Azolla is a free-floating water fern that floats in water and fix atmospheric nitrogen in association with nitrogen fixing blue green algae. An Azolla frond consists of sporophyte with a floating rhizome and small overlapping bi-lobed leaves and roots. Azolla is used as a bio fertilizer for wetland rice cultivation. The higher crude protein content (above 20%) and presence of essential amino acids (high lysine content) made azolla relevant for livestock, poultry and fish farmers. It is also rich in vitamins like A & B12 and minerals like calcium, phosphorous, potassium, magnesium etc. Bioactive substance and biopolymers are also presence in azolla.

Chemical composition of Azolla

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The variation in the nutrient composition of azolla occur due to the difference in strains and environmental conditions like nutrition, light intensity, temperature etc. Under which it is grown.

The chemical composition of azolla is presented in table.

Azolla Cultivation

1. Environmental requirements:- Azolla is found in ponds, ditches and wetlands warm temperature and tropical region throughout the world. It requires light for photosynthesis and grows well in partial shade. Water is the basic requirement for the growth and multiplication of azolla. The plant is extremely sensitive to lack of water. The species vary in their requirement of ideal temperature. In general, the optimum temperature is 20ºc to 30ºc. Temperature above 37ºc will seriously affect the multiplication of azolla. The optimum relative humidity (RH) is 85 to 90%, if RH falls below 60%, azolla dries up and the fragility increases. The optimum PH is 5 to 7. To acidic or alkaline PH has an adverse effect on this fern. Azolla absorbs the nutrients from water. Though all elements are essential, phosphorous is the most common limiting element for its growth.

2. Selection of location for the ponds: - It is better to select an area near to the house to ensure regular upkeep and monitoring of the pond. A suitable water source
should be nearby for regular water supply. The site under partial shade is ideal. It will be minimise the evaporation of water and also, ensures better growth of azolla. The floor area of the pond should be free of pointed stones, roots and thorns that can puncture the sheet.

3. Pond size and construction: - The size of pond depends on required and availability of resources for small holders, an area of 6x4 feet for azolla cultivation is sufficient. Selected area should be cleaned and levelled. The side walls of the ponds can be of either bricks or raised embankment with the excavated soil. After spreading the durable plastic sheet in the pond, all the sides have to be secured properly by placing bricks over the side walls.

4. Azolla production:- sieved fertile soil mixed with cow dung and water need to be spread uniformly in the pond. About one kg. Of fresh azolla culture is needed for a pond of 6x4 feet size. It has to be applied uniformly in the pond. The depth of water should be 4 to 6 inches. The bottom of the pond need to be even to ensure uniform depth of water in the entire pond area.

5. Maintenance of the pond: - Application of about one kg of cow dung and about 100 grams of single superphosphate once in 15 days will ensure better growth of azolla. The pond needs to be emptied once in six month. The cultivation needs to be restarted with fresh azolla culture and soil.

Harvesting and feeding of Azolla:- Depending on the initial quantity of culture added, environmental conditions and nutrition, Azolla’s growth in the pond will be complete in about two to three weeks time. It can be harvested daily after the full growth. Plastic sieves can be used to harvest the biomass from the ponds surface. One kg of fresh azolla (mean yield per day in a season) can easily be produced from an area of 6x4 feet.

Azolla can be fed to the livestock either in fresh or dried form. It can be given directly or mixed with concentrates to cattle, poultry, sheep, goat, pigs and rabbits.

Merits:-
• Azolla cultivation can be easily practiced in minimum area by the dairy farmers.
• It is very economical to produce.
• Azolla improve the monthly milk yield by 10 liters per animal in the low yielders.
• It is a nutritive feed supplement for the livestock.

The cost of milk production can be reduced by replacing a part of concentrate requirement with azolla.
BSNL Network installed at Pakke Kessang
NAHARLAGUN, March 1:
The long awaited BSNL Network has been installed at newly created district headquarters, Pakke Kessang, on March 1, 2019.

The great development in the field of communication has been possible due to the relentless effort and dedication of General Manager, BSNL Shri Dilip Siram and his team members.

Free Medical Health Camp Organised at Tato in Shi-Yomi District
AALO, March 1:
A Mega Health Camp at Tato, the headquarter of newly created Shi-Yomi district was organised by Turbung Daleng Welfare Society in collaboration with Rama Krishna Mission, Itanagar recently amid overwhelming response from hundreds of patients that availed treatments for various ailments. Shri Mito Dirchi, DC Shi-Yomi who inaugurated the camp and he appreciated the effort of the society to reach out to the people of border areas and urged the society to keep up the spirit in future too.

The Chairman Turbung Daleng Welfare Society, Shri Anom Jempen disclosed that this the second Health Camp being organised in Shi Yomi District to give specialised medical services to poor patients of the far flung areas who are deprived of such facilities and reel under pain and agonies. He said that such camp was also organised in Monigong earlier covering the last village of the circle. Shri Tayor Jempen retired DC and Chief Patron of Turbung Daleng Welfare Society revealed that the Free Health Camp that followed after hoisting the maiden Statehood Day flag by him as the Chief Guest was just a gesture and concern for the people to fill up the health delivery gap that exists in this border state. The response of the people on two consecutive days speaks volume about the health services needs of the people, he said.

Dr Pratik Jain, MDs, Dr. Landi Dolyang Chada ENT Specialist, Dr. T. Loyi, Medicine Specialist and Ophthalmology Department from R.K. Mission Hospital Itanagar rendered two day long medical services to the people. Spectacles to poor patients were provided on subsidised rates and doctors on duty diagnosed rampant gastritis, dental and eye problems in this backward area.

First International Aalo Trade Festival Opens up AALO, March 1:
The first International Aalo Trade festival organised by Central Mopin Preservation and Cultural Society opens up at Gumin Kiin Aalo from 28th Feb last. The trade festival will offer wide range of choices like furnitures, utensils, cloths, handy machineries, food items etc.

Inaugurating Aalo Trade Festival as the Chief Guest DIPRO Shri Gijum Tali and Guest of Honour Inspector Tashi Yangi appealed the participating trade members from different parts to make available all essential items to the people at reasonable rates and make seller-buyer friendly atmosphere. The President CMPCS also spelt out the detail objective behind organising the Trade Festival.

DM Serves Notice to Deposit Arms in Police Stations
AALO, March 1:
In view of simultaneous election in the state, the West Siang District Magistrate, Swetika Sachan has ordered all license holders to deposit their arms/weapons to nearest
police stations from 7th to 15th March. This order is being issued to maintain public peace and tranquillity in the district during election time and failing to do will attract seizure of all licenses.

The Police stations at Aalo, Yomcha and Kamba have been instructed to issue proper receipts and maintain register to ensure safe custody of all deposited weapons and furnish weekly report returns for further necessary action.

**Sarkar Aapke Dwar Camp organized at Loilang Village, Tezu**

TEZU, March 1:
Sarkar Aapke Dwar Camp organized at Loilang Village, Tezu on 28th February 2019. Dr Mohesh Chai, Hon’ble Minister for Agri & Allied Dept, Youth and Sports Affairs attended the program as Chief Guest. The program was attended by SDO Tezu, Kajal Karmakar, Dr D.W.Thongon, SP Tezu, HODs, all the Administrative Officers, Public and GBs of the surrounding villages.

Converging with the Sarkar Aapke Dwar camp, a Multi Purpose Hall at Loilang Village was also inaugurated by Dr Mohesh Chai, Hon’ble Minister. The hall has been constructed under the SIDF Fund 2016-17, and has been executed by the Water Resource Dept. Tezu.

Speaking on the Occasion, Dr Mohesh Chai, Hon’ble Minister informed the gathering that Under the SIDF Fund 2016-17, four Multi Purpose Hall has been sanctioned in the District. And out of four sanctioned project, three Multi Purpose halls at Danglat, Yealiang and Loilang has been completed and the one in Tafragam is going to be completed very soon. He dedicated the hall to the people of the respective villages and said that the youth of the area can use the hall throughout the year and it can be used for indoor games like Badminton and Table Tennis. He also said that Sarkar Aake Dwar is being organized simultaneously for facilitating the villagers of Loilang and neighboring villages like Mekailang, Pomliang, Lohitpur and Khoraliang. He asked all the Dept. to render their services with full sincerity and dedication. He further stated that Loilang village has been selected as Nodal village and developmental activities has already started with the first installment received. He said that in Arunachal Pradesh Loilang and Dambuk has been selected as Model Cultural village. He requested the villagers of Loilang, In the event of visit of tourist, the cultural troupes maybe kept in readiness to promote traditional dance along with jewellery. He also informed that Mega Health Camp will be organized at Dist Hospital Tezu, where Doctors from Pasighat and other areas would be conducting free eye check up and other operations from 3rd March 2019. He asked the public to avail benefits of the said Mega Health Camp.

Various Govt.Dept provided services to the people at the camp like issue of STC, PRC, Birth Certificate, Driving License, enrollment of Aadhar and other facilities.

**Election training for first batch of Polling Officers**

ITANAGAR, March 2:
Election training for first batch of Polling Officers appointed for 13-Itanagar Assembly Constituency by DEO Papum Pare for the upcoming Simultaneous Election 2019 held at Banquet hall, Itanagar today.

CO/ AERO Itanagar-Cum- District Nodal Officer (Training) Shri Likha Radh imparted training through power point presentation on subject like role and responsibilities of Polling Officers and Master Trainer Shri Tripathi gave presentation on EVM and VVPAT in theoretical session.

Later on, in practical session Polling Officers were given training on operations of EVMs and VVPATs by Master Trainers. Trainings for 2nd, 3rd and 4th batches of Polling Officers of 13-Itanagar AC will be held on 4th, 5th and 6th
March’2019 respectively. During the Poll day, Polling Officers play a crucial role in assisting the Presiding Officers in regulating the proceedings in the polling station for peaceful and smooth conduct of Poll.

MLA inaugurated a newly constructed community Hall at Longran Village

CHANGLANG, March 2:
MLA, Changlang North Assembly Constituency Shri Tesam Pongte, today, in presence of Changlang ADC Shri T Jerang, HODs and general public. The scheme was executed by DRDA, Changlang under SIDF.

Dedicating the community hall to the villagers of Longran Shri Pongte suggested the villagers to make multipurpose use of it. He appealed them all to take good care of it and keep the asset clean.

Responding to the memorandum submitted by the villagers for providing drinking water in the village the MLA said that the scheme is already under the process of sanctioning and soon the problem of drinking water in the village will be over. Regarding shortage of the teachers he said that in the next session two more teachers will be posted in Longran UP School. He said that the problem of repairing of electric line and transformer will also be taken up soon sought for the cooperation from the villagers in implementing developmental activities in the area.

The HODs of Changlang spoke on the various schemes operating through their departments to sensitize them on schemes being provided by the State and Central Govt.

NEFTU Holds One Day Seminar Legal Awareness cum Training Programme

ALO, March 3:
One day Legal Awareness cum Training Programme organised by District Legal Service Authority in collaboration with NEFTU was held at Conference Hall of the university on 2nd March last

Attending the function Additional District and Judge Session Basar, Shri Lobsang Tenzing dwelt at length on various acts and provisions under NDPS, POSCO, protection of women and children and stressed on importance of legal awareness among for the larger interest of the people stating that not knowing the law of the land cannot be an excuse anyway. Shri Hirendra Kashyap, Chief Judicial Magistrate cum Civil Judge and Member Secretary DLSA deliberated on civil, criminal Procedure Code, legal aid to needy persons, free counselling through legal clinics and paralegal volunteers in the district.

Shri Anupam Sonar, Faculty of Law NEFTU also spoke on the occasion. The Legal Service team and law students had detail interactive sessions.

Indian Army to Conduct 2nd Indo- Bangladesh White Water Expedition

ALO, March 4:
The Indian Army of Aalo, Military Station is all set to conduct the Second Edition of Indo-Bangladesh White Water Rafting at Yomgo River from 18th March. It will start with a grand Flag Off ceremony at Thumbin river bank in Siang District and flagged in at Pangin after arduous two days journey through river via Aalo and Patum at Pangin on 19th March. The joint expedition team is all
set to negotiate the turbulence of the river at various locations to fulfill this goodwill mission besides promoting sense of adventurism among the local youths of the district.

DC takes stock of election preparedness in the district
ZIRO, March 4:
A coordination meeting of all the HoDs and administrative officers was held in the office chamber of the Deputy Commissioner, Lower Subansiri today. The meeting was aimed to take stock of the election preparedness in the district. Chairing the meeting DEO Shri Chukhu Takar called for coordination amongst all the departments for successful conduct of elections. "We need to discard our casual attitude and prepare ourselves mentally and physically for the ensuing elections and work as a team without any political biases," He added. He also directed all the HoDs to repair and maintain their vehicles and keep them in running conditions. Various issues like vehicle requisition, installation of WT stations and static and special Nakas Check post, maintenance of school buildings, ramp provisions, security personnel deployment for critical polling stations and only women polling station etc were elaborately discussed during the meeting.

Library Upgraded at SCCZ
ZIRO, March 4:
Er. Tage Taki, Hon’ble MLA of Ziro commissioned the Upgraded Library Management System at Saint Claret College (SCCZ) here today. The College has introduced RFID system in its library and transitioned from closed access to open access system.
Introducing the system Dr. Fr. Allwyn Mendoza, the Principal mentioned that this Library Management System would reduce the transaction time for issue and return of books to a few minutes and would lead to an increase in the usage of the Library. The user friendly system has been implemented in SCCZ through the generous contribution of Er. Tage Taki through the MLA LAD Scheme and Rev. Fr. Jijo K.P from Claretian Publications, Macau, who was also the former Vice Principal of the College. The Principal thanked both the contributors for their generous support and also lauded the promptness of the Hon’ble MLA which helped in the timely completion of the project.

With the upgraded Library Management System at SCCZ, every staff and student gets a RFID Smart card which will give them accession to the College Library. The Library now has a separate Computer section for e-book reference and an anti-theft gate antenna for the security of the Library books and materials, and to record the foot fall. After the commissioning, Er. Tage Taki congratulated SCCZ for having introduced the automation. He also spent considerable time interacting with the staff and students of the college.

Arunachal Rising Campaign Concluded in Yingkiong.
YINGKIONG, March, 4:
The 2(two) months long Arunachal Rising Campaign which was started in upper siang district in the month of December 2018 culminated in Multi Purpose Community Hall, Yingkiong today amidst huge gathering of HoDs, Goan Burah, Business Community, Teacher, Students and General Public etc. Attending the programme as Chief Guest Shri Alo Libang, Hon’ble Minister (H&FW, PR and RD) highlighted the achievement and various programme and policy of the govt. and appeal all the present to work in unison for larger interest of the development of upper siang district. Earlier, Shri Karma Leki, Dep-
uty Commissioner, Yingkiong while welcoming the gathering informed the aims and objectives of the Arunachal Rising Campaign.

Shri Pandov Perme, Nodal Officer also briefed about the activities carried out in the upper siang district during 2(two) months long Arunachal Rising Campaign.

Later, various winners of the Campaign were felicitated by Shri Alo Libang, Hon'ble Minister (H&FW, PR and RD), Deputy Commissioner and SP, Yingkiong

DC Inaugurates Cutlet Site at Ruyi under Kamba Subdivision

AALO, March 4:
The West Siang Deputy Commissioner Smti Swetika Sachan inaugurated the Cutlet meant for selling all meats and fishes under Kamba subdivision at Ruyi village near DPDC, Kamki on 2nd March last. The said land has been donated by Shri Tumpak Nochi of Ruyi Village.

Lauding the initiative of Mothers’ Vision Kamba Unit and people of Ruyi Village for such gesture, Smti Sachan said that development is all about accepting all welfare measures initiated for the general well being of area or community. Selling of of meats and fishes in front of their shops in the main road is never a healthy trend nor conducive from sanitation point of view as it paints a bad picture for the visitors. Kamba is also a tourist destination due to establishment of Lebok, Model village at Kambu, College and natural beauty around the Yomgo River. Administration and police cannot regulate everything and many god things can also come out with the help of public, NGO and clan based organization, she said. The meat sellers should comply with any good decision taken up the NGO and administration and police will be there to back up their good works.

The Chairman Mothers’ Vision Smti Jumde Yomgam Gamlin exhorted the members of Kamba Unit of Mothers’ Vision at Ruyi to keep up their good works towards sanitation and drug as people will realise the works they are for in the long run. The President HHSU, Shri Liki Nochi also pointed out many ills like menace of on line mobile housie, nuisances at areas adjoining the college, drug etc and administration interventions. The GBs of Kamba and OC Police Station Kamba also attended the inauguration ceremony.

DC Daporijo graced the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan Dhan Programme

DAPORJO, March 5:
Shri Danish Ashraf, IAS DC Daporijo graced the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan Dhan Programme as a chief guest at the District Labour & Employment Office, Daporijo. He was happy indeed over this scheme launched by the Govt. of India which is basically beneficial for the unorganized workers like farmers, cobblers, tailors, rickshaw pullers etc. it is a pension scheme in which on attaining the age of 60 years the beneficiaries can avail pension

Ms. Mami Leriak Tamin DM, DM CSC-e Ltd. Highlighted the aim and objective and procedure of application for the pension scheme.

Shri A. J. Ligu, LEO, I/C DIPRO urged that this DM scheme should be widely circulated workers from unorganized sector can take full benefit of it. The awareness programme was attended by the Labour Union of the district and people from the various section of the society.

Chief Minister announced for a judicial probe into PRC protest

ITANAGAR, March 5:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu today announced for a judicial probe into the large scale rioting, violence and vandalism that took place following the recent PRC protest, which resulted in death of three youths, injuries and huge loss of public and private properties.

Speaking during the State BJP Council meeting
here, Chief Minister said justice will be served to the bereaved families and people responsible for causing violence in the state capital will be brought before the law.

He said the probe will be made by a committee headed by a retired judge to ensure thorough and impartial inquiry so that real picture of the PRC protest could be unearthed and appropriate actions taken against people behind the violence.

Further clarifying that state government had never intended to move a resolution or bill in the Assembly over PRC, Chief Minister said that the matter was to be brought in the Assembly only for discussion during the short hour discussion and to make the recommendations of JHPC on PRC public. After the JHPC recommendations had been made public, the state govt had planned to call wider public consultation involving all stakeholders, CBOs, student organizations and other bodies, said the Chief Minister. However, the issue was misinterpreted causing unrest among the students.

Sensing the unrest, CM said a statement was issued in social media stating that PRC matter will not be taken up further. Despite such assurance, large scale rioting and vandalism of govt and public properties took place, which meant that the anti social elements had taken control over the protest with political motive, said the CM.

Chief Minister further informed that the matter of PRC to non-APST communities of Namsai and Changlang district has been forever scrapped and a gazette notification published effecting the same.

**Mega health camp and functionalization of ot at district hospital Namsai**

**NAMSAI, March 5:**
Chau Zingnu Namchoom, MLA 47-Namsai AC, inaugurated the 3 days’ Mega Health Camp with multi-speciality health care services at District Hospital Namsai today in presence of Dr. Tapasya Raghav, DC, Dr. Nang Soreya Namchoom, DMO, Dr. CN Mantaw, Med Supdtt, Head of offices, Specialist doctors, GDMOS, staff and huge gathering of beneficiaries. The camp being organized by Department of Health and Family Welfare, Namsai is funded under MMRKK (Mukhya Mantri Kalyan Kosh).

There services of Medicine, Obs. & Gynae, Eye, Paediatrics, Orthopaedics, General Surgery, Dermatology, ENT, Anaesthesiology and Pathology are being provided to the beneficiaries during the camp. Besides specialists available in the district 4 (four) specialists were hired from the ZGH Tezu, DH Roing, BPGH Pasighat and a private practitioner (Dermatologist) from Tinsukia Assam.

Chau Zingnu Namchoom, MLA 46-Namsai ACalso inaugurated the much needed OT (Operation Theatre) at District Hospital Namsai and made it officially functional from today amidst huge applause from everyone present.

In a small interaction session, Dr. Nang Soreya Namchoom, DMO welcomed the chief guest, the guest of honour, all the head of offices and everyone present. She acclaimed the support and contribution from the DC Namsai and blessings from the elected leaders of the district for making district hospital capable to hold such a mega event.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Tapasya Raghav, DC Namsai expressed her happiness to be a part of the historic occasion. She appealed the public of Namsai district to avail the maximum benefit from the camp. She also urged the doctors and health staff to remain healthy to be able to provide best services to the needy people.

Chau Zingnu Namchoom, the chief guest, was elated be the one to inaugurate the mega health camp, first of its kind in the district. He also appealed everyone to avail maximum benefit from this camp. He declared that all
the 3 (three) elected MLAs of the district have contributed 1 (one) crore each from their allotted fund for the development of the erstwhile CHC Namsai to a District Hospital. And they will continue to contribute the same amount for 2 (two) more financial years so that the new district hospital is upgraded to a model district hospital. He assured to put in more efforts in this direction.

Dr. Tope Yomcha, DR-CHO extended heartfelt thanks to everyone who were a part of the historic occasion.

18 beneficiaries receive FDCs under Dulari Kanya Yojana

PASIGHAT, March 6:
Eighteen beneficiaries today received Fixed Deposit Certificates (FDC) under Dulari Kanya Yojana from the East Siang District Medical Officer, Dr. Kaling Dai in a simple but impressive function held at his office chamber.

Speaking on the occasion, DMO Dr. Dai informed that as per the scheme, the government will deposit Rs. 20,000/- in the bank account in the name of a girl child born in any government hospital and the amount will be paid along with the accrued interest after the girl child attains 18 years of age. Such financial assistance to the girl child will provide a very secured future, he said adding that it will also encourage the families to have a girl child.

Dr. T. Gao, DRCHO and Dr. N. Ratan, DANO were also present on the occasion.

Six traders booked for violations of LM Laws

CHANGLANG, March 6:
Six traders have been booked for violations of various provisions as laid down in legal Metrology Act, 2009 and Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rule, 2011 in a surprise checking/inspection and raid carried out, recently, by a team led by inspector of Legal Metrology and Consumer Affairs, Changlang in the trading units of Jairampur, Nampong and Manmao circle.

All six traders were found selling packaged commodities without any mandatory declaration such as MRP, Net weight, date of manufacturer, date of expiry, manufacturer’s name and address which is total violation of the provision of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rule, 2011 and the corresponding Act, 2009.

The team also made the traders of these circles aware of LM Laws.

DEO holds meet on the poll preparedness with Nodal Officers

PASIGHAT, March 6:
The District Election Officer Dr. Kinny Singh today chaired a meeting with all nodal officers, designated to oversee various aspects of pre-poll managements related to the ensuing Lok Sabha and state Assembly elections- 2019. She minutely took stock of management of manpower, expenditure monitoring, activities of flying squads, maintenance of law and order, installation of helpline & complaint redressal, EVMs management, SVEEP activities, transportation, training of polling personnel including Media Certification & Monitoring activities etc.

Addressing the officers, Dr. Singh strictly instructed all to implement Model Code of Conduct putting all efforts to ensure free and fair polls in a peaceful manner. The DEO while informing that she will visit all 108 polling booths to ensure availabilities of all required facilities for smooth conduct of elections, instructed the officers to ensure that the responsibilities given to them are fulfilled according to ECI guidelines in letter and spirit. Any dereliction of duty would be viewed very seriously, she cautioned.

In response to the EAC (Jud) report, Singh appealed the denizens to keep the centurion town clean and beautiful and further directed to stop unauthorized selling of broiler/chicken etc. on the roadsides stating that failing which action will be taken against the offenders under the appropriate law.
Governor inaugurated the two-day annual conference by lighting the inaugural lamp

ITANAGAR, March 7:
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) attended the XIXth Conference of Higher and Technical Education, Arunachal Pradesh at Itanagar on 7th March 2019. The Governor inaugurated the two-day annual conference by lighting the inaugural lamp.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that objective of education is progress, peace, production, prosperity, preservation of the environment, protection of health and posterity care. It is the foundation for a strong and vibrant nation, he said while underscoring that education is more essential than hospitals, weapon systems and all engineering fields.

Emphasizing on the significance of education, the Governor said that if there is a compromise in education, it is a compromise of the next generational leadership. The Governor said that teacher and student are two important entities in the promotion of education. The teachers must be trained and provided all amenities and they must carry out research and develop innovative teaching concepts. Unless the importance of the teacher is enhanced, the society cannot advance. At the same time, the students must rise above ‘Certificate - government job’ syndrome and become job providers for society to take the nation forward.

The Governor exhorted the officials responsible for higher education in the State, to think, explore, try and implement all the programmes and projects with all seriousness, to strengthen the education scenario in the State. He called upon those in management and administration of education to ensure progressive teaching and learning techniques, prevent fake certification and focus on placement and ranking of the educational institutes.

Visibly pleased that most of the awardees and toppers were girl students, the Governor said that this gives a good indication that Arunachali society is progressing and developing.

State Education Minister Shri Honchon Ngandam, Commissioner Education Shri Gamli Padu, in-charge Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, Director, NIT, Prof. Amitava Mitra, Director, NIT, Prof. Pinakeswar Mahanta, Director, NERIST, Professor H.S. Yadav, Director, Higher and Technical Education Dr. Tayek Talom also spoke on the occasion.

The Governor released a book titled ‘Party Politics in Arunachal Pradesh’ by Shri Sangja Khandu, Principal, Govt. College, Bomdila. He also released the SLQAC newsletter, NSS Newsletter and ‘Basic Information on Higher & Technical Education’ Arunachal Pradesh booklet.

The Governor felicitated Shri Tomar Ete, former Principal with the ‘Pioneer of Higher Education Award’ and Dr. Jajati K. Pattanaik, Associate Professor of Political Science from Jomin Tayeng Govt. Model Degree College, Roing with the ‘Outstanding College Teachers’ Award’ in the inaugural session of the two-day conference.

The Governor gave away the ‘Governor’s Cash award’, which included a cash award of Rs. 10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand) to Ms. Gami Bogo, B.Sc. Botany from Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat, Ms. Millo Mamung, B.A. from Saint Claret College, Ziro and Ms. Anusla Ngadong, Don Bosco College, Itanagar, who are the toppers in undergraduate courses, under Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh.

Mr. Vishal Kumar Singh, Civil Engineering, Rajiv Gandhi Polytechnic, Itanagar received the ‘Arunachal Pradesh State Council for Technical Education Gold Medal’. Saint Claret College, Ziro received the ‘Best Performing Private College Award’. It also received the ‘Best NSS Unit Award’. Ms.
Withoam Socia, Assistant Professor and Trained NSS Officer from Saint Claret College, Ziro received the ‘Best Project Officer Award’. Ms. Binde Maying from Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh and Mr. Azad Tapak from Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat received the ‘Best NSS Volunteer’s Award.

First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra, Vice Chancellors of private universities, Principals of Government colleges, heads of educational institutes, officers and officials of Directorate of Higher and Technical Education along with achievers, students and NSS volunteers were present on the occasion.

**Modi launches ICCC through digital platform**

**PASIGHAT, March 7:** Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi today launched Integrated Command and Control Centre for Itanagar and Pasighat Smart City through Digital Platform (Remote Control) from New Delhi.

The historic moment was witnessed by the State’s Dy. Chief Minister Chowna Mein, DC Dr. Kinny Singh, DIGP Isaac Pertin, local MLA KalingMoyong, SP Prashant Gautam, Director Town Planning &ULB cum CEO Pasighat Smart City and others through video conference here at the DC’s office conference hall. In his brief speech, DCM Mein said our state is getting affected by the rapid urbanization and the challenges posing a serious threat to the larger public. To address the problems before they become too large, Itanagar and Pasighat from our state were selected to get transformed into smart cities with citizen-centric services where the focus is on sustainable and inclusive development, Mein added. These cities will be developed to have basic infrastructure such as assured water and power supply, sanitation and solid waste management, efficient urban mobility and public transport, IT connectivity, e-governance and citizen participation to ensure right impetus to strengthen the economic activities in state in particular and the country as a whole. Our objective is to overhaul the entire demography of these two cities and to replenish the ecosystem with the best-fit technology, globally benchmarked public services and the good governance besides preserving our traditional architecture and ethnicity while making the cities safe, livable and energy & solution efficient, Mein stated.

According to DCM Mein, the most vital component will be a cloud-based smart city platform that will integrate all smart solutions and help the administrators to remotely manage, optimize and monitor the complete infrastructure and urban services. The platform will be displayed in an integrated Command and Control Centre that will display information in a manner that gives the administrators the highest-level of situational awareness – in order to dispatch instructions or to report to higher levels.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner Dr. K. Singh in her deliberation said that Arunachal Pradesh is known for its architectural beauty and vibrant culture, our state is moving towards syncing its historic magnificence with modernity, with this step of transforming our cities into Smart Cities. While deploying these solutions, our focus is also on reducing the pollution by the deployment of environment sensors, which will help administrators to monitor the environmental conditions including temperature, noise, and air quality parameters on frequent basis.

Local MLA KalingMoyong extended his gratitude to the PM Modi adding that he believes that the mission will really curb the challenges that we are currently facing due to increasing urbanization. He asserted that smart city will help us to improve the operational effectiveness, cost-efficiency and thereby, improve overall citizen quality of life including environment. Among others, Ex-MP T. Gao, Ex-Information
Commissioner Nanom Jamoh, CEO (Smart City) Sukhvinder Singh also spoke on the occasion.

**Voluntary blood donation organized on the occasion of the International Women’s Day AYANG collaboration with Blood Bank TRIHMS ITANAGAR, March 8:**

On the occasion of the International Women’s Day, ‘AYANG’ a voluntary blood donation organisation in collaboration with the District Administration Capital Complex organised an all women blood donation camp at Blood Bank TRIHMS, Naharlagun.

During the camp, a total of 13 units of blood were collected. The Deputy Commissioner Itanagar Capital Complex Prince Dhawan stressed that the day should be celebrated in its truest sense and blood donation being such a noble cause that too for the first time an all women blood donation camp would actually give meaning to the occasion. It will once again define women empowerment in its truest sense, he said.

The Chairperson of ‘AYANG’ Aini Taloh, a state gold medallist and a dedicated blood doner who has till date organised numerous blood camps that benefited hundreds of people of the State informed that many had turned up for the camp. However, due to some reason or the other, many could not donate blood, otherwise the number would have been much higher, she added. She hoped that in future more people would come forward as blood is something that cannot be manufactured but donated and such camps would help generate awareness regarding blood donation.

**First Lady of the State participates in the International Women’s Day celebration ITANAGAR, March 8:**

The First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra participated in the International Women’s Day programme on the theme, ‘Think equal, build smart, innovative for change’ at Itanagar on 8th March 2019.

Greeting the women of Arunachal Pradesh on the occasion, the First Lady of the State said that every woman is a ‘Woman of substance’. Each one of them is important to the family, society, State and the nation. She said that women were always revered, even in the Vedic period but due to numerous invasions, they lost their status and were confined to limited precincts of the household. With the march of time, the domain of the women has changed, she said. India, in this regard, has taken a big leap forward. Women condition amelioration movement or schemes like ‘Beti Padhao Beti Bachao’ and ‘Dulari Kanya’ yojna are epoch-making initiatives and first of its kind in the world.

The First Lady of the State called upon the women folk to concentrate and focus on their positive aspects in life to progress and empower. Nurture your potential and strengthen your positive attributes, she said, while stating that women have to strengthen themselves and they have the capability to do so.

The First Lady said that shaping the future generation depends on the thoughts attitude, and approach of the women, particularly the mothers. It is the mother who can bring the change in the child. She exhorted the women to in-stil discipline and self-supporting instinct in every child, both boy and girl.

The First lady of the State concluded that a surgical strike is needed for the change of common perception with regards to the cash benefit to the girl child from Dulari Kanya yojna. This benefit per se is not only for the girl’s marriage, but it is also for her higher studies as well, she pointed.

Chairperson, Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, Smt Radhilu Chai Techi, Smt Jarjum Ete, Smt Gumri Ringu and Ms Mitali Tingkhatra also shared
their views. Organized by Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women in collaboration with the Department of Women and Child Development and Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society, a large number of women from community-based organizations, women officers and officials of various departments, institutions, and girl students participated in the celebration.

The members of Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society presented a colourful traditional cultural programme, which impressed the gathering.

International Women’s Day 2019 celebrated in Tirap district

KHONSA, March 8:

Along with rest of the world, the International Women’s Day (IWD), on the theme “Think equal, build smart, innovate for change” was celebrated at Nehru Stadium, Khonsa under the aegis of WWA (Women Welfare Association).

Tirap DC P.N. Thungon graced the occasion as Chief Guest while Commandant 36Bn S.R. Behura and DDSE Pubi Lombi were the special guests. Veer Nari Smti Chasan Dada wife of Martyr Hangpan Dada and Mother of Martyr Hugu Chimyang were felicitated on the occasion.

While greeting the women of Tirap District, Tirap Deputy Commissioner P.N. Thungon said that the women are the backbone of every family adding that women can play a pivotal role in educating their children in a right direction especially in the field of health education. The Tirap DC urged the women of Tirap District irrespective of all community to join hands with the District Administration and government to eradicate the anti-social activities like children addicts with brown sugar and kaani, growing and peddling of kaani from the region.

Special guest Shri S.R. Behura, Commandant 36Bn CRPF while greeting the women on the occasion said that women are the creators of all mankind as they are mothers, sisters, wife and they struggle much to nurture their children, cooking food for the family and wash clothes for the entire family members.

Earlier organizing President Smti Hacham Bangsia, highlighted about the women empowerment and importance of IWD Celebration through the world.

WWA Chairperson Sontung Bangsia while briefing about the history and significance of the day called upon all women activists to come forward for the cause of women and girl child.

In her speech Smti Chanyok Rajkumari appealed all the women of Tirap District irrespective of creed, cast, religion and religion to come together in the same platform and celebrate the International Women’s Day.

Sports and cultural events like women group from Khonsa Bazar, Nocte, Tutsa, Wancho, Assamese and Nepali marked the program a grand success.

In Borduria: The International Women’s Day was celebrated at Borduria General ground under the aegis of NWA “Nocte Women Association” amidst huge gathering of women from 36 Nocte villages from Tirap District, wherein first lady of 16 Assam Rifles Smti Neha Robin as Chief Guest and Smti Chakat Aboh as Guest of honour respectively graced the occasion.

First Lady of 16 Assam Rifles, Smti Neha Robin greets all the women of Tirap District in general and Nocte’s Women Association in particular on the occasion and appeal all the mothers to be dedicated in their respective professions and take more care of their children education. She appreciated the organizing committee for celebrating the event IWD in a grand way. Later the first lady of 16 AR inaugurated Nocte’s Indigenous stall at Borduria.

Addressing the huge women’s participants, Chairperson NWA Smti Chasam Wangchadong said that this year’s theme “Think equal, build smart, innovate for
change” is meaningful for the entire women around the world. Wangchadong also highlighted about the significance of the International Women’s Day. The IWD celebration started with welcome song presented by Borduria Women which was followed by Welcome speech from Smti Minthan Tangdong, Secretary, Borduria Women Association and felicitation of guests.

Resource person Dr. Kamngun Mongchan, Medical Officer urged the Nocte women coming from different villages to immunize their children and get antenatal checkup of pregnant women in any government Hospital /nearby health centre for safety of both mother and child. She informed that pregnant women and children immunization are being given free medicines and treatment in any government hospitals.

As a resource person, youngest Nocte Officer and District Librarian, Miss Chapun Sumnyan praised her mother for nurturing her to become an officer, adding that hard work and dedication is the key for success in future. She appealed all the girls students of Noctes in particular and Tirap in general to love their moms and obey their advices. She said that there is no compromise with the meritorious students to achieve his/her targets.

Attending the IWD at Borduria as Guest of honour Smti Chakat Aboh appreciated the organizing committee for according her a warm welcome to join the grand celebration.

Smti Chanam Wangsa of Lindongthoon village also spoke on the occasion.

**Aalo celebrated International Women Day AALO, March 9:**
The Arunachal Women Welfare Society Aalo Unit in collaboration with women and Child Development Department celebrated International Women Day befittingly at DIC Conference Hall on 8th March last.

Attending the occasion as the Chief Guest, Shri Tayor Jempen, retired DC lauded the role of women in its emancipation and rights that can give new direction to the girl child to march at par with men folk. The women of today should act as the role model for the girls to build confidence in them to emulate their feats to become ideal women of the society in the years to come. The Guest of Honour and Member of State Women Commission, Miss Hoksum Ori donated her one month salary to AWWS Aalo as a token of love for the society with whom she had a long association in its growth. The Special Guest Miss Gamde Padu, Prosecuting Officer dwelt at length on legal parameters that protect the women. Making a detail campaign on Beti Bachao and Beti Padhao, Shri Bahe Koyu, In Charge Deputy Director ICDS said that the National Flagship Programme is destined to give much fillip to ameliorate the condition of girl child who are not in a position to sustain their livelihood. He also announced the names of ardent women workers who begged prizes and three girls from Ori family who are being sponsored with monthly fees for education and equipments for sustenance were also given away cash money and Sewing Machine on the day. The President APWWs, Smti Barbom Bagra, Advisor Gedam Lollen and many other women and officers from line department also spoke on the occasion.

The day was also celebrated separately in a befitting manner at North East Frontier University in a befitting manner.

**DC launches IPPI in East Siang PASIGHAT March 10:**
East Siang joined in nationwide campaign against polio virus by launching the Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization (IPPI) drive across the district on Sunday. According to DMO Dr. Kaling Dai out of 6999 targeted children, 5854 children were immunized today in the district and two-days house survey cum immunization would be carried for left out children. DC cum Chairman, District Health Society (DHS),
Dr. Kinny Singh launched the programme by administering polio drops to a child at the BakinPertin General Hospital, Pasighat. In presence of DMO Dr. M. Perme, MS Dr. YR Darang, DRCHO Dr. T. Gao and paramedical staffs.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Singh asked for ensuring 100% vaccine coverage of targeted children under IPPI deploying adequate men, materials and equipment to administer polio drops to children below 5 years at the doorstep of citizens in the district. She instructed the DMO to constantly monitor the performance and underscoring the importance of entrusted paramedical staffs in such programs, she said that their active participation and coordinated efforts could dramatically improve the immunization percentage. The DC while urging the citizens to extend their help and cooperation in the process has stated this war against crippling disease like polio was not just the responsibility of the medical department but ours as well.

Mein lays foundation stone of Bogong Market Will create employment opportunities for youth

PASIGHAT, March 10:
Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein today laid the foundation stone of Bogong Banggo Market Complex in the presence of MP Ninong Ering, Local MLA Kaling Moyong, Mebo MLA Lombo Tayeng, Ruksin MLA Tatung Jamoh, former MP Tapir Gao ,former Minister Tangor Tapak, MLA Nyamar Karbak and Information Commissioner N. Jamoh.

The East Siang Deputy Commissioner, Dr.Kinny Singh, SP Prashant Gautam and ADC (Hq) ,TaddoBorang also attended the occasion.

Congratulations the people of Bogong Banggo in particular and the people of East Siang in general on the occasion, the DCM called for dovetailing with Smart City Project for creation of well -planned Modern Market Complex with all amenities and architectural aesthetics, which he said will help create employment opportunities for the enterprising young generation in particular and will also boost marketing of local agri-horti produces, textiles and crafts and the like.

Terming that the centurion old Pasighat is one of the rapidly growing urban centres with good connectivity, an education n health hub with good production in agriculture, horticulture and allied sectors, the DCM said that State Government has accorded priority on the development of Pasighat as one of important hubs of the state in all sectors.

On the emphasis given education sector, Mein said that besides the infrastructural development and revamping of the oldest college of the state, JNC , he said that the Arunachal State University is also coming up in Pasighat for which he said sufficient budget provision has been made by the State Government.

Lok Sabha MP Ninong Ering in his address welcoming such initiative, wherein he said that as envisioned by the Bogong Bannggo Kebang , we must encourage the youth ,particularly unemployed enterprising youth and create more avenues for them in trade and commerce. Local MLA , Kaling Moyong, also thanked all stakeholders on the realisation of the long cherished dream adding that we must strive together to make the upcoming Market a commercial hub with proper planning and architecture, which will be sought by tourists and visitors . He also stressed on the need to create opportunities for the youth and promotion of economic and commercial activities.

President Bogong Banggo Kebang (BBK), Oyem Dai, also dwelt on the collective and tireless efforts made the team of Bogong Banggo Kebang and expressed gratitude to the State Government for the support for the realisation of the historic occasion for the people of BogongBanggo .

Earlier, General Secretary, BBK, Mongol Gao extended the welcome address, while vote of thanks was extended by Bogong Banggo
Yoth Kebang, Tagontasung. Senior Citizens, GBs, Former PRI members, HoDs were among others present on the occasion.

Earlier, the DCM was accorded a warm welcome on his arrival.

**Governor participates in the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan—Hindi is the lingua Franca of Arunachal Pradesh**

**ITANAGAR, March 10:**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D Mishra participated in the 71st annual conference of the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayag at Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh on 10th March 2019. Amidst Vedic chanting, the Governor lighted the inaugural lamp of the 3-day maiden conference of Hindi Sahitya Sammelan in Arunachal Pradesh.

Sharing his personal experience during his tour to all the districts of the State, the Governor said that all Arunachalis greet him with ‘Jai Hind’ and interact in Hindi. This reflects the popularity of Hindi in the State. He also said that Hindi songs are sung maximum in Arunachal Pradesh amongst the North Eastern States of India.

Recalling the political farsightedness of first Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Namboodiripad, who introduced compulsory Hindi in primary and secondary school, the Governor said that it is because of his initiative that today, we find people from Kerala working efficiently in various parts of the country.

Talking about the promotion of Hindi in India, the Governor recalled the contribution of Thakur Shiv Singh Sengar in 1833, Dr. Sit Grijarson in 1889, Nagari Pracharini Sabha in 1900 and Pandit Shyam Bihari Misra in 1913 through ‘Mishra Bandhu Vinode’ compilations. Their effort resulted in making Hindi as Central Official Language in 1950, under Article 343 of The Constitution of India.

Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, Shri Vibhuti Mishra, Prof. Surya Prasad Dixit and Shri Shyam Krishna Pandey of Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayag, also spoke on the occasion. First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra, Organising secretary of the 71st annual conference of the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Shri Kun-tak Mishra, Programme co-ordinator, RGU, Prof. Harish Kumar Sharma, and Head, Department of Hindi, RGU, Prof. Oken Lego, were also present in the inaugural function amongst others.

**Pulse polio National Immunisation day in Tawang**

**ITANAGAR, March 10:**

115 polio booths according to micro plan prepared by District Immunisation cell Tawang, were active in giving pulse polio oral drops to the children between 0-5 years of age group on National Immunisation day in Tawang district.

DC Tawang shri Sang Phuntsok took part in the immunisation programme, along with officers and Jawans from 38th Bn SSB, DMO Tawang Dr Wangdi Lama and DRCHO Tawang Dr. Lobsang Tempa at polio booth installed by the 38th Bn SSB at Old market area.

The 305 FD Hospital of Indian Army took active participation at khirmu FD Hospital in immunisation programme. The immunisation team for interior and snow bound area like Mago, Lugu-Than and Thikshi village were despatched one day ahead with all the
necessary equipment to keep the vaccine safe, informed DRCHO Dr.Lobsang Tempa.

DMO Tawang Dr.Wangdi Lama said that this time our target is 4860 children between 0-5 years of age in entire Tawang district, and we shall left no stone unturned to achieve our goal, to make this country polio free.

The pulse polio immunisation team at all the places were active in inviting all the parents with their children between 0-5 years of age to get immunised.

West Bengal Governor calls on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh

ITANAGAR, March 11: The Governor of West Bengal, Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 11th March 2019. They discussed on bilateral issues where Arunachal Pradesh and West Bengal make joint efforts for the benefit of the people of both the States.

The Governor requested the Governor of West Bengal, who is on a two-day visit to the State for attending the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan at Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh to grace a special interaction event at Raj Bhavan, Kolkata for the motivation of the students from Arunachal Pradesh, who in very large numbers pursuing medical, engineering and other courses in various institutions of West Bengal.

The Governor suggested for exploring joint ventures of the two States in tourism, particularly in religious tourism, horticulture, organic farming, skill development and exchange programmes from students, teachers and professionals.

DHS Gives 100% IPPI Coverage in the District

AALO, March 13: Due long drawn effort put in by the District Health Society West Siang could achieve 100% coverage of Intensive Pulse Polio Immunization to children below 5 years of age in the district. 7273 could be immunized in the last leg of campaign in all CHCs, PHCs, Sub centres, Community Dere and Anganwadi Centres all over the district on 10th March. The left outs were immunized during house to house campaign on 11th and 12th of March to complete the target. All Medical Officers, Health workers, ASHAs and Anganwadi workers were involved for many years to achieve the goal.

The Chairman DHS and DC West Siang, Smti Swetika Sachan, West Siang DMO Dr. Moli Riba and DRCHO Dr. Tomar Kamki have expressed their deep gratitudes to all stakeholders for their untiring services to achieve the goal of covering all children in the immunization process in the district.

Briefing on general Elections in Tawang

TAWANG, March 13: The sector officers for general elections 2019 were given training cum briefing today by the CO(Eln) Shri Tashi Wangchu Thongdok, and Shri S.S.Kalsi, Superintendent of Police Tawang. This was followed by hands on training on EVM and VVPAT for sector officers by the DLMTs.

After the briefing, DEO Tawang, Sang Phuntsok took report from the sector officers about the assured minimum facilities in polling stations under them, and recorded the problems placed by the sector officers.

Phuntsok chaired the meeting cum briefing to the Nodal officers appointed to manage the smooth conduct of elections. DEO Tawang informed the nodal officers about round the clock toll free telephone no. 1950 for registration of grievances and complaints related to elections. He further added that person with disability are to be given special care and a Nodal officer for this has also been appointed. DEO also informed the house present about C-Vigil and Suvidha apps.
DHS Conducts Cataract Operation cum Free Spectacles Distribution Camp

**AALO, March 14:** The District Health Society in collaboration with National Programme for Control for Blindness & Visual Impairment is conducting three day long Cataract Operation and Free Distribution Camp at General Hospital Aalo from today.

Inaugurating the camp, West Siang Deputy Commissioner, Swetika Sachan said that this type of programme will largely benefit the needy people and urged the doctors on duty to give best services to the needy people. Dr. Moli Riba, District Medical Officer who is personally supervising the camp, disclosed that 673 patients have registered on day one and 51 patients have been listed for cataract operation that will begin from 16th and 17th of March. 178 spectacles have been distributed basing on different nature of eye ailments.

Dr. Taba Khanna, Ophthalmogist cum State Programme Officer NPCB&VI, Dr. Bai Bam Ophthalmogist TRIHMS and Dr. Tape Kaye, Ophthalmologist GH Aalo are here to carry out two day long cataract operations. The inaugural ceremony witnessed by HODs of the district also.

**Statutory body under APMC Act**

**ITANAGAR, March 14:** The Arunachal Pradesh Medical Council (APMC) is a statutory body under APMC Act No. 04 of 2004 of Govt. of A.P that maintains a State Medical Register of all Modern medicine (allopath) doctors. It hears and decides appeals against the professional misconduct of practitioners and upholds guiding principles of professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics.

The 22nd Executive meeting of 3rd Regular Council of Arunachal Pradesh Medical Council was held today in the DHS Conference Hall, Naharlagun and elected its President and Vice President. The Registrar of 2nd Regular Council Dr. Mika Umpo acting as Returning Officer for this election declared Dr. Rinchin Dorjee Khrime (Ex-officio member of Council being the Director Medical Education) as President and Dr. Emi Rumi (Elected member of the Council) as Vice President of the Council. The session of the house resumed under the Chairmanship of its new President of the Council Dr. Rinchin Dorjee Khrime and appointed Dr. Allok Yirang (Ex-Officio member being the Director Family Welfare) as Chairman of Ethics Committee, Dr. P. Jayakumar (Dean TRIHMS) as Chairman of Academic Committee and Dr. Hage Tam (Elected member) as Chairman (Acts & Rules). The Executive Council also adopted the Resolution to extend the period of Dr. Mika Umpo as the Registrar cum Secretary for the 3rd Regular Council of the Arunachal Pradesh Medical Council.

Further, the Executive Council resolved to work unitedly in the best interest of the patients, doctors and uphold the Medical Ethics at all cost.

**Himanshu Gupta takes over the charge of Deputy Commissioner Capital Complex**

**ITANAGAR, March 14:** Himanshu Gupta, Secretary Planning today took over the charge of the Deputy Commissioner Itanagar Capital Complex upon transfer of Prince Dhawan to Lohit District, Tezu.

In an interactive meeting held with the Officers and Officials of the establishment, the DC advised them to be calm and patient in their office dealing and stressed that there should not be delay in public service. He asked all to maintain transparency and strict work culture in the Office. He also reviewed the preparation for the upcoming simultaneous elections and urged the Magistrates, Flying Squads and the Static Surveillance Teams to start with regular patrolling in their respective jurisdictions.

He informed all staffs to gear up for upcoming elections and put extra efforts to
ensure free, fair and transparent elections take place in the capital.

DEO Holds Meeting with Representatives of Political Parties/ Nodal Officers

AALO, March 15:
Intensifying the preparatory works for the ensuing simultaneous election, the West Siang DEO, Swetika Sachan has convened its second meeting with the representatives of various political parties, Election Expenditure Accounts Officer and election related Nodal Officers at Conference Hall of DC Office today. She disclosed that Notice of Election will be served on 18th of March and urged all parties to abide by the Moral Code of Conduct that has come into force. She said that carrying of cash beyond Rs. 50,000, liquor and clothing in bulk will be under scan and forfeited by the Flying Squad team. He asked all representatives to seek permission for holding rallies and remain present during sealing of important documents and Strong to make the election fair and transparent and disclosed to them that entire process of election is being recorded. He asked them to give intimation on sensitive polling stations basing on election threat perception to tighten up security in those booths and said that election related violence will not be tolerated at any cost. The Dy. DEO, C. Chukhu dwelt elaborately on moral code of conduct through power point presentation and sought the cooperation of all political parties for a fair and peaceful election in the district.

World Consumer Rights Day Observed at Jomin Tayeng Model Degree College Jia

ROING, March 15:
The World Consumer Rights Day was observed in the Jomin Tayeng Model Degree College, Jia today where students and faculty members of the college took part in the programme.

Principal Monshi Tayeng advised the students to know and learn their consumer rights. C. S. Singpho, Assistant Controller of Legal Metrology, Roing explained about the rights of consumer, Legal aspect of Legal Metrology Act 2009, Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011 and Law of Consumer Protection Act 1986 before the gathering.

He urged the gathering to lodge complaints in the District Forum/ consumer court in case of defectives goods and deficiency in services confronted during the course of commercial transaction with a trader or any other business establishment for redressal of consumer grievances.

Booklets/leaflets that contained the detailed message for consumer education and awareness were distributed to all the participants.

East Siang gears up for April-11 polls

PASIGHAT, March 15:
The East Siang district administration has geared up for smooth conduct of the polls scheduled in mid-April. The preparedness for conducting free and fair elections in the district was explained by DC cum DEO Dr. Kinny Singh on Friday said that Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) system attached to Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) will be introduced this time. “To ensure transparency and clarity a slip would be generated in the system which would appear on the screen for seven seconds for the verification by the voter and then it would enter inside a sealed chamber of the machine automatically in printed forms”, She added.

Dr. Singh informed that out of 51929 eligible voters, 25328 are male while the rest 2660 are female voters. She has been visiting personally all 108 polling booths ensuring that all required facilities are in place. In the wake of promulgation of model code of conduct, numerous orders have been issued by the DEO to the concerned officers to strictly comply ECI guidelines and ensure that posters, banners
and flags are not put up on unauthorized structures on public places besides intensifying check on use of liquor, money and muscle power by political parties in the election. No individual can carry more than six quart bottles of IMFL (i.e. 750 ml) and twelve bottles of beer (650 ml) at a time for personal use during the election time. Wine shop opening-closing timing has been restricted to 9am to 5pm. Dry Days has been declared on April-9, 10 and 11 and May-22, 23 and 24. District Liquor Monitoring Squad (DLMS) eyeing on vendors/shopkeepers and furnishing daily sales, purchase and stock records to the State Nodal Officer (SNO), Itanagar. MCMC has been constituted for media certification, paid advertisement etc. The entire election process in the district is being closely monitored by the DEO and App- based services like ‘cVigil’, voter helpline 1059 etc has also been arranged by the district administration for the ensuing polls. Expenditure by political party/leaders are under scanner. Through ‘cVigil’ App, anyone finds violation of model code of conduct or any odd, can directly upload video-clipping enabling to take prompt action by the concerned RO. Printing Press/Publishers has to adhere 127 RP Act, 1957. According to EAC(Jdl) Henkir Lollen, 242 firearms have been deposited in East Siang District (including Nari and Koyu) till Thursday morning (6am).

Official source says, Flying Squad along with police officials have seized Thirteen Lakhs Sixty-One Thousand and Eight Hundred illegal cash on Thursday since the model code of conduct was put in force in the poll-bound East Siang. DC Singh praised the efforts of EAC D. Riba and Inspector (APP) Abram Tayeng. She advised the duo to extend their services with the same tempo. In her motivational message, DC-cum-DEO Dr. Kinny Singh has appealed the voters to exercise their rights fearlessly on April-11 next. Singh while informing that the district is fully prepared to hold the simultaneous polls stated that ‘Voting is morally significant and we have to perform it dutifully’. Abiding faith in democracy, we must take pledge to uphold the democratic traditions of our country and the dignity of free, fair and peaceful elections, and vote in the ensuing elections fearlessly and without being influenced by consideration of religion, race, caste, community, language or any inducement.

Meanwhile, SP Prashant Gautam also appreciated Inspector Abram Tayeng. He also appealed the voters to come forward and exercise their right and further assured to provide every assistance to people who are coming to their respective booths to cast votes on April-11. Gautam informed that with election approaching, the security forces have a herculean task but they are on their toes to counter the law and order besides traffic issues and to prevent any untoward incident during the election time.

DC cum RO reviews preparation for ensuing election

ITANAGAR, March 15:
A coordination meeting was convened in the chamber of the Deputy Commissioner Capital Complex cum RO 13th Itanagar Constituency Himanshu Gupta with the SP Capital Tumme Amo and all the Heads of the Departments to brief all about the various measures that has to be taken in connection with the ensuing simultaneous election. The DC cum RO urged all the sector magistrates to visit all the polling stations and submit list of requirements like space, equipment etc. to the RO at the earliest. He also urged them to inspect the areas which are susceptible to vulnerability and to provide mapping of such areas. He further urged the Magistrates and Police to work in close coordination to ensure smooth, free and fair election.

Later, in a separate meeting with the Magistrates, Flying Squad Teams, Static Surveillance Team/ Video Surveillance Team, Video View-
ing Team / Liquor Monitoring Team, the DC briefed them about their tasks and responsibilities. He stressed that the role of the flying squad teams and static surveillance teams is one of the most important and asked them to keep an eye on any movement that violates the Model Code of Conduct.

The DC informed that vide an executive order earlier, the DC cum DM has already prohibited carrying of arms/daos/lethal weapons/machetes within the jurisdiction of Capital Complex. He has appealed the denizens of Capital Complex to cooperate with the Administration and deposit all Licensed weapons to the Police Stations otherwise strict action would be initiated under appropriate section of law.

Also as per the guidelines of ECI, the DC has directed the SSTs/FSTs to seize cash that exceeds Rs. 50,000 if found in the vehicle of candidates/agents/party workers or carrying drugs, arms etc which are valued at more than Rs. 10,000 likely to be used for inducement of voters. He also directed the Liquor Monitoring Team to ensure that the Liquor shops are closed by 5pm otherwise the liquor shops would be sealed till the completion of the election process.

The SP also briefed them on the basic do’s and don’ts with regard to their duties.

Conduct of the forthcoming simultaneous elections in the state, a training on cVigil
NAMSAI, March 15:
In order to ensure smooth conduct of the forthcoming simultaneous elections in the state, training on cVigil was held at the conference hall of the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Namsai. The training was conducted by the District Information officer, Namsai W. Namchoom. He explained the usage of the app to the MCC, VST, FST and SST teams. He explained that the cVigil app enables the citizens to report MCC/expenditure Violations and that is mandated to be disposed off or escalated within 100 minutes from the time complaint was filed. The training ended with live demonstration of the cVigil app.

Further, cash amounting to Rs 1,89,450 has been seized by the SST teams at various locations in the district. Various items such as Daos, along with 50 mobile sets, liquors etc. amounting to Rs 2,90,800 were also seized.

Joint Indo-Bangladesh White Water Rafting Expedition Culminates
PANGIN, March 16:
The three day long joint Indo-Bangladesh White Water Rafting Expedition commenced from Tumbin on 16th March 2019 and Culminated today on 18th March, 2019 at Sangam, Pangin. The expedition was led by Lieutenant Colonel B.N. Jha with one officer, one Junior Commissioned officer and seven other ranks of Indian Army and two officers. From Bangladesh one Junior commissioned officer and seven other ranks of Bangladesh Army. Bangladesh team was led by Captain Hasibur Rehman.

The expedition team covered the distance of 85 Kms over Siyom River where level-2 and level 3 rapids were encountered enroute. In a traditional flagging in ceremony organised by Along Military Station at Pangin.

Earlier, High ranking Army Officers and the expedition team was heartily welcomed with traditional Tapets by T.K. Kopak, District Tourism Officer, Siang district along with all the Gaon Buras and Cultural troupes of Koreng and Yeksi villages. On the international events traditional cultural were displays by the locals.

The flagging in ceremony was also attended by Brigadier C. Dayalan, DTO, Siang and other civilian dignitaries. Bangladesh team has expressed their gratitude & appreciation for the conduct of the expedition and administrative arrangements carried out by Along Military Station.
Joint Indo Bangladesh white water rafting expedition Flagged Off
AALO, March 17:
The Joint Indo- Bangladesh White Water Expedition was flagging off from Tumin by Major General Ajai Verma, General Officer Commanding 56 infantry Division amid cheer and applause on 16th March last. During the flagging off Ceremony Brigadier C Dayalan, Commander 5 Infantry Brigade and other dignitaries were also present.

The expedition is aimed to strengthen the bilateral relations between India and Bangladesh and promote adventurism among youth of the district. This Joint expedition team is headed by lieutenant Colonel B.N. Jha of the Indian Army along with two Officers, one Junior Commissioned officer and seven other Ranks, each from both the nations. These three days expedition from Tumin Village in Kaying Sub-Division of Arunachal Pradesh upto Pangin Siang district covering a distance of 85 Kms challenging waters of Siyom River, where the expedition team would encounter Grade 2&3 rapids.

The expedition team carried out training basic, preparation and planning for a period of a week at Along Military Station. The Along Military Station is coordinating this joint expedition. The expedition is scheduled to be culminated on 18 March 2019.

A review meeting was conducted
YUPIA, March 18:
A review meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner—cum-DEO Papum Pare District Dr. Joram Beda, IAS today at DC’s conference Hall Yupia to review the preparedness of Simultaneous Election 2019 and security arrangements in Papum Pare District.

Though Power Point presentation, DEO Dr. Beda gave an overview of poll preparedness in the district and elaborated on the duties and responsibilities of the nodal officers. He also gave presentation on Law and Order arrangement for Election on pre-poll, Poll day and Post Poll day arrangement and briefed the security personnel about their role and responsibilities. Expenditure Observer (Assembly) N.Kheda Varta Singh, IRS, SP Papum Pare Pranab Tayal, IPS, all Nodal Officers and Officer In-Charges of all Police Station attended the meeting.

A 15 Days Intensive Training on Rural Home Stay at NIRD and PR NERC for members of SHGs under day NRLM
GUWAHATI, March 18:
A 15 Days intensive certificate course for rural homestay operators for members of SHGs under DAY NRLM of Arunachal Pradesh fully sponsored by NIRD & PR NERC commenced at NIRD & PR NERC Guwahati here at Guwahati today. The programme is slated to conclude on 5th April 2019. 21 (Twenty One) Members of women SHGs under DAY NRLM from Seppa, Kalaktang, Chongkham, Aalo West, Jengging, Namsai, Pangin.

The programme was inaugurated by Shri Omprakash Dhaundiyal, General Manager NABARD, Guwahati. Speaking on the occasion he said that rural homestay operators need not invest on interiors in competition with hotels in the cities and resorts. He said that, rural home stay operators should rather concentrate on taking care of sanitation and hygiene, overall cleanliness and maintain good quality of local food. All over the world, tourists are looking for comfortable home stay options, that are not just economical but are also clean, hygienic, that maintain privacy of guests, and where home stay operators either provide normally popular cuisine apart from showcasing the local cuisine.

He informed that normally upto 6 rooms are accepted under rural home stay. Maintaining a rural home stay of more than 3 rooms requires considerable labour and therefore it is important that all members of household members of a group need to be well versed with all procedures of maintaining a comfortable as
well as affordable rural home stay. He also emphasized on capacitating members of rural homestay arranged with high degree of functional literacy within the households to enable them to leverage internet and other similar medium. Citing his experience, he informed that rural homestay operators can consider selling experiences where tourists can learn, participate, or even witness local events ranging from local festivals, adventure sports, meditation, trekking, photography, etc. Earlier speaking on the occasion, Dr. R.M. Pant informed that NIRD and PR had chosen Arunachal Pradesh to conduct the first amongst the series of programmes for rural home stay operators because of huge potential of Arunachal Pradesh. He whole heartedly appreciated the efforts of Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ArSRLM) in capacitating rural poor women in locations under DAY NRLM. Elaborating on the programme, he informed that training being intensive shall also provide ample avenues for learning through exposure visits to home stays in Assam and Meghalaya besides learning events organized in Taj Vivanta, etc.

He said tourism needs to be considered as a high priority medium of development for North East in general and Arunachal Pradesh in particular. This shall also contribute towards maintaining rich bio diversity that is present in States such as Arunachal Pradesh. He also informed that Director General NIRD & PR Hyderabad, W.R. Reddy, IAS has kindly consented to interact with participants on 22nd March 2019.

He thanked the Secretary (RD and PR) and all senior officials of Government of Arunachal Pradesh who reciprocated positively to the opportunity provided to Arunachal Pradesh by nominating members of SHGs under DAY NRLM for the programme.

Dr. Rakesh Srivastava, Chief Operating Officer ArSRLM in his address thanked Director NIRD and PR NERC for according Arunachal Pradesh priority in this programme. He also expressed gratitude to the NRLM Resource Cell at NIRD and PR NERC for supporting ArSRLM in its capacity building endeavours. He gave a brief overview on implementation of DAY NRLM in the State, where 23 Block Mission Management Units had SHGs functional from about three years to some SHGs which are functional for the past six months. He requested faculties from NIRD and PR NERC to customise the learning experience accordingly.

Dr. ParthaPratimSahu, Course Director of the programme from NIRD and PR Hyderabad gave the vote of thanks for the inaugural session. He informed that this programme was the first of 8 programmes being conducted in Guwahati and that NIRD and PR shall be conducting similar programmes for other north eastern States shortly. He assured that NIRD and PR NERC shall take full care of the participants during their stay at NIRD and PR NERC. Dr. M.K., incharge of Training and Research from NIRD and PR NERC also spoke on the occasion.

**Gazette Notification**

ITANAGAR, March 18:
On recommendation of Election Commission of India, Gazette Notification vide No.S.O.(E) Dated 18th March, 2019 has been issued by the President of India to elect members in the parliamentary constituency of 1-Arunachal West and 2-Arunachal East in accordance with the Representation of People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951). By a separate Gazette Notification vide No.EN/OP(CE)-10/2019 Dated 18th March, 2019, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh has also notified to elect members of the Legislative Assemblies from all constituencies of the state. Upon notification by the President of India and the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, the Election Commission of India vide Gazette Notification has appointed following dates for both the elections to the Parliament and
Legislative Assembly in the state of Arunachal Pradesh: the last date for making nominations – 25.3.2019, the date for scrutiny of nominations – 26.3.2019, the last date for the withdrawal of candidature – 28.3.2019, date of poll – 11.4.2019, the date before which the election shall be completed – 27.5.2019. Hours fixed for poll is 7 am to 5 pm. Under Section 31 of Representation of People Act, 1951, all the Returning Officers of Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies have issued public notice inviting nomination of candidates specifying the place at which the nomination papers are to be delivered. The DC cum DEO, Aalo is the Returning Officer of 1-Arunachal West Parliamentary constituency while DC cum DEO, Tezu is the Returning Officer of 2- Arunachal East Parliamentary constituency.

No nominations will be received by the Returning Officers on 21st, 23rd and 24th March, 2019 being public holidays under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act 1881. Expenditure observers appointed by the Election Commission of India have reached the election district HQs. The General observers appointed by the ECI are also likely to reach shortly. The entire process of scrutiny will be done in presence of the General observers.

National Conference on the theme “Substance use and Abuse” Held AALO, March 18:
North East Frontier Technical University, Aalo, is conducting its annual sports function – UNIFEST 2019. The event was inaugurated by chief Guest Mr. Eto Ete, D.D.S.E. Aalo. The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Tejum Padu Dr. R. Sugathan, Dean Research and Dr. Alok Kumar, Registrar spoke in length substance abuse and use and appealed youth to refrain from such vices to build a congenial society. The tagline of UNIFEST 2019 was “Smile the Beauty of Arts and Sports, Breathe the Spirit of Games”. The event has variety of literary, cultural and sporting events.

Political Parties asked to refrain from using Pictures of Defense Forces in Advertisements ITANAGAR, March 19:
The Election Commission of India has in yet another order, asked all the political parties not to use photographs of defense personnel or photographs of functions involving defense personnel in their advertisements. The contesting candidates have also been asked by the ECI to desist from displaying activities of defense personnel in their campaigns and advertisements. It has further urged the political parties and candidates to follow the advisory in letter and spirit.

A mini Marathon was organized ITANAGAR, March 19:
A mini Marathon was organized today by the District Cell, Yupia, Papumpare in coordination with Itanagar Urban ICDS project under the campaign 'SUPOSHIT JANANI VIKSHIT DHARINI' under PRADHAN MANTRI MATRU VANDANA YOJANA. The programme was flagged off by the Director, Women and Child Development Deptt from Richi Village Point, Jollang and 25 participants including women and adolescent girls bearing the message ‘STRONG WOMEN, STRONG NATION’ participated in the Marathon. The objective of the Marathon was to focus on the physical and mental well being of a mother in context to her role in our life.

Election Expenditure monitoring for the ongoing elections in the state NAMSAI, March 19:
Expenditure observer for Namsai District Shashank Yadav, IRS is on a visit to the District to take stock of activities related to Election Expenditure monitoring for the ongoing elections in the state. A meeting was held in the conference.
hall of the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Namsai where the election observer interacted with the ROs, AROs, VSTs, SSTs, FSTs, Sector Officers, VVTs and accounting teams to review their performance. He also presented a PPT on Election expenditure monitoring and reemphasized on the roles and responsibility of all the teams and advised those present in the meeting to carry on their duties with utmost sincerity and dedication in order to ensure conduct of peaceful and free and fair election in the District.

Expenditure Observer for Lower Dibang Valley holds a Coordination Meeting
ROING, March 19:
The Expenditure Observer for 42- Dambuk (ST) AC and 43- Roing (ST) AC of Lower Dibang Valley district, Dr. V. Balasubramanian chaired a meeting with the Magistrates and members of the Static Surveillance teams, Flying Squads, Video Surveillance teams, Video Viewing Teams and Media Cell of the district, in the presence of the DEO Mitali Namchoom and SP S. K. Sain.

The Expenditure Observer advised all to follow the instructions of the ECI in letter and spirit and conduct the elections smoothly. You are the ground workers and the eyes and ears of the ECI and you should do your duties in ensuring that no one wins the game because of money and their spending capacity, he added.

Dr. Balasubramanian also emphasized that merit and people’s mandate should count. Saying that all are on duty till the election commission of India declares the process complete, he asked all to be ready to face any kind of eventualities and challenges as new rules and regulations are being made and sent on a regular basis by the ECI.

DEO Mitali Namchoom enjoined all to do their duties properly and work in tandem with each other as a team. She emphasized on the need to check the enforcement of MCC and report any kind of violations.

SP S. K. Sain praised the preparedness of all the teams in discharging their duties.

Expenditure observer holds review meeting
BOMDILA, March 20:
The review meeting with all the four ROs, Flying Squad Teams (FST), Static Surveillance Team (SST), Video Surveillance Team (VST), Video Viewing Team (VVT), Accounting team, Income Tax and Media Certification & Monitoring Committee (MCMC) for the district was held today at DC’s Conference Hall Bomdila. Urging the officers to be diligent, dutiful and extra cautious to check violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and for adherence to expenditure ceilings as prescribed by the ECI, the Expenditure Observer for West Kameng Ratnesh Kumar Singh, IRAS of 2009 batch, acknowledging the difficulties being faced viz hilly terrain, foot march to various Polling stations etc in the district exuded hope that the electioneering process would be smooth and successful as in previous years with seasoned and experienced officers at the helm of affairs in the district.

DEO Holds meeting with Election Observers/ Nodal Officers
AALO, March 20:
The Election Expenditure Observers, Jagdish Prasad Jangid for parliamentary and Amanjit Singh for Assembly constituencies had elaborate meeting with West Siang District Election Officer Awetika Sachan and all Nodal Officers of the district.

The observers laid stress on checking the expenditures of the candidates on cash transactions, movement of liquor, prints and publications in electronic and print Medias, use of vehicles on election, rallies, posters, banners and hoardings. They asked all Nodal officers to file daily report on expenditure on daily basis.
The DEO West Siang gave detail briefing on measures to check violation of moral code of conduct in the district. She has also issued executive order banning carrying arms and ammunition, lethal weapons like dao, machete, sword, etc in the district. The SP, administrative Officers, Magistrate and Sector Magistrate under their jurisdiction have been asked to enforce the order in letter and spirit.

**Tritya Sopan Testing Camp for Bharat Scouts Held**

**AALO, March 20:**
The Tritya Sopan Testing Camp attended at large by Commissioners, Guide Captains, Scouts Masters and Scouts and Guides from different parts of various districts of the state was held at Pakam Secondary on 19th March last.

Attending the function as the Chief Guest, Gijum Tali, DIPRO said that such cam is not only conducive for personality development but Scouts and Guides can imbibe patriotism and nationalism through such activities to link ourselves to national mainstream. Tumto Ete, Headmaster also stressed on the need The DTO, J. Jini, Kapi Gadi and Mijum Kamduk gave detail report on the activities of Bharat Scouts and Guides. Eto Ete, DDSE cum District Commissioner Bharat Scouts and Guide, Markar Padu Principal, Bamin Loyi District Coordinator also attended the function to witness rich varieties of presentations by the school children from various district.

**Meeting held on Simultaneous Election**

**YUPIA, March 20:**
Expenditure Observer (Assembly) 13- Itanagar AC(ST), 14- Doimukh AC(ST) and 15-Sagalee AC(ST) N.Kheda Varta Singh, IRS, holds a meeting with MCMC, Video Surveillance Team(VST), Video Viewing Team and Accounting Team of ensuing Simultaneous Election 2019 in PapumPare district at ZPC Hall, Yupia today on 20 last. While interacting with officials appointed for VST and VVT, Expenditure Observer Kheda briefed them about instructions of ECI for capturing videos during any rally, meetings or processions of Political Parties and contesting candidates during election.

He instructed Nodal Officers to make check list of items to be videographed by Video Surveillance teams as per guidelines of ECI so that they can have clear picture what they have to capture in the field. He also asked Video Viewing Team to meticulously view the videos submitted by VSTs on the basis of which accounting team will frame their expenditure reports any political party or contesting candidates. He further asked all teams to work in a well co-ordinated manner and strictly adhered to ECI guidelines for smooth conduct election.

ADC cum Nodal Officer EEM Tabang Bodung who was also present on the occasion also advised the officials to work in team spirit and perform their duties with utmost sincerity and dedication. AEOs, MCMC Member DIPRO Capital, Video Surveillance Teams, Video Viewing Teams were present during the meeting.

**Nature Guide Training concludes at Talle Wildlife Sanctuary, Ziro**

**ZIRO, March 20:**
A Five day program for training nature guides that commenced on 15th of this month concluded on 19th March at Pange forest camp, Talle Wildlife Sanctuary. The program was organised by Hapoli Forest Division, Department of Environment and Forests, in collaboration with Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) and supported by World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and Titli Trust, Dehradun.

DFO Koj Rinya, IFS, informed that the overall objective of the training program was to create a sustainable tourism framework in biodiversity rich Talle Wild-
life Sanctuary, for nature enthusiasts and research community. Socio-economic empowerment of the local communities and conservation of natural resources will be some of the long term outcomes of the program, she further informed.

The initiative involved capacity building of departmental field staffs and local youths of Lower Subansiri district interested in tourism sector.

The five day event included theoretical sessions followed by two days of field visits. Various modules were conducted by eminent experts like Dr. Tage Kanno, DMO (Naturalist), Dr. B. B. Bhatt (Herpetologist), Prof. Ranjan Kumar Das (Ornithologist), Tage Haniya, RFO, Hapoli, Dr. Roto Robo (Medicine Specialist), Rohit George (Lepidopterist), Khyanjit Gogoi (Orchidologist), Koj Rinya, IFS, DFO, and a detailed session on management of waste by Dr. Sarala Khaling, Regional Director for Eastern Himalayas, ATREE.

Shri Santosh Kumar Reddy, IFS and Ngilyang Tachang, RFO, Talle Wildlife Sanctuary coordinated the event. The participants who attended all the sessions and completed both theory and practical examinations were awarded certificate and books.

2nd round of trainings for Polling Officials underway in Lower Subansiri

Ziro, March 20:
The 2nd round of trainings for the first batch of presiding and polling officials for Lower Subansiri was held at Abotani Hall, Hapoli today. 350 officials were imparted training on polling procedures, preparatory guidelines for the polling day and hands on practice on handling the EVM/VVPAT machines. The training for second batch of polling officials will be held on 22nd March. Master Trainers Umesh Mishra, Lecturer, DIET, PK Das, DDI and S.K Singh imparted the trainings.

Moyong files nomination paper

PASIGHAT, March 20:
BJP candidate for 38-Pasighat East (ST) Assembly Constituency, Kaling Moyong, on Wednesday (March-20) filed his nomination paper before the Returning Officer Dr. Kinny Singh. 48 yrs. old Moyong (Electoral Roll number- 570) is a resident of Mirku village, Pasighat and son of Lt. Opang Moyong.

Performance of Nodal Officers Reviewed

YINGKIONG, March, 22:
Karma Leki, DEO, Upper Siang District called a meeting of all appointed Nodal Officers of ensuing Assembly and Parliamentary election, 2019 in his office chamber on 21st March last and reviewed the performance of all nodal officers.

The DEO directed all nodal officers to carry out the assigned duties with utmost sincerity and ensure all the preparatory works done shou-dering collective responsibility for free and fair election in upper siang district.

Mean while, C. R. Khampa, Nodal officer, MCC, Upper Siang District has informed that a complaint Monitoring centre/call centre has been set up in the District election office, Yingkiong with Toll free No.1950 and Help-line No.7085104116 to receive any Election related complaint which will remain operation-al round the clock (24x7) till completion of the Election process.

Final round of training for polling personnel begins

BOMDILA, March 22:
The two days third and final round of intensified training for all the Presiding Officers and polling personnel of 4-Dirang & 7-Bomdila began today at GHSS Auditorium Bomdila.

Similarly, two days training would be held at GHSS Auditorium Rupa for the Presiding and Polling personnel of 5-Kalaktang & 6-Thrizino-Buragaon AC segments.
beginning from March 23. Meanwhile, BJP candidates from 4-Dirang AC segment Phurpa Tsering, 5-Kalaktang AC Segment Er. TN Thongdok, 6-Thrizino-Buragaon AC Segment Kumsi Sidisow and 7-Bomdila-Nafra AC Segment Japu Deru filed their nominations today.

Two candidates namely DW Kharma and Dongru Siongju from 5-Kalaktang and 7-Bomdila filed their nominations under the JD (U) banner whereas Er. Aju Khunjuju from 7-Bomdila filed his candidature under NPP ticket.

Kalo Dususow from 6-Thrizino-Buragaon filed his candidature under INC. Former minister Tsering Gyurme from 4-Dirang AC segment too filed his nomination under INC but without Form A & B.

Cash, Cannabis and Local Made Pistol seized
ROING, March 22:
In Lower Dibang Valley district, the Static Surveillance Teams and Flying Squads have been been performing their duties diligently round the clock to ensure the enforcement of MCC. The teams have till date seized 1 lakh in cash, a local made pistol with 8 rounds, 50 grams cannabis (Ganja), 93 machetes, 125 litres of local liquor and 8 cases and 16 bottles of IMFL. The district has so far seen the deposit of 749 firearms, as mandated by the DM under the Arms Act 1959, Arms Rules 1962 and Indian Arms Act 1878.

DC East Siang flags of Matru Marathon under Poshan Abhiyan
PASIGHAT, March 22:
East Siang Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Kinny Singh today flagged off the Matru Marathon in the morning here from DEM School field, Higher Region as part of the Fortnight long Poshan Pakhwada, held under the aegis of DD ICDS, Dept. of WCD, to spread the message of proper nutrition for better health and immunity particularly among mothers, which was also joined in large numbers comprising women, youth, Anganwadi Workers(AWWs), Anganwadi Helpers(AWHs), Supervisors and Gram Sevikas of 3 ICDS project of Pasighat, Mebo and Ruksin ICDS projects among others. The Matru Marathon marks the successful culmination of the PoshanPakhwada that began on March 8 last.

DC also administered Poshan Pledge on the occasion.

With the focus of the PMMVY, to create awareness among pregnant and lactating mother to combat malnutrition, the Poshan Abhiyan was celebrated in three ICDS projects - Mebo, Pasighat and Ruksin with various activities like Mother’s Meet, where Mothers and girls were given awareness about Nutrition, Cleanliness.

Anaemia Camps were also organized for on spot haemoglobin test (Hb%) by Medical Team. At Ruksin 53 women and adolescent girls were tested and the encourag-
The report was that not a single tested person was found anaemic, which also reflects the hardwork put to create awareness by East Siang ICDS team as part of sustained efforts, is bearing fruits through such encouraging outcomes. Weighing of Pregnant women and children, Poshan Melas in which exhibition of locally available food was displayed, to create awareness on their nutritional values, Poshan Rallies, and Poshan Pledges have been conducted as part of the Poshan Pahk-wada in East Siang.

2 candidates filed nomination
CHANGLANG, March 22: Tesam Pongte and Phosum Khimhun filed the nomination their nomination papers for the upcoming Assembly election with their respective Returning Officers today.

While, Tesam Pongte filed his nomination from 53-Changlang North (ST) Assembly Constituency Phosum Khimhun filed his nomination from 52-Changlang South (ST) Assembly Constituency, both from Bhartiya Janta Party.

Two Candidate Filed Nomination in Upper Siang District
YINGKIONG, March’ 22: Alo Libang, BJP Candidate and Gegong Apang, JD (S) Candidate have filed a nomination for 34th Yingkiong -Tuting Assembly Seat before Karma Leki, District Election Officer today. No one has filed nomination against 40 Geku – Mariyang Assembly Seat till date.

District Administration gears up for election
ITANAGAR, March 22: The District Administration Capital Complex with an aim to generate awareness on free and fair Election is conducting a series of events under SVEEP. The Deputy Commissioner Himanshu Gupta informed that a mini marathon would be conducted on 31st March 2019 in collaboration with the Department of Sports and has appealed the denizens of the Capital Complex to participate in the event. He further informed that Cash prizes would also be provided to the winners of the marathon.

The DC also informed that a debate competition on the topic ‘Has Arunachal truly evolved as a vibrant democracy since last 32 years’ would also be conducted in various colleges of Capital Complex. The winners would then compete amongst themselves at inter college level, added the DC. He hoped that such events would help instil a sense of understanding amongst the students about their rights to exercise voting in a free and fair manner.

The DC further informed that more such events have been lined up for creating awareness amongst citizens like audio visual display van being placed in pockets where in last elections polling percentage was less than 50%.

First Lady of the State advises the weavers to take advantage of e-Marketing
ITANAGAR, March 23: Continuing her endeavour to promote indigenous loin loom weaving, the First Lady of the State, Neelam Misra visited Lower Niti Vihar colony, Itanagar on 23rd March 2019 and met the loin loom weavers. She visited the individual houses of the weavers and saw for herself the way loin loom weaving is practised by the womenfolk at home.

The First Lady of the State, who took up the issues of local loin loom weavers with Union Cabinet Minister for Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani, during latter’s visit to Itanagar on 22nd February 2019, enquired about the challenges of the weavers, particularly the availability of raw materials, subsidised loans, training centres and the outlet for the produces.

While interacting with the weavers, the First Lady of the State said that the loin loom product of different tribes of Arunachal Pradesh are unique, attractive, exclusive and one of its kinds in the world. Ev-
every tribe of Arunachal Pradesh has different colour and design symbolizing their identity and it has to be preserved and promoted, she emphasised while sharing her ideas in making the products more appealing and attractive to the consumers.

The First Lady of the State said that Loin Loom weaving is an extension of our traditions and has been a time tested self-employment avenue for our ladies. It is an important aspect of financial empowerment of women, particularly in rural areas. She stressed that the practice and culture of loin loom weaving must be popularised, promoted and propagated particularly amongst the educated young girls of our society.

The First Lady of the State advised the weavers to take advantage of e-Marketing, which is the process of marketing a brand using the Internet. She said that through e-Marketing, they can sell their loin loom produces to any interested individual anywhere in the world. It includes both direct response marketing and indirect marketing elements and uses a range of technologies to help connect businesses to their customers. She also informed them about Government e-Market Place or GeM in short.

The First Lady of the State, while appreciating the women for keeping their houses clean, appealed them to keep their colony clean too.

**DC inaugurates 5-day Women Skill Development Workshop**

**PASIGHAT, March 23:** Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Kinny Singh, inaugurated a 5-day Women Skill Development Workshop on Bead Jewellery here today at Engo Takar Hall. Dr. Kinny Singh in her address encouraged women and Self help groups (SHGs) for availing such skill based training for their economic empowerment.

The Skill Development Workshop is being organized by the Department of Art and Culture, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh in collaboration with North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India at Engo Takar hall.

Experts Yaham Borang and Yapong Jerang are imparting training to the 30 participants.

Earlier, Cultural exponent, Kaling Borang, in his welcome address highlighted the objectives of the Skill Development Workshop, so that cultural heritage of the people can be sustained in days to come.

District Art and Culture Office (DACO) and Coordinator, Augusti Jamoh, said the Workshop on bead jewellery making aims at training interested young girls on traditional bead jewellery making. With 30 participants and three Experts, the Workshop shall dwell on various aspects of male and female beads jewellery of the Adis.

ADC hq Taddo Borang, Coordinator and DACO, Augusti Jamoh, HoDs also attended the inaugural ceremony.

**DC convenes meeting on traffic management**

**ITANAGAR, March 23:** A meeting was convened today in the conference hall of the Deputy Commissioner, ICC, Himanshu Gupta to discuss various issues related to coordination of Traffic and to work out modalities to ease traffic congestion in Capital Complex.

The DC and the SP Capital Tumme Amo stressed that Traffic Management of any city is a very important and scientific aspect which requires coordination amongst all civil agencies and local police. They highlighted four strategic areas which require interventions for improving traffic situation in any city which are Traffic Engineering, Traffic Regulation, Traffic Enforcement and Traffic Awareness.

Under Traffic Engineering, the DC suggested that there are 2 important roads in Itanagar Traffic division which if made operational will de-
crease the traffic flow on main highway. The first road which connects Chandranagar with Division-IV and the second road which connects Abotani Colony via Hotel Waii International/Arunsubansiri and directed the EAC Itanagar and SDPO Itanagar to carry out survey to make these roads operational. He also directed the PWD Department to carry out repair and maintenance of road connecting Abotani Colony to Arun Subansiri at the earliest.

To ease the traffic situation in Naharlagun, the DC directed the EAC Naharlagun and SDPO Naharlagun to visit the under construction bridge connecting Borum to Yupia near Helipad & Naharlagun Railway station to Tarajuli and to submit the status report to him.

The EE PWD Itanagar/ Naharlagun and PWD Highway were also directed to identify points and to take corrective measures where traffic moves slow due to potholes or narrow width or otherwise and causes traffic jam.

Under Traffic regulation, it was suggested that there should be more exit and less entry points connecting the main highway so that the volume of vehicles on the main highway is minimum.

Accordingly, the DC directed the Town Planning Department to prepare map clearly showing the entry and exit roads for Itanagar and Naharlagun Traffic divisions respectively, after which the DC and SP shall identify the points which can be marked as entry/exit point to main highway and accordingly the side roads will be declared one-way.

It was also decided that Specific stoppages for vehicles like Trekker, Tempo, etc shall be identified at places like Chimpu, Gohpur, Vivek Vihar, Akashdeep, near Tennis Court etc. and the no. of stoppage points for lifting/dropping of passengers by above vehicles would be earmarked and limited.

The DC further informed that a meeting with the Proprietors of big complexes like P.K Commercial, Vishal, V2, KFC, Drodel cineworld etc shall also be convened soon to facilitate the parking of vehicles in their buildings in order to avoid traffic jams.

Under Traffic Enforcement, the DC stressed that Traffic enforcement consists of all measures taken to ensure regulations made by the Government are followed in letter and spirit. The DC directed the OC Traffic, Itanagar/Naharlagun/Zone I/C of Itanagar/Naharlagun, OC PS Itanagar/Naharlagun to impose challans to those drivers especially vehicles of trackers, tempos etc who overtake on wrong sides, cases of drunk and driving in the capital etc. It was also decided that strict enforcement of traffic rules shall be carried out by Traffic Staff along with local police specially in drunk and driving, rash driving, driving while using mobile phones, driving on wrong sides etc.

To better communication between traffic wardens and the Police, the DC informed that Walky Talkies would be provided to the traffic personnel on duty for faster and real time communication.

Under Traffic awareness, the DC informed that traffic awareness sessions will be conducted in all the upper primary/secondary/higher secondary schools/colleges by District Administration in consultation with traffic police and across the city in consultation with Transport Department. He also informed that a proposal will be submitted to Government to include traffic awareness as an important part of any IEC activity carried out by IPR Department.

The SP also suggested various measures to improve the traffic situation in the Capital Complex.

Later it was decided that review meeting on traffic situation would be convened with all Traffic I/Cs, OCs PS, SDPOs, EACs, PWD Officials in DC’s Office every month.

The DC stressed that it takes a collaborative effort to ease traffic congestion and has appealed the denizens of Capital Complex to cooperate with the District Administration by adhering to traffic rules and regulations.
Nominations filed by Six candidates in Capital

ITANAGAR, March 25:
Six candidates today filed their nominations to the Returning Officer, 13th Itanagar(ST) Assembly Constituency namely Yumlang Achung from INC, Kipa Babu from BJP, Taba Thomas from Janata Dal(Secular), Techi Tolu Tara from NPP, Techi Kaso from Janata Dal (United) and Techi Nhagu from Janata Dal(United) as a substitute candidate of Techi Kaso.

World TB Day Observed at Geku

YINGKIONG, March 25:
District Health Society (RN-TCP), Upper Siang observed the World TB Day 2019 at JNV Geku on 24th March 2019 last with the theme “it’s time-to unite, end TB.” All students, 16 teaching & non teaching staffs and two Medical officers of CHC Geku attended the event. One ball pen each was distributed to every participant as a token of observance of the important event.

Two DOT Providers (Treatment Supporters), Omang Tamuk, GNM, CHC Geku and Oyik Tali, ASHA, Si-ka-Diine were felicitated with a cash prize of Rs 2500.00 and a commendation certificate each in presence of the Principal of the school for their outstanding contributions as DOT Providers. Dr Ahik Miyu, District TB Officer, addressed the event through a PowerPoint Presentation on TB disease, its Free Diagnosis and Free Treatment services. He stressed on the importance of strictly adhering to standard treatment protocol under DOTS to ensure cure and prevent the emergence of Drug resistant TB. He exhorted that early identification of sign & symptoms of TB at community level and seeking early medical intervention is the cornerstone of prevention of further spread and sure cure with least long term complications. This was followed by an interaction session wherein the District TB Officer answered queries raised by the participants.

Election Preparations in Full Swing in LDV

ROING, March 25:
Nominations for the forthcoming assembly elections 2019 for the 42- Dambuk( ST) Assembly Constituency and 43-Roing( ST) Assembly Constituency closed today with nominations filed by Mutchu Mithi (NPP), Etra Linggi (INC) and Laeta Umbrey (BJP) for Roing AC and Gum Tayeng( BJP), Tony Pertin(NPP) and Vijay Pertin(INC) for the Dambuk AC.

The General Observer for Lower Dibang Valley, Pradeep Kumar Chakraborty(IAS) arrived in the district on 24th March and took stock of the preparedness of the district in conducting the ensuing elections 2019.

The district also completed the 1st randomization of EVMs for allocation assembly constituency wise and segment wise at the DEO Level, in the presence of political parties on 24th March 2019.

A meeting for the officers and officials of the Tax & Excise and Narcotics department was conducted on 24th March 2019 by Commissioner (Tax and Excise) Anirudh Singh in the presence of DEO Mitali Namchoom.

The Commissioner briefed the officials about the rules and regulations to be followed while the MCC is in force and advised all to focus on the work assigned to them during the election period. He also stressed on the need for the creation of public awareness during the disposal/ destruction process of liquor seized during the election period.

A meeting of district Task force on immunization held

TAWANG, March 25:
A meeting of district Task force on immunization was convened at DC conference hall Tawang. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Sang Phuntsok and was attended by DMO Dr. Wangdi Lama, MS Dr.N.Namshum, representative of WHO Seema Singh, other
DCTawang, SangPhunt-sok showed his satisfaction over routine immunization works and said that, though as per reports there are some problems in certain pockets, but we shall find a way to achieve hundred percent success in those areas also. He asked for more dedication and sincerity from the health workers and conveyed his best wishes to achieve the goal of hundred percent immunizations.

Earlier, Kenli Doje, DPM gave a brief report on the immunization plan and informed that this year the district immunization team in its special round of immunization during Torgya festival at Tawang monastery, has immunized 08 children from neighbor country Bhutan, and 21 vendors children from Rajasthan who were selling balloons on roadside of Tawang township recently. Seema Singh representative of WHO in her address to the gathering asked the health workers not to let any child unimmunized.

DMO Dr Wangdi Lama in his speech said, we have been trying our best to reach every corner of the district and I m confident that my health workers shall left no stone unturned to achieve our goal, but we should keep on discussing our short-falls. We have sufficient fund to meet the expenditures, and all the fund has been decentralized to facility centers as per directions of the government.

General observer for the 3 Assembly Constituency

NAMSAI, March 25:
A total of 14 candidates including 2 women candidates filed their nominations for the upcoming elections in the state from 46th Chowkham, 47th Namsai and 48th Lekang (ST) constituencies at their respective returning office on the last day for filing nominations. Scrutiny of Nominations will take place on 26th March’19.

The General observer for the 3 Assembly Constituency V. Sampath, IAS is on a visit to the District. He held a meeting with the administration, police, officers involved in the electioneering process to take stock of the preparations for the upcoming assembly elections. He viewed the district election management plan and put up various questions related to it. He urged all the officers to discharge their duties with utmost dedication for ensuring free and fair elections in the district.

Election Observers oversee Election Process in the District

AALO, March 26:
Election Observers deputed by Election Commission of India are here to oversee election process particularly on violation of moral code of conduct as laid down by ECI for Parliamentary and Assembly elections from 18th March to till completion of election. They have asked all political parties to any kind of complaints/ violation of moral code of conduct.

WTD observes at Pasighat

PASIGHAT, March 26:
World Tuberculosis Day was observed recently at Pasighat with the theme “It is Time to United, End TB " to create awareness on the deadly yet curable disease at Bakin Per-tin General Hospital Pasighat by District Health Society (RN-TCP). The program began with an awareness rally from Vijayendra Kumar. In total 17(seventeen) Nomination papers were found valid and 01(One) paper in respect of a INC candidate was not accepted as he was a substitute candidate. With this, there are 02, 03 and 02 candidates have validly been found nominated in 1-Lumla ST (AC), 2-Tawang ST(AC) and 3-Mukto ST(AC) respectively.
Bakin Pertin General Hospital which was formally flagged off by Dr Dukhum Raina, Joint Director Health Services (T&R) Pasighat

Addressing the participants, Dr. Raina opined that the alarming rate of TB cases in the state is due to lack of proper dissemination of information and suggested creating more awareness in the district to fight TB.

District Tuberculosis Officer (DTO), Dr. Taken Siram informed the participants of initiatives taken by the government through the revised National Tuberculosis Control Program (RNTCP) for prevention and control of tuberculosis and highlighted it's causes, symptoms and treatment. He informed that various facilities are available for TB diagnosis in the hospital and that people should not take symptoms of TB lightly and further suggested getting tested immediately with CBNAAT (cartridge-based nucleic acid amplification testing) in the hospital).

Poll preparedness reviewed

ZIRO, March 27:
The general observer for Lower Subansiri district, Shanavas, has taken stock of the election preparedness in the district over the last two days.

Interacting with the nodal officers, he advised them put all the requisite systems, as required by the ECI, in place prior to the polling day. Besides monitoring the scrutiny of nomination papers, Shanavas visited the polling stations in the Ziro-Hapoli constituency.

On Wednesday, he supervised the third phase of the training for polling personnel at Abotani Hall here.

According to DIPRO, 250 officials attended the training. There are two assembly segments in the district, the other one being Yachuli.

Awareness on free and fair Election conducted

ITANAGAR, March 27:
As an attempt to generate awareness on free and fair Election, the District Administration Capital Complex is conducting a series of events under SVEEP. One such being, use of Audio Visual Publicity van to reach out to the public to cover all the major locations under Capital Complex. The van shows videos on importance of voting, how to cast vote using EVM-VVPAT etc. Pamphlets on how to cast vote etc are also being distributed among the public through the van.

The Deputy Commissioner Capital Complex Himanshu Gupta hoped that with such an initiative, people could be made aware on free and fair voting. It will also give an idea to public on how to cast their vote especially to shopkeepers and market dwellers.

The awareness was today carried out near Legi complex and Gandhi market Itanagar and will continue till the day of voting.

The DC has further appealed the denizens of Capital Complex to cooperate with District Administration and not to involve in any activity that violates the Model Code of Conduct.

Four Houses Gutted down in Fire at NCT Colony Deomali

KHONSA, March 27:
Four houses were reportedly gutted in a fire accident that occurred here in Tirap district at around 6:30 pm on Tuesday. Deomali SDPO Lod Tabio informed that the fire is believed to have been caused by an oil lamp (diya) in the room of one Sojol Das. All four houses had been rented out by late Wangcha Rajkumar’s widow.

On receiving information, a police team led by Tabio, along with personnel of the Indian Army’s artillery regiment and the CRPF, rushed to the spot and prevented the fire from spreading.

A fire tender was dispatched from Khonsa, 45 kilometres away. However, by the time it reached Deomali, the fire had been extinguished.

The SPDO ruled out the possibility of arson or foul play in the incident. Belongings, including cash amount-
ing to lakhs of rupees, were also charred in the inferno, the SDPO said.

DEO and General Observer holds meeting with the Election Agents
ZIRO, March 28:
A meeting of all the political party candidates and election agents with the DEO and the General Observer for Lower Subansiri was held in office chamber of the District Election Officer, Ziro today.

Chairing the meeting DEO Shri Chukhu Takar welcomed all the political party representatives and urged them to abide by all the provisions under MCC. He further expressed hope that the ensuing elections be free and fair void of any violence.

General Observer for Lower Subansiri, Shri Shaivas S, IAS while highlighting the guidelines under MCC, requested for intimation of any worry lists pertaining to the elections to the DEO, office immediately for redressal.

He further directed for wide circulation of the numbers of the Complaint registry and monitoring room/control room and the toll free complaint number.

Taking note of usage of loudspeakers etc for campaigning purpose he informed that the speakers should not be used from 10pm to 6am.

It should not be used near schools and hospitals. The usage of loudspeakers should be completely banned 48 hrs prior to voting, he added. He further called for strict adherence to the Property Defacement Act and to ensure that no handouts or any print publicity materials that incites religious sentiments is circulated.

He also requested the political parties to ensure minimum usage of plastic materials in all party rallies and programs.

Any violation of MCC shall be viewed very seriously and reported to ECI for further action, he added.

Among others the meeting was attended by SP Dr. Hemanat Tiwari, ROs 16 Yachuli and 17 Ziro Hapoli, Administrative Officers and representatives of the candidates.

Mock drill on earthquake preparedness held
ITANAGAR, March 28:
A joint mock drill on earthquake disaster measuring 6.6 Richter scale was organized in Nirjuli market area by District administration Capital Complex, NDRF, PS Nirjuli, Fire & Emergency service, Nharlagun, Paramedics of Tago memorial hospital, Nirjuli and Nirjuli market welfare committee.

To ensure effective response by all stakeholder, officials in case of emergency 12Bn NDRF, Doimukh took active participation and assisted in planning and coordination at the initial stage and played a leading role during the conducted mock drill.

As informed by DDMO ICC Moromi Dodum Sonam, an earthquake scenario was enacted where six persons were trapped in a collapsed building. NDRF rescuers during the exercise used various extrication methods like rope rescue, high rise rescue, and stabilization of victims, dog squad and chemical, biological, radiological Nuclear team following the disaster site safety plan. The NDRF team in their mock drill showed how to rescue a victim from a collapsed house due to earthquake and rescue from a high building in case of fire or other emergency. On the occasion Commandant Umesh Kumar Thapliyal 12Bn NDRF said: “These exercises ensure activation and prompt response of all stakeholders in a district and such frequent mock drills also make the district response system more effective and result oriented at the time of actual disaster.” They also gave the victims first aid.

Commandant Umesh Kumar Thapliyal led the NDRF team in conducting the mock exercise, which was supervised by Dy commdt Pronab Kumar daimary, 12Bn NDFR, Medical team was led by DR. K. L Rongmie CMO, SG and
Team Commander Inspector Nabal Singh. (Approximately 1500 people of district Authorities, volunteers, NGOs, and local public were involved in the joint mock drill. After the exercise, de-briefing session was done in which the observer Ber dulom FO DM (Hq) lauded the roles of all the stakeholders specially role of Tarh Tame Vice president Nirjuli market welfare committee in bringing the whole business community in oneness to participate in the exercise and also to rectify it better in the Mock drills to come.

Meeting held regarding upcoming election
NAMSAI, March 29:
A meeting was held today with the General observer, DEO, ROs, S.P, AROs, contesting candidates and representatives of political parties in the Conference hall of DC’s office, Namsai.

The District Election Officer, Namsai Dr. Tapasya Raghav, IAS highlighted the MCC guidelines along with various other important guidelines issued by the Election commission of India. She also appealed to the candidates and political parties to act in accordance with the MCC guidelines for free, peaceful and fair elections in the district.

The General observer for Namsai district V Sampath, IAS while emphasizing on elections free of money and muscle power also advised the candidates to seek clarification on any issue from the concerned ROs and AROs. Superintendent of Police, Namsai district A.K Singh, IPS informed that strict actions will be taken against all those violating the rules hence strict compliance to the rules are expected from all the candidates and political parties.

Meeting held to review election preparedness
YUPIA, March 29:
General Observer, Manoj Kr Deka, IAS holds a meeting with all Nodal Officers of various election cells to review their preparations regarding ensuing Simultaneous Poll on 11th April’2019 next in 13- Itanagar, 14- Doimukh and 15-Sagalee Assembly Constituencies at ZPC, hall today.

While addressing the officers, General Observer, Deka at the very outset lauded the DEO Papum pare and his entire team for their untiring efforts for successful conduct of forthcoming election in the district.

Deka further informed that he had visited various Polling Stations in three constituencies and pointed the names of particular polling stations which are lying in dilapidated conditions and that required immediate attention at places like Naharlagun, Sagalee, Balijan and Tarasso circle. He also said that all AERO should visit the Polling stations in their jurisdictions to ascertain the status of polling stations.

He also enquired about the preparations for transportations and movement of polling personnel during Poll day in remote areas and directed the DEO to make contingency plan for all logistic requirements. The General Observer also directed the media cell to keep vigil on social media networks.

During the discussion he interacted with officers and reviewed their status on training of Polling personnel, DCC, webcasting, EVM/VVPAT, Election Materials, polling materials, MCMC, Law and order, transport, FST and SST etc.

Expenditure Observer (Assembly) N Kheda Varta Singh,IRS also spoke on the occasion. DC-cum -DEO Papum Pare Dr. Joram Beda, IAS also briefed the General Observer about ongoing preparations for smooth conduct of ensuing Simultaneous Election 2019 in the district.

Superintendent of Police, Pranav Tayal, IPS also highlighted on arrangements of law and order situations in all administrative centres and polling stations. All Nodal Officers of Election Cells attended the meeting.

Stick to MCC: GO &DEO
PASIGHAT, March 29:
General Observer Anwaruddin Choudhury held detailed discussions with the repre-
sentatives of the political parties about the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and urged them to follow the rules strictly in a meeting today, held at the DC’s office conference hall, convened by the DC cum DEO Dr. Kinny Singh. The meeting was attended by the candidates, officers and representatives of several political parties.

General Observer Choudhury asked the political parties to seek prior permission from the designated officer for conducting any election-related campaign. The representatives were briefed by him about the latest instructions issued by the ECI for the conduct of upcoming General Elections and Model Code of Conduct.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kinny Singh laid stress on adherence of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) guidelines and their concerns related to upcoming Lok-Sabha and Assembly elections. MCC had come into force and no violation of MCC will be allowed at any stage of election process, she affirmed. Dr. Singh sought co-operation from the political parties to uphold the glorious tradition of peaceful polls in the district by participating in a non-violent manner.

Singh while informing the party representatives urged them not to misuse government, public properties and educational institutions for election related purposes adding that Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) will be looking after paid news and surrogate advertising which can be made an electoral offence. She also explained about the benefit of using CVigil mobile application, through which the public can record and send any violation of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) to the election authorities for appropriate action.

Later this evening, Expenditure Observers Uddhay Bhaskar Jakkie (Arunachal East Parliamentary) and Samrita Kaur Gill (Assembly) respectively interacted with the officers and took stock of development. During the meeting, the duo explained on various matter related to the expenditure and how news and advertisement that may favor one political party or politicians during election to the representatives of the political parties.

Second Randomization of EVMs for Completed ROING, March 30:
The second randomization of EVMs for allocation polling station wise for the 42- Dambuk (ST) AC and 43- Roing(ST) AC was completed today in the presence of General Observer Pradeep Kumar Chakraborty (IAS), DEO cum RO Mitali Namchoom (IAS), RO Rujjum Rakshap and representatives of political parties.

DEO Mitali Namchoom briefed the representatives of the political parties about the randomization process being done through software by the ECI. She stressed that it is a fair process and the result of the randomization is provided to the parties so that they can cross check the machines with the list provided, in case of doubts.

**Clean Naharlagun Campaign’ launched by MAGIC CLUB Arunachal ITANAGAR, March 30:**
When the rest of the state is reeling under the heat of election campaign, 38 volunteers of MAGIC (Making Arunachal Green, Incredible and Clean) Club launched its flagship programme ‘Clean Naharlagun Campaign’ spearheaded by four girls namely Maga Neru, Jayir Potom, Juli Bagang and Keni Loyi at Lummer Dai Road, Naharlagun on 30th March 2019.

Under the Clean Naharlagun Campaign, the MAGIC CLUB aims to conduct cleanliness drive in every sector of Naharlagun, one at a time fortnightly. They are also spreading awareness to the shopkeepers and dwellers, the proper disposal of biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste. They raise the slogans of ‘Say No to One Time Use Plastics’, ‘Cleanliness is Next to Godliness’ and ‘be the Change You Wish to see’.
Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D Mishra (Retd) participated in the 71st annual conference of the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayag at Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh on March 11, 2019.

The First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Mishra participated in the International Women’s Day programme on the theme, ‘Think equal, build smart, innovative for change’ at Itanagar on March 8, 2019.

The Governor of West Bengal, Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on March 11, 2019.
A meeting was convened in the conference hall of the Deputy Commissioner, ICC, Shri Himanshu Gupta to discuss various issues related to coordination of Traffic and to work out modalities to ease traffic congestion in Capital Complex on March 23, 2019.

The First Lady of the State, Neelam Mishra visited Lower Niti Vihar colony, Itanagar and met the loin loom weavers on March 23, 2019.

A Mega Health Camp at Tato, the headquarter of newly created Shi-Yomi district was organised by Turbung Daleng Welfare Society in collaboration with Rama Krishna Mission, Itanagar on March 1, 2019.
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.