The Adis, an excellent and one of the most enlightened ethnic communities are the major inhabitants of Siang Valley of Central part of Arunachal Pradesh. Their settlements are concentrated in the East Siang, West Siang, Upper Siang, Siang, Lower Siang and the South Western part of the Lower Dibang Valley districts. As an ethnic community the Adis are most progressive community who received first touch of modern education. They have possessed unique traditional wisdom which reflects in their social organizations, socio-cultural life, vast oral literature, economic pursuits, mechanism of migration, even in house pattern.

The Adis, ertswhile known as ‘Abor’ is a blanket name of some prominent subgroups comprising Padam, Minyong, Shimong, Ashing, Pasi, Karko, Bokar, Bori, Ramo, Palibo, Milang, Tangam, Panggi. Ethnically they belong in Mongoloid stock, fair complexioned and having dark brown eyes with an epicanicth fold. They speak their own Adi language which comes under the central group of the North-Assam groups of the Tibeto-Burman language. The Adis occupy approximate-ly one fourth of total population of Arunachal Pradesh.

They are hospitable, freedom loving, cheerful disposition. They are fond of enjoying happy-go-lucky freedom. They claim themselves as brave and expert warriors. As part of their traditional war tactice Adi warriors were also expert in guerilla warfare.

They are having vast oral literature unparallel in the mass of tribal literary world. These literary wealth depict unique tradition and rich cultural heritage handed down generation to generation by words of mouth since time immemorial. These are full of traditional wisdom. These are Aabangs– the religious literature relating to myths of creation, origin of social institution and original history of the Adis which may be compared with the Purans of the Sanskrit language; Ponungs– the lengthy ballads about the origin of things; Penge – a kind of religious lore chanted as funeral hymns. Penge is an elegy sung to bid farewell to the departed soul. Bari– a special kind of festival song sung by the young men specially during the Aran or Unying festival; Abe– a kind of introductory speeches delivered before beginning of any Kebang session; Yo-Yo-Gognam– lullaby sung while rocking a baby by a girl or old person, Bangku-Bapit Dooying– folktales, Gomging– old sayings or proverbs with moral lessons are the folklores of the Adis.

Adi folklores are depiction of folk life of the Adis. These imbibe a great variety of composition sung on occasion of festivals in extemore. Besides, there are numerous myths legends, tales etc. in the memory of a special class of Miris among the different sub groups of the Adis. Literary wealth of any ethnic community is the depiction of life of that particular human group. Accordingly literature of the Aids reflects the flavour and the feature of Adi life, their nature, desire, character, imagination, creativity, racial philo-sophy, the aesthetic sense, value judgement etc.

For dress & costumes the Adis were self sufficient. The Adi women folk were expert weavers. An Adi house in countryside cannot be imagined without portable loom for weaving their indigenous dress. Adi men folk were expert in cane and bamboo basketry to cater their domestic needs. All these activities were also the recre-ational activities to pass their leisure time.

Rice is the staple food. Jhum cultivation and wet-rice cultivation or terrace rice cultivation has been practised by them traditionally. A meal of the
Adis normally contains boiled rice, leafy vegetables flavoured with bamboo sour, chillies, ginger and a piece of meat or fish extends the deliciousness of the meal. They avoid spices and oil in cooking any food item, rather simple boiling or roasting is preferred. Actually food habit is controlled by the ecology of the surroundings.

Apong— the home made rice bear brewed from rice, maize, millet is the essential ingredients of food item in Adi socio-cultural life. They drink it as nutritive item of food as well as intoxicant by all. The Apong is served and offered as an essential ingredient in all religious and social functions to please the deities, god and goddess, to the guest as a gesture of hospitality, to display the respect to the village elders in the traditional village council session, also in agriculture field.

An Adi village is usually established in hill slope selected in strategic point of view. For this they consider some specific aspects such as natural hide from the direct view of stranger, visibility of movements of any intruder, availability of drinking water and sunlight, grazing land for domestic cattles, fish in nearby rivers and streams, sufficient land for cultivation, leafy vegetables, animals for hunting in forests nearby, overall hygienic place. Their houses are made of bamboo and leaves typically in raised platform.

Traditionally economic pursuits of the Adis were confined in food gathering, hunting, fishing, jhum cultivation, cattle rearing, barter trade etc. Presently they have adopted subsidiary means such as horticulture, service, business, wet-rice cultivation and so on.

Ethnically Adi community is patriarchal and patrilineal. Monogamy is common form of marriage while nuclear family is preferred. Widow marriage is permissible in the society. The sons inherit the properties of the family. Clan exogamy is common rule. Incest taboo is adhere by the people.

Moshup— the boys dormitory and Rasheng— its counterpart of the girls are important social institutions to impart training of life to be an ideal member of the community for boys and girls respectively. In early days the boys learned behavioral pattern, social dealings, art & crafts, folk songs, folk-dances, art of warfare, raid operation, to safeguard the village etc. while the girls learned spinning, weaving, discipline, obedience, preparation of food items, apong, folk songs, folk dances etc.

Besides, Kebang— the traditional self government institution consisting of village elders is important social institution to control and regulate day to day activities in community life through exercising legal and judicial powers. All affairs right from fixation of festival dates, date of taboos, opening of agricultural plots, site selection of new houses, construction of new houses, settling of disputes, accommodating the new-comers are discussed and decided by the Kebangs.

The Adis are primarily nature worshippers and believers of magico-religious faiths. Accordingly they believe in numerous gods, deities and spirits behind every occurrence. Sacrifices and offerings are made to appease them. Donyi-Poloism is the term for religion professed by the Adis which is recognised by International Religious Forum. The physical concept of Donyi-Polo is Sun-Moon. It is invisible, powerful, omnipotent and almighty. Here Donyi-Polo is considered as the god of mercy and justice philosophically.

Festival celebrations in Adi social life are the manifestation of tradition, custom and religious beliefs inevitably related with agriculture. A number of festivals such as Solung, Aran, Pime etc. Feasting, singing, dancing, indigenous games, animal sacrifices are part and parcel of their festival. During the Solung festival Mithun, semi-domesticated animal and status symbol of an individual is sacrificed by suffocation. All these cultural ingredients and rational social fabric mark the Adis as one of the most advanced and promising ethnic communities in Arunachal Pradesh.
Soybean is one among the most popular healthy foods. Its popularity has spiked up due to number of benefits it provides. Soybeans are good source of protein and are eaten in various forms, like roasted, soaked, and boiled. Over the period of time, soybeans have also been processed into oil, milk, tofu, and soy protein.

Well, the nutritional profile is quite impressive; now let's have a look at the health benefits of soybeans.

1. **Boosts Metabolism**: Abundance amount of proteins in soybeans improve metabolic activities and overall system of the body. Protein is an essential part of the human body and known to be the building blocks of cells and blood vessels. Sometimes, it's difficult for vegetarian and vegan to get enough protein, here soybeans meet the daily requirement of proteins that are normally provided by meat, fish and dairy products. Protein helps in regrowth, repair, and replacement of cells.

2. **Soybeans Good for Weight Loss**: They are one of the most weight friendly foods. Soybeans and soy-products can prevent you from overeating as it suppresses your appetite. Simultaneously, soybeans can help gain weight for those who need to. Presence of protein and fibre promotes healthy gaining of weight, if eaten in large quantities. Furthermore, it provides weights that are free from unhealthy fat and high cholesterol. Therefore, soybeans are good for weight loss as well as weight gain.

3. **Prevents Cancer**: Soybeans contain good amount of antioxidants that prevent the chances of developing cancerous cells. It neutralizes the free radicals that cause body cells to mutate into cancerous cells.

4. **Keeps Your Heart Healthy**: Soybeans are rich in unsaturated fibres which improves our blood lipid profile. It balances the cholesterol level in our blood, lowers the LDL cholesterol and triglyceride, and increases HDL cholesterol. Soybean also protects the blood vessels from the deposition of cholesterol as it contains omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids. It ensures the balanced fluidity of the blood. Therefore, soybeans regulate the blood pressure, blood cholesterol, and thereby improve the function of our heart.

5. **Benefits of Soybeans during Pregnancy**: Soybeans are indeed good for women. They are an excellent source of multivitamins, such as B, C, E and k, and minerals, such as calcium, manganese, phosphorous, magnesium, iron, and copper. These nutrients help to meet the daily requirements for pregnant women for the development of the fetus. Presence of folic acid prevents defects in neutral tube, and thus protects from birth defects.

6. **Good for Your Bones**: By now, we know soybeans contain impressive level of minerals that are essential for your bones. Mineral such as calcium, magnesium, copper, selenium, and zinc play a major role in developing new bones and healing any damage in them. With age, the bones become weaker, and can even lead to diseases like osteoporosis. A combination of vitamin D and minerals present in soybeans controls the loss of bone mass and cuts the risk of such disease.

7. **Fights Insomnia**: Inability to sleep often leads to sleep disorders, including insomnia. Owing to its magnesium content, soybeans improve the duration, quality and restfulness of your sleep.

8. **Soybeans Good for Diabetes**: The vegetable protein in soybeans is good for lowering the chances of developing type 2 diabetes. It improves glycemic level and insulin resistance of the body. The fresh soybeans are better than processed soy-products for diabetes. Soybeans maintain blood sugar level and are good for people suffering from diabetes.

Chandra Kumar Singh,
S.M.S (Agronomy)
EO held meeting with Election Agent of contesting candidates

YUPIA, April 1:
Expenditure Observer (Assembly) N.Kheda Varta Singh, IRS, holds a meeting with Election Agent of contesting candidates in Papum Pare district at ZPC Hall, Yupia.

While speaking to the election agents of contesting candidates of 13- Itanagar AC (ST), 14- Doimukh AC (ST) and 15-Sagalee AC (ST), Expenditure Observer N Kheda Varta Singh, IRS briefed them about objective of expenditure monitoring system of contesting candidates during election and requested all candidates to abide by the guidelines of ECI.

During the discussion, he also cleared the doubts of election agent on maintenance of day to day accounts of election expenditure by contesting candidates are mandatory and they should register the expenditure on regular basis.

ADC cum Nodal Officer EEM Tabang Bodung, AEOs, Accounting teams and Election Agents of contesting candidates attended the meeting.

Debate Competition continues

ITANAGAR, April 1:
Debate Competition on "Has Arunachal Truly Evolved as a vibrant democracy Since Last 32 Yrs" was conducted today simultaneously at two colleges of Capital Complex namely Don Bosco College Jollang and Dera Natung Government College Itanagar. The debate competition which is being organized by District Administration Capital Complex at various colleges of Capital Complex to generate awareness on free and fair Election has witnessed participation of huge number of students from each college sharing their views on the topic.

At DBYC, 20 participants from various semesters participated in the Debate competition. Bomter Dirchi, Head, Department of English, Himalaya University along with Techi Takam and Dr. Namsidumbo were the judges of the debate competition. Fr. (Dr.) Jose George, principal, Don Bosco College, Itanagar in his address to the participants exhorted them and gave the implication of such debate for a free and fair upcoming election. Mige Kambu, Meto Bage and Teli Taya were adjudged three best debaters of the debate competition. The Principal further informed that the debate will continue till tomorrow and the best two debaters would be participating in the inter college level debate competition.

At DNGC, Joram Mama and Miti Perme emerged as the winners.

Earlier on Saturday, the debate competition was also conducted at Arunachal Law Academy Lekhi wherein Nabam Roma and Khoda Yaluk emerged as the winners.

The winners would compete now at inter college level debate competition that would be held at Dera Natung Government College on 3rd April 2019.

DEO conducted one day Training programme

ZIRO, April 2:
The District Election Office, Ziro conducted a one day training program for micro observers, Sector magistrates, Flying Squads, Video Surveillance team, Static Surveillance Team in the DC Conference Hall today.

The General Observer Shanavas S, IRS, Expenditure Observer Vikrant Bangotra, IRS, and DEO Chukhu Takar
also participated in the training. Terming micro observers as ears and eyes of the GO, Shanavas S, exhorted the appointees to be vigilant and record the entire proceedings at their respective polling stations minutely. He also advised them to utilize the training to clear all their doubts pertaining to their roles and responsibilities.

Expenditure Observer Vikrant Bangotra, IRS and DEO Chukhu Takar also addressed the gathering. They felt the need for all the personals on election duty to cast away the casual attitudes and take the assigned duties with utmost sincerity.

Master Trainer, Umesh Mishra, along with his team conducted the training program.

Later EVM/VVPAT demo was also conducted to familiarize the micro observers and the other officers with the new machine.

**Study Tour to Namdhapha National Park Organized**

ROING, April 2:
A Geography field study tour to Namdhapha National Park was organised for students of Jomin Tayeng Govt. Model Degree College, Jemi Notko, Roing on 30th and 31st March 2019.

37 students of B.A IV Semester (Geography), escorted by Dr. Odol Pertin, (Assistant Professor) conducted field study of the topography, animals, birds and tourism potentials of Changlang and Namsai districts. The study tour was sponsored by College Administration.

**Election Observer/DEO Takes Meeting with Representatives of Political Parties**

AALO, April 2:
The General Observer for 27-Liromoba, 30-Aalo West and 31-Aalo East Darpan Jain took up detail meeting with representatives of various political parties under the Chairmanship of RO 1-Arunachal West parliamentary Swetika Sachan on 1st March last. All representatives of contesting candidates asked to maintain Model Code of Conduct and submit daily expenditure reports as per guidelines set by ECI of India. The RO was specific on taking a tough stand on any law and order problem to create a conducive election atmosphere for a free and fair election in the district. Meanwhile, preparation are on for commissioning of EVMs, VVPATs in respect of 27-Liromoba, 28-Likabali, 29-Basar, 30-Aalo West, 31-Aalo East from 1st of March and representatives of all candidates have also been asked to witness the commissioning process. The entire process is also being videographed to maintain transparency.

**R.K Mission Distributes Relief to 102 Persons in Jirdin Village**

AALO, April 2:
The Rama Krishna Mission School Aalo distributed blankets to 102 needy persons from Jirdin village on 1st April last. The Swamijis, Maharratis and staffs from the school met the beneficiaries and interacted with them and people lauded the humanitarian gesture by the school in villages of West Siang for past many years.

**DM Cautions Defaulters on Deposition of Arms to all License Holders**

AALO, April 2:
In a cautionary order passed by West Siang District Magistrate, all arms license holders of the district have been warned of depositing their arms to nearest police stations before 4th April in view of simultaneous election. Though the Notice was served quite early, many of the arm license holders have failed to do so till date. As a follow up action, the seizing and process of cancellation of arm licenses in respect of defaulters shall be initiated from 5th April expeditiously.

Meanwhile, Final Round of Election Training after formation of polling teams will be imparted to all official on election duties on 8th, 9th and 10th April of this month.
Final Hands On EVMS/prac-tical session to be conducted for polling teams in presence of concerned ALMT.

**The Inter College Debate Competition**

**ITANAGAR, April 3:**
An interesting chain of thoughts was witnessed here today as sixteen (16) participants from 8 colleges of in and around Itanagar debated on the topic ‘Can Youth make a difference in ensuring free, fair and transparent election’. The Inter College Debate Competition was organised by District Administration, Capital Complex in collaboration with Dera Natung Government College as part of SVEEP (Systematic Voters’ Education and Electoral Participation) to generate awareness for the upcoming Legislative and Parliamentary elections.

Speaking on the occasion as Chief Guest, Deputy Commissioner Capital Complex, Himanshu Gupta hoped that youths would make a difference not just as a voter but as an opinion maker and with their involvement, the State shall witness a decrease in unfair means of voting and MLAs and MPs would be selected on the basis of their performance and the developments that one brings in the society. Further encouraging the students, the DC stressed that since the first school of thoughts for majority of policies emerges from colleges, they play a pivotal role in ensuring how the democratic values can be best achieved by free and fair voting and hoped that the event will provide a platform for new ideas to develop.

The students debating for the motion were of the view that youths had an influential role to play this election as they are literate and have a mind of their own. They justified that Arunachal will be witnessing a lot of new voters who are eager for change in the form of development. While the students against the motion argued that youths could be easily lured away by money and materialistic desire, as is seen in the current scenario. They also argued that youths often get swayed away by their parent’s decision as to who to vote for.

Earlier, the Principal DNGC, Dr. N T Rikam urged the students to give their best performance and hoped that the debate would bring out the best amongst the students.

Mige Kambu and Meto Bage from Don Bosco College, Chinmay Bhattacharya and Vandana Kumari from NERIST and Joram Mama and Miti Perme from Dera Natung Government College were adjudged the winner, 1st Runner Up and 2nd Runner Up respectively. The other participating colleges were Arunachal Law Academy, Hills College of Teachers Education, Himalayan University, Binny Yanga Womens College and Government College, Doimukh.

The participant’s names were forwarded by their colleges after they qualified in the 1st level of debate competition that was held in the respective colleges on the topic ‘Has Arunachal truly evolved as vibrant democracy in the last 32 years’. The debate was judged by Amar Sangno, President Arunachal Pradesh Union of working Journalists, Higio Zarngam DIPRO and Moromi Dodum Sonam, DDMO and was moderated by Moji Riba, renowned film maker and eminent media personality.

The District Administration Capital Complex is organising a host of activities under SVEEP to raise awareness on Free and Fair Voting and to discourage use of money and muscle power and other unfair means of voting.

**General Observer Assembly Election**

**ITANAGAR, April 3:**
General Observer Assembly Election Shri Manoj Kr Deka, IAS holds a meeting with contesting candidates of 13-Itanagar, 14-Doimukh and 15-Itanagar Assembly Constituencies at Golden Jubilee Banquet Hall, Itanagar today on 03/04/19.

While speaking to the contesting candidates and election agents present on the occasion, he informed them about the Election Com-
Chief Minister has extended his greetings on the auspicious occasion of Mopin festival

ITANAGAR, April 4:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu has extended his greetings on the auspicious occasion of Mopin festival to the people of the state, particularly to members of the Galo community.

I wish my Galo brothers and sisters on the joyous occasion of Mopin that marks the beginning of the spring season, a symbol of peace and joy. I join you all on this joyous occasion with great zeal and enthusiasm,” Khandu said in a festival message here this evening.

He lauded the Galos, one of the major tribes of the state, for safeguarding their rich cultural heritage and for being a churning ground for luminaries of the state.

While offering prayers to Ane Mopin for a prosperous life ahead, Khandu emphasized on the need to preserve the distinct cultural identity of the indigenous communities along with their respective languages.

“Let’s all join this festival of white, symbolizing peace and prosperity, with our Galo brethrens and express our gratitude to them for their contributions in the progress of our state,” Khandu added.

Sports and Cultural Extravaganza Marks Start of Mopin Celebration

AALO, April 4:
Games and Sports and cultural extravaganza showing insights into our rich culture and folklores from 30th March to 4th April were the hallmarks to signal start of Mopin celebration at Gumin Kiin. The Central Mopin Celebration Committee led by Dr. Nyage Geyi and Shri Kengam Ete as Secretary is making all out effort to make the popular festival of Galo community a mega event on its main day celebration on 6th April. A team of crew members from doordarshan/Arunprabha are coming to give adequate coverage on the celebration for a wider viewership and West Siang Deputy Commissioner Smti Swetika Sachan will attend the main day celebration as the Chief Guest.

Special expenditure observer urges all stakeholders to check electoral malpractices

ITANAGAR, April 7:
While addressing the Senior Officers of Chief Electoral Office, Itanagar in the Conference Hall of CEO on 8th April 2019, the Special Expenditure Observer D D Goel underscored the importance of team work while checking and frisking people and vehicles during the election process and urged all...
stakeholders to leave no stone unturned in order to ensure free and fair elections and were not impacted by money.

Goel said that CEO must make a sincere effort to prepare a level playing field by systematically stemming the rampant use of money by political parties. Goel asked the concerned Officers to closely monitor the bank transactions to check financial malpractices. He emphasized on timely action on use (read misuse) of money during election adding that delay in taking actions would invariably defeat the purpose. Sunil Garg, IGP & SNO while participating in the deliberation, told the visiting Special Expenditure Observer that even CM’s cars and Police vehicles were not spared while carrying out checking. He said that as on date more than Rs.5.00 Crore in cash had been seized from different places in the State. Earlier, in his welcome address Kaling Tayeng, CEO threw light on the election preparedness in the state and apprised the CEO on the various steps that had been initiated to conduct free and fair simultaneous elections on 11th April 2019. He said that the Income Tax Deptt was actively involved along with Police in checking electoral malpractices. The meeting was attended by Additional CEO, Kangki Darang, SP (Elections), Commissioner (Tax & Excise) Anirudha Sharan Singh and all State Nodal Officers.

**CEO Reacting on viral social media massage**

**ITANAGAR, April 5:-**

Reacting on viral social media massage, office of the Chief Electoral Office sent out a stern warning to secretary general of Arunachal Pradesh Catholic Association (APCA),Itanagar asking for using social messaging platform to immediately withdraw the spread of irresponsible and wrong messages filled with religious provocation.

After the CEO issued show cause notice APCA has responded to the letter apologies and withdraw the order from all social media platform.

Earlier Christian Revival Church Council use an order by allegedly derogatory social media post on religious support to a candidate.

CEO appeal to individual citizens to keep away from the habit of making grossly irresponsible, defamatory, derogatory, offensive, communal and gender-insensitive posts on various social media platforms for not to violate model code of conduct.

**Mopin Festival Celebrated with Pomp and Gaiety**

**AALO, April 7:**

Mopin Festival that Echoes the ethos of Galos community was celebrated with pomp and traditional gaiety at central place of the Galo Gumin at Gumin Kiin on 6th April last. Giving her Mopin greeting as the Chief Guest of the celebration, the West Siang Deputy Commissioner, Smti Swetika Sachan said “Three years of continuous association with the festival and festivities has made me an integral part of celebration and it will linger forever in my life even if leave this place and I wait Mopin more than Diwali.” Hospitality is a hallmark of the community and she appealed the Galo community to maintain its age old rich culture that has many things to offer to the outside world and urged the people of West Siang for a peaceful election in the district.

The President Central Mopin Celebration Committee, Dr.Nyage Geyi and Secretary Shri Kengam Ete Secretary dwelt at length on the significance of the festival and stressed on keen participation by the elders and young genre of the community to preserve its rich value and promote. Shri Mijum Lona, President of Central Mopin Preservation and Cultural Society, the Apex cultural body of the Galo Society gave a detail deliberation on mythological aspects of the Mopin.

**First batch of polling teams dispatched.**

**ZIRO, April 9:**

The first batch of polling teams for Nama and Harak polling stations under 16 Yachuli were...
dispatched this morning, in the presence of General Observer Shanavas S, IAS, DEO Shri Chukhu Takar and ROs.

Although these two polling stations are at a range of 45 kms from Ziro, the road condition are treacherous and bad. The trip to Harak also includes a half an hour foot march.

The remaining 42 polling teams under 16 Yachuli and 29 Polling Teams under 17 Ziro Hapoli will be dispatched on 10th April.

**DLMS destroys huge IMFL bottles**

**PASIGHAT, April 10:**

DLMS (District Liquor Monitoring Squad) this evening destroyed 1100 (eleven hundred) IMFL bottles at 21-Mile area in presence of EAC Henki rLollen and DaktoRiba, DLMS Nodal Officer Kingman Komut, Inspector Abram Taying and representatives of ABK(ww) and WASE.

According to official source, in Siluk, Kiyit, Berung, 5-Mile and 4-Mile areas ABK(ww) members extended their cooperation to the authority during seizer of four hundred IMFL bottles in the mentioned above locations. Another four hundred IMFL bottles were also seized by Flying Squad and police teams putting Nakas for last few days across the district. Additional to three hundred (earlier seized) IMFLs from Police Station Malkhana were also destroyed today.

DC cum DEO Dr. Kinny Singh and SP Prashant Gautam took stock of development visiting Pasighat police station and commended the team spirit of officers and NGOs.

**Seized Liquors Destroyed at Treasury Office/Police Station**

**AALO, April 9:**

A team of officers from district administration led by Shri K.Tikhak SDO and officials from Tax destroyed all seized liquor from various parts of the district by FST and SST team today. The destruction was carried out at Treasury Office and Aalo Police Station where the seized liquor was kept together for many days.

The destruction was done in presence Mother’s Vision, an NGO which is fighting against drug and alcoholism in the district. Smti Jumde Gamlin and her team of witnessed and took part in damaging large quantities of liquor. This has to be carried out swiftly on getting direction from ECI.

**The polling teams of Tawang district has moved out of district headquarters**

**TAWANG, April 10:**

The polling teams of Tawang district has moved out of district headquarters today on 10th of April 2019 for their respective polling stations. The polling team for few remote polling stations like Luguthang, Mago, which are to be covered on foot moved out on 8th April. SP Tawang Shri SS Kalsi has confirmed that polling team to these remote polling stations has reached at their respective polling stations and HF stations for communication has been successfully installed.

In total there are 77 polling stations in Tawang district out of which 05 will be all women polling station. 01(one) each in Lumla and Mukto and 03(three) in Tawang this election. After the polling is over all the polling team will report back to headquarters on the same day except for few polling stations which are partially motorable or to be covered on foot.

**Governor congratulates Rajiv Gandhi University**

**ITANAGAR, April 10:**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) has congratulated the Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), Rono Hills, Doimukh for scoring place amongst the top 100 universities in India as assessed by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) under the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Governor said that it is a brilliant accomplishment and it reflects well on the leadership and good work of the Vice Chancellor.
Prof. Saket Kushwaha, faculty members of the RGU, and the students of the University.

Conveying his appreciation, the Governor said that the credit for this achievement also goes to each and every member of RGU.

As Chief Rector of RGU, the Governor exhorted them to focus on the strengths of the University and further improve the environment of teaching, learning and personality development of the students. He expressed his confidence that with honesty, transparency, vision, and teamwork, RGU will be able to push up its ranking to a single digit.

The Governor appreciated Rajiv Gandhi University, the premier institute of Higher Education in Arunachal Pradesh for setting a good benchmark and expressed hope that National Institute of Technology (NIT), Arunachal Pradesh and North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST), Nirjuli will also work hard to improve their ranking amongst the technical institutions of the country.

Chief extended his best wishes to the people on the auspicious occasion of Pongtu festival, celebrated by the Tutsa community of Changlang district.

In a message this evening, Khandu said the Tutsa community is one of the most vibrant tribes of the state and the joyous celebration of the colorful festival is a testimony to it. He expressed optimism that the agricultural festival will successfully invoke the Almighty to usher in a new era of peace and progress in the state. While lauding the indigenous communities of the state for taking pride in their respective culture, he said celebration of festivals such as Pongtu is one proven way of preserving culture for posterity.

Khandu also expressed faith that while drums and dances would mark the day, people would not forget their responsibility and duty and come out in huge numbers to utilize their adult franchise.

RGU VC attends International Convention of Vice Chancellors in Bangladesh

DOIMUKH, April 10:-
Rajiv Gandhi University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha was in Sylhet, Bangladesh recently to attend the 1st International Convention of Vice Chancellors, which was graced by Education Minister of Bangladesh Dr Dipu Moni and Chairman of the Bangladesh UGC Prof A Mannan. 28 Vice Chancellors from the 2 nations, including 15 from India attended the convention.

Various issues of bilateral interest of the institutions of higher education in the two nations were discussed at the Convention, which included internships, faculty and students exchange programs, enrolment of foreign students, ease of visa issue for higher education and collaborations in research. For the RGU in particular, collaboration with its Centre for Biodiversity and the Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies with Universities in Bangladesh was concurred upon, for which the RGU would sign relevant MoUs with the partner institutions.

Expanding on the significance of the event, Prof. Kushwaha said that the convention would have far reaching implications for higher education both in the NE region and Bangladesh. "What is needed is for us to take forward the deliberations at the convention primarily with a focus on the 5Cs- in communication, consensus, collaboration, connectivity and a respect for common goals", he said.

The main purpose of the convention was to share the scope of collaboration in teaching, research and innovation between the two countries. It was organised by the Shahjalal University of Scien-
ence and Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh under the patronage of the University Grant Commission of Bangladesh in association with the University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya.

Governor conveys Pongtu Festival greetings

ITANAGAR, April 10:-
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) has conveyed his greetings to the people of the State in general and to the Tutsa community in particular on the festive occasion of ‘Pongtu’. He expressed his hope that the celebration will harbing a year of peace, happiness and progress for all.

The Governor in his message said that Pongtu, an agricultural festival of the Tutsa tribe of Tirap and Changlang districts, is celebrated to welcome the New Year after the harvesting period, at the start of the rainy season. The festival is celebrated to invoke the blessings of Almighty God for bumper harvest and security of the crops against natural calamities in the new agrarian season. I am sanguine that the sanctity of Pongtu Festival will positively bring peace, amity and harmony in the society, the Governor said.

On this occasion, I join my Tutsa brethren in offering my prayers to Supreme God ‘Rangkathok’ for his choicest blessings to all of us, the Governor said in his message.

Polling teams on move despite inclement weather.

BOMDILA, April 11:-
A total of 39 polling teams were issued polling materials on 8th last (day before) taking into consideration the distance, foot march locations and the inclement weather.

23 Polling Stations are remotely located and 16 Polling Stations have to be covered by foot march under West Kameng district.

Today, polling materials were issued for the remaining 118 Polling Stations and the polling teams would be moving tomorrow.

However, the continuous downpour for the last few days has been playing a spoil-sport for the polling teams.

Governor makes reminding appeal to the people to cast their vote

ITANAGAR, April 11:-
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) has made a reminding appeal to the people of the State to cast their vote on the polling day, i.e. 11th April 2019. He called upon every voter of the State to be the part of the democratic process, as the citizen of India, which is the world’s largest democracy.

The Governor said that voting is a fundamental right of every citizen and the nation’s political foundation is built on the elections and adult franchise. He emphasized that every single vote matters in the democratic system of the State.

The Governor also appealed to the Press Media to discharge their social obligation and call upon the voters to exercise their voting right. He also advised Doordarshan and All India Radio to reach out to the people and call upon them to cast their vote.

For our better tomorrow, let us vote responsibly and be part of the proud democratic process, the Governor exhorted.

Governor appeals to the people of the State to ensure that they exercise their adult franchise on the polling day

ITANAGAR, April 11:-
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) appealed to the people of the State to ensure that they exercise their adult franchise on the polling day. The Governor said that on 11th of April 2019, the people of the State along with other people of the nation are going to elect the political representatives for the State’s 7th Legislative Assembly (Vidhan Sabha) and for the Indian Union’s 17th
The Governor in the performance of his responsibility as the Constitutional Head of Arunachal Pradesh requested all the eligible voters to go to their polling booth on 11th April 2019 and cast their valuable vote.

The Governor said India as a nation has the distinction of being the world’s biggest democracy. Our democracy is solidly built on the Principles of universal suffrage. This provides us the constitutional right to vote during the elections. The election process, therefore, is a function for us. It is our moral, social and national responsibility to participate in this function and cast our vote. The Governor emphasized that in an election, every single vote counts and it signifies the democratic power of a citizen.

Governor called upon all the officers assigned for the election duties, to perform their functions with impartiality, transparency, accountability and full devotion to duty.

Polling day in Tawang district peaceful

TAWANG, April 11:-
Polling day in Tawang district has been peaceful. Till the filing of this report, there has been no any reported case of untoward incident, but due to technical errors in VVPAT and EVMs polling process was delayed in five polling stations under Lumla, however after

necessary replacement of the machines the polling completed successfully. As per the reports received till 3:00 pm poll percentage in Tawang was 60%, Mukto 69.19% and Lumla 74.55%.

As per reports received from Addl DC Jang and SP Tawang there has been hundred percent voting at Luguthang polling station and the polling team will start their return journey to Headquarter tomorrow. Last report from all the polling stations is awaited.

Governor, First Lady of the State cast their vote

ITANAGAR, April 11:-
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) and the First Lady of the State Smt. Neelam Misra cast their votes at the Polling Booth in the Government Secondary School building, P-Sector, Itanagar on 11th April.

Along with the people of Arunachal Pradesh, the First Couple of the State exercised their universal suffrage to vote for the seventeenth Lok Sabha and seventh Arunachal Pradesh State Legislative Assembly.

The Governor, who has been appealing to the people to cast their vote, appreciated the people who turned up for voting. He said that enthusiastic participation of the voters reflects their awareness and enthusiasm in the democratic process in the State.

West Kameng to witness re-poll in one polling station.

BOMDILA, April 11:-
Polling in all the 157 polling stations under West Kameng district went off peacefully except one in 14-Nachiban Polling station under 7-Bomdila-Nafra (ST) Assembly Constituency. Re-polling would be held in 14-Nachiban PS.

The district comprises of four AC segments wherein polling percentage for 7-Bomdila-Nafra AC stands at 73 percent and 72.08 percent in the PC.

Likewise, polling percentage of 6-Thrizino AC stands at 77.22 percent and 77.14 percent in the PC.

Polling percentage in 5-Kalaktang AC & PC stands at 81.84 percent.

4-Dirang recorded a total of 84.86 percentage in the PC. It might be mentioned that the BJP candidate from 4-Dirang AC segment was declared uncontested.

Governor extends Sangken Festival greetings

ITANAGAR, April 13:
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) has extended warm greetings to people of the State on the auspicious occasion of
Sangken. He expressed his hope that the occasion will inspire all to follow the sublime path shown to us by Lord Buddha.

The Governor in his message said that during Sangken celebration, the images of Lord Buddha are taken out of the shrine, given a ceremonial bath and placed in the ‘Kyongfra’ to the accompaniment of drums and cymbals. People pray happily and enjoy the last days of the old year and welcome the New Year with goodwill and togetherness. The offering of sweets and food in the temple and its distribution to the people marks the occasion. The piety of pouring water over each other is an important sanctimonious event of this festival. Water is also poured over all the holy objects, including the Boddhi tree, and on the hands of Bhikkhus (monks) to invoke their blessings. This is to seek good luck, good health, peace and harmony which should pervade throughout the year. Many people observe this festival in its pure form with abstinence from killing, stealing, lying, intoxicants, disputes, and felling of trees. All these activities run up to the main objective of the occasion, i.e., promote peace, amity, and harmony amongst the people, the Governor said.

On this happy occasion, I join my Khampti and Singpho brethrens in offering prayers to Lord Buddha and seeking his blessings for one and all, the Governor said in his message.

**Longte Festival celebrated**

**NIRJULI, April 13:**
Longte, the lone unique bloodless festival, amongst all festivals celebrated by numerous Abotani tribes of Arunachal Pradesh, coincides with New Year, celebrated in different names across the world, said Nyishi Festival Council (NFC) General Secretary Amit Bengia.

In his inaugural address to three-day celebration at NyikumNyia ground here on 13th April, he recalled that Central Longte Committee (CLC) had conceived the idea of not accepting any cash or kind from chief guest, guest of honour and other invitees in the year 2011. The initiative of CLC is being emulated by other tribes today. He congratulated the CLC for noble initiative.

Amit Bengia, who hoisted the traditional Longte flag, also advocated to make the state clean and green for a healthy living. He appealed one and all to make plastic free celebration of traditional festivals. He requested the local celebration committees to ensure proper regulation of the prices of food and beverages served in the food stalls. He also said that no meat of wild animals and birds should be sold in the festival centres. While highlighting the objectives and aims of the festival, NFC research documentation wing member BengiaKabnang said that main philosophy behind the celebration is to barricade the domains of evil spirits and human beings. The main ceremonial event will be held at the same venue on April 15. The traditional games & sports, food stalls part of the festival will continue till April 20 next as part of post Longte celebration, he added.

The festival is being celebrated simultaneously at NyokumLapang ground, Itanagar. The grand finale of the Miss Longte 2019 will be held on 20th April 2019 at Nyokum-Lapang, Itanagar.

**Governor conveys Bohag Bihu Festival greetings**

**ITANAGAR, April 14:-**
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) has conveyed warm greetings to people of the State on the festive occasion of Bohag Bihu. On behalf of the people of Arunachal Pradesh, he also extended his best wishes to the people of Assam.

In his message, the Governor said that coinciding with Longte festival of the Nyishi Tribe and the Vaisakhi festival of many others, Bohag Bihu marks the arrival of
spring and the new agricultural season. Bihu, basically being a harvest festival, the celebrations center around the delicious food preparations with newly harvested rice. Bohag Bihu ushers in happy sowing carnival and sets in merriment amongst the people which culminates with prayers to God for good crop. I am sanguine that the sanctity of Bohag Bihu will positively bring tranquility, amity and harmony in the society, the Governor said.

May this Bohag Bihu herald peace and prosperity in the whole of our State and cement new era of harmonious relations and amicable coexistence amongst the citizens, the Governor wished in his message.

Galo community residing at Khonsa celebrated Mopin Gidi
KHONSA, April 15:-
The Galo community residing in Tirap celebrated Mopin Gidi in a befitting manner at Civil Judge residential complex.

While greeting the people of Galos, Tirap Deputy Commissioner P.N. Thungon said that Galos are traditionally rich and peace loving people and the dances and songs of Mopin Gidi are very popular in the state of Arunachal Pradesh.

Thungon further pray almighty Donyi Polo to bring a message of peace, brotherhood and bumper harvest in the years to come.

Earlier, While welcoming the invitees from different places from Tirap District including HoDs and public-Mopin Gidi organizing committee President Henrik Basar, DHO, Khonsa highlighted the significance of Mopin Gidi stating that Mopin is an agricultural festival of Galo Community where goddess Anyi-Pinku Pinte is worship for bumper harvest of Paddy, Peace and prosperity throughout the year. Mopin Gidi is the main festival of the Galo community with mythological roots. It also spreads joy and happiness, he added that traditional spirit has to be maintained while celebrating such festivals.

The day long program concluded with vote of thanks from Secretary Mopin Gidi Organizing – Kali Kamum appreciated Tirap DC P.N. Thungon for sparing his precious time to grace the occasion as Chief Guest and all the invitees for joining the celebrations and make more colourful and grand success.

A colorful dances, Mopin Gidi songs and Kala Apong mark the celebration.

Many liquor seized
CHANGLANG, April 15:-
About three hundred fifty nine liters Indian made foreign liquor/wine and three hundred fifty five liters of beer/breezer seized during election process of simultaneous election 2019 by a board comprising of Dr Rani Mibang, Town Magistrate, Shri H Halley, Assistant Commissioner, Tax & Excise and Shri N Ete, DySP, Changlang by pouring out on the spot at Urban Development waste dumping ground, Changlang today.

The members of Tangnu Women Welfare Society, Changlang were invited to witness the whole destruction process that was also photographed as well as video-graphed.

Governor’s follow up of ‘Beti Bachao Beti Padhao’ - a worthy cause worth supporting
ITANAGAR, April 16:- On 16th April 2019, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) took Miss Manisha Munda, a six years old girl, the daughter of a very poor widow labourer and admitted her in the Nursery Section of Government Primary School, ‘B’ Sector, Itanagar, securing for her free education including uniform, books and mid-day meal.

The Governor chanced upon this kid, a few days back, while walking to Raj Bhavan from Government Primary School, ‘B’ Sector, Itanagar, which, he is developing by allocating a Raj Bhavan officer’s quarter to enable the school to provide a room each to each
class. As the Governor walked up the road, he saw this little girl coming from the opposite direction, holding a 10 rupees note in her hand to buy biscuit for her younger brother, who was under her care, as her mother had left them at home and had gone for contingency work. He asked the girl her name and age. She coyly replied that she was six years old. On Governor’s inquiry, she replied that she does not go to school, which came as a jolt to the Governor. He immediately directed his staff to inquire the details about the child. Inquiry revealed that Manisha was one of the four siblings of Ms. Pinky Munda, a very poor widow. When she went out to work, Manisha was left at home as caretaker for her four and half year old younger brother. The Governor was further informed that her elder brother, Manoj, aged 8 years, also does not go to school. The Governor decided to admit all the three siblings in the Govt. Primary School, ‘B’ Sector, near Raj Bhavan and he did it on 16th April 2019.

The Governor, from his personal account, gave a cheque of Rs. 10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand) and on his request the State Bank of India (SBI) officer opened Manisha’s Fixed Deposit Account. The proceeds of this account will be available to Manisha Munda when she attains the age of eighteen years.

The Governor, who is an ardent supporter of the concept of “Education to all children of Bharat Mata”, appealed to the people, particularly, the public leaders, senior bureaucrats and financially well-off people to support the schooling of poor children of Arunachal Pradesh and make it as their wont.

H &UD Secretary reviews progress of urban flagship programmes

PASIGHAT, April17:
Secretary, Ministry of Housing &Urban Affairs, GoI, Durga Shankar Mishra, IAS and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, GoI, Kunal Kumar, IAS, today reviewed the progress of various Central Urban flagship Programmes such as PMAY(U), Pasighat Smart City Mission, National Urban Livelihood Mission(NULM), Swachh Bharat Mission etc at the Siang Guest House conference hall.

The meeting was attended by DC Dr.Kinny Singh, SP, Prashant Gautam, Board of Director(BoD) KalingDo- ruk, ADC(hq) TaddoBorang, Director Town Planning cum CEO, PSCDELSukhvinder Singh, State Mission Director, (UD& H), Nixon Lego, EE (UD), P.K. Thungon, EE PMC, KipaGagung, Moji Lomi , ME , CIC,Pasighat, TaniTaloh, Member Secretary, PMC, AE UDKa- ling Dai, among others. Taking stock of the implementation in housing sector under Pradhan MantriAwasYojana(PMAY), while lauding the efforts of the UD department, he asked to meet the goal of housing for all by as envisaged by the GoI.

Mishra and Kumar stressed that people’s participation is vital in strengthening the implementation of the Pasighat Smart City Mission and further advocated for self- sustainable model and creating sense of ownership among the people as partners in the development of their City to a Smart City with Urban Amenities in improving the quality of life.

While taking stock of the status of skill development programmes under NULM (National Urban Livelihood Mission), to promote self-employment and livelihood opportunities, the duo called for focusing on local demand based trades like hospitality and other for creating self-employment for youth and urban poor of the district and appreciated the proactive efforts of DC Dr. Singh for sustainable developmental planning for better Pasighat. They also visited the project sites including community toilet constructed under SBM, Skill training partner facilities at Gumin Nagar, BLC beneficiaries under PMAY (U) at Jarku and also to the proposed riverfront development site under Smart City...
Mission at Komlighat, Abor Country etc.

Dr. Kinny Singh through PPT highlighted the components and progress made under the flagship schemes, future planning and the efforts of the district administration.

Open Table Tennis Tournament was organized

CHANGLANG, April 17:
The first All Arunachal Pradesh Open Table Tennis Tournament was organized by the Changlang District Table Tennis Association here on 16 and 17 April.

Pawan Rana of Changlang won the men’s single title beating Getit Nopi of Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy (SLSA) in the final.

The third position was won by Ongjong Chamcang of Changlang.

In the boys’ sub-junior category, Ahjaro Misaya of SLSA beat Pritam Yadav of Changlang to win the title.

Kesav Bora Changlang won the third position in this category.

In the men’s single above 30 years, Mitom Doley of Changlang won the title beating Puman Taham of the same district in the final. The third position in this category was won by Ingori Linngi of Lower Dibang Valley district.

Changlang District TT Association president Laisam Simai attended the closing ceremony and distributed the prizes to the winners.

Housing & Urban Affairs Secretary calls on the Governor

ITANAGAR, April 18:
Durga Shanker Mishra, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Govt. of India called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 18th April 2019. They discussed about the progress of smart city projects, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), PMAY-HFA(Urban) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Housing for All (Urban), Swachha Bharat Mission, 10% lump sum grant being reserved for the development of North East, Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) and several important issues related to urban development.

In the meeting, the Governor emphasised on providing basic civic amenities to improve the quality of life for all especially the poor and the disadvantaged. He said that focus must be on infrastructure creation for better services to the citizens and inclusive chain enhancement for economic development. The Governor also emphasised on creating opportunities for skill development for market-based employment and helping the unemployed youth to set up self-employment venture by ensuring easy access to credit. He also stressed on providing shelter equipped with essential services.

The Governor envisioned that use of technologies for upgrading indigenous house building materials of the region like bamboo, to make them more durable can be explored within the ambit of schemes for ‘Housing for All’.

Sharing his on-the-spot visits to various places in urban centres and meeting with market representatives, the Governor advised the visiting officials to address livelihood concerns of the urban street vendors.

Kunal Kumar, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Govt. of India was also present in the meeting.

RGU inks MoU with IILDS on comprehensive HBV care

NIRJULI, April 18:
The Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) has inked a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kolkata-based Indian Institute of Liver & Digestive Sciences (IILDS), a unit of the Liver Foundation (West Bengal), which would engage the two institutions in co-operation
and implementation of a community-based project on delivery of comprehensive HBV care in Arunachal Pradesh, comprising population screening and linkage to care. The John C. Martin Foundation (USA) is funding the project with the LFWB, IILDS as the primary recipient of the grant and RGU as the sub-recipient.

As part of the project, the institutions will collectively build rural community outreach and viral hepatitis clinical testing capabilities consolidate viral hepatitis disease characterization and research capabilities and also sample general populations in Arunachal to understand HBV prevalence and characteristics, while linking participants to care including vaccination, monitoring and treatment.

Designed with a duration of 10 months, the Rs. 60-lakh project would target a population of 3000 people of all ages and both sex, residing in the State and also build capacity of healthcare workers (doctors and nurses) about disease states, prevention, care and treatment of hepatitis B, in addition to training laboratory workers to conduct clinical tests for hepatitis infection, diagnosis and monitoring. The project would also conduct screening of hepatitis B and hepatitis C to identify those currently infected, previously exposed, immunized by vaccination and at-risk for infection.

After the results are analyzed and reported, individuals will be followed up according to the status of the screening results. Those with chronic infection will be referred to infectious disease or liver specialists. Vaccination will be offered to those who are at risk and vaccination of infants will be conducted, starting with birth dose according to WHO guidelines.

IILDS was represented by its Secretary of Board of Governance, Prof. (Dr.) Abhijit Chowdhury at the signing, while the RGU team comprised of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Registrar Prof. Tomo Riba, Members of the Executive Council of the RGU, Dr. Akin Tana Tara and officers of the University.

Extending his congratulations to both the institutions, RGU VC Prof. Kushwaha said that this MoU was an indicator of the larger role that a University needs to play in addition to providing access to higher education and research. “Universities must engage with civil society and constantly explore ways of how it can contribute to the State’s well being. Academic work is one component of what we do. This, the outreach and finding synergies with the people, is another significant component that RGU has always striven to deliver”, he said.

The Indian Institute of Liver and Digestive Science (IILDS) is an emerging centre of excellence for research and patient care services for liver and gastrointestinal disease.

The institute has been set up and governed by Liver Foundation, West Bengal which is a non-government charity involved in liver disease awareness programs, institution building for provision of state of art care and fostering cutting edge research in liver diseases, through application of state of art technology as well as knowledge in the context of regional priorities as well as research in liver disease.

Secretary to GoI Ministry of Housing and urban affairs DS Mishra visited Tawang TAWANG, April 19:

Secretary to Government of India Ministry of Housing and urban affairs (MoHUA) D S Mishra along with Jt Secy (MoHUA) Kunal Kumar, Jt Secy Ministry of Power Government of India A Kumar and Secretary to Government of Arunachal Pradesh Department of housing & Urban Development SK Jain visited Tawang today. The HODs and beneficiaries of PMAY and IHHL scheme under urban development department gave traditional welcome with Khada to the visiting officers at Circuit house.

The visiting officers had an informal interactive meeting...
with the beneficiaries of various schemes under urban development at Zomkhang Hall in circuit house.

Interacting with the beneficiaries, DS Mishra said “Tawang has already achieved ODF in swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and I hope the people living in urban areas will also achieve the same”.

In reply to the request made to his ministry for sewerage system for Tawang he said Faecal Sludge septic management system will be more appropriate. People should come forward to keep their city clean, and government has been conducting surveys basing on the garbage disposal of towns under Garbage disposal protocol and grading with star is given to the towns. This would also attract more tourists to their town he said. Further, DS Mishra discussed about other schemes under his ministry and asked the beneficiaries about the benefits and shortcomings if any of the schemes they availed.

Earlier, in his welcome speech, Deputy Commissioner Tawang Sang Phuntsok informed that Tawang has been declared first ODF district and cleanest district in entire north east. Visit of tourist has been increasing every year, but Tawang urgently needs solid waste disposal management system and proper sewerage.

**Workshop on Folk and Tribal Healing Practices in Arunachal Pradesh Held**

**AALO, April 19:**

The North East Frontier Technical University, Aalo, conducted a one day workshop on 15th April, themed “Folk and Tribal Healing Practices in Arunachal Pradesh” organized by Anthropos India Foundation in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi. The workshop was chaired as resource person by Dr. Sunita Reddy, Associate Professor at the School of Social Science (Anthropology) Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Dr. Sunita Reddy discussed about her findings in Sikkim and other parts of Northeast India. The workshop included a presentation of tribal Folk medicine and healing practices, discussion and interaction with host of publics of Aalo, students, faculties and staffs of NEFTU. The workshop concluded successfully with hope of documentation of tribal folk healing practices in academic and administrative line.

**6th edition of Arunachal Film Festival gets underway**

**ITANAGAR, April 20:**

The 6th edition of the Arunachal Film Festival got underway at the Dree ground here on Saturday. Organized by the Film Federation of Arunachal (FFA) in collaboration with the information & public relations (IPR) department, the two-day festival will showcase the works of local as well as national filmmakers, alongside a workshop on ‘Cinematography and visual art of cinema’ by Partho Borgohain.

Besides the screening of the award-winning documentary Daughter of Nepal by Surbhi Dewan and feature film Dobara Alvida by Shashank S Singh, a panel discussion was held on ‘Film tourism and film policy – strategizing future’.

During the discussion, senior filmmaker from the state, DK Thungon, called on young filmmakers to be faithful and consistent towards their craft. He emphasized on creating world-class cinema with the stories of the people here, instead of constantly striving to make commercially acceptable mainstream movies.

Academician and filmmaker Moji Riba underscored the relevance of government partnership in assisting the filmmakers of the state.

While he noted that the only major financial partner for the filmmakers of the state is the government, Riba said filmmakers cannot constantly be grant seekers.

“We need to convince the government to make us partners for the benefit of all parties involved.

The government shouldn’t pity us; they should...
partner with us,” he added. Mumbai filmmaker Shashank S Singh advised the filmmakers of the state to visit film festivals held across the country to gather more knowledge and create avenues.

Regarding the language barriers, he said while Hindi has a large reach in India, regional cinema has its own appeal in the country as well as outside it.

“Don’t let any barrier come in front of you. The uniqueness of a film is its story. Choose your story and shoot,” he said.

Tourism Information Officer Takom Kena said a film policy for the state is in the process of being drafted. For this, he said, ideas of the tourism and the IPR departments need to be incorporated.

Regarding film tourism, Kena said the tourism department’s job is to attract filmmakers from outside. “However, with the lack of logistics, the cost is nearly 40 percent higher for a shoot in the state than it is in some of the nearby countries,” he said.

Kena requested the FFA and the IPR department to come up with ideas keeping in mind the requirements and interests of local as well as mainstream filmmakers.

An interactive session was also held between the panellists and the audience, during which queries were addressed.

Later, nine movies were screened for the short-film competition. These included Dusk by Ligang Sallu, The Dilemma by Tai Josam, Voiceless by Xonie Lingdom, Lost in Traffic by Subu Gambo, Vanishing Roots by Tage Apa, Abo Tani by Kombong Darang, Mute by Mankap Nokwoham, NH 415 by Namabm Sonii, and Arunachal Election Time by Nyishi Boy Raw.

Oha...e, a feature film by Subu Gambo, was also showcased. The film presented a comical take on the misadventures of an Apatani youth in the ’70s.

In the evening session, veteran filmmaker of the state, Taro Chatung, encouraged the young filmmakers of the state to give their best to their art. Tanom Jerang’s documentary Blowin’ in the wind, and feature films Jeevan ek Sangharsh by Topan Rimo and NEFA 1953 by Tapen Natam were showcased.

The workshop is scheduled to be held on Sunday. It will be followed by screening of a series of documentaries and feature films.

**Repoll culminates peacefully**

BOMDILA, April 20:
The lone repolling today at 14-Nachiban Polling Station under 7-Bomdila Assembly Constituency in West Kameng district concluded peacefully with 96.94 percentage of voting. Of the total 229 voters, a total of 105 males and 117 females cast their vote.

The final 7-Bomdila AC voter turnout after the fresh poll today at 14-Nachiban stands at 75.67 percent and for the final 7-Bomdila PC, it stands at 75.65 percent.

At AALO, the Repoll at Dego Kamki under 27th Liromoba AC and 20 Sogum polling stations under 26th Likabali went off peacefully amid tight security today. 91.32% poll with 146 male and 180 female exercised their franchise at Dego Kamki. At Sogum overall percentage were 93.64% with 270 male and 275 female exercising their franchise. Female outnumbered male in both the polling stations.

**Promote entrepreneurship & livelihood opportunities: Secy. Tribal Affairs**
PASIGHAT, April 20:
Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Gol, Deepak Khandekar, chairing a meeting with HoDs of various departments here at Siang Guest House on April 19, stressed on encouraging entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities for socio-economic empowerment of the Tribal communities adding that Ministry of Tribal Affairs is keen to extend support towards training and infrastructure for value addition in-
including Marketing in areas of small scale industries, textiles, tourism, agro-horticulture, fishery, Bamboo, animal husbandry, forest produce and the like.

He asked departments to submit proposals focusing on feasible income generating activities, which would boost economic activities and income levels. Proposals in education sector will also be given priority, he added.

Opining that the district has huge potential in horticulture, bamboo, textiles, sericulture, he further called for value addition and training of SHGs and Craftsmen to meet the market demands. Tribal Affairs Ministry will also facilitate training of Craftsmen by tying up with NID (National Institute of Design). The meeting also discussed, on identifying feasible economic activities. Earlier, the Tribal Affairs Secretary visited the Museum and Craft Centre here.

East Siang, DC, Dr Kinny Singh in her address expressed thankfulness for the assurance to extend support in promoting livelihood opportunities for the SHGs and the tribal populace. The DC briefed on the proposals in education sector for the district.

Earlier, DD ICDS, Ponung Ering Angu, in a PPT, highlighted the socio-economic profile of the district. Gur Making units in Mebo & Pasighat, Elam Textiles Industry, Upcoming Tamul Plate Manufacturing Units, Drinking water bottling plant at Niglok were some entrepreneurial units in the district.

The DDICDS also informed that under District ICDS Cell under the department of Women and Child Development, 25 Women SHGs with around 400 members under the Microfinance scheme, have received vocational trainings.

ADC(Hq), Taddo Borang, Jt.DHS, Dr. D Raina, DMO, Dr. Kaling Dai, DDSE, J.Yirang, DDAgr,PD(DRDA), SDHO, Airemi Ering, Sibo Pasing, EE, PMC, Kipa Gagung, ADTH, D. Riba, EE UD, P.K. Thungon, CDPOs, M.T. Moyong and Onyok Pertin, ACF, Kempi Ete, Supervisors ,Gram Sevikas under ICDS were among other present on the occasion.

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**World Earth Day celebrated**

**BOMDILA, April 22:**

The NCC unit of Government College Bomdila today conducted the World Earth Day 2019 on the theme – ‘Protect our species’.

To commemorate the celebration, an aerobic session was carried out in the College premises. Fitness instructor Mr. Rai of Yen Fitness Club, Bomdila was called in as the resource person.

Pamphlets on the need for protection and conservation of human species were also distributed to the students. A 5-minute video titled ‘Earth Day 1970-2017-What’s changed?’ was also screened on the occasion.

Later, the students participated in the poster making competition. The programme was aimed at spreading awareness on the need to protect Mother Earth.

“Read well, and build well your future” –SP Roing Sain exhorts youth

**Roing celebrates World Book Day**

**ROING, April 22:**

“Achievers in life have built their future by reading wide and well. Hence take to extensive reading”, exhorted Sanjay Kumar Sain, IPS, Suptd. of Police, Roing as he inaugurated the World Book Day Celebrations jointly organised by the Lohit Youth Library Network and the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Roing. “Where there is darkness, you cannot find sun, and where the community doesn’t have the habit of reading, it would continue to be fallen” said Sri Sain, quoting a Hindi poem. Drawing from his personal experiences, he urged them to do extensive reading of biographies for personality development, instead of confining themselves to just text books.

Welcoming the guests, Deepak Kumar, Principal Kendriya
Vidyalaya, Roing said that the KV Roing will be glad to organise more programmes in Roing to promote and strengthen the reading habits of the youth.

Explaining the vital importance of reading campaign activities, the Coordinator, Lohit Youth Libraries outlined the various activities the library network has been conducting over the last 12 years to reach good books to those students, teachers and parents who did not have access to such reading materials.

Later, after going round the book exhibition put up by Lohit Libraries, SP Sain declared a gift of books worth Rs. 5000 each to the Kendriya Vidyalaya and the Shemrock Primary School, Roing for participating in the World Book Day celebrations. A range of excellent books of NBT, India, TERI, New Delhi, Tulika, Chennai, Eklavya, Bhopal, Sri Ramakrishna Math, Chennai, Kalpavriksh, Pune and Ektara, Bhopal were on display. A special attraction was a Book corner on Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, by a local book lover and a Poster Exhibition of paintings by youth of Roing, organised by the District Admn in Dec 2018.

Several officers, parents, teachers and students visited book exhibition arranged by the volunteers of Dibang Youth Library.

Rangali Bihu Celebrated at Rajiv Gandhi University

NIRJULI, April 22:
The 18th Rangali Bihu Celebration of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) was held recently at the Main Auditorium of Rajiv Gandhi University with much fanfare and gaiety. The main programme of the celebration started with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and paying homage and floral tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika followed by a welcome address by Prof. Hirendra Nath Sharma, the President of the 18th Rangali Bihu Celebration Committee RGU.

The Chief Guest on the occasion, Vice Chancellor of RGU, Prof. Saket Kushwaha was accorded a warm welcome and felicitated with the traditional Assamese Phulan Gamosa, Jaapi, and Xofura. Prof. Kushwaha declared the programme to be open and wished everyone a very happy and prosperous Assamese New Year and Rangali Bihu. In his message, Prof. Kushwaha expressed that Rangali Bihu is a colorful festival celebrated by the vibrant Assamese community wherever they reside and how it continues to be the lifeline of the socio-cultural life of the greater Assamese community.

The organizers also felicitated the Registrar of Rajiv Gandhi University, Prof. Tomo Riba who has been associated with the Bihu Celebrations at RGU from its very inception. Prof Riba highlighted that Rangali Bihu has come to fill the vacuum in Rono Hills after the Nyokum, Losar, Holi and Mopin celebrations and to rejuvenate the festive minds of the residents of Rono to dance again to the tune of the Bihu. Prof. Riba also sang a Bihu song and thus marked the close communion between the Assamese and Arunachali communities.

RONGILEE RONO, a Bihu Souvenir of Rajiv Gandhi University Bihu Celebration Committee, 2019 was also released. A number of Xusori and Bihu dances were performed by the RGU Assam Community, RGU Assam Students Forum and other invited Bihu troupes. Several other songs and dances celebrating the vibrant colours and diverse cultures of different communities were also presented. A musical presentation by the students of the Bihpuria Blind School remained the highlight and most pleasant part of the entire programme. Their performance enthralled and humbled the audience. The prizes for the painting and essay competitions held in the morning were also distributed.

Earlier in the morning, the day-long Bihu celebration started with the hoisting of the Bihu flag in front of the RGU main Auditorium by Prof.
H.N. Sharma, the President of the Bihu Celebration Committee. Speaking at the event, Prof. Sharma highlighted the journey of the Bihu Celebration at RGU that started eighteen years ago and how it has bridged the hills and the plains by celebrating different hues and colours of life and the diversity among the different cultures.

Secretary housing & urban affairs reviews projects in West Kameng

BOMDILA, April 22:

The Secretary Housing & Urban Affairs, Govt. Durga Shanker Mishra in his visit to the district, inspected various schemes and projects related to Housing & Urban Affairs.

He visited the Solid Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) Plant located at 6-Mile and the incomplete Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY) Housing project at Dirang consisting of 320 units and the one at Pedung under Bomdila consisting of 384 units.

For early completion of both the PMAY units, the Secretary assured to release the final installments in a day or two and directed the Executive Engineer UD&H to finalize the list of the beneficiaries for allotment.

Mishra also interacted with the women Self Help Groups and advocated for exposure tours which would help them in redefining their objectives and achievements.

Interacting with the Deputy Commissioner Dr. Sonal Swaroop and Officers at Circuit House Bomdila over issues affecting the Urban populace, Mishra felt the need for more Public Toilets in the district and asked the DC and the department concerned to do the needful. He also hoped that the district headquarters Bomdila would rise in the index level under Swachh Bharat Mission.

Over the inordinate delay in sanctioning of loans, the Secretary directed the Branch Managers of the various financial institutions under who schemes has been placed with to release the amounts at an early date to the beneficiaries.

The Secretary was accompanied with Kunal Kumar, Jt. Secretary, Govt, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs and Secretary UD&H, GoAP.

Gov and CM Conveys Moh Mol Festival

ITANAGAR April 24: The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) has extended his warm greetings to the people of the State on the auspicious occasion of Moh Mol. He expressed hope that the festival will usher in harmony, amity and prosperity in the State.

In his message, the Governor said that Moh-Mol, which is an agricultural related festival, signifies the beginning of sowing season. This festival showcases the traditional richness and culture of the Tangsa Tribe. Our Tangsa brethren have creditably preserved their age-old customs and heritage, coming down from time immemorial and proudly inherited from generation to generation.

It is very heartening to mention that these customary celebrations have always inspired our younger generation to protect, preserve and practice the traditions and pass them on to the posterity, he said.

On this festive occasion, I join my Tangsa brethren in offering our prayers for bumper harvest, peace and amity. May ‘Nong Culture’ live long, the Governor wished.

On the occasion Chief Minister Pema Khandu also has conveyed his greetings on occasion of Moh Mol and Gumkum-Gumka festivals, celebrated by the Tangsa and Puroik communities of the state respectively.

“I wish my Tangsa brothers and sisters on the joyous occasion of Moh Mol that marks the end of sowing season and the end of toil and labour in the fields. I join you all on this joyous beginning of a fresh season and a time for merriment with great zeal and enthusiasm,” Khandu said in his message.

He offered prayers for a prosperous harvest season, and for wealth and longevity of the community.
Khandu also prayed for the departed souls as per tradition of Moh Mol and expressed gratitude to them for passing on the rich cultural heritage of the Tangsas to the next generation.

In another message, the Chief Minister congratulated members of the Puroik community for celebrating their most important festival – Gumkum Gumpa – with fanfare centrally since 1979 in the month of April every year that symbolically marked collective settlement of the community hitherto known for migrating from one place to other.

On the auspicious occasion, Khandu reaffirmed the commitment of the state government in upliftment and welfare of each community of the state. “On Gumkum Gumpa, I reassure that no matter how large or small a community is, the government will equally treat all and see to it that fruits of development are equitably distributed to each community, each tribe and each district,” Khandu added.

**Governor conveys Gumkum Gumpa Festival greetings**

ITANAGAR, April 24:
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) has conveyed his warm greetings to the people of the State, especially Puroik community on the festive occasion of Gumkum-Gumpa. In his message, the Governor said that every community in our State maintains its identity by celebrating its traditions and festivals. Celebrating the festivals means respecting that event and accepting the positive impacts of that event in our life. Each celebration has a noble narrative associated with it, be it arrival of a season, victory of good over evil, sublime episodes connected with various Gods and Goddesses and many more. Albeit the festivals are diverse and varied but the spirit behind them is only one, that is of peace and amity. These are the manifestation of heritage and culture, he said.

The Governor said that Puroik community’s Gumkum-Gumpa festival is celebration of progress. It identifies the Puroik Community and connects with the reunion and collective resettlement of the community in consonance with the march of time. I am sanguine that the community, led by its elders and buttressed by its youth will blossom with a new beginning made possible by the present generation of the community for the benefit of its next generation.

May this festival of our Puroik brethren further strengthen the spirit of harmony, prosperity, and brotherhood in our society, the Governor wished.

**Earthquake with Intensity of 5.8 Shakes West Siang**

AALO, April 24:
An earthquake with magnitude of 5.8 that occurred at 1.45 am shook people of West Siang, compelling many to run out of houses. This is the first tremor of its kind to be felt here with that intensity.

The District Disaster Management Officer, Shri Nima Dorjee who went out this morning with his team of officials disclosed that epicenter of the earthquake is likely in the radius of 10km from Darak circle in West Siang and Kaying EAC Headquarter in Siang District. The tremor triggered massive landslide at vulnerable locations at Kam- ba-Darak road which is located 25km from Aalo. However, the local PMGSY contractor has cleared the blockade. The road from Darak to Poyom, Darak to Bogo and Darak to Potom village are said to be blocked due to landslides at all vulnerable locations. Two Semi RCC buildings of medical department are also found with cracks, Semi RCC kitchen and three rooms of a private RCC building are also found with cracks all over. A portion of RCC wall in Darak Circle Office has also collapsed due to earthquake. More reports of damages are also awaited from other far flung areas.
Animal birth control, vaccination held
ITANAGAR, April 24:
The first phase of the animal birth control-cum-vaccination programme was organised by ‘Caretaker,’ a voluntary organisation, here at the government veterinary hospital on Wednesday under the supervision of Senior Veterinary OfficerDr Rukbo.

The organisation, ‘Caretaker’ works towards welfare of animals in distress, especially stray dogs in and around the Capital Complex.

In a press release, the organization informed that three stray dogs (two male & one female) were captured from Legi Complex, Chimpu and DN College area of Itanagaron pilot basis.

The captured stray dogs were neutered and also vaccinated against rabies. These dogs were put under the care of temporary shelter of the Caretaker for post operation care. Once they are fit, they will be given out for adoption to interested families. In case they are not adopted, they will permanently stay with other dogs at the shelter, the organization added.

World Malaria Day observed
PASIGHAT, April 25:
Pasighat today observed the World Malaria Day under the theme “Zero malaria starts with me” creating more awareness about the disease and ensure people’s participation in resistance activities.

To mark the day, a rally was taken out from BakinPertin General Hospital to main market area, which was flagged off by the Jt. Director (BPGH) Dr. D raina in presence of DMO Dr. Kaling Dai, MS Dr. YR Darang DPO Dr. Tarik Talom, DVBD-CPO Dr. Keni Lego, GNM and ANM students and staffs.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Dr. Raina spoke on the menace and its consequences of malaria and methods on preventing the dreaded disease. He appealed the people to keep their surrounding clean in order to keep themselves safe from the disease.

Hundreds throng Ruksin Mega Medical camp
PASIGHAT, April 25:
East Siang health department led by the Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kinny Singh has been organizing a two-day Mega Health Camp, in the Ruksin Govt. Higher Secondary School premise under the Mukhya Mantri Rogi KalyanKosh (MMRKK) scheme. The camp was formally inaugurated by Dr. Singh in presence of Jt. Director (T&R) Dr. D. Raina, DMO, Dr. Kaling Dai, MS, Dr. YR Darang, RuksinCHC In-charge Dr. Kadum Jonnom and host officers and leaders of Ruksin.

A special team of Specialist doctors, consultants, nurses and paramedical staffs offered free consultations and checkups in urology, general surgery, gynecology, pediatrics, ENT, ophthalmology, dermatology, dental etc to all the visitors who attended the Mega Health Camp at the Ruksin GHSS. In addition to this, free blood pressure checkup, blood sugar checkup etc besides various laboratory tests were also carried out to create awareness about diabetes and hypertension which is one of the most worrisome health issue prevalent in this region.

DC Dr. Kinny Singh inspected all the units/cells and interacted with the doctors, paramedical staffs and patients and expressed her satisfaction. She while appreciating the DMO for organizing the camp in a befitting manner, expressed hope that the two-day health awareness cum mega camp would be quite beneficial to the people of densely populated Ruksin and adjoining areas.

Free medical camp was set up with a sacred aim to bring awareness amongst the deprived population who have no access to basic healthcare services or knowledge about the diseases they are suffering from, informed DC Singh adding that such camp would make sure that people were
getting the healthcare at the right time at the doorstep. Getting the appropriate kind of health checkup was vital for every human being and the people should take optimum benefits of the camp, said the DC and further assured that administration would endorse all possible help to the people if/when required.

Meanwhile, Dr. Kadum Jonnom, In-charge Ruksin CHC informed that altogether around 962 people registered their names and availed free services in the camp on the first day. Mentioning as a major achievement of the camp, Dr. Jonnom informed that four minor operations and one major operation were conducted successfully. One 4.5 kg big baby with cord around neck of B. Libang (26yrs) of Millang village was successfully delivered by the OT team today headed by Dr. Yomso (anesthesiologist), Dr. James Modi (gynecologist), OT Sister Ringam Ngokke, OT Boy T. Saroh and Nath.

**6th Governing Body Meeting of National AYUSH Mission held**

**ITANAGAR, April 25:**
To finalize the State Annual Action Plan 2019-20 under the National AYUSH Mission for the State of Arunachal Pradesh, the 6th Governing Body Meeting of Arunachal Pradesh AYUSH Society was convened under the Chief Secretary, Satya Gopal at CS Conference at Civil Secretariat, on 24th April last.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary Health Dr. A. C. Verma, PCCF Dr. Rabindra Kumar, Finance Y.W. Ringu, Secretary Health Juhi Mukherjee, Director Health Services Dr. M. Lego, officers from Agriculture and Horticulture.

Chief Secretary Satya Gopal reviewed the details of the State Annual Action Plan and stressed on proper evaluation and assessment of the training components. Supporting the need regular training to ASHA Workers and ANMs, the Chief Secretary gave directives to devise an Evaluation and Assessment Format to measure the productivity of Trainings. The formats should be devised in a manner where the feedbacks from both the Trainers and Trainees are obtained, he told.

Alarmed with the higher number of Cancer patients and cases in Arunachal Pradesh, CS Satya Gopal urged the Health Department to conduct Cancer Awareness Camps regularly. “We should invite Master Trainers from Government of India, and Institutes like AIIMS,” he added.

He also suggested that the AYUSH should conduct Health camps at Sarkar Apke Dwar.

Further, considering the free health services rendered by the Traditional Healers in Arunachal Pradesh, the Chief Secretary desired that they should be given proper recognition and credit by the concerned Authority for their selfless service to the mankind.

The Governing Body Meeting approved the State Annual Action Plan 2019-20 presented by Dr. Dusu Laji Deputy Director AYUSH for onward submission to the Government of India.

**Secretary MDoNER held State Review Meeting**

**ITANAGAR, April 25:**
Chief Secretary gave a detailed status report of the various projects under North East Council (NEC), Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), and North Eastern Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) in the State of Arunachal Pradesh in a Review Meeting which was undertaken by the Secretary MDoNER Dr. Inder Jit Singh at the CS Conference Hall, Civil Secretariat, Itanagar on 24th April last.

The Secretary MDoNER Dr. Inder Jit Singh reviewing the status of the various projects in Arunachal Pradesh emphasized on the senior officers of the State to come up with substantial Big Ticket
projects with potential transformational ideas which will have major impact in the overall growth and development of the State.

He further urged the senior officers for strengthening and qualitative improvements in the project implementation and monitoring mechanism by avoiding cost overruns and time overruns.

The Secretary DoNER also reviewed implementation status of livelihood programmes in the State and progress of implementation of various programmes in Aspirational Districts like Namsai.

Secretary DoNER was accompanied by Joint Secretaries J.K. Sinha and Saurabh Endley, and Director Umesh Kumar. Interacting with the senior officers of the State, the Secretary termed their visit to Arunachal Pradesh as ‘mission DoNER at your doorstep’.

CS Satya Gopal updating the status of the various ongoing projects also projected some practical issues for consideration from the MDoNER. He further requested the visiting dignitaries to kindly increase the fund allocation especially in the water supply, education, health and connectivity sectors.

He also placed before the delegates the dire need of an Institute of par excellence like AIIMS etc which will serve as an Iconic Institute for not only Arunachal Pradesh but also entire North East. Grant of an Iconic Institute like AIIMS will bring a huge transformational change in the whole scenario of growth and development in Arunachal Pradesh.

All senior officers of the State including Principal Secretary Dr. A.C. Verma, Secretary Planning N.T.Glow, Commissioners Bilatee Pertin and Marnya Ete,

Seized liquors destroyed in East Kameng
SEPPA, April 25:
Liquors seized from various parts of the East Kameng district during the election process were destroyed by the committee led by District Nodal Officer (District Liquor Monitoring Squad) Shri Dahey Sangno in presence of WWO and other committee members today here at Seppa. More than 1900 litres of IMFL, beers and other alcoholic beverages worth around 2.5 lakh were seized by the Flying Squad and Static Surveillance Teams, Sector Magistrates, and the DLMS of the district constituted for the simultaneous General Elections to Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly – 2019.

District Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme held
YUPIA, April 26:
District Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme Society, Papum Pare, today observed “World Malaria Day” with the Theme “Zero Malaria Starts with Me” at Govt Middle School, Borum in the presence of Capital DMO, Dr Mandip Perme on April 25 last.

While addressing on the occasion, Dr Mandip Perme, DMO Capital appraised that the case load of Malaria especially pf cases has gone down drastically in last couple of years in Papum Pare district, therefore the IRS (Indoor Residual Spray) has been stopped this year by seeing the Indicator called API (Annual Parasite Incidence) which is below 2, but he stressed upon doing Source Reduction in the capital area to control other vector borne diseases in the time to come.

He also asked all the Health personnel and ASHAs to be proactive and not to become complacent which may be the hurdle to achieve our goal of Malaria free by 2030.

Earlier, District VBDCP Officer Dr. Tana Aruna informed that District Health Society has been putting into lots of efforts to control and contain Malarial Death and other vector borne diseases in the recent years, in and around Rural and Urban Papum Pare District. She also called upon ASHAs, Health Staffs and Publics to be aware of the national guidelines “Early diagnosis and Complete treatment” to control the spread of Malaria and also to do ‘Swatch
Bharat Abhiyyan” routinely to keep our surrounding clean and hygiene in the monsoon seasons beside, proper use of LLIN (Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets) as supplied by GOI during LLIN Fortnight Campaign, which started from 17th April and culminates on 30th April 2019.

**DONER team visits RGU RONO HILLS, April 26:**
A team of high-ranking officials led by DONER Secretary Dr. Inderjit Singh (IAS), visited the Rajiv Gandhi University to take an overview of the development activities being taken up in the University, in particular the main University auditorium that is being constructed with a grant from DONER.

Welcoming the team to Rono Hills on behalf of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha, VC in-charge Prof Amitava Mitra, made a detailed presentation on the evolution and the current status of the RGU and shared with the visiting team the various academic, research and outreach programs that the University is undertaking. He said that with the RGU being ranked among the top 100 Universities in the country, the University has also prepared a long-term vision document for its expansion, with additional 7 new departments and 4 Centres in the offing. “While we have sought funds from the Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) for assisting the University in its expansion, we also need the cooperation and support of the DONER and the NEC so that RGU and the NEC can deliver in its mandate to the State,” he said. RGU Registrar Prof Tomo Riba also spoke during the interactions.

Later, DONER Secretary Dr. Inderjit Singh inspected the 1000-seater auditorium site and also interacted with students and members of the faculty. Taking stock of the progress of the construction, he said that the DONER was responsive to the needs of the University community and would always extend whatever assistance was possible. He stressed that every grant is linked to timely delivery and to ensuring that quality of construction is of the highest order so that students can avail the benefits of whatever infrastructure that the Central and State governments can provide.

He was accompanied by JK Sinha (IAS), Jt. Secretary DONER, Saurabh Endly (IAS), Jt Secretary, DONER, Umesh Kumar, Director, DONER, Navin Kumar, Adviser NEC. A team of officials of the Government of Arunachal comprising Secretary Planning NT Glow, Director Planning P Mishra and Deputy Director Planning Tage Haider also accompanied the officials.

**PMC all set to charge fees**

**PASIGHAT, April 26:**
The quest for clean Pasighat has more complicated, as steady urbanization is putting pressure on the prevailing system and the more affluent consumers produce ever-higher volumes of trash. The neglect of social housing, sanitation etc has ensured that there is nothing like truly cleanliness, observed the East Siang Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kinny Singh.

DC Singh convened a coordination meeting in this regard on Thursday (April-25 evening) with the ADC (Hq.) Tadoo Borang, Town Magistrate Henkir Lollen, admin officers and officials of Pasighat Municipal Council (PMC), representative of Donyi-Ane NGOs and members of SHGs. She sought coordinated efforts from all stakeholders for successful implementation of door to door solid waste collection in making Pasighat an absolutely clean city. She further emphasized on immediate identification of common collection point for garbage at Wards level with proper signage for the convenience of the citizens and need for educating the people on segregation of garbage. On this aspect the DC said that the administrative officers and officers of the PMC shall have to provide handholding support to the functionaries at household level as a part of aware-
ness generation initially and further directed the executive engineer of PMC to prepare roster of the personnel to be engaged for street sweeping on daily basis.

Traffic congestion is one of the most vexing city problems and involves numerous factors which cannot be addressed without a holistic approach, opined Dr. Singh while sharing her views to systematize the traffic flow and congestion in the township. Proper land use planning along with pay-parking system was essential to tackle congestion might be the most desirable solution to this chronic traffic ailment, noted the DC and directed to introduce parking charges(category/time wise) within the designated municipal parking lots issuing notification with immediate effect.

Earlier, Paktin Bagbi, Chairman of Donyi Ane NGO in his presentation informed that GPS tracking system would be introduced shortly in the realm of solid waste management by Pasighat Municipal Council. The device would be installed in all the sanitary vehicles and also would be carried by the sanitary labourers which would help in monitoring purpose and ensuring efficiency of garbage collection.

The standard operating procedure (SOP) for door to door collection of garbage was discussed in detail including role of supervisors and deployment of sanitary trucks playing jingle on the theme of cleanliness and Swachh Bharat Mission on duty so that people could easily avail the service of door to door collection of garbage. The Municipal engineers were instructed to take a round of their wards to ensure that the city is spic and span.

**Intellectual Property Rights Day Celebrated at RGU**

RONO HILLS, April 26:

A day-long awareness workshop was organized to celebrate the Intellectual Property Rights Day at the Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) Campus by the Arunachal Pradesh State Council for Science & Technology, Itanagar in collaboration with RGU.

The programme was graced by Satya Gopal, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh as Chief Guest and Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor, RGU as Chief Patron in the august presence of C. D. Mungyak, Director cum Member Secretary, A.P. State Council for Science & Technology, Prof. Tomo Riba, Registrar, RGU, Prof. A. Mitra, Director, IQAC, RGU, Prof. D. N. Das, Org. Chairman, RGU, Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, HoD, Physics, RGU, Dr. Boa Reena Tok, Associate Professor, Dept. of Education, RGU and faculty members and students of Rajiv Gandhi University.

In his address, Chief Secretary Satya Gopal highlighted the importance of Intellectual Property Rights and the potential of youngsters in Arunachal Pradesh in the field and said that the only thing that was required was to establish a sound scouting mechanism through which we can easily trace, scout and find out the inventors, pathfinders, pioneers and innovators in the state. He also highlighted the richness of biodiversity of Arunachal Pradesh and urged to file Geographical Indicator (GI) tag of all the unique horticultural, agricultural products and unique designs of traditional costumes and handicrafts.

RGU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha, in his address stressed on having a strong framework for promoting Intellectual Property Rights among scholars and researchers. It is important not only to recognize intellectual property and copyright as fundamental to research, but also to set in place processes that will ensure that copyright violations do not occur, he said.

The achievements and activities of the Patent Information Centre (PIC) under the aegis of A.P. State Council for Science & Technology, Itanagar was highlighted by C. D. Mungyak during his introductory speech. He also urged upon the faculties and stu-
dents of RGU to come forward to file more and more patents/GI in the coming years.

Dr. R. K. Barman, Head, Science & Technology Division, Assam Science Technology & Environment Council, Guwahati, Vineed Nair, Patent Attorney, Mumbai, Priyadarshan Kumar, Patent Attorney, Advocate, Kolkata High Court and Ani Taggu, Head, Computer Science Department, RGU were the resource persons of the programme.

The programme culminated with vote of thanks offered by Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, HoD, Physics, RGU.

**Governor inaugurates the state-of-the-art Museum of the Madras Regimental Centre**

**WILLINGTON, April 26:** The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) on 26th April 2019 inaugurated the state-of-the-art Museum of the Madras Regimental Centre (MRC), in the Nagesh Barracks Complex, Wellington, Tamil Nadu. The Governor, who is on a three-day official tour to Tamil Nadu, dedicated to the Regiment the magnificent repository of artefacts, weapons, paintings, portraits and other items of historical, cultural, social and environmental importance reminiscent of the Regiment’s glory. The Museum is intended to provide an insight into the unique martial history of the ancient, medieval and modern Madrassi soldier and serve as a source of patriotism and pride for the Armed Forces of India to the visitors.

The Governor commended all Ranks of the Regimental Centre for setting up the museum, which showcases the valour and fame of the MADRAS Regiment. He said that the museum will definitely motivate young recruits to emulate the lofty traditions of the Regiment in true spirit of their motto, ‘Swadharme Nidhanam Shreyaha’, i.e. ‘It is glory to die doing one’s duty’. The MADRAS Regiment carries the sobriquet, ‘Oldest and Best’ among Infantry Regiments of the Indian Army. The Regiment also carries a number of Battle Honours, citations for duty, distinctions and gallantry awards won by ‘the Thambis’, fond word by which the Madrassi soldiers are known.

First Lady of Arunachal Pradesh Neelam Misra, Colonel of the MADRAS Regiment, Lt General Rajeev Chopra, AVSM, Major General Virendra Singh, VSM, ADG (D&V), Major General Manjinder, YSM, VSM, Brig. SK Sangwan, VSM, Commandant, MRC, Battalion Commanders along with all ranks and veterans of the regiment participated in the Museum opening programme.

**Cloudburst leads to damages in Bomdila Township**

**BOMDILA, April 26:** The cloudburst in the early noon today followed by torrential rain accompanied with hailstorm created havoc in Bomdila Township.

The rain lashed district headquarters Bomdila for over an hour resulting in choking of drains and spread of debris all around.

Besides damages to few residential quarters, the boundary wall of DC’s bungalow was partially damaged by the gushing mud slush. The main road and the link roads of the Township were flooded and rendered useless for vehicular traffic for the period.

However, with the break in the down pour, restoration works are being taken up. It would take a few days to clean up the choked drains and remove all the debris accumulated in the Township.

**Governor addresses the MADRAS Regiment Battalion Commanders**

**WELLINGTON, April 27:** The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) addressed the MADRAS Regiment Battalion Commanders and other Station Officers at MADRAS Regimental Centre, Wellington, Tamil Nadu on 28th April 2018.
The Governor exhorted the Battalion Commanders to emulate the evergreen guidelines of Field Marshal Philip Walhouse Chetwode, written in Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, i.e. nation first, troops next and self last.

Citing an example of Field Marshal SHFJ Manekshaw’s interaction with the then Prime Minister Late Indira Gandhi, he said that in all situations, the Battalion Commanders must be prepared to keep Nation’s interest first, his troops’ interest next even at the cost of their job.

The Governor emphasized that the Battalion Commanders must have loyalty to the Constitution, superior officers and their troops. They must have professionalism by being perceptive, thorough, transparent, adoptive and tactful. They must accept the challenge from their own self for improving their performance day after day.

Stating that the present day Battalion Commanders are well trained, well motivated and well guided to excel in earning a good name for their Battalion and the Regiment, the Governor advised them to be cent percent concerned about their good actions and inputs but be detached about the result gaining.

The Governor shared his experiences as the Constitutional Head of the State and his priorities in education, administration, transparency, public welfare and women empowerment.

He advised the officers to create bonhomie with the civilian population, where ever they are posted particularly when deployed in international Borders.

The Talk was conducted as part of the 33rd Biennial Battalion Commanders Conference (BBCC) of MADRAS Regiment.

Colonel of the Madras Regiment, Lt General Rajeev Chopra, AVSM, Major General Virendra Singh, VSM, ADG (D&V), Major General Manjinder, YSM, VSM, Brig. SK Sangwan, VSM, Commandant, MRC, Battalion Commanders along with veterans and officers of the Regiment were also present on the occasion.

Later, the Governor attended an interaction programme with the JCOs of the Regiment.

Earlier in the day, the Governor, accompanied by the First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra, laid a wreath at the War Memorial of the Madras Regimental Centre in an impressive wreath laying parade. Joined by senior serving officers and veterans of the Regiment, the Governor remembered the martyrs for their supreme sacrifice made for the Motherland.

DC Pasighat inaugurates Regional Sports Meet of Kendriya Vidyalayas

PASIGHAT, April 27:

DC East Siang, Dr. Kinny Singh, also inaugurated today the Regional Sports Meet(Boys)-2019, here at KV Pasighat, wherein young sporting talents of KVs from Assam, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland have converged for the three-day Athletics events, under the aegis of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. ADC (Hq) Taddo Borang, Principal JNV, Pasighat S. Gupta, and CE PWD, M. Bam among others attended the opening ceremony.

The Chief Guest, while extending her best wishes for the successful conduct of the Sports Meet of KVs, hoped that the young sportspersons would give their best in the Sports events. She also assured all possible support from the District Administration in the various endeavors of KV Pasighat.

The DC also earlier released the Annual School Magazine of KV Pasighat on the occasion.

Around 70 young students under various categories U-14, U-17 and U-19 are competing in the various Track and Field Sports. Besides the host School, KV Pasighat, the KV teamsof Tinsukia, Duliajan, Dinjan, Dimapur, Tawang, Tuli, Chabua are here to take part in the Athletics Sports Meet.

Earlier, Principal KV, Pasighat, Rajesh Kumar, in his welcome address highlighted the objectives of holding the Regional Sports Meet of KV Schools. The Sports Meet will conclude on April 29 next with Prize Distribution Ceremony.
Governor lays wreath at the War Memorial of the Madras Regimental Centre

WELLINGTON, April 27:
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.), accompanied by the First Lady of the State Neelam Misra, laid a wreath at the War Memorial of the Madras Regimental Centre in an impressive wreath laying parade.

Joined by senior serving officers and veterans of the Regiment, the Governor remembered the martyrs for their supreme sacrifice made for the Motherland.

Colonel of the Madras Regiment, Lt General Rajeev Chopra, AVSM, Major General Virendra Singh, VSM, ADG (D&V), Major General Manjinder, YSM, VSM, Brig. SK Sangwan, VSM, Commandant, MRC, Battalion Commanders along with veterans and officers of the Regiment participated in the solemn but inspiring parade.

Governor felicitates 20 MADRAS of the Madras Regiment for its successful tenure in the Frontier State of Arunachal Pradesh

WELLINGTON, April 28:
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) accompanied by the First Lady of the State Neelam Misra met the officers, Junior Commission Officers (JCOs), troops of 7 MADRAS and 18 MADRAS and their families at Madras Regimental Centre, Wellington, Tamil Nadu on 28th April 2019. Brig. (Dr.) Mishra (Retd.) was commissioned in the Madras Regiment, i.e. 18 MADRAS (Mysore Battalion) on 17th December 1961 and later as a lieutenant Colonel commanded 7th Battalion of the Madras Regiment.

In the meeting, the Governor highlighted the importance of the role and duty of the serving Regimental personnel and appreciated their zeal and enthusiasm on the line of their duty.

While sharing his fond memories of the Madras Regiment Battalions deployed in Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor said that in true traditions of the Indian Army, the troops of Madras Regiment have strengthened the bonhomie amongst the local people and the security forces in their unit location. He appreciated the troops for instilling confidence and affinity amongst the local population and also building a solid bond amongst the armed forces and the civil society.

The Governor complimented the officers and men for their operational efficiency and excellent environmental work in their Battalion areas. He also felicitated the Battalions for its successful tenure in the Frontier State of Arunachal Pradesh. He commended 20th Battalion of the MADRAS Regiment commanded by Col. Vikram Nalawade, now deployed in Namsai District of Arunachal Pradesh. He also commended the Battalion for its vigil and alertness in maintaining security of the border area despite the difficult terrain and exacting weather conditions.

The Governor advised the officers and JCOs to take special care of the children of the Veer Naris of the Martyrs. It must be the prime duty of the Regiment to ensure the well-being.

The Governor wished the Battalions grand success in their future endeavours.

APWWS, West Siang Comes out for the Cause of Minor Rape Victim

AALO, April 28:
The Arunachal Women Welfare Society led by its President Marbom Bagra has vehemently condemned the rape of a 12 year old girl at Kamba on 19th April last. The women team went to Kamba and interacted with the victim and family members on 25th responding to assistances sought by the family members to take up the case.

The apex women wing of the district expressed their anguish over the way a mentally retarded minor girl is
treated. In a strongly worded letter to the district administration and police, APPWS has termed the incident as a heinous crime and demanded exemplary punishment to the perpetrator of such crime against girl child. Few other women organization also met the family of rape victim and called for investing into the case in a fair manner so that such crimes are not repeated against girl child.

Traffic Congestion, Parkings, Road Works and other Issues of Aalo Town Discussed AALO, April 29:
In a Meeting held under the chairmanship of West Siang Deputy Commissioner Swetika Sachan at her office chamber today, various issues pertaining to traffic congestions, parking problems, identification of bus and sumo terminals, road works, drainage system and other wide range of issues were thread barely discussed among district administration, police and Market. It has been decided to take up all burning issues separately with unions and associations for effective implementation.

The meeting also decided that timing of heavy commercial vehicles will be regulated to get into crowded places at fixed timings in the morning and afternoon to do away traffic congestion. The sumos plying on daily basis can do ticketing anywhere but such passenger vehicles will come at STCS station where location has been earmarked and one auto stand will be worked out to transhift all passengers from there to different locations. The DC and AE Highway also disclosed that the company entrusted to carry out double lanning of Potin Pangin road will resume work from the month of August next and appealed all to cooperate with repairing works that are being carried out at present.

Workshop on Employability Skills and Career Counselling at RGU RONO HILLS, April 29:
A two-day workshop on Employability Skills and Career Counselling organized by the Career Counselling Cell, Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) in collaboration with Career Launcher, New Delhi began today in the University’s department of Education.

Chief Patron of the Programme, RGU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha in his address highlighted the techniques of achieving excellence in any particular career and suggested to the participants to add degrees of different fields to their educational qualification. “Commoners will never get a job and one has to put the self above minimum basic qualifications”, he said emphasizing that anyone seeking a job has to have a strategic plan for that particular job, a good understanding
and knowledge about the job and to motivate the self and change work ethics and attitude to optimize one’s abilities. He concluded his address with an inspiring line of a poem by Maithili Sharan Gupta of the same name- “Nar honairash karo man ko, Kuch kaam karo, kuch kaam karo.”

RGU Registrar Prof. Tomo Riba thanked the Vice Chancellor for keeping space for such programmes in the University calendar and expressed his appreciation to the organizing team. He added that “Getting a job is an art which requires key skills and training” and therefore it was important for the youth to attend such programmes. Besides, he remarked that success is the indicator of hard work and thereby, a perfect perception of the work is required along with hard work.

In-charge of the Placement Cell of RGU, Prof. Tasi Kaye reflected on the importance of the programme and expressed a conviction that the programme would mould the minds of the youth towards proper selection of career.

Earlier, the session began with a welcome address by Dr. Boa Reena Tok, Coordinator of the Career Counselling Cell, who highlighted the objectives and significance of the workshop. She exhorted the participants to make best use of the presence of the Resource Persons and to equip themselves with a better understanding of employability and skill sets required.

The programme was also attended by Prof Kesang Degi (Dean Students’ Welfare), Amit Dhar and Rahul Kumar Basak from Career Launcher who attended as Resource Persons, faculty members, research scholars and students of the University.

Dr. Siva Shankar, Asst. Prof in the department of Education, closed the inaugural session of the programme with a vote of thanks.

International Jazz Day Celebrated

ITANGAR, April 30: Amidst all the hullabaloo of Assembly and Parliamentry election and the repolling thereafter that has engrossed the state, one section of the city resonated with the sounds of Jazz music even as rain tried and played spoilsport.

Itanagar joined the rest of the world in celebrating the International Jazz day as a host of musicians took the stage to sing and play Jazz numbers. Celebrated in a smaller scale than the previous editions, the event still saw a considerable number of Jazz enthusiasts braving the weather and grooving to the tunes played.

“It feels wonderful to have so many youths be a part of this event. It is important that they channelize their energy into something positive, that may lead them to choose alternate careers rather than waiting for mainstream jobs”, said Haggai Rongmei, who also sang a Brazilian Bossanova.

The event saw a total participation of 12 artists, most of them from Arunachal Pradesh. “Music brings people together and Jazz is one of the oldest forms of music. It is the music of the suppressed. Historically, Jazz symbolises hope and togetherness. It is an effort by us to keep the tradition alive”, said Carolina M Norbu, who enthralled the audience with songs like ‘Why don’t you do it right’ by Peggy Lee.

This is the 4th edition of the International Jazz Day, Itanagar. However, this was for the first time that the musicians organised this event in a DIY form, to the effect that everything from scratch was done by the musicians themselves, primarily to appreciate Jazz as a musical form and introduce it to the masses.

In 2011, UNESCO officially designated 30th April as International Jazz Day to highlight jazz and its diplomatic role of uniting people in all corners of the globe.
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Shri Obang Tayeng, Director of IPR inaugurated the 6th edition of the Arunachal Film Festival by lighting the inaugural lamp at the Dree ground on April 20, 2019.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) inaugurated the state-of-the-art Museum of the Madras Regimental Centre (MRC), in the Nagesh Barracks Complex, Wellington, Tamil Nadu on April 26, 2019.
The first batch of polling teams for Nama and Harak polling stations under 16 Yachuli were dispatched in the presence of General Observer Shanavas S, IAS, DEO Shri Chukhu Takar and ROs on April 9, 2019.

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Durga Shanker Mishra, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Govt. of India called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on April 18, 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.