality’ and ‘organic’. He said the state has started to export oranges, kiwi, pineapples and other crops to foreign countries.

The varying geographical conditions offering different climatic conditions and availability of land are the state’s biggest strength, said Khandu. Such varying geographical conditions make Arunachal a rich hub of medicinal plants, fresh flowers, orchids etc.

Informing on several reforms by state government to facilitate business in the state, Khandu said the state has passed new land reforms to facilitate investors to lease land for extended period of time. He also informed that the state government has established finance, planning and investment department as a state’s single window clearance cell to facilitate investments.

The delegation expressed satisfaction over the investment opportunities in the state and assured to bring in big business giants into the picture and to make the state recognized globally as hot investment destination.

CM on India Today Conclave East 2018
ITANAGAR, October 6:
Delhi may be far from Arunachal but not from its heart, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said today expressing that it is the thought that creates distance and not farness.

Khandu was speaking here at the India Today Conclave East 2018 responding to questions from News Anchor Rajdeep Sardesai.

"From Statehood day till 2013, there were fewer than 50 visits made by Union Ministers to Arunachal including only four visits by Prime Minister. Now under PM Modi, we have more than 100 visits and PM himself visiting twice in the state," said Chief Minister.

He said, "It is now Delhi coming to Arunachal."

Khandu, however, said the state lacks attention of national media and feels left out by it. “Presence of national media in Arunachal will prod the government to work better and bring awareness in people," he said.

When asked whether people of Arunachal have lost out on development due to certain few pocketing all the funds, Khandu said that due to lack of absence of national media such situation has precipitated. He also said such situation have occurred because Arunachal didn’t had proper handholding from earlier party in the centre.

“Arunachal wasn’t a highly literate state initially and in those days there weren’t proper assistance, regulation and monitoring of funds that led to people getting deprived from benefits of development,” said Khandu adding that the ruling party in Delhi only cared about controlling Arunachal.

“However, in four years everything has changed under PM Modi. It is no more Delhi controlling us but now there is more emphasis on work and transforming idea into reality,” said the CM.

He also said under his tenure corruption won’t be tolerated and all those involved have to go behind bars informing that there were many recent arrest of high level officers and businessmen.

To a question how does Arunachal deal with ideological issues of BJP, Chief Minister replied that all that BJP care about is country’s interest. “Never was there any indication from the party pushing their ideological agenda. What we are told is to perform and work," he said.

Land for TAH handed over to highway dept
PANGIN, October 6:
Land for construction of the double-lane Trans-Arunachal Highway (NH 13) from Gabung stream to Sanggam, along with all relevant documents, was handed over to the highway department on 5 October.
On behalf of the PWD’s Doimukh highway division’s executive engineer, AE Ge- mar received the documents (validated by Siang DC Rajeev Takuk) from Siang DLRSO Pumek Ronya, in the presence of EAC Tajing Jonnom.

The land is located between Gabung stream on the West Siang boundary and Pangin (Sanggam Tinali). At present there is an existing BRO road on this stretch, which passes through Tarak, Lokpeng, and Koreng villages.

Libang calls for promotion and preservation of Indigenous Faiths and Heritage

PASIGHAT, October 8:
The three-day Guru Diwas Celebrations, which showcased the Folk Dances, Arts, Music and Sports, Textiles of the Indigenous people of the State, concluded on Sunday here at Central Donyi Polo Yelam Ke- bang, Gangging Complex.

Addressing a large gathering during the Cultural evening here, Chief Guest Minister Health & Family Welfare, RD & Panchayati Raj, Alo Libang said that Donyi Polo and other Indigenous Faiths has been practiced since time immemorial since the beginning of Mankind adding that our ancient faith and belief system, culture and heritage have to be preserved and promoted. Our Indigenous faiths and all other faiths worship the Omnipresent One in various forms, he said on the occasion and also stressed on the brotherhood and amity of all Mankind. He paid tribute to Golgi Bote Talom Rukbo and spoke on the immense contribution for the promotion and preservation Donyi-Polo and Indigenous Faiths.

Stressing on remaining connected to our cultural roots, he further stressed on keeping alive our rich Indigenous Festivals, Indigenous forms of Folks Arts like Dances, Music, Arts, Crafts etc, so as to pass on the younger generations till posterity. He also congratulated the organisers, members and cultural troupes from various parts of the State.

The Guest of Honour, DC Pasighat, Tamiyo Tatak also congratulated all for putting up the cultural extravaganza and various other events participated by Folk Artistes, youth, children and representatives from various parts of the State and neighboring Assam. Such events are also platforms for interactions and cultural exchanges, he added. The DC also urged young Research Scholars to contribute in developing a Common Script of the Tribal groups of the state. He also urged all to strive together to strengthen and promote our cultural heritage and values.

Earlier, the event started with Chanting of Prayer by Priest, Amik-Matai Ringya –Jawmalo, Soloi Ngadong.

Among others, General Secretary IFCSAP, Bai Taba, President IFCSAP, Tajom Tsung, Chairman, Cultural Secretary, Delong Padung, Former IFCSAP General Secretary, Gichik Taja, Social Workers, Office Bearers of IFCSAP, Prayer Centre Leaders, ACLS Artistes, Artistes who sculpted Golgi Bote Statue, Moni Bordoloi, Lalit Deori, Pawan Das were also felicitated by the Chief Guest.

Litterateur and Chief Advisor, Central Donyi Polo Yelam Kebang, Kaling Borang also spoke. President Women Wing IFCSAP, Maya Murtem was also present amongst other on the occasion.

The Three-day Lambona Longe (Guru Diwas) was jointly organized by the Indigenous Faith & Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh(IFCSAP) and Central Donyi-Polo Yelam Kebang, Pasighat.

DCM reviews the status land of acquisition, forest clearance and utility shifting

ITANAGAR, October 08:
Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein reviewed status of land acquisition, forest clearance and utility shifting, etc of Trans-Arunachal Highways, District Connectivity Roads and other National Highway projects with the Deputy Com-
missioners, Executing Agencies and other Stakeholders along with the Chief Secretary, Satya Gopal at the State Civil Secretariat here today.

He said that our State have a very limited working season and called upon the Deputy Commissioners to take up the land acquisition issue seriously and expedite the process. He said, “DCs have to play a very important role in accelerating the road connectivity” and reminds that the Union Minister of Roads, Transport & Highways, etc, Nitin Gadkari had assured us to invest and construct roads worth Rs 50,000 crore in the State but we are not able to take advantage of the support given by the Central Govt.

He added, “We are running much behind the time and not able to catch up with the time, it is high time we must realize the importance of road connectivity and give preference to the road connectivity over the compensation. With road connectivity other development will follow”.

He instructed the Deputy Commissioners to take fortnightly meeting with the executing agencies like BRO & NHIDCL, etc and whenever any issues come up in the road construction process. He also urged them to take the help of the local representatives of the area to convince the public and resolve the issues, whenever any local issue comes up in the construction sites. Power and PHE & WS Departments were also instructed to complete the shifting of utility services by end of October 2018 to enable land acquisition and handing over of 100% encumbrance free land to the concessionaires.

Chief Secretary, Satya Gopal cautioned to abide by the guidelines in preparing estimates for the compensation and said that any deviations from the notified rates will not be accepted by the Government or by the MoRTH. He informed that the State Cabinet today had also passed a resolution to demolish all the structures that falls in the Right of Way (ROW) of Highways.

Officials of MoRTH, NHIDCL, BRO & PWD (highways) made power point presentations of the status of land acquisition, forest clearance and utility shifting, etc of highways & road projects. Other issues faced by the executing agencies, BRO and other stakeholders were also discussed in the meeting.

Among others, Commissioner (PWD), Bilatee Pertin, Chief Engineer Highway, Toli Basar, PCCF & Principal Secretary (Environment & Forest), Dr Ravindra Kumar, Deputy Commissioners, officials of NHIDCL, BRO, PWD highways and representatives of Contractors were also present in the meeting.

DCM attended the grand finale of Tani Idol 2018
ITANAGAR, October 8:
The Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Chowna Mein informed that government has undertaken several initiatives and instituted policy measures to preserve, develop, promote and protect the age-old indigenous culture, arts, language, folklore and music of the state. He said this during the grand finale of Tani Idol 2018, a singing competition organized by the Arunachal Pradesh Apex Tani Foundation (APATF) at I G Park, Itanagar on Sunday night.

Mein said that Arunachal Pradesh has witnessed Cultural Revolution which has brought lots of improvement and changes in the traditional dance forms, folklore and songs of the State. There was a time when there was no exposure or any scope for our people to showcase their talents but today the state has made tremendous progress, and this could be seen in the form of lots of mega shows and events being organized in the State to provide them with the platform to showcase their hidden talents, said Mein.

He further added that the state government is committed to the welfare of the talented youths of the state. The government has kept provisions to support and promote talented youths in the field of
academics, sports, art and culture etc. He lauded the efforts of the Apex Tani Foundation for organizing the event to promote and integrate feeling of brotherhood and communal harmony among all Tani clans.

Former CM and MLA Sagalee Nabam Tuki, Chairman Arunachal Artist Forum Patey Tajuk, Tadar Niglar, President APTAF Likha Tejji and Organizing secretary Tani Idol 2018, Ashok Sonam also spoke on the occasion.

The event show music aficionados coming out in large numbers to support their top 5 finalists, Ram Tagang, Binod Pegu, Meenam Goi, Marpi Bam and Devokanta Taid who were judged by State’s celebrity singer Jeli Kaye, John Sonam and Hage Komo, guest judges Prof from RGU T. Bannerjee and a Singer from Assam Beauty Panyang. The top 5 finalists competed on the Local song, Hindi song-selective attributing to Late Bhupen Hazarika and Hindi song-pavilions with back up dancers.

Music aficionados stayed till late night to cheer for their favorites and witness Meenam Goi from Siang district take home the coveted title of Tani Idol 2018 along with a cash prize of Rs 4 lakh and an album contract. Binod Pegu from Assam has adjudged the runners-up who took home a cash award of Rs 2 lakh and an album contract.

The awards to the winner were given away by Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein.

Lowangdong Inaugurates Water Treatment Plant at Borduria

BORDURIA, October 8: Adviser to CM, MLA Wanglin Lowangdong on 8th October, 2018 inaugurated W.T.P. (Water Treatment Plant) at Borduria amidst huge gathering of CO Borduria Lim Modi, HoDs, Interim PRIs members, Public of Borduria and adjoining villages.

In his welcome address, Loanhang Wangha on behalf of people of Borduria village and its adjoining villages appreciated Adviser to CM cum MLA Wanglin Lowangdong for fulfilling long cherished of masses of Borduria area people as water is the source of human life and ultimately great achievement under the able leadership of Lowangdong can be witnessed and touched here today.

Addressing the huge gathering of HoDs, Public from 57-Borduria-Bogapani – Adviser to HCM and MLA Wanglin Lowangdong said that long felt demand of people of Borduria and adjoining villages have finally fulfilled as committed during last election campaign, Lowangdong added. He assured to work with more great zeal and energy in the interest of public service till his last breathe for which he seeks public blessings and support in the days to come.

While congratulating the people of Borduria and its adjacent villages for having their long cherished W.T.P.– Er. Bamang Tasung, EE(PHE&WS) highlighted Salient feature of the project “Water Treatment Plant” at Borduria adding that name of the project is “Providing water supply for Borduria and adjoining village” with an estimated cost of Rs. 500.00 lakh vide sanction order No.PD(PPM) RIDF-1/2014-15/814-21, Dated 12/02/2015, funding agency RIDF-XX(NABARD), in which population 2500 souls will be benefitted with a capacity 0.23 MLD, Distance from source 15 Km, size of main pipeline G.I. Pipe 100mm dia and name of the source is Batju Nallah near Choiminthung village.

Lorang Loham, former ZPC in his speech, congratulated the people of Borduria and adjoining village Pullong, Poakkom School and Seva Kendra, he added that Water Treatment Plant at Borduria is a great achievement under the able leadership of Adviser to HCM and local MLA Wanglin Lowangdong. Loham requested Lowangdong for early implementation of WTP (Water Treatment Plant) at Longo which means for Longo, Chasa and its adjoining villages stating that people of Longo,
Chasa are also facing acute scarcity of drinking water during winter season.

While congratulating the people of Borduria and its adjoining villages - EAC Hakrsha Kri, on behalf of District Administration said that undoubtedly implementation of Water Treatment Plant at Borduria is a great achievement under the leadership of Lowangdong, stating that now it is the duties of every individual to maintain such beautiful permanent asset “Water Treatment Project” with a civic sense that water is a source of human life and energy, and in case of water pipe blockage due to unauthorized tapping by miscreant, blame game shouldn’t go to government or public leaders as leader and government can only bring schemes/sanction as such proper maintenance must be done by every household for longevity of the important asset “WTP”.

Chief of Kapu Ngamwang Lowang, Gaon Bura of Borduria Rohang Pongtey and GB of Laptang Wangphoak Khetey vehemently praised Adviser to HCM & Local MLA Wanglin Lowangdong for creating various developmental activities 57-Borduria-Boga pani constituency and they appealed the people of their constituency to keep continue support in favour of Lowangdong to bring such more development in the days to come. A colourful welcome song and dances marked the day. The inaugural programme concluded with vote of thanks from former ASM Bordruia Wangren Lowang.

Rebia inaugurates the first wild Orchid conservation Trail of the country

PANGE, October 8:
Wild Orchid Conservation Trail was inaugurated by Nabum Rebia, Minister Forest and Environment, WCD, SJETA and Land Management at Pange today on the occasion of the 64th National Wildlife Week Celebration.

Pange is located around 15 kms from Ziro and is the gateway to pristine Talle valley wildlife sanctuary.

Lauding the efforts of the Hapoli Forest Division under the leadership of DFO, Koj Rinyo, IFS Nabum Rebia said, “The world today is broiling with the environmental issues and the changes in the ecological systems. The initiative of the Hapoli Forest Division in conservation activities is the need of the hour and should be emulated by others.”

Also impressed with the NGOs, Civil societies, Panchayat leaders and the local communities volunteering as guardians of the jungles he said,” The peaceful and harmonious co-existence of the man with nature, animals and birds is possible only if the public sentiments can be moulded to love nature and stop killing wildlife. I am glad and proud that all of you have collectively taken up the responsibility of protecting nature and wildlife.”

Taking a strong view of deforestation in the name of development Rebia added,” Ziro is abundantly blessed with virgin forest, beautiful landscape and a pleasant weather. The natural beauty of the valley should not be compromised in the name of development. The development activities should be planned in a proper manner without disturbing the ecological balance.”

He also expressed his desire to track to Talle Valley which is another 15kms from Pange.

Speaking on the occasion local MLA Er Tage Taki said,” Conservation of the forest cover of Talle Valley is very crucial for maintaining the delicate environmental balance in and around Ziro. The rain fed streams and rivers that cater to the water needs of the entire plateau will eventually dry up with the decrease in the forest cover. The Government and the Local communities will have to protect the forests jointly.”

For this he requested the Forest and Environment minister to facilitate the construction of a guard track around Talle Valley and equipping the forest guards with tools to track around the valley
to prevent theft of our forest wealth from the neighbouring areas.

PCCF Dr. Rabindra Kumar also suggested for developing a medicinal plant garden and a rhododendron garden to increase the tourism usp of the area.

NGUNU Ziro, an NGO pioneering in conversations activities in the area, the Hapoli Forest Division and the Local MLA unanimously presented a memorandum to the Minister for declaring Talle Wildlife Sanctuary as a Butterfly Sanctuary and declaring Kaiser-e-Hind as the state butterfly of Arunachal Pradesh. The Minister, an environmentalist by heart assured all possible help and promised to prioritize the memorandums submitted.

It is worth mentioning here that more than 200 butterfly species have been found in Talle Valley. The co-existence of three very rare butterflies Kaiser-e-Hind, Bhutan Glory and Brown Gorgon in one single place is rarest of the rare case, as per butterfly experts. As butterflies are very sensitive indicators of biodiversity of the area, it is important that the habitat is protected.

Also Kaiser-e-Hind a very rare butterfly was first photographed live in Talle Valley in March, 2014 for the first time in India after its sighting in Manipur and Cherapunji 60 years ago during the 1st Butterfly meet conducted by NGUNU ZIRO. Also on the occasion tourist facilitation centre which will be a single window information point for tourists, scientists and students were inaugurated by Nabum Rebia.

The minister also brought out a book on “Medicinal Plants of Talle Wildlife Sanctuary” co-authored by DFO Koj Rinyo, IFS and Dr. Dekbin Yomgam. He also realised a Peoples Biodiversity register by Biodiversity management Committee, Hong and brochures on Birds, Butterflies, bamboos, canes, rhododendrons and wild life of Talle Valley by the Hapoli Forest Division.

Earlier the Minister accompanied by MLA Er, Tage Taki, Deputy Commissioner Shri Chukhu Takar, PCCF Dr. Rabindra Kumar, public leaders, Hods, forest officials, representatives from AYA, NGUNU Ziro and Biodiversity Management Committees traversed the one and half km hilly orchid trail and enjoyed the 70 odd orchids relocated from various parts of the forest since 2017.

Moyong distributes free LPG connections to 22 women beneficiaries under PMUY

PASIGHAT, October 8: Altogether 22 (twenty two) women beneficiaries of Boying, Yapgo and Mongku Villages received free LPG Gas connections under the expanded Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) from the Local MLA Kaling Moyong, in a distribution programme held in Boying Dere (Community Hall). A Safety Clinic demonstrating safe use of LPG connections was also conducted by Manager S Paul and team members of M/s Sanggo Gas Agency for the women beneficiaries.

The MLA said that use of clean fuel and smokeless kitchen will go a long way in reducing indoor air pollution for better health of women folk and their families, adding the successful PMUY has been launched by the Prime Minister for ensuring a better and cleaner, pollution free cooking for women of the country.

Moyong also asked the GBs and other stakeholders to create awareness on the recently launched Chief Minister Arogya Arunachal Yojana (CMAAY) for availing Medical Coverage under the recently launched CM Flagship Scheme as stated vision of the Scheme to accord quality and Cashless health care services to the People with the Motto of Universal Health Coverage to all.

Among other Boying Village Secretary, Ojong Moyong, Obit Tamuk Mandal Adyaksh -38th Pasighat East Mandal Committee, T. Tausung President, Bogong Block BJP, Tamong Taki and Asar...
Padun, Vice-Presidents -38th Pasighat East Mandal Committee, O Rukbo, Boying Head GB, GBs Olik Ering, Okom Ering attended the LPG distribution programme.

46th APP Rising Day
YUPIA, October 08:
As a part of run up to the 46th APP Rising Day on 8th Nov’2018 Papum Pare Superintendent of Police Tumme Amo, APPS conducted a quiz competition on Laws like Indian Penal Code (IPC) Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), Investigation Evidence Act (IEA) and Minor Acts related to POSCO Acts among the Officer In-charges, Investigating Officers and Police personnel at SP office, Yupia conference hall here today.

Five teams comprising Crime Branch, SP office, Yupia, Police Stations Kimin, Sagalee, Balijan and Doimukh took participated in the Quiz Competition. The Doimukh Police Station emerged as the winner.

Earlier, SP Tumme Amo informed that as part of run up to the 46th APP Raising Day on 8th Nov’2018, games and sports, literary competition like Quiz and other related activities are being conducted among the police personnel at zonal level and team selected team will participate in the state level competitions. Such quiz competition like activities will help in motivating the personnel to build up their knowledge and self confidence by keeping themselves updated on laws and its implications. He exhorted the Officers and police personnel to keep themselves active and updated on various laws to perform their work in a better way.

Prior to the quiz competition, SP also conducted a monthly crime review meeting with Officers In-Charges and Investigating Officers of Balijan, Sagalee, Kimin and Doimukh to discuss and review the pending cases and reason for its pendency and necessary instructions were given to OCs and IOs.

Launch of CM SKY, CM KSY and Agri department portal by Agriculture Minister
NAHARLAGUN, October 8:
The department of agriculture has launch the ‘Chief Minister’s Sashakt Kisan Yojana, Chief Minister’s Krishi Samuh Yojana and Agri Department web Portal at Banquet Hall, Itanagar here today.

Aimed at doubling the farmers’ income by 2022, as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the two schemes were announced by the state’s finance minister during his budget (2018-19) speech.

Speaking on the occasion, Agriculture Minister Dr Mohesh Chai said the state government is trying its best to facilitate the farmers in raising their income. He said the two schemes are “some of the few initiatives of the government to improve the economic status of the farmers who are solely dependent on agricultural activities.”

The Minister further stated, the Government is coming out with many policies for the enhancement of farmer’s income one of such important policy, which the government is enthusiastic upon, is ‘marketing linkage’ which will give the farmers a whole new ways to increase their income. The government is also encouraging farmers to adopt scientific methods and integrated farming practices, Dr Chai added.

Further the Minister said, Arunachal Pradesh produces around 4.5 thousand metric tonnes of fish per year, whereas the requirement is about 15000 MT, the people of Arunachal have got a ready market for fish products, which are needed to be exploited by the farmers in the state, he added.

Empowering the farmers through a cooperative approach, institutionalizing farmers’ organizations, encouraging good agriculture practices, providing marketing interventions for better price realization, etc, are a few objectives to ensure enhancement of farm income, he added. Talking about new ap-
proaches to boost the agriculture sector, the minister said his department is working on the concept of “agro-tourism” in order to provide “financial backing to the farmers and to the state.”

A book on the CMSKY, and the agriculture department’s web portal (www.agri.arunachal.gov.in) were also launched by the minister during the function.

Agriculture Secretary Mimum Tayeng highlighted the CMSKY and the CMKSY.

The CMSKY will subsume three state flagship programmes – CM’s Employment Generation Scheme, CM’s Agri-Mechanization Programme, and CM’s Flagship Programme on Tea and Rubber.

“The CMKSY aims at empowering the farmers by providing timely support and marketing interventions for better price realization and doubling farmers’ income,” Tayeng said.

Krishi cards were distributed to six registered farmers during the programme.

Karsingsa Dumping ground cleared

ITANAGAR, October 8:

The dumping ground at Karsingsa has been cleaned yesterday by the team of IMC officials and sanitation workers.

The Deputy Commissioner Capital Complex Prince Dhawan has informed that cleaning of dumping ground is being carried out on regular intervals. However, the designated dumping ground do not have enough capacity to dump all the waste generated from Naharlagun, Nirjuli and Banderdewa area, therefore the IMC is trying their best to streamline the system by carrying out regular cleaning. At present the garbage is being managed by embedding with soil in layer and some are incinerated, informed the DC.

The DC has further requested the denizens to dump their garbages in the designated dumping zone and not near highway as many a times it is seen that people dump their garbage right on the highway. He further stressed that it is our moral obligation to keep our city clean.

RGU VC calls on the Governor

ITANAGAR, October 9:

The Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), Rono Hills, Doimukh, Prof. Saket Khushwaha called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh.

Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.), who is the Chief Rector of the University at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 9th October 2018. They discussed various issues and challenges of RGU and the pressing need for improving the academic achievement and educational management of the institute.

The Governor said that the vision of higher education is to realize the State's human resource potential to its fullest with equity and inclusion. This essentially means providing greater access to higher education for all sections, particularly the vulnerable sections of the society. He emphasised that RGU, the premier and lone Central University of Arunachal Pradesh must take a lead, to be a trend setter to excel and show the path for improving quality education, innovations, research work and good campus discipline. It must create new benchmarks of excellence in extending the frontiers of knowledge, the Governor remarked.

Prof. Khushwaha assured the Governor of his best efforts to realize the potential of the students and enhance the placement of students and the All India Ranking of the University.

District Level Intersectional Coordination Meeting on MI

YUPIA, October 09:

One day orientation cum District Level Intersectional Coordination Meeting on Mission Indradhanush (MI) 2018 held here at DC’s conference hall under the chairmanship of In-Charge Deputy Commissioner ADC (Hq) Tabang Bodung on October 9.
ADC Tabang Bodung called upon all In-Charge Medical Officers to always work in close coordination with concern administrative officers of the area while referring to the MI and Mukhya Mantri Rogi Kalyan Kosh implementation in the district. He also stressed upon avoiding the duplicity in preparing action plan and to strictly adhere to guidelines of the scheme.

District Medical Officer Dr. Subu Tasso Kampu also stressed upon that gap analysis of the targeted project should be conducted with jointly with concern administrative officers of the area. She also said that action plan should be prepared as per the requirement.

During the meeting, Dr. Hage Taka, SMO, WHO and resource person of the programme gave presentation on Mission Indradhanush (MI) and Micro Plan and informed the MO i/cs about the new guidelines and timelines of MI programme. Dr. Tilling Gambo also briefed the house about the flagship programme Health and Wellness programme- Ayushman Bharat. Earlier, DR-CHO Dr. Worar Taku briefed the participants about the aims and objective of the meeting and gave brief presentation on MI programme in the district.

Mission Indradhanush is a flagship programme of Prime Minister of India. Three rounds of Mission Indradhanush will be conducted on 22nd Oct'2018, 22nd November’2018 and 22nd December’2018. Programme Officers and Medical Officer In-Charg-es of PHCs and CHCs were present in the meeting.

DC launches Plastic Free Itanagar Campaign

ITANAGAR, October 9:
The Deputy Commissioner Capital Complex Prince Dhanwan today launched Plastic Free Itanagar Campaign at Donyi Polo Mission for the Hearing and Visually Impaired, Chimpu. The campaign is an initiative of the Magic Club Arunachal in collaboration with District Administration Capital Complex on the occasion of its 5th Foundation Day.

The DC wished all the luck to the Magic Club and stressed that the plastic free campaign should be carried forward aggressively. He further stressed that each person is a stakeholder and it is our moral obligation to keep our city clean, green and plastic free. He appreciated the initiative of the Magic Club who has channelized their energy in a constructive and productive way. He stressed that the youths should come forward and supports the cause as youths are the future of the nation. He also stressed that plastic has become an inevitable part of life, everywhere we see we can see plastic products, therefore it’s time we should learn to live without using plastic products.

He also cited the example of the dumping ground at Karsingsa and Chimpu where the highest wastes witnessed are plastic waste, which takes hundreds of years to degrade.

He also reiterated the words said by the Magic Club Be the change you wish to see and asked everyone to adopt a plastic free lifestyle. He stressed on three words of Magic club Reuse, reuse and recycle and lauded the School for their effort in recycling the wastes into productive things. Stressing that Arunachal is a state which is so close to nature, the DC further stressed that we should protect it as it is.

He also asked the volunteers of Magic Club to visit the schools of Capital Complex and carry out awareness campaign and do social audit, based on which the District Administration will announce prizes to the best clean school. He also announced that those shops that give up using plastics would also get a 50% rebate during renewal of their trading licenses.

The DC also thanked the School authorities who are so dedicatedly working and committedly teaching their students in various skills to bring them to mainstream. He also expressed happiness that many students who have passed out from the school are working as Assistant Com-
puter Operators in various Offices. He urged them to continue with their good work and to continue imparting knowledge to the students and make them stand at par with other children. He stressed that we should take out the best of their ability beyond disability.

During the programme, the DC visited the hostel area, classrooms, training centers where students are imparted training in various fields like weaving, handicrafts, typewriting, recycling of paper wastes into file covers, bags etc.

Earlier, Ijum Gadi had briefed about the main objective of the Campaign which is “to discourage the use of one time use plastic and encourage eco-friendly products. He also briefed about Magic Club that are actively involved in carrying out cleanliness drives, plantation, garbage management etc.

Some other works done by the club are visiting orphanages, participating in blood donation etc.

Kapu Sanjay also presented a PPT during the programme.

A Deyi/c Principal also briefed about the functioning school which has around 125 students. He informed that the students are given special classes to make them able to communicate through sign languages, writing through special typewriters and are trained in various fields as per their ability. Other highlights of the day were special song and dance performance by the students.

First Lady of the State interacts with weavers ITANAGAR, October 9:
The First Lady of Arunachal Pradesh Neelam Misra interacted with loin loom weavers from various tribes of the State at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 9th October 2018. They discussed various ways and means to encourage the age-old traditional loinloom weaving in the State.

The First Lady of the State, who has been practicing traditional loinloom weaving as her hobby, said that weaving connects her to the Arunachali sisters in every nook and corner of the State. The designs and patterns of Arunachali traditional weaving are unique, glamorous and exclusive, which must be preserved, she emphasized.

In her endeavour to promote the traditional loin looms, the First Lady of the State called the entrepreneurs and socially well established women to contribute to the preservation and propagation of the traditional loin looms. She said that weaving must be carried out as an extension of our traditions and rendering of help to economically weaker ladies of our society.

Officers from Textile and handicrafts, special invitees from other organizations, including ITBP attended the meeting. They planned out future course of action to strive towards self reliance and self employment.

The documentary on traditional weaving, entitles, ‘Bunai Ki Rangin Duniya- Loin Loom Weaving’ conceptualized and participated by the First Lady of Arunachal Pradesh on 2nd October 2018, was screened on the occasion. The documentary, dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation on his birthday on 2nd October 2018, aims to promote traditional weaving in our State as a reminiscence of Mahatma Gandhi’s Khadi movement as a means self resilience and economic empowerment.

Indian Air Force Recruitment Rally at RGGP ITANAGAR October 9:
Indian Air force is conducting Recruitment Rally for unmarried male candidates to join as Airmen in Group ‘Y’ (Auto Tech & IAF(P) Trades at Rajiv Gandhi Government Polytechnic College, Itanagar on 13th and 14th October 2018 (Entry permitted from 0600hrs to 1000hrs on 13th Oct 18 only)

The Deputy Commissioner Capital Complex Prince Dhawan has stressed that the Recruitment Rally is being held for the male candidates
of the Capital Complex and appealed all the interested candidates who have passed 10+2/intermediate/equivalent (50% marks in aggregate and 50% marks in Eng) to participate and take maximum advantage of the Recruitment Rally so that the eligible candidates can be employed in the IAF. Moreover, the rally would also provide a platform to the unemployed youths not just with employment opportunities but also help strengthen the armed forces, said the DC.

CM lays foundation stone for C E office and District Secretariat

PASIGHAT, October 10: Chief Minister Pema Khandu today laid the foundation stone for construction of office of Chief Engineer (PWD) central zone-B and construction of district secretariat.

He inaugurated the newly constructed academic building of Government School of Nursing (GNM) at Bakin Pertin General Hospital & Training Centre. The building is constructed under National Health Mission.

He also inaugurated the 50-bedded maternal and child health wing, also constructed under NHM. Khandu visited the maternity ward and distributed gifts to the patients.

He later inaugurated the Dialysis Unit of the Bakin Pertin General Hospital built under Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme.

DCC & DLRC review meetings held

CHANGLANG, October 10: The District Consultative Committee (DCC) and District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meetings for the quarter ending June 2018 was convened by lead bank here on Wednesday.

Officials from RBI, NABARD, bank branches and the officers from line departments and NERCORMP attended the programme.

Changlang SBI branch manager Tankeswar Doley shared the status of CD ratio, KCC loan, Aadhaar seeding, PMJRY, PMSBY, PMJJBY, APY etc and opening of bank account in the district. He informed that performance is not satisfactory and that the recovery position of the district was also not up to the mark.

He requested the bank branches to seek help of Govt. functionaries in this regard and maintain close liaison with authorities for recovery of bank dues. He asked for preparing department-wise defaulters list and separate list for Bakijai cases.

Kamal Roy, District Development Manager, NABARD, advised all the bank branches to conduct Financial Literacy camps in villages in their operation area to ensure 100 percent coverage in financial inclusion, issue of ATM/ rupay cards, cashless transactions and Aadhar seeding.

He also informed about different subsidy schemes and sought support from bank managers for credit linkage of SHGs and Farmers’ Club in the district.

Expressing concern over the low CD ratio in the district, Deputy Commissioner R K Sharma advised the banks to disburse all the pending loan applications under different govt. schemes before next DCC meeting and also to improve the CD ratio. He further advised banks to achieve the target under ACP in current financial year.

Meeting of EROs & AEROs held

DAPORIJO, October 10: A meeting of all ERO’s/AERO’s, administrative officers, SP and other election related personnel was held here in the Upper Subansiri district on Wednesday.

Presiding over the meeting, Deputy Commissioner cum DEO, Danish Ashraf urged the members to follow the guidelines issued by the ECI and discharge their duties with utmost dedication in a time bound manner.

EAC (Election), Tage Tatung highlighted the various issues and status of ongoing summary revision activities and the preparatory activities to be undertaken by all the
concerned departments for preparation of District Election management plan for ensuing simultaneous election.

All the members present including SP, ADC, ERO’s and AERO’s gave their inputs and fruitful suggestions.

Further, the hands on training on operations and handling of EVM & VVPAT were also given to all ERO’s & AERO’s by Dr. B Paul, Nodal Officer, EVM & VVPAT as well as District Level Master Trainer.

4th Sarkar Aap Ke Dwar at Parbuk a Huge Crowd puller

ROING, October 10: The 4th Sarkar AapKe Dwar camp held today at the Parbuk Lalung ground, Parbuk in Lower Dibang Valley district was a huge crowd puller with people of nearby villages coming in large numbers to avail the services provided at their doorsteps.

The camp was inaugurated by Head Gaon Burah of Parbuk, Popo Boko in the presence of Deputy Commissioner Mitali Namchoom, Gaon Burahs of the area, heads of departments and the public of the area.

The HGB, DC and Gaon Burahs visited all the stalls and distributed free LPG connection under PMUY to 19 beneficiaries, handed over job cards to 10 beneficiaries, gave blankets and registration cards to 5 registered Workers. The District Administration and Circle Office, Parbuk issued 19 PRCs, 23 ST certificates, 26 inner line permits and 1 identity card during the camp. 602 forms were sold by the Jan Suvidha branch of DC office.

The Food and Civil Supply department renewed 118 ration cards, 5 FPS licenses and 1 SKO retail license. The veterinary department registered 92 animal owners reporting for treatment of 1487 livestock, who were provided free medicine and 4 animals were given anti rabies vaccination.

36 Learner’s licenses were given by the transport department on the day. 93 birth certificates were prepared and issued and 25 new AADHAR enrolments and 9 updation was done by the Economics and Statistics department.

The Health Camp registered 326 people who benefited from health check-up, blood sugar test, malaria test, BMI test; human body toxic test etc and 320 people were given IEC awareness on National Health Programmes by the Health and Family welfare Department.

The Agriculture department distributed 2 winnowers under CM's Agriculture-Mechanization Programme, 31 packets of Rabi seed under NMOOP, 55 packets of vegetable seeds and registered 265 farmers. The Horticulture department distributed 49 farmer’s ID numbers on the day.

The power department collected Rs.12,947.00 as revenue from electricity bills paid by 47 customers. APEDA sold 255 LED bulbs and 13 fans to 69 beneficiaries. The Tax and Excise department renewed and issued 1 IMFL retail license and 1 trading license.

The Forest department distributed 45 free saplings to the public during the day. The Election branch of DA created awareness on EVMs and VVPATs machine to 183 people.

10 beneficiaries were provided with weaver’s identity cards by the Textile and Handicraft department. NIC, IT & C and DeGS generated 3 income certificates under Service plus and registered 2 people under Digi Locker.

Awareness was created on the CM’s flagship programmes and Government welfare schemes by all the departments of the district. The public of the place appreciated the SAKD programme and demanded for holding of more camps in the area, which was agreed upon by the Deputy Commissioner, who informed that a camp would be held at nearby Jia village on 24th October 2018.
Stray animal drive being carried out at Itanagar area
ITANAGAR, October 10:
A team led by Itanagar Circle Officer LikhaRadh along with Senior Vety Officer (IMC) Dr. G Piel, Dr. Sorang Tadap Vety Officer Zoo continued with the eviction drive of stray animals at various locations of Itanagar like Ganga area, ESS sector, H sector, Itafort area, Donyi Polo road, Nyokum Lapang area, Lobi area etc.
During the drive, 4 numbers of animals were evicted.
The Deputy Commissioner Capital Complex Prince Dhawan has informed that the DA will continue with the drive while also observing prevention of cruelty to Animals Act.
Combining all the earlier drives, the DA has evicted a total of around 93 animals till date.

Governor appeals to the people of the State to enrol themselves in the State Electoral Roll
ITANAGAR, October 11:
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh B. D. Mishra and First Lady of the State Neelam Misra registered themselves in the State Electoral Roll at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 11th October 2018. With their registration, they will join the ‘Universal Suffrage’ stream of the State.
Interacting with the officials, the Governor exhorted the Election Officers to enrol every eligible citizens of the State to ensure maximum electoral participation of the people in the democratic process. He advised them to reach out to the people for a cent percent voter registration in Arunachal Pradesh.
The Governor appealed to the people of the State to enrol themselves in the State Electoral Roll and be an active participant of the electoral process.
Team of officers from Papum Pare District Election office, led by its District Election Officer Dr. Joram Beda, Deputy Commissioner, facilitated the enrolment of the First Citizens of the State under Special Summary revision. Booth Level Officer of Raj Niwas Complex and Assistant Electoral Registration Officer conducted the enrolment and assisted in the filling up of the prescribed forms.
On the occasion, Dr. Beda briefed the Governor about the Systematic Voter’s Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activities including educating the people about importance of voting.

District Level Monitoring Committee and Arunachal Rising Campaign Meeting Held
HAWAI, October 11:
A meeting in connection with District Level Monitoring Committee and Arunachal Rising Campaign was held on Wednesday last under the Chairmanship of Jally Umpo, EAC in presence of all Heads of Offices of Anjaw District and staff wherein status of implementation of flagship schemes and other schemes was discussed in the meeting deliberately.
In the meeting, EAC emphasized on strict implementation of schemes on time bound manner and advised all employees to remain at their places of posting.
Wilia Chautung, DPO requested all the Departments to execute schemes with proper tagging before, during and after completion of works and submit Utilization Certificates of completed works immediately.
Neelam Tan, CO Chaglagam also requested all departments to place their employees at the Circle Headquarters against which they were appointed and posted.
Rupir Siboh, CO (HQ) apprised that government of Arunachal Pradesh has launched a two month comprehensive publicity campaign “Arunachal Rising” for disseminating information of state and central flagship programmes to the people at the grass root level. He requested all departments to extend their cooperation and active participation in the program to make Arunachal Rising Campaign a Grand Success.
All Heads of Offices also spoke in the meeting and all possible issues were made clear.
VKV Jirdin Wrest First and Third in District Level Science Congress
AALO, October 22:
The Vivekananda Kendriya Vidyalaya came first, third and Govt. HS School Aalo bagged the second prize to represent the district in the State Level Competition to be held at Itanagar in the month of Nov.2018. Altogether seven schools from various part of West Siang District took part in the competition held here on 22nd Oct.last.

Attending the function as the Chief Guest, Shri Gijum Tali DIPRO Aalo lauded the presentations given by the young Class VII students of few schools and exhorted them to inculcate scientific temperament to excel in future. The Principal of Govt. Nehru Memorial H.S.S., Shri Joken Angu advised the students to take keen interest in such event to develop their knowledge and skill in their formative years. Shri Irakson Tajom, BEO and Shri Gopal Singh, TGT also dwelt elaborately on importance of such Science Congress held from time to time in the district.

Governor meets Union Cultural Minister of State
ITANAGAR, October 22:-
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) met the Union Minister of State for Culture (Independent Charge) Dr. Mahesh Sharma at New Delhi on 22nd October 2018.

The Governor impressed upon the Culture Minister the pressing need for Music Academies in Arunachal Pradesh. He informed the minister that with its diversity in cultural heritage, the State of Arunachal Pradesh is bestowed with large number of different music and cultural forms. These heritage and traditions needs to be preserved, promoted and propagated. Therefore, setting up of music academies will be a strong foundation in this endeavour. Every tribe of its 26 major and 106 sub-tribes has distinct and different cultural heritage, the Governor said.

The Governor also took up the proposal for holistic development of Parasuram Kund, in Lohit District. He also shared the finer issues of the proposal as he visited and interacted with concerned people of the famed place of pilgrimage.

The Union Minister of State for Culture assured the Governor in expediting the process for Music academies to preserve and promote the Cultural Diversity of the country.

Earlier in the day, the Governor met Shri Rahul Bhatnagar, Secretary Sports, Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs. They discussed about starting of Football Academies in Arunachal Pradesh. The Secretary to Govt. of India assured the Governor of the Union Sports Ministry’s full support in creating the Sports infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh.

State Minister for Sports and Youth affairs, Dr. Mohesh Chai along with Chairman, Sports Authority of Arunachal Shri Bamang Tago and Mission Director, Khelo India, Arunachal Pradesh Shri Gumya Karbak accompanied the Governor for the meeting.

District Level Mission Indradhanush- cum-Mission Pratiksha launched
YUPIA October 22:
District Health Society, Papum Pare District under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman DHS Dr. Joram Beda, IAS launched the District Level Mission Indradhanush- cum-Mission Pratiksha launched.
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Dradhanush –cum-Mission Pratiksha at Yupia Dispensary on 22nd October’2018 in the presence of DMO Dr. Subu Tasso Kampu, DRCHO Dr. Worar Taku, Dr. Lobsang Chuki, Medical Officer In-Charge, CHC Doimukh, and all the Programme officers. Dr. Beda also administered 2 drops OPV (Oral Polio Vaccine) to the children.

A total of 370 targeted children of 0-2 years and 38 pregnant women both from rural and urban areas of Papum Pare district and Capital Complex have been identified to be covered under the programme. Mission Pratiksha aims to achieve 90% full immunization coverage by December 2018.

Mission Pratiraksha launched in Lower Subansiri and Kamle ZIRO, October 22:
Along with the rest of the state Mission Pratiraksha was launched in Lower Subansiri District by Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman, District Health Society Shri Chukhu Takar In his office chamber on 22nd Oct.last.

While attesting his signature on the Mission Pratiraksha notes, he wished the entire team a 100% immunization coverage. DMO Dr. Tage Kano informed that the Government of Arunachal Pradesh has converged Mission Indradhanush, Incentivisation for full immunization and Routine Immunization into Mission Pratiraksha. He further informed that various awards for best performing districts in terms of Leadership, immunization coverage, increase in immunization percentage and best team will be awarded this time.

DRCHO Dr Derin Likar presented a PowerPoint on the Mission Pratiraksha. During the presentation he informed that focus will be on pockets with unvaccinated and under-vaccinated areas. Headcount will be done in identified poor coverage area and sessions will be planned based on the number of target beneficiaries he informed.

The Mission Pratiraksha was also launched in Kamle by DC i/c EAc Shri Mobia Tai at CHC, Raga in the presence of DRCHO Dr. Kapu Sopin, ASHAs, Anganwadi workers and other medical staffs. The mission was also simultaneously launched in all the PHCs across Kamle by the respective MO incharges.

Moyong inaugurates 5th Sarkar Aapke Dwark at Yagrung
PASIGHAT, October 22:
The 5th Sarkar AapkeDwar PROGRAMMEof East Siang district was held at Yagrung Village ON 22ND Oct.Iast. Local MLA, Kaling Moyong, who inaugurated the daylong citizen centric doorstep services at Govt. Secondary School, Yagrung, also launched the Mission Pratiraksha, which is a State Government Initiative for full immunization of children and Pregnant women converging Routine Immunisation, Mission Indradhanush and Incentivisation ASHA and ANM for vaccination of every identified Child. It has been launched with the objective for reaching the unreached and speeding up immunization.

In his brief address, MLA said that Sarkar AapkeDwar is a vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to bring services of Govt. Departments and Banking Institutions at people’s doorsteps and urged them to avail the services extended. “Nodal Officer of Sarkar Aapkedwar, DPO, CO Yagrung, Officers and Officials are here in your presence to guide and assist for any query and services” and urged them to come forward to seek assistance and services of the Government departments and Banks. The MLA also urged to enroll for the recently launched Chief Minister Arunachal Arogya Yojana (CMAAY) which provides health coverage of Rs. 5 lacs per year for every family. He also highlighted various developmental initiatives taken up under the CM, Pema Khandu. He also urged the GBs & stakeholders to create awareness on the various schemes and services.

Under the CM Flagship programme of CMAAY, 487
beneficiaries availed forms for enrolling under CMAAY.

Apex Bank Pasighat Branch also in collaboration with District Administration conducted “Go Digital Awareness Camp” to empower and promote people in digital banking, sponsored by NABARD. In regards to services offered by Banks, The Pasighat branches of AP Co-op. Apex Bank, AP Rural Bank, SBI and Punjab National Bank also extended services for account opening, enrollment under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana with zero balance savings accounts, Atal Pension Yojana (APY) for senior citizens and Insurance Schemes under PMSBY (Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana) and PMJJY (Pradhan matrijevanjyoti bima yojna) , which provides insurance coverage of Rs. 2 lakh each at a premium of Rs. 12 for PMSBY and 330 (PMJJY) only respectively. Apex Bank Pasighat Branch also in collaboration with District Administration conducted “Go Digital Awareness Camp” sponsored by NABARD.

The Pratiraksha Mission has been launched under the aegis of East Siang, District Health Society.

East Siang DC, Tamiyota Tatak, also urged the GBs and various stakeholders to disseminate information on the CMAAY and ADC (Hq) Taddo Borang, Jt. Director Health Services, Dr. D. Raina, DMO, Dr. Kaling Dai, DRCHO Dr. T. Gao, DD ICDS, Ponung Ering Angu, DPO S. Sharma, CO Yagrung, P. Dorjee, Ex-ZPM, Namuk Taloh, Ex-Aanchal Chairperson, A. Taning, Mandal Adhyaksh, Obit Tamuk and HoDs of various departments.


Two Houses Gutted to Ashes at Yoji Yora

AALO, October 22:
In a devastating fire that broke out at Yoji Yora colony of Aalo town in the evening of 21st October, two dwelling houses were completely gutted to ashes. The spread of fire could be controlled from spreading further by fire brigade rushing in from all corners. The representative from the district administration has rushed to the spot to assess the situation and provide immediate relief.

District Level Governor’s G.K Quiz & Trophy Competition 2018

TEZU, October 23:
District Level Governor’s G.K Quiz & Trophy Competition 2018, in respect of Lohit District was conducted at BRC Training Building Tezu on 23.10.2018. The same was organized by Mr. Joseph Per tin, BEO, Tezu on behalf of the DDSE Lohit. Total seven (7) Nos. of Government Higher Secondary and Government Secondary Schools of this District participated in the said Competition.

First DLC meeting on ‘Arunachal Rising Campaign’ for Lohit District held

TEZU, October 23:
The first District level consultative meeting on ‘Arunachal Rising Campaign’ for Lohit District was held on 23rd October 2018, in the Office of the Deputy Commissioner Tezu.

Addressing the meeting, Shri Karma Leki, Deputy Commissioner Tezu, briefed the gathering about the Arunachal Rising Campaign 2018, which is a two month comprehensive publicity campaign of the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, wherein information will be disseminated about the various state and central flagship programme at the grass root level for the awareness of the people. The campaign will be executed through various outreach programs.

In the meeting elaborate plans were discussed to make Arunachal Rising campaign a real success in the District. DDSE Tezu was asked to identify co-ordinators from each secondary and senior
secondary school for dissemination of information regarding the programme to the school students and also necessary arrangement to be made for conduct of quiz and other literary activities in all the schools.

DMO Tezu, was instructed to select the best ASHA workers, DD ICDS to select best Anganwadi workers and DDA, DVO and DHO Tezu, to identify best progressive farmers for the matter pertaining to the selection process. Gram perak to be nominated from each CD block to function as the publicity agent. DIPRO Tezu was also instructed to effectively implement mass media campaign in the District for the successful implementation of the programme.

Shri Karma Leki DC Tezu, sought the active cooperation from all the members present for successful implementation of the Arunachal Rising Campaign in the District. The meeting was attended by the SP, DMO, DDSE, all the Administrations officers, DD ICDS, and other officials.

DC Makes a Surprise Check of Govt. Sec. School, Koronu ROING, October 23:

‘Help yourself by cultivating an interest in reading and studies and only then can you make something of yourself.’ advised Deputy Commissioner Mitali Namchoom (IAS) while interacting with Class IX and X students of Govt. Secondary School, Koronu during her surprise inspection of the school on 23 Oct. last.

Teachers will teach you in the classroom but you too have to learn and try to improve yourself, she further added while informing the students about the dismal results in the previous years and hoping for better results in the coming years. She also checked the reading ability of students in the primary section and demonstrated basic techniques for their improvement.

The DC also checked the attendance of teachers in the school and instructed them to take special care in improving the reading ability of students, concentrate on language abilities, sentence construction etc. and work towards bringing out the confidence of students.

Sarkar Aapke Dwar conducted at Reying Village, Payum Circle PAYUM, October 23:

Sarkar Aapke Dwar was conducted in the remote village of Reying under Payum Circle, Siang District on 23 Oct. last.

The event was inaugurated by Chief Guest Shri Tagong Pame, HGB Pame village, in the presence of Deputy Commissioner Shri Rajeev Takuk, CO Payum Miss Shanti Mize, various HoDs, admin officers, officers and officials from various departments, HGBs/GBs, School students and general public.

The Camp covered altogether 13 far flung villages in the remote circle bordering China namely gate, gasheng, gaming, payum, yio, Row, Dupu, Mega, Bogu, Cheying, Pame and Reying, most of which are non-motorable.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC urged all public to reap full benefits of the programme.

Total 52 no.’s of CMAAY forms were distributed. Free Health was Camp set up offering free medical checkup and distribution of free medicines and IEC material. 7 No.’s of condoms and 3 No.’s of contraceptives were distributed. Free tests were also done. Total number of 68 intestinal worm check up, 17 RBS Test, 10 gastritis check up, 8 URTI check up and 5 AFI check up was done. Total 48 patients were registered.

Account opening stall in collaboration with SBI, Pangin Branch was set up. Total 93 no.’s of Account opening forms were processed.

An Aadhar camp was also set up. Altogether 1 no. Of
Aadhar enrolment was done. A total of 96 birth certificates were processed. 62 ST certificates and 82 PRC was issued. Total 21 no.’s of Income certificates were issued.

Total 120 land survey work order was issued on spot and 120 no.’s of LPC forms were processed.

Altogether 42 farmer’s registration form was distributed by Agriculture Department.

A total of 102 farmer’s registration application forms were distributed and received by Horticulture Department. 101 no. of IEC Pamphlets were distributed.

Total 450 Ujala LED bulbs and 2 EE Fans were distributed by APEDA at subsided rates.

47 nos. of Old Age pension forms were processed by the ICDS department. 1 no. of Widow Pension form was processed. 8 no.s of PWDS form and 1 no. of PMMVY form was issued.

20 and 50 no.s of forms on one year training programme on measuring and knitting under PMEGP were issued by the Industries Department and Textiles & Handicrafts department respectively.

90 Driving License Forms were issued by the Department of Transport.

14 no.’s of Job cards were issued by RD department. 74 income certificate and 4 BPL cards were also issued.

Counselling camp on CM Dronacharya Gurukul Yojana was set up by Education Department. Altogether 30 students in total availed it's services. CM Adhunik Patshaala Yojana Counselling Camp was also set up benefiting 25 students. Altogether 48 students also availed career counselling services on the venue. Total of 30 each of NMM Exam form, SMS Scholarship form and NTS Exam form respectively was issued.

Around 350 people attended the programme.

**DCM inaugurated a 10 Days Workshop on Bamboo Construction ‘Building With Bamboo’ NAMSAI, October 24:**

Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein inaugurated a 10 Days Workshop on Bamboo Construction ‘Building With Bamboo’ at Golden Pagoda Resorts, Tengapani in Namsai District in presence of MLA Chongkham, Chow Tewa Mein and MLA Namsai, ChauZingnuNamchoom here on 24 Oct..

In his inaugural speech, Mein said, “we could market Arunachal Pradesh through Bamboo and its products”. Citing that there is a huge scope for investment in Arunachal Pradesh as the State has so much of wealth in the form of natural resources, he said Bamboo is one of it.

He pointed that the North East region has the highest potentials of Bamboo in the country and Bamboo is a part and parcel of the life of North Eastern people as it is widely used as eatables as well as in making furniture and as construction materials. He informed that earlier in a GST Council meeting, he proposed for reduction of GST Rate on Bamboo Furniture and its products from 28% to 12%, accordingly the same was accepted and reduced to 12% by the GST Council.

He further said that the opportunities are coming for the people of the State as it is opening up to the outside world with the improved road, rail and air connectivity. He said, “though there is tremendous scope for establishing economic and cultural relations with the South East Asian Countries. But for that to happen, we need to keep ourselves ready through improvisation of infrastructures and road communication”. He added that entrepreneurship is one such area where we can improvised and sale our finished products to attract outsiders.

The DCM said that for this to happen we need both political and social will and support of the expertise. He also said that Bamboo Workshop has been conceptualized to enable our people to learn from the experts and
skilled themselves in building durable houses with bamboo. He added that for this reason, the workshop has been made purely a practically oriented one. He expressed hope that the workshop will be a fruitful one and requested the experts to provide an idea and draw a road map on how to utilize the vast resources of Bamboo of this Himalayan State for the economic benefit of the people and for the future generation.

MLA Chongkham, Chow Tewa Mein said to identify for which purpose our bamboos are good at and to make best use of the bamboo.

MLA Namjai, ChauZingnu Namchoom opined to use Bamboo as substitute for the woods for economic upliftment of the people as the timber business had been banned in the State. He also expressed hope that the entrepreneurs of the State will be immensely benefitted from this workshop.

Jorg Stamm, International Expert on Bamboo structures while speaking in the inaugural session said that the Bamboos of Arunachal Pradesh has the potential for export to the outside world. Highlighting multiple uses of bamboo, he said that there is huge potential for bamboo based industrial development and construction of durable houses from the bamboos found in the State. Kamesh Salam, CEO South Asia Bamboo Foundation said that the Workshop is being organized to transfer technology and hands on skills to the local entrepreneurs of the State. Dr G Murtem, Deputy State Mission Director, State Bamboo Development Agency also spoke on the occasion.

Apart from International Experts on Bamboo Structures from Colombia, United Kingdom and Bhutan, 28 participants including 12 architects from other States namely Nagaland, Assam, Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Manipur and about 25 participants from Arunachal Pradesh are participating in the workshop.

The 10 days Training Workshop on Bamboo from 24th October to 2nd November 2018 is jointly organized by the South Asia Bamboo Foundation (SABF) and Building Materials & Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC), Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Govt. of India and sponsored by the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

Among others, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Tapashya Raghav and HoDs, Officers from State Forest Research Institute, VC Arunachal University of Studies, Namjai also attended the programme.

District Administration Capital Complex started with the demolition drive

ITANAGAR, October 24:
As per the decision taken by the Cabinet on 8th October 2018, the District Administration Capital Complex started with the demolition drive on 24th Oct. to ensure 15 mtrs RoW on both sides of the Highway and also to verify that the compensated structure have been completely demolished.

The eviction drive is being conducted as per procedure and in the most transparent manner and shall continue till Pappu Nallah.

Simultaneously DA, ICC and PWD Highways have ensured that carpeting work begins immediately and the road work gets expedited to avoid inconvenience to commuters.

It is hoped that very soon with efforts of DA, ICC and PWD Highways and the citizens of Capital, the city will have a good 4 lane road as per approved DPR

Two day Workshop on Digital Payments for Merchants/Vendors and Govt. Departments of Itanagar Smart City

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CM visited the memorial of Param Vir Chakra recipient Subedar Joginder Singh TAWANG, October 25:-

Chief Minister Pema Khandu visited the memorial of Param Vir Chakra recipient Subedar Joginder Singh here at Bumla, a 1962 war hero, who was awarded with the country’s highest gallantry award posthumously.

Chief Minister laid a wreath at the memorial and paid homage to Singh who had halted and repulsed the invading Chinese Army, twice, at Tongpen La in Bum La axis when the enemy was heading to conquer Tawang on 23 October 1962. Subedar Singh finally succumbed to his injuries in Chinese custody.

Chief Minister during his interaction with the military personnel informed that the state government has approved the construction of a war memorial in honour of Subedar Singh. Khandu said the people of Arunachal salutes the bravery and sacrifice of Singh who died defending the country. To commemorate his heroic defence against the overwhelming Chinese Army, the state govt will construct a war memorial in his honour.

Earlier Chief Minister in his visit to Bumla pass interacted with the Army personnel of Bihar Regiment. He visited the conference room where border personal meetings (BPM) between the Indian Army and People’s Liberation Army are held regularly for consultations and interactions between the two armies to improve relations.

Khandu also visited the LAC point and placed a pebble on ‘Heap of Stones’ as a symbol of friendship, peace and tranquility.
Changlang and Namsai Districts were declared Avoidable Blindness Free
NAMSAI, October 25:-
A good news for this part of the State as 23 Villages of Changlang and Namsai Districts were declared Avoidable Blindness Free under the National Program for Control of Blindness (NPCB). The Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein made the declaration in a simple but impressive function at Arunachal University of Studies at Namsai. Out of these 23 villages, 20 villages are of Borдумsa, Diyun and Innao circles of Changlang District and 3 villages of Namsai District.
The Avoidable Blindness Free status for these 23 villages was achieved under the Avoidable Blindness Free Arunachal (ABFAR) Project, a joint venture of the NPCB & VI, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh in partnership with Chandra Prabhu Eye Hospital, Jorhat, Operation Eyesight Universal (an NGO) and Seeing is Believing (Standard Chartered Bank) on PPP mode.

In his declaration speech, Mein credited the achievements to the ASHA workers, health care functionaries at the grass root level and to all the stakeholders of the NPCB programme. He said that it is the result of a team effort and expressed hope that ABFAR Project would be adopted and extended to other parts of the State to make whole of the State an Avoidable Blindness Free State.

As proposed during the programme, he also said to initiate establishment of a Zonal Eye Specialist Centre at Namsai for whole of the Eastern Zone of the State as people of the State often travels to other parts of the country for eye check up and treatments costing them huge expenses.

Prof. (Dr) Sangeeta Abrol, Deputy Director General, NPCB & VI, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India lauded the achievement made in the State under NPCB program in PPP Mode. She said that the ABFAR Project in the State would be taken as a role model and a pilot project for other States to follow. She also appreciated the way ASHAs function in the State and further assured all possible assistance and support from the Ministry in future endeavors of the programme in the State.

Earlier, Dr Taba Khan, State Programme Officer, NPCB & VI, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh highlighted the achievements made under the programme in the State. He informed that the Arunachal Pradesh is the 2nd highest blindness prevalent State after Assam in the country and efforts are on to remove this blindness tag from the State.

State BJP President, Tapir Gao, MLA Namsai, Chau Zingnu Namchoom, DC Namsai, Dr Tapashya Raghav, Vice Chancellor of AUS, Prof V K Kwatra, Chairman of AUS, Ashwin Lochan, DMO Namsai Dr N Soreya Namchoom also spoke on the Occasion.

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**NSS Unit of SFS College Conducts Social Service on Public Road**

**AALO, October 25:**
The NSS Unit of SFS College Yeggo conducted massive social service on public road from Petrol pump to SFS College on 25 Oct. All pot holes along the road were filled up and JCB and trucks were engaged through students’ Fund. The entire college were involved in the social service. The internal and external connecting the district is deplorable condition everywhere and time to time social services are a regular phenomenon here.

**NCERT Director calls on the Governor**

**ITANAGAR, October 25:**
Prof. Hrushikesh Senapaty, Director, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 25th October 2018. They discussed about ways to ensure timely availability of NCERT books in the State.

Sharing his observation during his tour to all the 22 Districts of the State, the Governor said that NCERT books are important for the students. This year, due to concerted effort of all and prompt action from the State Government, books were provided to the students, he said.

The Governor emphasised on vocational education and activating the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Arunachal Pradesh.

Prof. Ranjana Arora, Head, Department of Curriculum Studies (DCS), NCERT along with Assistant Professors from DCS, NCERT, Dr. MVSV Prasad and Mr. R.R. Koireng, and Shri Moto Nyori, Joint Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Arunachal Pradesh were present in the meeting.

**Governor interacts with students**

**ITANAGAR, October 25:**
Continuing his endeavour in reaching out to the youth of the State, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) had an interactive session with the students from higher education centers; viz, Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology, Nirjuli, National Institute of Technology, Arunachal Pradesh, Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar and Don Bosco College, Jullang at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 25th October 2018.

Interacting on the theme, ‘Governor’s Role in Centre-State Relationship, with special reference to Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor said that role of the Governor is to serve and ensure well being of the people. Governor with his Council of Ministers coordinates with the Central Government to ensure that due priority is accorded to the State’s development.

Referring to Article 371H in The Constitution of India 1949, the Governor said that the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh has been conferred with special responsibility with respect to law and order in the State of Arunachal Pradesh, which is an onerous obligation.

Highlighting the fine balance between the Constitutional Head of the State and the Chief Minister, being the Chief State Executive, the Governor said that the Governor is part of the State executive and works on the advice of the council of minister with the Chief Minister at its head.

Citing a recent case, which required urgent concurrence from the Governor by the Union Government, the Governor informed that he communicated his concurrence duly advised by the Council of Ministers.
The Governor, who is a law graduate himself, highlighted the importance of the Preamble of the Constitution of India, the Fundamental Duties, and also various articles related to the institution of the Governor. He pointed out that promoting of law and order, peace and development in the State by the Governor are the Pillars of good Centre-State Relationship.

Inquisitively, participating in the interactive session, the students asked many questions regarding the role of the Governor in facilitating and strengthening cordial Centre-State relationship, developmental issues and about higher education.

Children’s Film Bonanza enthralls school children of twin capital
NAHARLAGUN, October 25:
A 2-day Children’s Film Bonanza is being held at hotel Tosum, Naharlagun on 25th and 26th October which is being organized by the Children’s Film Society of India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting s, GOI in collaboration with the department of Information and Public Relations, government of Arunachal Pradesh.

In his inaugural address the Minister of IPR, RWD and government Spokesperson Bamang Felix while appreciating the Administrative Officer of Children’s Film Society of India Rajesh Gohil who had come all the way from Mumbai to conduct the Children’s Film Bonanza described the collaboration of CFSI and IPR as historic that would help in screening meaningful films for the school children. The Minister said that the films were of different types and asked the children to watch and follow only the good, educative and morally enriching films adding that films influenced the human mind and the society at large. He told the school children to take full advantage of the Children’s Film Bonanza and take life’s lessons from the beautiful films on an entire gamut of issues that would be screened for two days. Felix told the huge gathering that children could change the course of history by dint of their hard work and innovative imagination and narrated the daring and inspiring story of the young girl from Afghanistan Mala Yousaf zai who surmounted all hurdles and stumbling-blocks to get education. He also told the huge gathering that the Arunachal Film and Television Institute had started functioning in the state that would facilitate the aspiring film makers and actors in the state. Earlier, the chief guest along with other dignitaries lighted the symbolic lamp.

The Special Secretary of IPR Himanshu Gupta, IAS while participating in the deliberation lauded the Children’s Film Society of India for collaborating with the department of IPR to organize such a meaningful event for the children and hoped that the children would not only enjoy the films but also carry home the message conveyed by the films. He further urged the students to study hard and utilize their leisure times gainfully. In his address, Rajesh Gohil, Administrative Officer of Children’s Film Society of India, Mumbai threw light on the initiatives of CFSI to produce and screen children’s films across the country adding that the primary onus of CFSI was to produce quality films for the children to educate them in all spheres of life. He said that children’s films were also produced by the CFSI for the children with hearing and visual disabilities.

Earlier, in his welcome speech the Director of IPR Obang Tayeng while thanking the Minister and Special Secretary of IPR for their genial presence said that films were not only meant for entertainment but were very affective mediums and sources of enriching one’s knowledge and hoped that the Children’s Film Bonanza would go a long way to educate the children.

It may be mentioned here that school children from across the twin capital are being invited to enjoy the films both in the morning and afternoon sessions on 25th and
26th October. Films shows for the Dony-Polo school, Itanagar to entertain the visual and hearing impaired students are also being held on 26th October.

Stage is all set for the Tawang Festival 2018

TAWANG, October 25:
Stage is all set for the Tawang Festival 2018, the festival will begin with it being open declaration by Honble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, this will be followed by street carnival wherein Drekar i.e monologue wishing happy and successful Tawang festival by the artist and danc- es like Tashi Choepa, Yak pantomime by different vil- lagers, Baa Chham the mask dance, Showa chham the stag Dance, lion dance, Gyep-Gyem the king and queen dance, Buchung chham the dancer with phal- lus in hand and Ngabro the monkey masked dance will be performed on street for two hours by more then two hundred dancers in a sequence.

After the street carnival is over the Honble MOS (home) Shri Khiren Rijiju will inaugurate the exhibition and food stall at Men-tsem- tse Festival ground, the formal programmes in the evening will be followed by stage show of various cul- tural events in presence of VIPs and bollywood singer Mohit Chauhan.

Films screened for hearing and visually impaired of DPM

NAHARLAGUN, October 26:
As a part of the 2-day Children’s Film Bonanza, held under the aegis of Children’s Film Society of India and department of Information and Public Relations, two films ‘Hallo’ and ‘Gauru’ were screened on 26th October at Dony-Polo Mission school for the hearing and visually im- paired, Chimpu for the benefit of the differently able children of the school.

While addressing the Teachers and students of the school on the occasion as the chief guest Special Secretary for Planning and IPR Himanshu Gupta, IAS expressed his happiness over the cleanliness maintained by the school authorities and also appreciated the discipline of the students adding that other government schools should take a leaf out of the book of the DPM school. He lauded the staff for inculcating a sense of cleanliness, discipline and responsibility in their students. In his reply to the grievances put forth by the Principal of the school, the chief guest assured to impress upon the government to address the genuine issues on priority and urged upon the Teachers and staff to introduce more gainful co-cur- ricular activities for the students adding that all possible help and support would be extended by the government. Earlier, Gupta and other invitees lighted the lamp to mark the event. The Director of IPR Obang Tayeng in his speech while appreciating the latent talents of the students requested the Teachers and staff to continue to work dedic- atedly and selflessly to hone the inherent skills of the differently able students to enable them stand on their own feet. He further said that films played a pivotal role not only to entertain the children but also to educate and keep them updated about the many splendid things of life. The Administrative Officer of CFSI, Mumbai Rajesh Gohil in his address told the gathering that films would be screened every month for the students of the school saying that film was a strong medium to convey educationally enriching and issues and other useful messages vis- à-vis the society at large. He thanked the IPR department for providing a platform to show the films to the students.

Earlier, the Principal of the school H. Sharma in his welcome address highlighted the activities of the school both in academic and other fields adding that the students were given free accommodation and free education thanks to the immense help and support of the state government. While throw- ing light on the achievements of the school over years since incipience, the Principal also express some of the grievances of the school and hoped that the government would address
them on priority. The students presented colourful cultural programmes to mark the occasion.

**DDSE Makes Weeklong Inspection of Schools in Interior areas**

**AALO, October 26:**
The West Siang DDSE Ete Ete carried out weeklong inspection schools under Menchukha and Monigong Educational Blocks from 19th to 24th Oct last to ascertain first hand information of the ground functioning. He was accompanied by Ken-to Ngomdir BEO Aalo West-cum-Nodal Officer CMSSY, CMDB & RMS, Iken Bagra MDM Coordinator, Bamin Loyi BEO Aalo East-cum-Sports in charge, Karto Ete IT Coordinator, RMSA, Jigme Onge BEO Menchukha and Pemba Sona BEO Monigong-Pidi to take up the task of inspecting as many twenty school.

During the inspection tour, teachers’ performance were examined, implementation of MDM scheme were verified and also interacted with the villagers, teachers, non-teaching staff and students. It has been observed that despite communication bottleneck, inhospitable terrain and extreme cold climate the teaching and non-teaching staff of the Department are giving their best to impart quality education although some irregularities were also detected among the staff. The teachers and students in the border area are living & learning under a pathetic condition as most of the school infrastructure like school building, hostel and teachers quarters are dilapidated. In absence of boundary wall around the school campus it is frequently sheltered by stray animals and anti social elements making the temple of wisdom unhygienic and insecure. The most heart touching aspect of the tour at GLPS Chengo, known as Namo Siva the last village and school bordering our neighboring China where teaching learning and learning too flourished. The DDSE received several complaints from the villagers that teachers should be relieved from the duty of BLO as it hampers the teaching learning process to a great extent. In the name of election work the school remains closed for days together. To cite an example, a teacher of GLPS Chengo is appointed as BLO of Pangri which is two days foot march from his place of posting. Likewise out of five teachers of GUPS Karle four are appointed as BLO due to which at most times school remains closed when they are engaged in election related activities. These are only few of the many problems encountered by the teaching community serving in the remote part of the District.

**Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee calls on the Governor**

**ITANAGAR, October 26:**
The Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) and Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) Admiral Sunil Lanba, PVSM, AVSM, ADC called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 25th October 2018.

Welcoming the honoured State Guest, the Governor said that his visit to the Frontier State of Arunachal Pradesh reinforces the sense of security amongst the people. He expressed his hope that border security challenges of the State particularly on our Northern Borders will be taken care of by COSC.

Congratulating the young achievers, the Governor said that it is great incentives to be facilitated by the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee, who is the head of all service chiefs.

Speaking on the occasion, Chowna Mein Deputy Chief Minister highlighted on Migration of population from border areas and advocated for expediting the Frontier Road Projects and other developmental programmes.

In his address, the COSC recalled his earlier visits and lauded the people of the State for their culture, simplicity and nationalism. He appre-
Associated the Military-Civil synergy in the State. He assured that he would take up the issues of infrastructure development in the State with the Central Government, when he returns to the National Capital.

Earlier, Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee felicitated achievers of the State, which included Beauty pageant Chum Darang, Author Gumlat Mayo, Singer Cho-chung Dema Thungon, Martial Artist Dingjamso Tawsik, Wildlife film maker Tallo Antony, Singer Jelly Kaye, Theater activities & actor Tai Tugung and entrepreneur Tage Rita Take.

First Lady of the State, Neelam Misra, President Navy Wives Welfare Association Reena Lanba, Chief Secretary, Satya Gopal, Commissioner to Governor

Dr. M. Surya Prakash, Naval Attaché to Chief of the Naval Staff Commodore Sanjay Bhalla and Commander 56 Div Brig. AK Borah were present amongst other. Joint Secretary to Governor Mamata Riba Naksang anchored the felicitation function.

**Governor inaugurates Annual Conference of Association of Radiation Oncologists of India – North East Zonal Chapter at Itanagar on 26th October 2018.**

In his inaugural address, the Governor, in order to mitigate the cancer challenges emphasised on creating awareness and enforcing measures for early detection of cancer cases. He called upon all the doctors, including oncologists to be “Watch Guards” and look out to locate potential cancer patients.

Sharing the initiative taken by the Indian Army towards health of its officers and men, the Governor underscored the need for effective policies and cancer preventive strategies. All concerned people, including health officials must put in sincere effort to create awareness towards cancer causing, lifestyle, indulgence and habits, he said.

The Governor stressed on the need for mission type of approach of the medical professionals to help defeat the severity of cancer spread. He said if the doctors get involved and take cancer prevention and cure as epicentre of their profession, things will improve.

After listening to the Cancer specialists about challenges to the cancer treatment in Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor assured that he would take up the matter with the Central Government for the welfare and wellbeing of the people of the State. Dr. A.C. Kakati, Director, Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute, Guwahati, Dr. Moromor Lego, Director, Health Service cum Vice Chairman, State Cancer Society of Arunachal Pradesh, Dr. S. Tsriting, State Nodal Officer, Cancer Control Programme, Arunachal Pradesh, Dr. Vikas Jagtap, Head of Department of Radiation Oncology, North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Science (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong and Dr. Leena Gupta also spoke in the inaugural session. Large numbers of Oncologists from different parts of the country are participating in the two-day conference.

**6th Tawang festival**

**TAWANG, October 26:**

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today declared open the 6th Tawang festival here amidst much fanfare and in presence of MoS Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju, News Anchor of India Today Rahul Kanwal, Singer Mohit Chauhan and Bollywood Director Imtiaz Ali.

The theme for the festival this year is environment and nature and the objective of the festival is to showcase the rich cultural heritage and to boost tourism flow in the district.

The festival began with Drekar, a monologue wishing well-being of whole sentient being and was followed by Tashi Choepa offering of songs to the
The morning event of the festival witnessed street show where dancers from various villages participated. Dances include Yak pantomime by different villagers, Baa Chham the mask dance, Showa chham the stag Dance, lion dance, Gyep-Gyem the king and queen dance, Buchung chham the dancer with phallus in hand and Ngabro the monkey masked dance. The dances were performed on the street for two hours by more than two hundred dancers in a sequence.

Under ‘Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat’ cultural troupes from Meghalaya and Uttar Pradesh also presented their cultural dances.

Later MoS Home inaugurated the exhibition and food stall at Men-tsem-tse Festival ground.

In the evening at the festival ground, Chief Minister gave away the citation and certificate to Deputy Commissioner Tawang for having won the cleanest district in NorthEast under Swachh Surveskshan Gramin.

Chief Minister in his speech said under his initiative the state government has started various cultural, adventure and music festivals such as Tawang festival, Adventure at Mechuka, Ziro Festival of Music, and many more.

To boost tourism in state, Khandu said the state govt will soon launch tourism policy. He said Arunachal has witnessed massive inflow of tourists both domestic and international jumping from 2.5 lac to 9 lac in last few years.

He also said the state govt aims to promote film tourism in Arunachal and informed that Bollywood director Imtiaz Ali has shown interest in shooting films in the state. He also informed that Singer Mohit Chauhan plans to shoot his next music video in Arunachal.

Tourism Minister Jarkar Gamlin, MLA PD Sona, Tawang MLA Tsering Tashi, and other dignitaries also attended the cultural event.

Earlier in the afternoon Chief Minister visited Bhekhar village, home to the 6th Dalai Lama’s maternal uncle. The 6th Dalai Lama - Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso was born in Tawang.

Chief Minister visited the Kushang Nang, which means maternal uncles place. The place houses a monastery and a museum that has display of ancient Buddhist artifacts.

APLS led by YD Thonchi Conducts Gramlok Poets Meet at Pakam Village

AALO, October 27:
The Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society led by its President and Assam Sahitya Sabha Awardee Y.D. Thongchi, Dr. Takop Zirdo, Chairman Galo language Development Committee, Mukul Pathak, Reporter DY365, Yadom Loyi Secretary GLDC conducted a day long Gramlok Poets Meet at Pakam village of West Siang district on October 26 last. Story on Jayee Bone and Buru Tapu by Henduk Loyi, poem on naming of Pakam village by Minken Loyi, poems in Hindi by Jumsi Siram, Yadom Loyi and collections of poems written by wife of Shri Takop Zirdo were presented on the day amid applause.

Speaking on the occasion, Thongchi said that literature is the mirror in which we see our society and many wonderful civilizations are based on strength of creative writings of the writers across the world. Beautiful stories, anecdotes, poems and plays can hold us for hours together to imbibe value of humanism, love, sublimity, liberalism in the making of a conducive society to live in and it is important to create platforms for budding writers across the state. He disclosed that APLS Units at Pasighat, Ziro and now at Aalo have been opened up and gradually units will be opened up in all districts of the state in the days to come and APLS will help out all upcoming writers and poets in their endeavours to bring out books.

Writters, poets and philosophers are immortal as their writings never die and have deep bearings and impact on society, says Takop Zirdo, the man behind deciphering Galo Language which holds relevance to write as we speak and speak as we write. Appreciating the counting of genealogy right from their forefathers and naming the offspring from last two three alpha-
bets by the Galos as a unique trend, Mukul Pathak, Reporter Dy365 stressed on bringing out all these orally transmitted good aspects in written forms and give due patronage to coming generation to be a part of the literary society.

Er. Kirba Sora, EE PHED and Ili Loyi were selected as the President and Secretary initially to lead the APLS West Siang Unit. The HGB Pakam Horgam Loyi gave away certificate and cash award of Rs. 1000 to each participant as source of encouragements. Er. Sora and Yadam Loyi also expressed their gratitude to APLS members for extending their services up to Aalo and sought all right thinking people to make it a peoples’ movement here. The team of APLS also visited Kabu Maasi the cleanest colony of Aalo town and Kugi Komto village and appreciated the people of those villages for maintaining high sense of cleanliness. (Request all Editors for a Good coverage of this maiden event for a good cause)

**Moyong launches Boating Service for tourist and visitors in Majestic Siang PASIGHAT, October 27:**
In a boost to Tourism activities in the Siang region, Local MLA Kaling Moyong today launched Boating services in the majestic Siang River for tourists and visitors at Komlighat here in the morning, as the tourist season begins with the onset of winter here in the Siang Valley and Arunachal Pradesh in general.

The MLA along with guests and visitors took the inaugural Boating ride on the River Siang.

“Nature has bestowed the Siang Valley with scenic beauty and splendor adding that tourists and visitors visiting the Valley also look forward to various outdoor experiences like boating and Rafting etc in the Siang Valley.” Moyong said, while lauding for introducing Boating services.

Hecalled upon the enterprising citizens, particularly the youth to take up and explore avenues in the tourism sector adding that tourism activities need to be taken up to provide various experiences for tourists and visitors, which will help create employment opportunities and also generate revenue. Informing that the State Government led by Chief Minister Pema Khandu has given special focus to the promotion of the Tourism sector in the State with various initiatives, the MLA urged the youth and citizens to avail the schemes and provisions of the State and the Central Government in the tourism sector.

The venture under the name “JJ Boating” services has been initiated by Nong Jamoh. Boating services will be operational from 10 in the morning till 4 P.M.

**Director Imtiaz Ali expressed interest in Tawang for his future shootings**
TAWANG, October 27:
In a boost to the state government’s effort for promoting film tourism in Arunachal, Bollywood Director Imtiaz Ali expressed interest in the state as location for his future film shootings.

Speaking at the launch of the North East chapter of Old Students Association (OSA) of Hindu College, New Delhi here, Ali said, “Arunachal offers some of the promising locations for film shooting with its breathtakingly beautiful and scenic landscapes.”

Ali who has directed hit Bollywood movies such as Rockstar, Highway, Jab We Met said he is also deeply touched by the hospitality and generosity of the Tawang people.

“I am deeply indebted and will be obliged to do something for the development of tourism in Arunachal through movies,” he said.

Thanking Chief Minister Pema Khandu for inviting him to Arunachal, Ali said, “I am happy to know the vision, the Chief Minister has for Arunachal. Please consider my help if I can be of any assistance in developing this beautiful state.”

Welcoming Ali’s offer to help develop tourism in Ar-
unachal through films, Khandu said the state government is bringing out a tourism policy and easing out process to shoot films in the state.

He said a single window clearance system is already in place to attract potential investors such as filmmakers in the state. He also said the state government is working to create an enabling environment through simple procedures and possible incentives for filmmakers.

Stating the importance of movies in increasing tourism to the film locations, Khandu said tourists are always in search of visiting new places and movies inspire a lot. He said shooting of Rangoon movie in Pasighat has already kindled interest in many filmmakers as Arunachal offers several unique locations for shooting where no film had been shot before.

Governor inaugurates Cultural cum Food Festival

ITANAGAR, October 27: The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) inaugurated the ‘Cultural cum Food Fest 2018’, organised by Don Bosco College, Jullang, Itanagar, in its campus on 27th October 2018.

In his inaugural address, the Governor complemented the students and teachers for organising the festival, which showcases the rich traditions, particularly the culture, fine art and cuisines of the State. He said that promotion of such events can promote and attract tourists to the State which will benefit the people of the State.

Impressed by the enthusiastic participation of the students, the Governor called upon the students to prepare themselves for the future challenges. He advised them to develop scientific temper, humanism and spirit for inquiry and reform with a view to take the State and Nation forward. He also advised each and every student as a social responsibility to ensure that every child in the age group of 6 to 14 years goes to school, which will be in true spirit of promoting humanism.

One of the Swachh Bharat Ambassadors, the Governor exhorted the students and teachers to take part in cleanliness drives and keep the surrounding, starting from the college campus, the roads, colony and town clean.

The Governor appreciated the "preventive system" of education of the college, which requires personal and dedicated involvement of the teachers in moulding the students into good person and useful citizen of the country. He also appreciated the college for encouraging good academic results of the girl students of the college. Father CC Jose, Rector, Don Bosco College and Father (Dr.) Jose George, Principal, Don Bosco College also spoke on the occasion.

A colourful cultural programme, depicting the traditional lores of various tribes of Arunachal Pradesh by the students of Don Bosco College, Jullang was presented in the inaugural function.

Later the Governor, accompanied by First Lady of the State, Neelam Misra and Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University visited the tribal houses, where different types of cuisines of Arunachal Pradesh were presented.

First Lady of the State graces Annual College Day celebration


Speaking on the occasion, the First Lady of the State exhorted the students to cultivate lofty goals and excel in life. She advised them to have wider vision and work for and promote social welfare activities in addition to excelling in their studies.

She lauded the need for the women to be educated.
She stressed on the virtues of educated women, as they are the ones who educate the progenies of State and Nation and only the women have the DNA of caring and sharing.

Recalling the contributions of Padma Shree Late Binni Yanga, towards women education, she called upon the students to emulate Late Yanga and contribute positively towards wellbeing of all.

While expressing his concerns about women literacy in the State, the First Lady of the State called upon students to ensure that every girl child must be sent to school.

Earlier Dr. Aruna Gyati Lod, Principal, Binni Yanga Government Women's College, Lekhi highlighted the challenges and achievements of the only Government Women’s college of Arunachal Pradesh.

Later, the First Lady of the State presented the prizes to the winners of various events and organised during the session.

A colourful cultural programme was presented by the students of the college.

Khandu Inaugurated a new dialysis unit at Tawang
TAWANG, October 28:
Chief Minister, Pema Khandu today in presence of MLA Tawang Tsering Tashi and DC Tawang Sang Phuntso inaugurated a new dialysis unit at Khandro Drowa Tsangmu district Hospital Tawang, started under Prime minister’s national dialysis programme (PMNDP) which has the capacity of five patients, there is also a RO water treatment plant attached with this unit having capacity to treat 300ltrs of water in a day. This Unit will be free of cost and will cover two districts West kameng and Tawang.

It is worth to mention here that so far 27 patients died of renal failure and lack of dialysis unit in Tawang alone informed Medical Officer in charge for NCD Dr. Sangey Thinley of district hospital Tawang.

Khandu, assured that he will accord any necessary help in this regard while interacting with the patients in maternity and general patient ward.

Foundation Stone Laid for a Multipurpose Indoor Hall at Roing
ROING, October 31:
A foundation stone laying ceremony for a multipurpose indoor hall at Roing was held today at the PWD Bomgodown, near Police Colony, Roing. The foundation stone was laid by MLA Mutchu Mithi in the presence of DC Mitali Namchoom, HoDs, District Olympic Association (DOA) members and public.

MLA Mutchu Mithi, addressing the gathering, articulated that the initial steps towards realizing a dream and vision the People of the place have to make the district a sports centre for the state, is being taken on the day. He expressed his thankfulness to the public who dream to see the town as a developed place with quality infrastructure and dedicated the multipurpose indoor hall to them.

The MLA also expressed his thankfulness to the District Administration, Sports department and DOA for creating a conducive environment for promotion of sports in the district.

Raju Mipi, District Sports Officer informed that the project is being funded under ‘Khelo India’ Scheme. The area will be developed as a special area games centre with manpower (coaches) provided by the Sports Authority of India ( SAI) and dedicated to 5 sports disciplines of football, karate, archery, weightlifting and table tennis.

The project is being executed by the engineering wing of the Sports department at the cost of 8.00 crores and will be completed within 36 months.

Arunachal bags two silver awards under Gems of Digital Northeast Initiative
GUWAHATI, October 31
Arunachal Pradesh bagged two silver awards under
the ‘Gems of Digital North-east Initiative’ in a function held here in a city hotel on Wednesday.

The awards were received by District Informatics Officer Tarani Kumar on behalf of the Capital Complex district administration for e-office at the DC’s office Itanagar and Bimal Borah and Jyotish Roy of NIC, and Treasury Officer Gautam Saha for e-GPF implemented at the Directorate of Accounts & Treasury.

Regarding the successful implementation of e-office, Kumar informed that the office of the Capital Complex deputy commissioner is the only DC’s office in the entire north east India to have adopted e-office, making it a paperless office.

This is the third award for the e-office implementation in the district office after the National e-Governance award and Skoch award received earlier this year in the month of February and June respectively.

Kumar lauded the effort of Capital Complex DC Prince Dhawan in adopting e-Office to ensure transparency and accountability in the system of file movement.

The transformation has brought faster delivery of service, accountability and transparency in the workings of the office. It has also added value to the human resource of the office with continuous training, making them technology savvy.

The office has procured computers for all the officers and ministerial staff of the office and has been conducting multiple trainings on the use of computer and e-office, the DIPRO reported.

Further, to tackle connectivity issues the office has procured multiple connections such as leased line and private net. The office has enabled access of e-office over virtual private net (VPN) which enables use of e-office from any internet service provider and from anywhere.

Bimal from NIC informed that e-GPF provides an Internet based GPF solution for government employees of Arunachal Pradesh.

This e-governance initiative facilitates GPF subscribers to interact with the Directorate of Accounts and Treasury through the portal, thus serving as a communication tool between the government and its employees.

It follows a transparent approach in providing a comprehensive resource of GPF related information open to all accounts holders and accounting units.

Through this portal, GPF subscribers can view account status, status of final payment, missing credit and debit, and generate their balance statement online at any time.

Create awareness on the new technology in voting system

TAWANG, October 31:
Representatives of political parties requested Tawang district Electoral Roll Observer Rinchin Tashi to give priority to the voters of 3rd Jang-Mogto assembly constituency, and create awareness on the new technologies introduced in the voting system. ‘The voters in this constituency have not casted their vote for a very long period and it was important to educate them about the new system,’ representatives of the political parties said. Earlier, EAC (Election) Lobsang Tsetan gave detailed report on the progress of electoral roll after which the District Election Officer Sang Phuntosk requested the BLOs and representatives of political parties to place their grievances, if any, before the roll observer. Addressing the gathering in the DC’s office, the electoral roll observer informed that prior to his visit to Tawang he also visited 3rd Jang-Mogto and 1st Lungla constituencies.

He said that he visited a few polling stations in these constituencies and was satisfied with the infrastructure which was as per the requirements set by the Election Commission of India. He informed that the hearing for all the claims and objections shall begin from 1st of November.
First Lady of Arunachal Pradesh Smti. Neelam Misra interacted with loin loom weavers from various tribes of the State at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on October 9, 2018.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu laid the foundation stone for construction of office of Chief Engineer (PWD) central zone-B and construction of district secretariat at Pasighat on October 10, 2018.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) met the Union Minister of State for Culture (Independent Charge) Dr. Mahesh Sharma at New Delhi on 22nd October 2018.
Prof. Hrushikesh Senapaty, Director, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 25th October 2018.

A six-member business delegation led by Chairman of Rai Corporation Sanjay Rai met Chief Minister Pema Khandu to express keen interest to invest in the state to promote business and growth at Itanagar on October 5, 2018.

Minister of IPR, RWD and government Spokesperson Bamang Felix and Special Secretary for Planning and IPR Himanshu Gupta, IAS during inauguration of 2-day Children’s Film Bonanza at Hotel Tosum, Naharlagun on October 25, 2018.
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.