As the nation was blissfully and deeply engrossed in euphoric celebration of scrapping of Article 370 and 35 (A) from Jammu and Kashmir, many fail to listen to the very relevant and important issue of 'population explosion' raised by PM Modi in his Independence Day speech this year.

The Prime Minister very rightly opined that maintaining a small family can also be patriotism. He said that patriotic Indians should volunteer to have small families by having less children even though there was no law for it. How true indeed, because this is in the interest of the nation.

Population explosion in India is a reality today and it is alarming. Today, India's population stands at 1.35 billion and 33 children are born every minute in the country. At this rate of producing children, India will overtake China by 2024.

Ironically, India has only 4% cultivable land and only 2% potable water. These are serious stats and if the population continues to explode at this rate then we are in for a very serious problems ahead. The problem will truly be catastrophic having far-reaching devastating consequences. It will be too late for us even to repent.

All Indians irrespective of race, region, religion, language, ethnicity, creed and caste must realize the perils the country is destined to face the impending dangers of over population and volunteer to have limited children, say one child or two children and not more than that for their own good and good of the nation.

If the people continue to be defiant and are not bothered by the huge problems the country is facing today due to uncontrolled population growth then GOI may explore possibilities to enact a uniform law in consultation with all the people to check population explosion. The GOI must ensure that the law will be applicable to all Indians irrespective of religions or regions.

Today, India produces huge quantities of food grains, build many roads, railways, schools, colleges, hospitals and other facilities but they are never enough for the billions of Indians. There is absolutely no denying the fact that population explosion is the single most important factor for India's backwardness. It is the biggest impediment and stumbling-block in the way of India's journey forward. We have enough of everything but still not enough to satisfy the needs of millions of Indians.

Checking our population growth is doable. The problem is we don't strive to do it. Our
neighbour China has controlled population to a large extent. If China can do then we too can do it. What is required is the will to do it and an undying love for our nation. It's population that will destroy and annihilate our country and not by any other forces on earth.

The GOI may have to resort to a paradigm shift in terms of allocation of development funds. As of now, funds are allocated on the basis of population due to which sparsely populated state like Arunachal Pradesh receives less funds. This has to change. Also, the GOI may allocate special packages as a reward for keeping population in control. Such a move will encourage states to check population.

The state of Arunachal Pradesh has only about 13 lakhs plus population according to 2011 Census. However, some overtly adventurous people in the state having little knowledge of the dangerous ramifications population explosion will have on the state, often raise their voice against population control measures. Their contention is that the state has less population whereas the land mass is huge. In fact, Arunachal Pradesh is the largest in terms of geographical area in the whole North-East.

However, people tend to forget that the state has only a few arable areas as most parts of the state consist of lofty mountains and deep valleys wherein nothing can be grown. Add to that the hostile climatic conditions in some parts of the state.

So, along with the rest of the country, the people of our state should also make an honest effort to check population growth before it is too late. Everybody is aware of the immense benefits of having a small family and the enormous burdens of having a large family. Hence, whether there is a law or not to control population, let us realize by ourselves today and now, the ordeals the state and the country will face due to population explosion and let’s strive to have less children. Charity begins at home. Let us begin from our homes and contribute to the nation’s growth. Having a small and manageable family is also our contribution towards the growth of our great country. Religion and other trivial issues may be overlooked and ignored when we decide to control the uncontrolled population explosion of our country which is the biggest malady today. Together we can change our country for the better.

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KKSV celebrates silver jubilee of Onam in the capital

The Kerala Kala Samskarika Vedi (KKSV) is a socio-cultural organization of Keralites or Malayalees which was established in 1994 with the objective of bringing all the Malayalees residing in and around the capital Itanagar under one umbrella that would enable them not only to showcase the rich and varied culture of the state of Kerala but also to work for the welfare of the community and the State of Arunachal Pradesh. The Kerala Kala Samskarika Vedi has been striving hard to promote the culture, cuisine and other rich traditional practices of the Malayalees since incipience and it has been successful in its venture to a great extent. The organization has also always encouraged imbibing all the good practices from other cultures to further enrich their own Kerala culture. In an effort
to bridge the state of Kerala with other states, KKSV often organizes cultural exchange programmes that help in creating a cultural mosaic and unity in diversity.

It is a proud moment for the Malayalees residing in the capital to witness the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Onam on 14th September this year. The Onam festival celebration that started with a humble beginning in the year 1994 has today grown by leaps and bounds and has completed 24 glorious years of its celebrations in the capital. Today, Onam festival is a huge calendar event for the Malayalees and other festival revelers in the capital. The Silver Jubilee of Onam festival will be celebrated with enthusiasm, gaiety and pomp and show in which attractive programmes shall be included. It is worth-mentioning here that today, there are about 350 Malayalee families in the capital who are whole-heartedly contributing towards the growth of Malayalee culture.

MYTHOLOGY OF ONAM:

According to the legend, Kerala was once ruled by an Asura (Demon) king who was known as Mahabali or Maveli. The king was greatly admired and revered in his kingdom by his subjects for his kindness and generosity. It is believed that Kerala witnessed the golden era of all-round prosperity during the reign of king Mahabali. There was no discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, colour, economic status and everybody was treated equally by the society. There was peace and tranquility in the state and crimes and corruptions were never heard of. It is said that during his reign, people did not use locks and keys at their homes because there were no thieves to fear or be wary of. The people were prosperous and poverty and miseries were not heard of during his reign.

The people of Kerala even today believe that the pious soul of the noble and benevolent king Mahabali visits the people every year during the Onam to inquire about the well-being of his people. This is why Onam festival is being celebrated by the Malayalees in the honour of their beloved king Mahabali. During Onam every household in Kerala irrespective of rich or poor, young or old, welcome their king with love and happiness. They decorate their homes with myriad flowers called Athappookkalam and other beautiful decorations to mark the occasion. Onam also heralds the harvest season in Kerala.

(The writer is the General Secretary of KKSV.)
Road communication disrupted between Koyu and Kakki

PASIGHAT, Aug 1:
Heavy rains across Siang belt has continued to affect normal life. The incessant rain led to landslides in Lower Siang district too. The road between Koyu and Kakki villages has been hit by the monsoon, being blocked by rain and landslides at Jukik area. Transportation has temporary been suspended for the last few weeks, hampering easy movement of students, patients, government employees and general public as a whole. No respite seems in sight as the rain is continuing in the area.

Meanwhile, EE (PWD), Nari Division, Er. Joy Koyu informed that they are also coordinating with the district administration and brought to the notice of the appropriate authorities. Despite fund constraint, two JCVs have already been pressed into service along with adequate manpower, braving inclement weather. Restoration work is underway and they are trying hard to make the road through at the earliest possible.

DCM accorded warm reception at Wakro

NAMSAI, Aug 1:
After assuming charge as the Deputy Chief Minister of the state, Chowna Mein paid a visit to Wakro circle on August 1 last. Wakro is one of the two administrative circles of 46-Chowkham assembly constituency which Mein now represents.

Upon his arrival, he was accorded a rousing reception by the Lohit District Administration along with the public of Wakro circle at the general ground. A meeting was also held wherein Mein interacted with the people and sought to know their issues and needs. Memorandums were also submitted by public leaders and by individuals.

Mein in his address, said that drastic changes have been witnessed in recent times particularly in road communication and further said that the Government is committed to bring in more such developments in the near future. He informed that the present government is doing away with the parachuting of schemes which was on a top down method and mostly involved individual projects and now new policies for planning has been envisaged wherein it will be processed through a proper channel from the district level committee.

Responding to some of the important points submitted in the memorandums, the DCM said that he is aware of those issues and would try to deliver through proper planning and prioritisation.

Regarding the demand for upgradation of Wakro to ADC headquarter, Mein said that infrastructure has to be developed first to facilitate the same.

He also appreciated the home stays of Wakro circle which are gaining popularity and also stressed that other areas too should try to emulate them.

The DC Lohit, Prince Dhawan and officers of various departments presented a power point presentation on budget proposals for the fiscal year 2019-20 proposed in DPC in respect of works department of Wakro circle.

Mein also released a video CD on homestays of Wakro circle prepared by DC Lohit and District Tourism Officer.

Earlier upon his arrival at Wakro, Mein had first inaugurated the office of the
Wakro Women Welfare Society office and lauded the members for bringing transformational change in the society. The society was founded in the year 1997.

**DCM inaugurates Wakro Women Welfare Society office**

NAMSAI, Aug 1:
Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein today inaugurated the office of the Wakro Women Welfare Society, which was founded in 1997. Mein lauded the members for bringing transformational change in the society since its inception.

In a meeting held later with the public of the district, he informed that the present government is doing away with the parachuting of schemes which was on a top down method and mostly involved individual projects by bringing in a policy where schemes will be processed through a proper channel from the district level committee.

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**Meeting on farmers’ identification survey held**

PASIGHAT, Aug 2:
Doubling agricultural income by 2022 was a mammoth task but also one that was the need of the hour, stated East Siang Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kinny Singh while chairing a co-ordination meeting on farmers identification today at the office conference hall.

Briefing the officers, Singh said that the strategy for doubling farmers’ income encompasses higher productivity at cost efficiency enabling them to capture maximum value on every grain/product. She instructed the attending officers of agri, horti, vety, fishery, textile & handloom sectors in particular to conduct survey to identify farmers and their lands, productivities etc and submit reports/status accordingly to the respective Circle Officers within a week time for formation of Farmers Data Base. Plans and strategies would be finally forwarded to the government by the district administration for modernization of technologies, efficient management of bumper productivities, marketing, risk management and sustainability etc. The DC also instructed the officers to submit status reports of all beneficial schemes to her office presently being implemented in the district.

The meeting was attended by the ADCs of Pasighat, Mebo and Ruksin, BDOs, COs, and head of agri, horti, vety, fishery, textile & handloom department.

**Massive Social Service Conducted at Republic Day Site**

AALO, Aug 4:
A massive Social Service involving all departments was carried out at the Government Higher Secondary School Aalo where the district will be celebrating the 72nd Independence Day of the country. The Social Service was necessitated as the stadium is coming up in the main celebration venue at General Ground Aalo. This Stadium was tendered three
years back but as yet even the ground works are not completed though it was supposed to be completed by now. This scheme should be a time bound one considering its utility for celebrating in the district. Aalo Town Peoples’ Welfare and Development Society and District Administration has raised the issue to department for Sports and Youth Affairs for its speedy implementation.

Meeting on Deteriorating BCT and OKSRT road shed between CBOs, Student Organisations and Administrative officers with BRO authorities

BOMDILA, Aug 6: A meeting was held at the Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner Bomdila in connection with the deteriorating conditions of BCT and OKSRT roads which connects the West Kameng, East Kameng and Tawang District to rest part of the country.

The meeting was chaired by West Kameng Deputy Commissioner Dr. Sonal Swaroop in presence of Kalaktang MLA Dorjee Wangdi Kharma.

The CBOs and Student organizations unanimously asked the BRO authorities to immediately improve and increase the machineries deployed in the said roads and demanded for exact time for completion of the said roads. The members also alleged BRO for not following the muck dumping procedures which has created huge environmental deterioration in addition to recurring road blockades. While answering the queries raised in the meeting The Commander 14 BRTF informed the house that the BCT road project would be completed by December 2021 and told that issues pertaining to BCT and OKSRT roads would be expedited and solved soon.

Speaking on behalf of all four HMLAs of West Kameng district, Kharma asked the BRO authorities not to disturb entire stretch of road. He suggested completing a limited length of road before disturbing the other patch. He directed the concerned authorities to dump the muck in designated dumping sites. He also asked District Administration to reschedule the traffic advisories in BCT road for convenience of the commuters and local populace.

Swaroop while applauding the positive response to the meeting added that improved and increased manpower and machineries would help in achieving the target at stipulated time-frame. She told that since the roads were of strategic importance from defence as well as tourism point of view, its timely completion is significant for development of the area. She requested all CBOs and other organizations to address the grievances to concerned authorities simultaneously while addressing it to District Administration for promptness in actions. The meeting was attended by the Commanders of 14 BRTF and 42 BRTF, CBOs and Student organizations, Administrative Officers, Department of Forest, Service Providers and Department of Power (Elect.) of West Kameng district.

Pasighat is now open defecation free: PMC

PASIGHAT, Aug 6: Adding another feather, Pasighat was declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF) town by the Pasighat Municipal Council (PMC), said a press statement.

PMC Administrator Dr. Kinny Singh expressing her happiness over the achievement has stated that it was a Herculean task to achieve after long exercise as a part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan campaign (SBM).

DC cum Administrator Singh also added that eradicating open defecation is part of the SBM, which aims to make
India open defecation free by October 2019. Extending her gratitude to PMC and all the stakeholders of the town for strengthening the hands of the urban body, Singh assured that there would be no slackness in hygiene and cleanliness once the tag has been awarded.

**Governor condoles the sudden demise of former External Affairs Minister**

**ITANAGAR, Aug 6:**
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) condoled the sudden demise of former External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj who breathed her last on 6th of August 2019. On behalf of the people and the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and on his own behalf, the Governor conveyed profound condolences to Shri Swaraj Kaushal, husband of late Smt Sushma Swaraj ji.

The Governor, in his condolence letter to the bereaved family said that in her death, the Nation has lost an intellectual, a paragon Indian Lady, a true patriot, a popular and benevolent politician, a kind hearted Minister and a prolific Speaker. Her distinguished record of being the youngest Cabinet Minister in Haryana State politics bears a bright testimony to her calibre and dynamism, the Governor said.

The Governor, who met her several times for the issues connected with the progress and development of our State of Arunachal Pradesh, said that her departure is a great loss to the country, to the public life and to the Political stream, which she served with great distinction for many decades.

We pray for the eternal peace to the departed soul, the Governor said in the letter.

**Governor, Education Minister discuss on Sainik School**

**ITANAGAR, Aug 6:**
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) chaired a high-level meeting and discussed about Sainik School, East Siang District. Challenges, shortcomings and way-ahead were discussed at length in the meeting.

The Governor emphasised that concerted effort must be made by all stakeholders to make it one of the best educational institutions of Arunachal Pradesh and amongst the best of Sainik Schools of the North East. He said that Sainik School, East Siang District can produce the best officers for the armed forces, provided it has the requisite support from the State Government for adequate amenities for good education ambience.

The Governor advised the Education Minister to review the progress of the school and expedite the process in developing the school campus which is in its nascent stage. In just two years of its existence, the students of the school have received accolade in recently concluded Inter Sainik School competitions in Imphal, the Governor said.

State Education Minister Er. Taba Tedir, Secretary Education Dr. Madhu Rani Teotia, Secretary Planning, Shri Himanshu Gupta, East Siang Deputy Commissioner DR. Kinny Singh, SP East Siang Shri Prashant Gautam, Principal, Sainik School, East Siang Lt. Cdr. Amit Kumar Dutt, Chief Architect Sr. Dawa Tsering along with Commissioner to Governor Shri R.P. Upadhyaya, IPS, Director General of Police were present in the meeting.

**Taki Encourages Local Weavers**

**HONG, Aug 7:**
Minister Agriculture and Horticulture, Fisheries, Veterinary and Dairy Development Tage Taki while encouraging the weavers to be professional and dedicated said “In the competitive world of artificial fabrics and high-end fashion, our indigenous designs on natural fabrics have created..."
a niche for itself, even at international level. The jwekhe and jillang patterns of the Apatanis have been worn on international fashion platforms. He was speaking at the 5th National Handloom day that was celebrated in a befitting manner at Hong today.

While Awarding training certificates on designing and dyeing to the weavers, he exhorted them to be sincere and explore more designs.

Hong based Brand Arunachal Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Ziro is currently providing the training. Four batches of trainings have been so far completed in dyeing and designing, informed Chairperson of the society, Hibu Yabyang.

He also distributed Weavers Pehchan card/Yarn passbook to the weavers.

“Through the Mudra scheme for financial assistance to weavers, the government has initiated measures to uplift the economic condition of this section of the society. But it is saddening to see that few of our brethren have defaulted in repayment of the loans. This has made the banks reluctant,” Taki added, while urging all to be sincere in repayments.

“The banks will also have to work out a modality, so that genuine people don’t suffer,” he added. Noting that most of the weavers were also farmers he asked them to form clusters, each containing 100-150 farmers. This cumulative field area will be considered for double cropping scheme.

“This winter as a part of our double cropping initiation, off season vegetables shall be grown in our fields, which were erstwhile left barren after the harvest in September and October,” he added while assuring to take care of the fencing.

Deputy Commissioner Chukhu Takar and Gyati Kobing, MD, AWFED also spoke on the occasion.

U.C Baro, AD(D), WSC, Guwahati in his keynote address informed that Lower Subansiri has three block level clusters at Ziro, Hong Hari CD Block and Tamen-Dollungmukh (now in Kamle). Weaver’s Societies under these clusters shall be provided with financial, machinery and yarn aids. Later in the technical session various schemes sponsored by DCH, Delhi, NHDC, HEPC, MUDRA etc was dwelt in length.

Weavers from Kamle and Lower Subansiri, Goan buras and Goan buris participated in the program.

The program was organized by Weaver’s Service Centre, Guwahati, Ministry of Textiles, incollaboration with the office of the District Registrar of Cooperative Society, Lower Subansiri District.

DC urges District TB Forum to involve Civil Societies

CHANGLANG, Aug 7:
The Deputy Commissioner, Changlang R K Sharma Chaired the first meeting of District T B Forum held in his conference hall here yesterday.

Addressing the house, the DC suggested TB Forum to involve community groups, Patients’ Forum, Civil Society, Community Based Organization, ASHAs, AWWs, PRI Members, NGOs, etc to reduce the stigma and the discrimination of TB patients in the society and enhance the moral support of the patient and the family members to cooperate and accept patient in the family and society as a whole. He asked for active case finding of TB in the vulnerable areas.

He also emphasized on opening of bank account of TB patients treated under Nikshay Poshan Yojana(NPY) through customer service point.

The DC said that since there are many important vertical programs under NHRM, the District Programme Officers of various programme should be invited to sensitized PRI Members, Public, NGOs, etc during Panchayat /public meetings.

Earlier, Medical Superintendent Dr H Tangjang briefed the objective of the meeting.
Dr Mekcha Khimhun, DPO (RNTCP)-cum-DACO (DACS) presented the performance of the program activities of RNTCP and TB-HIV. She explained the diagnostic facilities available in the district for detection.

District Planning Officer, Shamee Timba suggested the District TB Forum members to participate actively to increase the community participation in TB program to accelerate the TB prevention, control, care and treatment.

Jokhong Singpho, K Mamai, Renu Mungrey and Chalu Rekhung also spoke on the occasion.

Deal govt schemes with utmost care: Jamoh

PASIGHAT, Aug 7:
A coordination meeting with the officers of Food & Civil Supply, ICDS and education was held on Wednesday at the Siang Guest house conference hall under the chairmanship of Nanom Jamoh, Member of Arunachal Pradesh State Food Commission.

Presentations were given by the concerned departments on achievements and challenges being faced by the departments during the implementation process of all the on-going schemes, in East Siang district.

Chairman Jamoh in her address stated that the basic concept of food security nationally was to ensure that all people, at all times should get access to the basic food for their active and healthy life. While highlighting the various provisions of the National Food Security (NFS) Act 2013, urged the officers to deal with utmost care of all government schemes which comes under NFS Act and cautioned that any shortcomings in implementing the schemes would be the responsibility of the concerned departments and be booked under the Act. She stressed on enhanced cooperation, knowledge sharing and information exchange among the departments/officers in order to ensure food security in a sustained manner.

Among others, ADC (Hq) Tatdo Borang, DD (F&CS) B. Pertin, DD (ICDS) PE Angu, i/c DDSE Mary Siram and CDPOs of Pasighat, Ruksin and Nari were present in the meeting.

Swachh Sunder Sauchalaya Day held

ITANAGAR, Aug 7:
Swachh Sunder Sauchalaya Day, an event to celebrate and felicilate the Household beneficiaries and Sarpanch for their outstanding contribution towards recently concluded ‘Swachh Sunder Sauchalaya’ contest held in 2018 under SBM(G) was organized and celebrated today here at Banquet Hall, Itanagar, by Public Health Engineering & Water Supply Department. Wangki Lowang, Minister PHE&WS graced the ceremony as Chief Guest. The event is a part of ongoing nationwide celebration of Swachh Mahotsav 2019 being celebrated by The Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Lowang while speaking to the gathering, stressed on the importance of sanitation and emphasised on the need to take responsibility to convert this movement to “Jan Andolan”, and change the mind-set of public. He requested the media houses to play vital and proactive role in spreading the messages of health and hygiene in every nook and corner of our State and thus contributing in the overall progress of cleanliness in the State. Congratulating the awardees, he gave away the mementos along with certificate to the best household beneficiaries, best performing Sarpanch and the best performing districts namely under Swachh Sunder Sauchalaya contest2018.

The ceremony was initiated with opening remarks by Ranphoa Ngowa, Additional Secretary, (PHE &WS), who welcomed all the delegates, field functionaries and beneficiaries. Sentum Yoymcha, Mission Director, SBM (G) gave a brief speech on the importance of the day and also highlighted the achievement of the mission till date.
Tomo Basar, Chief Engineer (E/Z), PHE & WS Department appreciated the Team Sanitation for organizing the day in tandem with the nation within a short period of time. He also stressed on the grave issue of the depleting water sources in the State and the need to make “Water to all” a mass movement, like Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen).

During the programme, top 10 household beneficiaries where honored for Best painted toilet under Swachh Sunder Sauchalaya painting competition held during the last financial year during which 1.34 crore toilet were painted all over India, along with 10 sarpanch, who were also awarded for their outstanding contribution. Further, 3 Best Performing Districts were also awarded namely Tawang, Namsai and West Siang districts.

Among others, Dr. Tapsaya Raghav, Deputy Commissioner Namsai, Bekir Nyorak, ADC Tawang and Cheechung Chukhu, EAC Aalo attended the event. Further, NGO’s like APWWS and Child Welfare Committee, Itanagar, also attended the event.

Few of the Swachhata Champions, field functionaries, Sarpanch, Special invitees also shared their experiences and success stories.

This Mahotsav is an opportunity to celebrate the extraordinary sanitation journey of the country and to recognize the Swachhata champions from all walks of life for their remarkable contribution in Swachh Bharat Mission. This celebration also aims to focus on the sustainability of the toilet usage among those having toilets, and to promote and encourage the owners of newly built houses to build toilet. In Arunachal Pradesh, Public Health Engineering and Water Supply Department, which is the nodal department for implementing the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) is celebrating Swachh Mahotsav-19 with all the beneficiaries and stakeholders across the state. The Mahotsav is marked by immense information, education and communication (IEC) activities at district, state and the national level through various events such as Swachh Sunder Sauchalaya Day, Swachh Prerak Day and National Awards to Swachhata Champions.

Attending the Librarians Day as the Chief Guest, the Govt. Hr. Secondary School Yingkiong Vice Principal, Olik Nobeng advised the school children to inculcate the habit of reading books and for which he also encouraged the students to pay a visit to District Library to enrich their knowledge. O Lego, DL&IO also stressed that library is a store house of knowledge and various kinds of books, magazines and newspaper can be obtained easily from the District Library which can help them in career building. VKV Principal and public leaders also spoke on the occasion.

DTCC and ES to Ensure Tobacco Free Zones In Govt. Institutions:

In its continued effort to ensure a Tobacco Free Zones in schools, medical and govt offices, the District Tobacco Control Cell, Enforcement Squad and Head of Offices reviewed the course of action under the Chairmanship of West Siang Deputy Commissioner Swetika Sachan at the DC’s Conference Hall today. During the meeting, the DC stressed on the need of awareness campaign at all level and also to put up hoarding on ban of tobacco products in local dialect in all sensitive locations. She also instructed the Tax and Excise department to cancel all ghumtis operating in different locations indulging in sale of such
tobacco products. The DMO Dr. Moli Riba said that it is always important to evolve a coordinating mechanism to implement the rule in all govt. institutions through Enforcement Squads and Flying Squads in the district.

Dr. J. Kato gave detailed deliberations on COPTA Act 2003, Campaign launched so far in the district and declaration of Tobacco Free Zones through power point presentation. Miti Gammeng Psychologist, DTCC Aalo elaborated on the role of civil society in checking the use of tobacco products in public places. Yomcha, Darak , General Hospital Aalo and Town Middle School have already been declared as Tobacco Free Zones.

MLA launches Student Police Cadet(SPC) for Siang District
ITANAGAR, Aug 13: MLA Pangin Ojing Tasing urged the student cadets to work for the betterment of society and towards protection of environment. He was speaking as the Chief Guest while launching the Student Police Cadet (SPC) for Siang District today. He also advised them to inculcate discipline and to abide by the laws.

The Guest of Honour DC Siang Rajeev Takuk exhorted the cadets to be the flag bearers of society while acknowledging the importance of these student cadets in positively shaping young minds.

SP Kushal Pal Singh briefed about the various aspects of SPC, it's objectives, Government guidelines, status, training module and future aspect of SPC etc.

During the event, ASI Tama Talom was felicitated with an appreciation letter and cash award for his dedicated effort during the search operation for the missing AN 32 Aircraft at Payum circle in the month of June. ID cards were also distributed to all the cadets.

The programme was organised by Siang District Police in collaboration with District Administration Siang District.

Among others, DDSE T Tatak attended the event.

Khandu becomes acting APFA president
ITANAGAR, Aug 12: The Arunachal Pradesh Football Association (APFA) in a special general body meeting on Monday declared Chief Minister Pema Khandu as the Association’s acting president.

Assuming the role of the APFA President, Khandu promised to work at all levels to spread the popularity of football in the state. He stressed that football being a poor man’s sport, people from any background can dream big, though lack of proper coaching facilities, infrastructures and a good football academy in the state are concerns that need to be addressed.

The Chief Minister said the immediate next step for the Association would be to organise the 25th National Senior Women’s Football Championship scheduled to be held in Pasighat in the coming month, in a befitting manner. The best efforts will be made to make the event a grand success, since it’s a matter of pride for Arunachal to host a national level event.

The Chief Minister also acknowledged the contribution of several sportsmen who despite lack of financial support from government had managed to bring laurel to the state through their own effort. He said that the government will definitely come forward to support and acknowledge such contributions.

The CM also said that the state has got a great fillip in developing sports infrastructure through the prime minister’s Khelo India campaign. A majority of upcoming stadiums in Arunachal are for football and hoped that this would alleviate infrastructure issues to a great extent, the CM said.

Outgoing APFA President Takam Sanjoy also spoke on the occasion. Present in the meeting were representatives from district football associations and members of APFA.
MICE inaugurated at Naharlagun
NAHARLAGUN, Aug 11:
A branch of Manipal Institute of Computer Education was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Pate Marik, Director, Administrative Training Institute near Logun bridge, Naharlagun on August 11 last amidst a huge gathering.

In his inaugural address, Marik while congratulating the Centre Manager Amitava Deb, said that computer science has become sine qua non to carry out any work efficiently and hoped that the MICE would produce many computer-literate youths in future who can be employed in different departments both under state government and private sectors. He told the students to take up computer classes seriously to equip themselves with computer knowledge which will help them secure jobs and to stand on their own feet. He wished the institute well and assured full cooperation and support from his side. Speaking as the Guest of Honour Denhang Bosai, Deputy Director, IPR while lauding the initiative of Centre Manager Amitava Deb said that computer had become as essential as food and drink adding that in many countries offices are being run paperless. He told the participants that initially many states in India opposed the introduction of computer, fearing that it would do away with the jobs of the clerks in offices. However, their fear has proved to be wrong and unfounded as many jobs have been created for the computer-literate youths of the country. He further said that computer application has helped in speedy and efficient execution of work in offices, schools, colleges and other sectors adding that it is impossible to survive sans computer in today’s fiercely competitive world.

The newly inaugurated MICE has 40-50 seats now and the classes of the first batch of students will begin soon. Highly trained faculty members will take classes.

The inaugural function was also attended by Director of IPR Obang Tayeng and senior Journalist Pradeep Kumar and a host of other guests.

Meeting on CMSSY held
ITANAGAR, Aug 11:
A meeting of the District Level Executive committee on Chief Minister’s Samast Shiksha Yojana (CMSSY) was held today held at Boleng, Siang district under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Rajeev Takuk in the presence of MLA Rumgong Talem Taboh and MLA Pangin Ojing Tasing.

The DDSE-cum-Member Secretary T. Tata informed the participants about the aims and objectives of the meeting. A brief report on the achievement till date under CMSSY was presented by PD DRDA Tajing Jonnom.

After a detailed discussion on various schemes and projects, the project proposal under CMSSY for the year 2019-20 was prepared for onward submission to the State Level Executive committee for consideration in the Annual Action Plan.

Naresh Kumar takes over the charge of Chief Secretary
ITANAGAR, Aug 13:
Naresh Kumar has taken over the charge of Chief Secretary Arunachal Pradesh relieving present incumbent Satya Gopal on August 13 last at Civil Secretariat, Itanagar.

Prior to joining Arunachal Pradesh Naresh Kumar was the Chairman of New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC). Earlier, Kumar had also served in the state under various capacities such as Additional Deputy Commissioner Naharlagun and also as Deputy Commissioner, Ziro, Lower Subansiri.

DLEC meeting on CMSSY held
RAGA, Aug 14:
A meeting of the District Level Executive Committee on Chief Minister’s Samast Shiksha Yojana (CMSSY) was held in the office chamber of Deputy Commissioner Kamle Moki Loyi in the presence of MLA
Tarin Dakpe today. The MLA while addressing the members opined that the existing infrastructures of the schools need to be modernized.

He suggested for developing Raga Government Higher Secondary School into a model school, which would cater to all the populace of Kamle and neighbouring districts.

Emphasising on the importance of girl’s education, he suggested for making the girls hostel block at GHSS, Raga operational from next session. The furniture requirements and other infrastructural requirements for starting the girls hostel can be used from the CMSSY fund”, he further added.

“There should be no compromise on the quality of the work. We need to create good assets that would be of service to next generations, stressed the MLA while exhorting all the executive agencies for proper monitoring of all the works.

He also suggested for sending government school students to exposure trips to good schools across the state, so as to get acquainted with the ambience and functioning of such schools.

Earlier, the DC cum Chairman informed that the main objective of CMSSY is to provide flexible pool of resources for maintenance of Government schools and colleges and bridge the critical infrastructural gap in technology and to improve the quality of education imparted in schools and colleges by giving flexible funds in the districts.

“This DLEC meeting today shall scrutinize infrastructural requirements of all the schools of Kamle for implementation, “the DC said.

Referring to earlier instances of contractors starting work without proper technical sanction, the DC stressed that such procedures shall not be entertained anymore and payments of all works will be done only after physical verification and satisfactory remarks from the competent authority.

Schemes should be Community Based and not Individual Based: Dakpe

RAGA, Aug 14:

Raga MLA Tarin Dakpe today emphasised on the need to be innovative and steer away from the stereotypical schemes. He was chairing a development meeting at the DC office chamber, Raga. “The schemes and projects we initiate should be community based and not individual. Revenue generation and sustainability of a project should be a prime consideration”, Dakpe said.

He also added that systematic town planning right from the beginning, can go a long way in creating a model district headquarters and sought cooperation from all the officers.

Creation of posts for all important departments, creation of new administrative blocks, treasury office, land acquisition for various offices and status of all the development activities in the district were reviewed during the meeting.

Deputy Commissioner Moki Loyi and HoDs were present in the meeting.

73rd Independence Day celebrated in State capital: CM greets people

ITANAGAR, Aug 15:

The 73rd Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, gaiety and patriotic fervor at Indira Gandhi Park, Itanagar today in which people from all walks of life participated. While extending his greetings to the people, the Chief Minister Pema Khandu in his address to the mammoth gathering said, “I take this opportunity to thank each and every citizen of our State for believing in the programmes and policies of the Government and giving a decisive mandate in the recent elections, reposing faith and confidence in us. This encourages us in our continued efforts to work for the overall well-being of each and every Arunachali...
lee. I can assure you that we will not leave any stone unturned in order to achieve the goal of inclusive development where all sections of the society will be able to take part and meaningfully contribute to the development of the State. I also take this opportunity to congratulate Hon’ble Prime Minister and Hon’ble Home Minister for the bold decision to abrogate Article 370 of the Indian Constitution and take the first step towards inclusive development for the people of Jammu & Kashmir. I am sure this will pave the way for integrating the people of Jammu & Kashmir with the people of other parts of India and usher in a new era of socio-economic progress in the State. At the same time, I would like to assure the people of my State that the provisions of Article 371 H will continue to stay in force and the same has been categorically assured in the Parliament by the Government of India.

Our Government is working in a team spirit for achieving its vision of Excellence in Governance, providing quality Education & Health services, bringing about transformational change in Agriculture, Horticulture sectors, realizing the potential of Our Blue Economy, putting focused emphasis on Employment generation, livelihood activities and Ease of doing business etc.

Transparency and accountability is the main pillar of good governance. In order to ensure the same, my government has made the Lok Ayukta functional from this year. We have also decided to take up construction of offices for Lok Ayukta, State Human Rights Commission, Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, Information Commission etc, along with a common complex for all the Directorates in capital complex with an aim to provide professional work environment for our Government staff.

The Government also constituted District Development Committee to formulate the developmental goals, objectives, policies and priorities in matter relating to Planning & Development and also for Formulation of annual plans and five year perspective Plans. To disseminate information of major State as well Central Flagship programs to the grass root level, we launched a comprehensive campaign – Arunachal Rising Campaign.

Under Sarkar Apke Dwar programme 353 camps were conducted last year in which the Government reached to the doorsteps of about three lakhs people residing in far-flung villages. The Government also hiked the Monthly honorarium of Gaon Burahs in the State. The Govt also proposes to construct one Gaon Burah House in each district headquarter in a phased manner.

Bringing huge relief to State Government employees, the government implemented 7th CPC recommendation for all the regular employees, granted Tough Location Allowances and enhanced wages for Contingency workers of all categories from January 2019. The Government has accorded a lot of priority to improve the healthcare system of our state. We have been able to operationalize our first Medical College in our State “Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Sciences” (TRIHMS) which received its first batch of 50 MBBS students in 2018. To cater to health facilities of the poor people, the Govt decided to establish a 200 – bedded Government hospital and a dedicated maternal, child and eye-care facility in Itanagar for residents of capital complex, and a feeder hospital to the TRIHMS.

The Government launched the ambitious Chief Minister’s Arogya Arunachal Yojana (CMAAY) for providing health insurance coverage for a family upto Rs. 5 lakhs per year for secondary and Tertiary care
hospitalization which are not covered under AYUSHMAN Bharat scheme of Government of India. The Government is proposing to establish our own State University at Pasighat for which necessary fund has been kept. The permanent academic building of the first Women Government College B. Y. Government Women College, Poma is going to be constructed in Poma village near Itanagar this year. The Government decided to provide uninterrupted power supply to the Secondary and Higher secondary schools in the State through installation of solar roof top panels in all the secondary and higher secondary schools of the State.

In our endeavor to achieve doubling of farmers income by 2022 and raise the contribution of agriculture sector to national GDP, we are investing heavily in agriculture and allied sectors. We have increased the funding in CM Sashakt Kisan Yojana to Rs. 95 Crore with specific focus on cash crops. Hon’ble Prime Minister has set up a High-powered Committee of Chief Ministers for “Transformation of Indian Agriculture” in which the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh is the only member from the north eastern states. This is a clear indication of the emphasis placed by Government of India to the interests of Arunachal Pradesh and North-East at large.

We also plan to bring 7 lakh hectares more land under micro irrigation in near future with an estimated cost of Rs. 17,712 crore under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana. In this regard, we have submitted the plan to Government of India. We are expecting around 500 crore this year under the scheme. To harness the tourism potential of the State, instilling professionalism at the cutting edge level is the need of the hour. In this direction, we have decided to sponsor students of the state for taking up 3 years degree courses in prestigious institutes recognized by the Ministry of Tourism, Govt of India under Chief Minister’s Paryatan Shiksha Yojana. Various White Water Guide Training Centres (Aqua Adventure Centre) in various major river basins (Kameng, Siang, Dibang, Lohit and Subansiri) of Arunachal Pradesh are also being taken up to supplement the tourism needs of the state by providing professional hands in handling rafting related activities. To create an integrated frame work of tourism promotion involving Tour Operators, Home Stays, Tourist Guides, Tourist Information Centres and Creation of Eco Tourism Infrastructure in each district, we have established District Tourism Society headed by the Deputy Commissioner.

In the Transport Sector, APST received national recognition and was awarded National Public Transport Excellence Award for the best performing North East State Road Transport Undertaking for the first time after 43 years. In a move to improve passenger services, the APSTS inducted 30 Mahindra Xylo Taxis in to service recently.

Road connectivity is the most important factor in bringing development in the state and we have a huge backlog in road communication infrastructure. Therefore, we have initiated to bring reformation in the process of planning and development of all roads under PWD, under a five year road plan as “The Chief Minister’s comprehensive State Road Plan 2019-2014”.

The Chief Minister while dwelling at length on the initiative of the government urged all to work sincerity and honesty for all round development of the State. He appealed the youth of the State to eschew violence and utilize their youthful energy towards conceptive purposes. He further, highlighted the achievements of the government and also the
challenges ahead.” Earlier, Khandu ceremonially unfurled the national tri-colour and later took national salami and inspected a combined guard of honour presented by various contingents. The Chief Secretary announced the state awards on the occasion.

March past, PT display and presentation of cultural programmes by students representing various schools and other establishments, exhibition stalls and other attractive programmes marked the day-long celebrations.

The Honourable Governor, Ministers, MLAs, Commissioners, Secretaries, DC, Capital, DGP and WHO’S WHO of the state government attended the function.

73rd Independence Day celebrated across the State
ITANAGAR, Aug 15:
At West Kameng, the 73rd Independence Day was celebrated with pomp and show at district headquarter Bomdila and in all the administrative circles of the district.

Unfurling the national tricolor, MLA Dongru Siongju in his message said that the future of the nation rests with the youths. The upcoming generation would decide the fate of the society. Hence, he appealed the youths and the students to concentrate in their students and take up sporting activities while minimizing the use of cell phones. He advocated for the need of not only learned but educated citizens too.

He also instituted cash award for the top three students who would excel in the X & XII exams.

MLA Dongru assured to prioritize road connection and education in the remote and far-flung areas under Nafra administrative circle which still remains unconnected.

Commendation certificate along with cash award was given to the Hostel Warden of Government Residential School New Kaspi Ms. Chening Dema for her resilience, courage and commitment in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the dozens of stranded hostel children single handedly during the flash flood that occurred at the school site.

EAC (HQ) Pemtan Monpa was also awarded with the commendation certificate for his pioneering services in practicing and propagating Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in the district head- quarters Bomdila.

College toppers, Best NCC Cadet and toppers of the District Level Quiz Competition under ISSE were also felicitated.

Parade, cultural pro-
grammes including Wancho Ganlang dance by army, exhibition football match between DC XI v/s MLA XI etc were part of the daylong celebration.

In a communiqué from the department, the Government Secondary School, Bh- alukpong had been declared as the Best School in the district which carries a cash award of Rs. 3, 00,000.00

At Upper Siang, the 73rd Independence Day was celebrated at General Ground, Yingkiong where Family Welfare & SJETA Minister Alo Libang unfurled the tricolor.

He also inaugurated the exhibition stall set up by the various departments of the district and distributed the prize and certificate winner of various fields and competition in presence of Karma Leki, Deputy Commissioner, Upper Siang District.

In the daylong programme, 16 parade troupes participated wherein Band troupe of VKV, Yingkiong was adjudged first and Guide, Govt. Upper Primary School Daggong was the runner up. Out of 9 participants in the cultural category, Royal Siang Academy, Yingkiong took away the first prize while the 2nd prize was taken by Govt. Sec. School, Parsing.

The Independence Day was also celebrated at
Tuting, Singa, Gelling, Migging, Palling, Jengging, Katan, Geku, Mariyang and Mopom.

At East Siang, Pasighat joined the whole nation in celebrating the 73rd Independence Day on Thursday in a befitting manner and enthusiasm. MLA Kaling Moyong unfurled the national tricolour and inspected the gala march past presented by IRBn, NCC, Scouts & Guide, band party of various schools led by the parade commander, Inspector M. Bam at the Pasighat outdoor-stadium.

Moyong expressed his pride on the patriotic spirit, zeal and cooperation of the people of East Siang district in development processes and congratulated the people for their contributions towards a harmonious and equitable society. He highlighted the achievements of the government departments implemented so far for the welfare of the citizens. He threw lights on Smart City project, Sirki water project, developments taken under Bakin Pertin General Hospital like dialysis unit, CT Scan, CMAAY implementation etc under health sector and also included infrastructural developments of JNC, Arunachal State University, power, road communication, agriculture, horticulture sectors etc while asserted that all central and state sponsored flagship programs would be implemented in true spirit.

On the momentous occasion, Moyong conveyed his pre-Solung greetings to the people. He handed over prizes and certificates to the achievers in various fields.

At Ruksin, East Arunachal Loksabha MP, Tapir Gao hoisted the national flag and MLA Lombo Tayeng unfurled the national flag at Mebo.

At Lohit, Tezu MLA Karikho Kri hoisted the national flags amidst the jubilant crowd at Jubilee Ground Tezu. In tandem with the Independence Day celebration, first Sarkar Aapke Dwar of the year 2019-20, was also held at Jubilee Ground Tezu. A total of 51 stalls of various Government Department, SHGs and general public delivering services to the people were exhibited. Notable among them were the participation of delegates of Women Commission, coming all way from Itanagar for free marriage registration of the denizens of the district.

Later in the day friendly football match was organized between MLA XI and DC XI team. The latter won the match by 5-0.

At Upper Subansiri, MLA Taniya Soki hoisted the national flag and apprised the gathering about the various welfare schemes and projects launched by the government of Arunachal Pradesh. The programme concluded with prize distribution to the winners of games and sports, parade contingents, exhibition stalls.

At Changlang, Deputy Speaker Tesam Pongte extended his heartiest greeting and best wishes to the mammoth gathering and all the people of Changlang District.

The Deputy Speaker along with the Deputy Commissioner RK Sharma and SP R Baniya flagged off a new Changlang-Itanagar XYLO service under state transport department.

Later the Deputy Commissioner, Changlang Shri R K Sharma inaugurated exhibition stall put in place by various departments, NGOs, NERCORMP, 9 AR nad SHGs of Changlang.

At Jairampur, MLA Laisam Simai unfurled the tricolor and highlighted the achievements made in his constituency.

At West Siang, MLA Kento Jini took salute from the 29 contingents representing ITBP,IRBN, APP, NCC and various other schools of Aalo town. He made special mention of Potin-Pangin Road which is being taken up on priority basis after raising the issue by him in the floor of the state Assembly. He disclosed that government has sanc-
tioned Rs. 30 crore for drinking water supply to do away water crisis in Aalo town and effort is being made to tie up with govt. to drag water from direct running source to avoid recurring cost of taking water from Yomgo river. The Chief Guest also distributed awards and Commendation Certificates outstanding contributions, Best School Award, Academic excellence, Gold Medalists in National Arm Wrestling, Best Exhibition Stalls and Parade Contingents. The Indian Army of Aalo Military Station also took part in the exhibition to display their weapons. The students of different schools also displayed attractive cultural show on themes of patriotism on the occasion.

At Kra Daadi, the Independence Day celebration at Palin started with great enthusiasm and a record number of public presence. The main function was held in the General ground, Palin, where MLA Balo Raja unfurled the National Flag. Various culture items including patriotic songs, dances were performed and Games & Sports competition were organised to mark the celebration.

The Chief Guest highlighted various flagship programmes of the Govt. and appealed all the public leaders, HoDs and General Public that Kra Daadi is an infant district, which needs proper planning and execution of schemes for welfare of general public. He informed the gathering that new division of Water Resource Department, needs the cooperation and preparation by all. He appealed to avoid individual centric development, rather propose and encourage for all round development of the area. The Chief Guest assured to provide financial help to civil services aspirants, who hail from poor family background of the area.

At Papum pare, MLA Tana Hali Tara unfurled the national flag and greeted all. He felicitated 19 achievers comprising best progressive farmers, ASHAs, Aganwadi Workers and ASHA facilitator, Best Gram Prerak and Best Communicator selected under Arunachal Rising Campaign programme from all over Papum Pare District and Kaya Kalp award to UPHC Itafort, CHC Kimin and PHC Tarasso. He also gave away prizes to participants of various events on the day.

At Lower Dibang Valley, the rain, mud and slush did not dim the enthusiastic participation of the school students and public on the 73rd Independence Day celebration at Roing. MLA Mutchu Mithi unfurled the National flag and promised to work hard to sustain the rapid pace of development going on.

He also spoke on the nod of approval given by the centre for the Dibang Multipurpose project, which will benefit the district immensely, and requested the public to cooperate with the DA in seeing it to fruition.

The MLA was also appreciative of the development of tourism huts/ complex in the Eze(Deopani) riverfront under the District Innovation and Challenge Fund, which would increase the number of tourists flooding the area.

The day also saw the recognition and awarding of girl student toppers of class IX, X, XI and XII of the district for their excellent performance in the State and CBSE board exams in 2018-19 under the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme.

At Dambuk, MLA Gum Tayeng unfurled the National tri-clour and addressing the gathering informed the public about all the important developmental steps taken by the state and central government under the dynamic leadership of CM Pema Khandu and PM Narendra Modi.

The completion of Dibang and Sisiri bridges have eased the connectivity issue linking the people of eastern Arunachal with the rest of the state and removed the the 'kalapani' tag of Dam-
buk administrative block, she declared. Stating that the upgradeation of Parbuk and Paglam to Sub-divisions from circles was done to bring the govt facilities to the door step of the people, she sought the cooperation of the govt. officials and public for a better future of Dambuk.

At Siang, Pangin MLA Ojing Tasing unfurled the national tricolor at Boleng General ground in presence of Deputy commissioner Rajeev Takuk, SP Kushal Pal Singh, a host of HoDs, officers, GBs, public leaders, Teachers, students and general public.

On the occasion, trophies and Commendation certificates were awarded to 14 recipients of the Siang District Awards awarded by District administration for excellence in various fields. GHSS Boleng was handed out a cash award of Rs.3 lakh for attaining the title of best school in the district. Rs. 10,000 cash award was given to the participant team from the district in the Subroto Mukherjee football tournament.

In Rumgong, MLA Talem Taboh unfurled the National flag in presence of officers, GBs, public leaders, teachers, students and general public.

Pasighat MLA Ninong-Ering unfurled the national flag amidst huge gathering at Sille general ground. He called upon everyone to work together for the development of the nation. March-past was conducted where various contingents including NCC of Sille Hr. Sec School, students of Ups Oyan and VKV Oyan took part. Cultural programme were presented by the students and local villagers on the occasion.

Raksha Bandhan observed in Raj Bhavan
ITANAGAR, Aug 15:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) and First Lady of the State Neelam Misra celebrated the joyous occasion of Raksha Bandhan in true traditional fervour and gaiety with young students from various schools and social organisations of the Capital Complex Itanagar at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. School children from Vivekananda Kendriya Vidhyalaya, Chimpu, Oju Welfare Association, Naharlagun and members of social organization, including Brahma Kumaristsied Rakhi (Thread of Bond and Protection) to the Governor, First Lady of the State and members of Raj Bhavan fraternity and exchanged Raksha Bandhan greetings.

Interacting with the children and guests, the Governor said that Raksha Bandhan (bond of protection) is pious and solemn day wherein brothers take a pledge to protect at all cost, their sisters and the women. He also said that this pious, and unique culture and tradition is exclusive to us. It unites the people of all denominations and communities and works towards cementing the society as a whole.

The Governor called upon the people to renew our resolve to promote an endearing coexistence, universal brotherhood and goodwill across all section of the society of the country in particular and across the globe in general.

Governor, Chief Minister witness Stage Show on Sardar Patel
ITANAGAR, Aug 15:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) along with Chief Minister Pema Khandu witnessed the high-profile Stage Show on Bharat Ratna, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India at the Dorjee Khandu State Convention Hall, Itanagar. The programme was organised as part of the State Independence Day celebrations, with the active cooperation of the Gujarat State Government, aimed at promoting aesthetic music, song, dance and drama to reinforce patriotism, national integration and spirit of national unity and integrity.
Speaking on the occasion, the Governor recalled the contributions of Sardar Patel, who united 562 princely States, including Jammu and Kashmir, which was the most difficult aspect of our nationhood after Independence. With constitutional provisions like Articles 370 and 35A, although J&K was merged with Indian Union, these hindered the development in Jammu and Kashmir even after Independence. Now these provisions are abrogated and the people of Jammu and Kashmir will be immensely benefited, Governor said.

Sharing his experience of pre-independence days, under the British Colonial Rule as a small child, the Governor urged upon the people to raise the spirit and values of Independence with transparency, accountability and discipline. He said that present generation and future must realise the values of our independence and preserve it.

The Governor commended the State Government and Chief Minister Pema Khandu and his cabinet for developmental initiatives in the State like ‘Sarkar AapKeDwar’ etc. Showcasing 21 selected important incidences of Sardar Patel’s, Stage Show presented by theatre artists of renowned theatre group ‘Viewfinder’ from the State of Gujarat performed the Play with repeated applause from the hall fully packed with viewers.

**Governor, First Lady of the State celebrates Independence Day with school children at Itanagar Raj Bhavan**

**ITANAGAR, Aug 15:** The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) hoisted the National Flag on the 73rd Independence Day at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. The Governor gave the salute to the National Flag, while the Indo Tibetan Border Police Detachment, attached to Raj Bhavan, presented the Guard of Honour to the Flag. Students of Govt Upper Primary School, B Sector, Raj Bhavan, Itanagar and Govt. Primary School, Birup Colony, Itanagar and officials of Raj Bhavan sang the National Anthem.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor extended his warm greetings to the people of Arunachal Pradesh and fellow citizens of India. He conveyed his appreciation to the Indian Armed Forces, State Police Paramilitary Forces and the bureaucracy for contributing towards ensuring the safety of individuals and the security, unity and integrity of our Nation. While recalling the nationalism spirit of freedom fighters, the Governor exhorted the people to have ‘Nation First’ spirit. He said that when the Nation is safe, we are safe, when Nation is developed, we are developed and when Nation is strong, we are strong.

The Governor emphasized that today’s children are the future of the Nation. Therefore, a strong foundation for our children is the need of the hour. It is the duty of the elders, teachers and social leaders to instill love for the nation, right values and right conduct in our children.

The Governor appealed to the citizens of the State to renew the resolve, unitedly and squarely, to forge ahead on the track of development. He said that the spirit of unity must be our strength, teamwork and cooperation be our approach and discipline and hard work be our key result areas.

The Governor hailed the apex leadership of the Country, for guiding all on the path of Swachh Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat, and Ek Bharat.

The Governor and the First Lady of the State joined the students in a Prabhat Peri (Morning Round), who were singing the famous flag song of pre-independence ‘Jhandaycha Rahe Hamara’ by the renowned freedom fighter and Padma Shree awardee Late Shyamlal Gupta.
On the happy occasion of the 73rd Independence Day, the Governor and the First Lady of the State distributed sweets to the invited school children and Raj Bhavan fraternity.

**Student Police Cadet launched at Boleng**

**BOLENG, Aug 16:** Pangin MLA Ojing Tasing today launched the Student Police Cadet (SPC) for Siang District at Boleng.

Tasing urged the student cadets to work for the betterment of society and towards protection of environment. He advised them to inculcate discipline and abide by the laws.

Acknowledging the importance of these student cadets in positively shaping young minds, Deputy Commissioner Rajeev Takuk exhorted the cadets to be the flag bearers of society.

SP Kushal Pal Singh apprised the gathering about the various aspects of SPC including its objectives and need, Government guidelines and status of SPC, the training module and future aspect of SPC.

Later ASI Tama Talom was felicitated with an appreciation letter and cash award for his dedicated efforts in the search operation for the missing AN 32 Aircraft at Payum circle during the month of June 2019.

The programme was organised by Siang District Police in collaboration with District Administration.

**CS reviews preparedness and security arrangements for APSSB**

**ITANAGAR, Aug 16:** A video Conference was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar with all the Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police of Twelve Districts to review the preparedness and security arrangements for the ensuing Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board (APSSB) exam of recruitment of Constable (GD) Civil Police and Constables IRBN (Band/Bugler).

The Chief Secretary reviewed all the arrangements in detail from the 12 Deputy Commissioners and their representatives who were accompanied by the SPs/ DySPs to brief the arrangements (including security) regarding the ensuing exam.

Kumar asked the Deputy Commissioners, ADCs or the Nodal Officers of the exam to visit every examination centres and make every possible arrangement for holding successful and impartial exam in their respective districts.

He asked them to follow due process of sealing the OMR/Answer sheets in requisite condition and deposit the sealed boxes to headquarter.

Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police informed that arrangements including safety and security right from storing the Sealed Question Papers, appointment of Centre Superintendents (CS), Assistant Centre Superintendents (ACS), Invigilators, Local Observers etc have been made as per the protocol.

They also informed that measures such as frisking, deployments of lady police, Videography have been arranged.

The exam will be held in 51 centres across 12 districts namely, Itanagar (Papum Pare), Naharlagun (Papumpare), Tezu (Lohit), Khonsa (Tirap), Tawang, Changlang, Ziro (Lower Subansiri), Pasighat (East Siang), Daporijo (Upper Subansiri), Bomdila (West Kameng), Roing (Lower Dibang Valley), and Seppa (East Kameng).

A total of 14,745 candidates will appear in the APSSB Constable (GD) Civil Police and Constables IRBN (Band/Bugler) recruitment examination, to be held on 18th August 2019.

In the meeting, Chairman APSSB Dr. A.C.Verma, Secretary APSSB S.K.Jain, DGP R.P. Upadhaya were present.
Fire Engulfs one Dwelling House at Biru Village

AALO, Aug 17:
In a fire accident that occurred at around 7 pm yesterday, one dwelling house at Biru village belonging to one Morge Noshi was completely gutted to ashes. All properties along with a Pulsar Motorcycle were completely gutted. The District Disaster Management Officer Nima Dorjee and OC Fire Station Aalo rushed to the spot on behalf of the district administration and took spot assessment of the damages and immediate relief to the fire is being worked out. The Executive members of the Galo Welfare Society also visited the spot with relief materials to console the victim in the hour of crisis.

Deputy Speaker Inaugurates Model School at Laktong

CHANGLANG, Aug 17:
Deputy Speaker Tesam Pongte today inaugurated the newly constructed Model School building of Government Upper Primary School, Laktong constructed under BADP-2016-17 here at Laktong. 

Dedicating the newly created asset to the people of Changlang, Pongte hoped that the new model school will serve societal purpose by providing quality education to children of the district. He urged all to take good care of the school building. Stating that teachers and parents have vanguard role to play, he appealed them to cooperate in smooth functioning of the school and achieve desired goal.

Responding to the memorandum submitted by the school, he assured to provide sufficient numbers of books for school library and construct mid-day meal shed immediately. He asked the concerned department to ensure electricity and water supply to the School.

Deputy Commissioner R K Sharma deliberated on functioning of the model school and said that the strength of school will be 180 (90 girls and 90 boys) students. He said that the old School building will be converted in hostel to offer residential facility for the students. He informed that the model school will be made fully functional from the current session. He asked DDSE Changlang to immediately post Math and Science teacher to the model school. Additional toilets will also be developed for the hostels, he added and asked the school fraternity to keep the school compound clean.

The programme was attended by SP H Baaniya, HODs and public leaders of Changlang.

Simai Inaugurates Nampong’s First Model Village

CHANGLANG, Aug 16:
Nampong MLA Laisam Simai today inaugurated the first Model Village at Longman village in Nampong Constituency under the Chief Minister's Adharsh Gram Yojana. He also inaugurated a newly constructed health centre in the village.

Simai said that the state govt under the leadership of Chief Minister Pema Khandu has a clear vision for all round development of the state. He said that there is a drastic change in working system of the present govt and asked the villagers and Executing Agencies to maintain work quality and implement works as per the project finalisation. He informed that geotagging of assets created and awarding of works through tender system are compulsory under present govt for maintaining transparency.

Stating that God has gifted bountiful resources which need to be utilized fully, he urged the villagers to take up agricultural and allied activities professionally and sincerely. He said that the govt too is committed to double the income of farmers by giving various assistance in their chosen sectors. Informing about many upcoming projects and those in pipeline of getting approved,
he expressed his hope that a day will come when all the villages in the constituency become self-reliant. He said that priority will be given to make livelihood projects successful.

Speaking on unemployment problem in his constituency, he said that all the exams for jobs will be conducted by SSB and there will be no favouritism in recruitment process under the present govt and urged the young generation to study sincerely.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner R K Sharma deliberated various components under CMAGY and lauded for successful implementation of its first phase. Speaking on the govt decision to double the income of farmers, he asked them to utilise land and take expertise advice of Scientists of KVK for enhanced production. He asked them to avail benefits from schemes like chief minister agri mechanisation schemes, CMRY, Bunker Yojana, Kisan credit etc. He also asked them to start subsidiary activities to enhance income. He urged the youth not to indulge in social menace like drug addict and it's illicit trafficking. He also urged them to keep the area clean and avoid plastic use. He suggested for developing vermicompost pit in the village. ADC, Jairampur S S Choudhury, who chaired the meeting said that the village will have to be a model village in both letter and spirit which should be a source of inspiration for other villages. He asked the villagers to utilize the infrastructure developed under CMAGY properly and make these infrastructures serve its purpose. He appreciated the villagers for actively producing organic vegetables for commercial purpose and urged to go for double cropping to use the resources on optimum level.

**Pongte urges ASHAs and AWWs to work with sincerity and dedication**

**CHANDLANG, Aug 17:** Deputy Speaker Tesam Pongte today urged ASHAs and AWWs to render their services with sincerity and dedication so that no beneficiary is deprived of the facilities provided by the government due to their negligence. He appealed them to come forward in making the constituency an inspiration to others.

He was speaking at an interactive meeting with ASHAs, AWWs, AWW Facilitators held here at circuit house today to know their grievances as well as to mobilize them to give more effort on ground works. The Deputy Commissioner, Changlang asked AWW to run the centre and provide pre-primary education for children and develop all their attributes and skills.

He asked them to ensure that the children are able to read and write before leaving their center for higher education. He gave a strong message that reports on AW centre will be collected to ensure its functioning and warned them of taking stringent action against the erring AWW. He asked ASHAs to be sincere with their service to facilitate the needy with govt provisions.

Dr S Mandal deliberated on the functions of ASHAs and various incentives provided to ASHA and eligible mothers by the govt.

Deputy Director, ICDS explained the role of AWW towards pregnant woman, Nursing mother and children and incentives provided by the government. She asked AWW to run nursing school in all Anganwadi centres on daily basis and work in close coordination with ASHAs.

**Coordination Meeting for Dambuk Sub Division Held**

**ROING, Aug 17:** A coordination meeting of the heads of departments under the Dambuk sub division was held today at the ADC's conference hall, Dambuk in the presence of MLA Gum Tayeng, ADC Rujjum Rakshap and Administrative Officers. The departments apprised about the developmental
activities being undertaken by respective departments and also shared the various problems faced by them of insufficient manpower, lack of infrastructures etc.

MLA Gum Tayeng assured to take up the issues faced by the departments with the higher authorities in the decision-making level. She also advised the govt officers to work dedicatedly for the welfare of the people.

The issue of Sisiri river flood protection social service and problems faced by the people in low laying areas due to flooding of the river was also discussed. The blame was put on the road construction agency (BIPL) for rampant dumping of soil which led to floods during the rainy season. The social service committee also demanded that the road construction agency should provide machineries for the flood protection social service works.

The MLA advised the BIPL authorities to cooperate with the general public in completing the flood protection social service works. She also directed the public to contribute from their side for the purpose. After the meeting, MLA Gum Tayeng visited the ongoing construction site of infrastructure development for Govt. Hr. Sec school, Dambuk funded by NABARD.

**Police Recruitment Exam Concludes Peacefully**

KHONSÅ Aug 18: The written examination for recruitment of police was conducted peacefully in four centers at RK Mission School, NMHSS, HSS and Town Middle School Aalo today. Hundreds of aspirants thronged the four examination centers right from the morning from 7am this morning bracing through tough times to get their checkups and biometric thumb impression to get entry into the hall.

Principals, Headmasters and teachers were appointed as Centre Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents and invigilators to conduct the said examination under the strict supervision of Magistrates on duties. The examination is being conducted by district administration under the aegis of Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board and every effort has been made to ensure a fair examination.

At Khonsa, the written examination recruitment into the Arunachal Pradesh Police (APP) and IRBn was concluded peacefully in nine examination centres. A total 1852 candidates appeared out of 1939 candidates.

Early in the morning at 0700 hours, frisking / checking of candidates was done by police personnel at the entrance gate of the schools and thereafter biometric attendance was done by APSSB assigned officials.

**Union Ministry assures completion of Hollongi Airport by 31st March 2022**

ITANAGAR, Aug 19: Union Minister of Civil Aviation Hardeep Singh Puri in a Video Conference today with the Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh Naresh Kumar announced the date of completion of Hollongi Airport by 31st March 2022.

The Union Minister informed the date of completion while reviewing the status of Civil Aviation in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. He assured to assist the State in the development of Aviation Sector.

It was informed in the video conference by the Union Minister that the much-awaited Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) from Tezu-Guwahati and Tezu-Jorhat will also start operating within this year as the License has already been obtained from the Airport Authority of India for operation of Tezu Airport.

Infrastructure development of selected RCS Helipads namely Naharlagun, Tuting, Walong, Daporijo, and Yingkiong was taken up by the Chief Secretary. Stressing on the significance of infrastruc-
ture development of Tawang Helipad, the Chief Secretary put forward his suggestion before the Union Minister the possibility to explore Air Connectivity between India and Bhutan through Tawang Helipad.

Secretary Civil Aviation S.K. Jain was also present in the meeting.

Karbak Attends 3rd edition DLBC, Assures Badminton Courts in Four Circles

LIROMOBA, Aug 19: Liromoba MLA Nyamar Karbak has assured to take up Badminton courts at Kamba, Liromoba, Yomcha and Darak circle to promote sports in Rural Areas while also assuring to sponsor all selected players from West Siang for DorjeeKhandu Memorial Badminton Championship.

He disclosed this while attending 3rd Edition of District Level Badminton Championship organized by DBA West Siang for various categories at Jarbom Gamlin Indoor stadium Yomcha from 17 to 18 August.

Karbak exhorted the budding sportsmen to take up Games and Sports seriously as profession to so that state and national players emerge from the cottage and avail exposure and job opportunities through sports. In Mixed Doubles, Kenli Rimam and Oni Lona were adjudged Winners after they defeated Kenjom Ete and Nuri Chirom.

CE Disaster Management, Tanya Ronya, CJM Tawang Damge Nirialand BJP Mandal President Bajum Bogo also accompanied the MLA.

DA and NGOs resolved to work collectively for progressive Seppa

SEPPA, Aug 20: In a bid to recover the lost glory of Seppa Town, an objective under “I Love Seppa Campaign,” the District Administration in collaboration with the East Kameng Social Welfare & Cultural Organisation (EKSWCO) today convened a coordination meeting with the representatives of various colonies in and around the township and NGOs of the district here at Kameng Hall, Seppa.

Presiding over the meeting, ADC-cum-EKSWCO Chairman DaheySangno requested the members present to place their grievances which are inflicting the district headquarters and simultaneously, urged everyone to put forth their views prescribing ways and means to tackle them all constructively.

Assuring to initiate appropriate action to tackle all the problems through proper channel, he further suggested all to place their grievanc-
ing all illegal activities which are inflicting the district. He further assured to provide all possible assistance for progressive development of the district in general and Seppa in particular. Colony-wise, all the grievances and menaces such as tambola, gambling, drug abuse, illegal selling of petrol and alcohol, sanitation, irregular commodity prices and weighing tools, traffic congestion, among others and their solutions were discussed in the meeting.

Appreciating the initiative of the DA, the house present unanimously adopted the resolutions made in the meeting, which include collective action from all stakeholders to resolve any problem, conceptualisation of resolution and constitution of bye-laws by colony representatives to tackle any kind of menaces and nuisances prevalent in their respective colonies, re-designation of sector officer and police officer for a cluster of colonies and endorsement of proper means to resolve individual problems of any colony, and opined for conduct of such kind of meetings in regular interval.

DySP Mudang Thakung and representatives of EKSWCO, AEKD-SU and colonies were also spoke and placed numerous constructive views and suggestions in the meeting.

Indian Oil Chief General Manager (NE) calls on the Governor

ITANAGAR, Aug 20:
Uttiya Bhattacharyya, Chief General Manager, Indian Oil, North East State Office, Guwahati with his eight officers called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar here today. They discussed on various issues of the State of Arunachal Pradesh and the Indian Oil Corporation.

The Governor urged upon the Indian Oil Corporation to join hands with Government of Arunachal in the provision of people’s amenity, like Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana etc. in our most strategic Frontier State of India, He emphasised on quality and efficiency in this process.

The Governor advised the Indian Oil Chief General Manager to increase the area coverage in the State as a branch of a Welfare State. The Indian Oil Chief General Manager (NE) briefed the Governor about Indian Oil and assured him to put Arunachal Pradesh for LPG and other Petroleum Products coverage on their priority list. He informed that record 14 distributorships were commissioned in Arunachal Pradesh after Hon’ble Governor wrote a letter to the Hon’ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Govt. of India for maximum area coverage in the State.

Deputy Speaker cautions teachers from remaining absent

CHANGLANG, Aug 20:
The Deputy Speaker Tesam Pongte today asked the teachers to know their responsibility and discharge their duties with utmost sincerity and dedication.

He was speaking at an interactive meeting organized by Samagra Siksha Society here at Changlang circuit house.

Asserting that he is on receipt of numerous complaints from villagers on irregularity of teachers of various schools, especially those in interior villages, the Deputy Speaker cautioned that such intentional misdeeds would not be tolerated in future, which affect the whole society. Showing concern over the poor academic result of the schools he asked them to give more effort to contribute to the success of students and improve the performances of their respective schools. He advocated for proper lesson plan to improve academic excellence. He asked teachers not to indulge in drug menace and refrain from other intoxicating substances adding that strong action would
be initiated if any one found in doing so. Showing his concern over shortage of teachers in the district he appealed the teachers to work beyond their superannuation saying that honorarium could be arranged for them for their services. He also asked DDSE to let the BRC sand CRCs too take their classes during their leisure.

Deputy Commissioner R K Sharma who also attended the meeting asked teachers to motivate children to study hard. He termed teachers as makers of society and asked them to ensure that they are satisfied with their own effort. He said that the performance of a school is the actual achievement of the teachers.

Showing his apprehension over the poor academic performance of govt schools he asked the teachers to come up with concrete lesson plan to overcome the lacunae and increase the academic excellence. He exhorted the teachers to introspect their deeds and the actual duty adding that they are responsible for well being of the society. He asked them to use their expertise knowledge and create situations in which students learn effectively. The meeting programme was attended by all the teachers from Changlang Block, BRCs, CRCs, and public leaders of Changlang.

Implement COTPA in letter and spirit: Borang

PASIGHAT, Aug 21: Pasighat Additional Deputy Commissioner Tatdo Borang today chaired a sensitization cum District Level Coordinating Committee (DLCC) meeting on proper implementation of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Act (COTPA) with the district officers, civil society and other stakeholders under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP).

District Programme Officer, Dr. Tarik Talom gave overview of the objective of DLCC meeting through power point presentation, besides informing the role and responsibilities of designated committee members on Tobacco Control. The meeting also presented the plans and future actions needed to be done by the police, health department and others for moving one more step towards tobacco free district.

Chairman Borang held open discussion and stressed for implementation of COTPA in letter and spirit and also ensured the formulation of enforcement squads (sub-committee) at block level within the shortest period of time to make the programme a big success in the district. He explained about importance of will power for quitting tobacco consumption and other bad habits and appealed all participants to be a role model among family and society by adopting good behaviour and habits so that they could keep young ones away from tobacco abuse and other bad habits.

Stressing on intensified drive, the ADC directed concerned to work in synergy to bring improvement in curbing tobacco consumption in the district. He directed for installing signages at public places, government offices and schools and colleges for awareness of hazardous impact on human health due to use of tobacco products. Mass awareness through various mediums was essential particularly in schools and colleges, he felt. Borang instructed the participants to carry-out holistic and comprehensive set of activities as provided under the act to curb the menace across the district and asked to issue challan books to all the authorized officers for challaning under COTPA so that defaulters could be dealt strictly. He laid stress on district police and NGOs like ABK (WW) and WASE for frequent and effective action against violators of COTPA. DMO Dr. Kaling Dai explained the house about ill-effects of tobacco use to individual health and its overall harmful effect to the society as whole. He urged the members to comply with the prohibitory order issued by the District Magistrate. Medical Superintendent (BPGH) Dr. YR Darang asked
officers to spread the outcome of meeting widely amongst colleagues and friends to sensitize the common masses on the issue. DDSE J. Yirang suggested forming block level committee for better monitoring. He asked to take note that 100mtrs area of school campus must be free from selling of tobacco. DSP (Hq) T. Tatak briefed the role of police and sought cooperation from the society. In-charge Mebo ADC K. Apum opined that guidelines be issued to avoid future complication while Principal IGJ Hr. Sec. School T Taloh sought regular evening police patrolling in around the school premise. ABK President (WW), East Siang Oti Sitang Eko assured to extend support to the administration making East Siang a drugs and alcohol-free district.

DTCC Consultant Nani Sunia also spoke on the occasion.

**Governor discusses on strategic road with RWD Minister**

**ITANAGAR, Aug 21:**
Minister for Rural Works Department and Prime Minister's Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Honchun Ngandam called on the Governor today here at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar.

The Minister apprised the Governor regarding the much needed construction of the road from Miao to Vijoynagar in Changlang District. They discussed the national importance of the Road and also the Roads importance for the people located in the far flung areas on the international border of India and Myanmar. It was appreciated that with the construction of this road there will also be substantial care and improvement of flora and fauna in Namdapha National Park. There will also be effective surveillance and control on poaching activity, if any, in the area. They also discussed that the safe animal passages and corridors for the free movement of animals within the park should be fully protected. It was also highlighted that like the other National Parks of the country viz. Kaziranga National Park, Assam, Corbett National Park, U.P., Madu Malai National Park in Tamil Nadu, Bandipur National Park in Karnataka and many other parks in the country careful and controlled movement of vehicles will become complimentary to the upkeep of the wildlife.

It was also highlighted that the road between Miao and Vijoynagar has been in existence for a very long time. It was used for vehicular traffic as early as in 1975 by the then Lt. Governor Shri KAA Raja, but over a period of time, due to non maintenance of the road, it has become unusable and at many places the road has been washed away. This, in the public interest and in the wider interest of the national security, calls for a well thought out plan for reconstruction in keeping with the existing provisions of various rules, regulations, Acts and Bye laws on the subject.

The emphasis during the discussion was on speedy construction of the Miao-Vijoynagar Road as per the stipulated specifications and its early completion preferably by the end of the current financial year.

**DA revokes licences of Weekly Market**

**SEPPA, Aug 22:**
As part of the decision taken in the coordination meeting held between the District Administration and NGOs under ‘I Love Seppa Campaign’ on Tuesday last, East Kameng District Administration led by ADC Dahey Sangno along with Assistant Town Magistrate Keshok Dodum and host of govt. officials today raided the weekly market haat here at Wessang.

During the raid, the team inspected the ILP of all vendors and seized a large quantity of alcoholic beverages which were sold illegally in the haat. The team expressed dismay with the lack of basic amenities for waste disposal, sanitation and hygiene in the haat.

On crosschecking the licences, the District Admin-
Administration cancelled a total of four licenses and directed the proprietors to apply afresh through proper channel.

Director Sports Inspects Ongoing Stadium Construction Works at Aalo
AALO Aug 23:
Director Sports Tadar Appa, Deputy Director and District Sports Officer Tumto Loyi today inspected the work at the ongoing Stadium at Aalo General Ground. The Work supervisors were directed to speed up the construction works.

This Stadium construction contract was awarded to the firm three years back but is likely to take few more years to complete. Currently, the district does not have a stadium big enough to host Sport activities and functions, because of which the district is facing lot of problems. The Director and his team also visited Sports Complex located at Kamdi near Darka village to take stock of the issues relating to land

595.822 Km Road Approved under PMGSY-II
ITANAGAR, Aug 23:
The State Level Standing Committee (SLSC) meeting on District Rural Road Plan (DRRP) for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-II (PMGSY-II), held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar today approved a total of 595.822 Kilometers of road.

PMGSY-II roads will cover 23 districts with a total length of 595.822 kms. The selection of routes was with the objective of identification of rural Growth Centers and other critical Rural Hubs and other rural places of importance (growth poles, rural markets, tourist places, education and health centers etc). The Chief Secretary also reviewed in detail about the physical and financial achievement of the PMGSY-I. He told the agency to expedite their works so that there is last mile connectivity to the remotest village of the State of Arunachal Pradesh and people could benefit out of it.

Secretary RWD Kapa Kohlie, Secretary Education Dr. Madhu Rani Teotia, Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Dani Sulu, Representative from BRTF, Nodal Officer Superintendent Engineer N.L. Kamen and others were present in the meeting.

Student body Commissioned; Rank Holders felicitated at SCCZ
ZIRO, Aug 24:
Saint Claret College, Ziro observed the solemn ceremony of the Junior Claretine Council (JCC) Investiture cum inauguration of Associations’ programme for the academic year 2019-2020 at its College Auditorium here today.

The program witnessed the commissioning of the Junior Claretine Council (JCC), the non-political student body of the College, and the inauguration of the various Associations which look after the Co and Extra-curricular activities of the College. 24 students took oath as JCC members. Iri Thomas Riba and Michi Gracy will lead the JCC for the year 2019-2020 as Captain and Vice-Captain respectively.

The College also felicitated the Rank Holders in the RGU examination of 2019. SCCZ bagged 7 out of the Top Ten in B.A, and 2 out of the Top Ten in B.Com and Mass Com streams. Along with these, 35 subject wise toppers were inducted in the SCCZ Hall of Fame.

Dr Mridula Saikia Khakinor, Vice Chancellor, IGTAMSU, and Dani Gambo, Superintending Engineer, PWD, who graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively, lauded the achievement of SCCZ and exhorted the students to benefit from the variety of experiences they gather from the College.

During the occasion, the former JCC members were thanked and awarded
certificates of appreciation. Sonisha Rimai Syiem from the Department of Education was awarded the Veliyannoor Varkey-Mary, Senior Claretine Award, for Meritorious services rendered to SCCZ and its stakeholders. Inna Mihu was awarded the Habung Pappu Memorial Scholarship for being the Topper in B.A.I.

Annual Review Meeting of Agriculture Department held NAHARLAGUN, Aug 24:
An annual review meeting of Agriculture department was conducted to review the progress and achievement of various state as well as centrally sponsored schemes in the presence of Agriculture Minister Tage Taki, and Secretary Bidol Tayeng.

Taki emphasized on formulation of district specific projects, to be put forward to the Government for consideration. Hereminded that not much time is left to fulfill the Government’s vision of ‘Doubling the farmers’ income by 2022’ and as such advised the officers to apprise the state government about the ground reality well in advance so that the Government can devise policies beneficial for farming community of the state.

He also informed that, such a review meeting shall be conducted once in every six months in the department from this year onward and appreciated the participation of all officers from all over the state in the meeting. Tayeng also advised the departmental officers to implement various schemes in time as per guidelines to accomplish the mission for doubling the farmers’ income by 2022. He also asked the department to work hard to contribute more in national and State GDP by agriculture sector.

Director Agriculture Anong Lego requested all district officers to complete all process of implementation of various schemes as early as possible so that additional fund can be obtained from the state and Central Government.

T.D Neckom, Deputy Director of Agriculture (Development) apprised the house present on critical issues like infrastructure needs of newly created districts, dilapidated conditions of all residential/non-residential buildings, man power shortage etc. of the department.

All districts officers presented the progress report through power point presentation on physical and financial achievement of various schemes implemented during the year 2017-2018 to 2018-2019 at their respective districts. They also apprised the gathering on district specific issues and constrains. Earlier the Minister and Secretary along with senior officers of the department visited the State Bio-Control Laboratory, State Seed Testing Laboratory and State Soil Testing Laboratory at Directorate of Agriculture complex, Naharlagun to have a first hand information on functioning of these laboratories.

NES adopts Govt. Secondary School Pabua SEPPA, Aug 24:
As part of the School Adoption Programme being initiated by Nyishi Elite Society (NES), Government Secondary School (GSS) Pabua was today formally adopted by NES team led by its President Bengtia Tolum in the presence of local MLA Tapuk Taku, East Kameng DC Gaurav Singh Rajawat and EKSWCO Chairman Dahey Sangno here at Sebibo.

Citing the poor results of schools, particularly in Nyishi belt, the NES had earlier decided to adopt seven schools model schools this year, one each in all Nyishi inhabited districts. The Committees to monitor and coordinate in tandem with the district and school authorities to improve the academic performances will also be constituted in all adopted schools.

Pinning hope that all
four legislators of the district will work collectively in developing the education sector, Taku urged all to think and work above party line in bringing comprehensive development of the education sector of the district. Recalling the work done in upgrading the Pabua School from middle to secondary level, Taku appreciated the then Education Minister Bosiram Siram and the public for their support and urged the DC and the DDSE to accord top most priority to GSS Pabua.

Informing about allocation of fund for the GSS Pabua under CMSSY, Taku urged the students and school authority to keep the infrastructural property of the school as their own asset. He also sought the cooperation of the Nyishi Elite Society in fulfilling the urgent demand of a flood protection wall around the school along Pacha River.

Tolum informed that the main objective behind the adoption programmes to bring holistic development in the education sector, particularly in Nyishi inhabited districts, through continuous monitoring and handholding of the adopted schools by developing them into model schools. He requested the DC and the DDSE to make sure that all schools in regular interval and exhorted the students to give priority to education.

The best performing school amongst the adopted schools will be felicitated every year, he further informed.

Appreciating the DC Gaurav Singh Rajawat for his personal initiative of taking classes in GHSS Bazarline, Seppa, General Secretary of Nyishi Elite Society Heri Maring urged all stakeholders to take the onus with same zeal to bring the education sector to its zenith.

Ex ZPM-cum-SMDC Chairman Rajo Gyadi submitted a 5-point memorandum to the NES team and requested for early transfer and posting of sufficient teachers, construction of 100-bedded hostel and speedy opening of bank accounts for all students.

Cultural display and releasing of dove as a symbol of peace on adoption of the school were the highlight of the event. A book titled ‘Feminism: Theory & Practice,’ authored by Robin HissangTadung, Principal of Govt. Model Degree College Wessang, was released in the event.

NES Vice President (West) Dr. Tachi Taku, NES Vice President (East) Tarh Tabin, General Secretary of ANSU Tukbom Ligu, General Secretary of ANYA Dr. Bengia Tada, host of members of NES, EKSWCO, ANSU and ANYA, HoDs, govt. officials, teachers, students and alumni of the school, GBs, public leaders and general public were also present and witnessed the historic event.

Induction cum Felicitation Programme conducted at Govt College Doimukh DOIMUKH Aug 24:

An Induction cum Felicitation programme was organized by Government College Doimukh here yesterday for the 1st semester students and outgoing students.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Dr. M. Q. Khan exhorted the freshers to focus and concentrate on studies, maintaining utmost discipline, sincerity and regularity in the class and to not to slip into unwanted distractions that hamper their career and progression. He added that they can emerge successful achievers only if they cultivate positivity and work hard without any deviation and digression. He also oriented on code of conduct and other relevant rules and regulations to be followed including health, hygiene, dress code, general etiquette, importance of soft skill and polite behavior.

Principal’s merit award as token of love and encouragement was given away to the achievers, who qualified the Entrance tests of various universities including RGU. Hindi Department was declared to be the best performing department as 9 of its students qualified the Entrance tests for further higher studies.
30 students from college including all the subjects has cracked the entrance test for further higher studies.

**Governor condoles the demise of former Finance Minister**

**ITANAGAR, Aug 24:** Governor B.D. Mishra has condoled the demise of Arun Jaitley, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and the former Union Finance Minister.

In his condolence letter to Sangeeta Jaitley, wife of Arun Jaitley, the Governor conveyed deep shock to learn about the sudden and untimely demise of her husband. He said that with Late Jaitley’s demise, the Nation has lost a great visionary, Statesman, outstanding Parliamentarian, legal Luminary, a towering intellectual, and an able administrator, who worked selflessly and relentlessly for the good of the Nation. Jaitley was a brilliant orator, a man of impeccable integrity and a great supporter of democratic values, he said.

The Governor said that Jaitley held important positions in our Parliamentary democracy including the country’s Finance Minister, Defence Minister and Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha. He has left an indelible mark as the Finance Minister of the country, placing India as the world’s fastest growing economy. We shall always cherish his fond memory, Governor said.

The Governor said that personally for him and his family, Jaitley was very benevolent and kind.

I join the people of Arunachal Pradesh in conveying our sincere and heartfelt condolences to you and members of the bereaved family and pray to Almighty God for eternal peace for the departed soul, the Governor said.

**Adi community of Khonsa celebrated Solung Giidi**

**KHONSA, Aug 24:** The Adi community residing in Tirap District celebrated Pre-Solung Giidi festival with great pomp and gaiety amidst huge participation from Officers and Public of Khonsa.

In his welcome address Secretary Khonsa Solung Committee Mino Tayang appreciated all the invitees for participating in the pre-solung celebration.

President Khonsa Solung Giidi committee and ADC Jalash Pertin while reading out the mythology of Solung Giidi celebration, added that the Solung festival is celebrated by Adi Community from 1st September to 5th September every year to begin the annual agricultural cycle of the community.

Earlier, at the beginning, the priest chanted the hymn describing the mythology of Solung Giidi as Binyat – a social ritual to appease the deities of Kiny and Naney for prosperity, peaceful and for bumper harvesting of Tirap District in particular and Arunachal Pradesh, India as a whole.

Colourful Ponung dances and songs were performed by various artists including Arunachal Idol Finalist Sanwang Hosai. The daylong celebration concluded with community feast.

**Two-day NE zone and Kolkata region Conference Concludes**

**GUWAHATI, Aug 25:** Information officers of both central and state governments must do their utmost to project north east in a new perspective and showcase the huge cultural and economic potential of the region for overall development of the country, said Amit Khare, Secretary, Information and Broadcasting Ministry here on Saturday.

He stated this while interacting with officers of I&B and state information officers of North-East and Kolkata region in the concluding
day of the two-day Regional Conference of NE Zone and Kolkata region held at Greenwood Resort in Guwahati.

Khare said that North-East is the gateway to East Asian countries and, therefore, efforts must be made by all including information officers to highlight the cultural and economic potentials of the region so that the entire region is emotionally and economically integrated with the rest of the country. “A two-way communication approach needs to be adopted— one, from states to the centre, and the other, from centre to the states,” the secretary underscored and advised officers of Ministry of I&B to closely co-ordinate with state government Information departments and concerned district administration for effective communication.

The secretary called upon the officers to identify names of both present heroes of all localities of the region and important personalities and involve them in the dissemination of information of important central schemes. He further urged them to create good stories on various fields so that the positive achievements of the people are highlighted at national media. Interacting with Directors of Information and Public Relations of various states of the region, Khare also took stock of the various administrative lacuna of central establishments and advised the officers of both centre and state governments to maintain close co-ordination for effective delivery of communication services. Calling upon them to adopt a ‘decentralized and localized communication approach’, he asked the officers to utilize cost effective communication tools such as social media in a right perspective.

Earlier, DG, NE, L.R. Vishwanath, briefed the gathering of the minutes of the first day’s deliberations which included among others, need to take messages of development to the last mile, strengthening of infrastructure of field units, development of an integrated portal and the need to transform NE into a vibrant communication system.

Joint Secretary Satyendra Prakash stressed on the need to connect NE to the mainland by highlighting achievements of people of various sections of the people and its vibrant cultural heritage.

Joint Secretary Vikram Sahay stressed for a ‘citizen-centric communication approach instead of VIP-centric approach’ and advised officers to visit frequently for interaction in order to be able to carry out communication services effectively.

During the two-day conference, various topics including theme based and zero budget communication strategies, Integrated Communication Approach of various information agencies, co-ordination with state directorate officers and special session on various communication issues were taken up.

Senior officers of the ministry apart from both Kolkata region and state government Information officers of North-East Region participated in the conference.

Flying Squads Raid Various Shops under COTPA 2003

AALO, Aug 26:
The three teams of Flying Squads led by DSP S. Thinley, Inspector Tax and Excise D. Ango, BEO Aalo East Bamin Loyi raided shops and seized large quantities of tobacco products sold in contravention to provision of various Section of COTPA 2003 today.

The day long raids were confined to shops within the radius of 100 yards from the schools and colleges after a detail briefing by Dr. Jombom Kato, Nodal officer and DPO DTCC on modalities to be adopted during the
raids following all formalities. This raid was necessitated as many shops were selling these tobacco products despite Prohibitory Orders issued by the district administration and raids by the police earlier too.

**Teaching self-defense for girls in schools need of the hour: Jamoh**

**PASIGHAT, Aug 26:**

"Teaching self-defense for girls in schools, need of the hour," stated Food Commissioner Nanom Jamoh while attending a three-day long "Self-Defense" residential training program, organized by the education department for 100 girl students at the Pasighat Sikshak- Sadan.

Addressing the participating girl students today, Jamoh said the students could learn the basics of self-defense within three days time, provided proper dedicated coaching was provided. "The training would help the students to escape from difficult situations, apart from making them mentally strong and confident," she opined.

Noted educationist Bormoti Dai said that girls Self-Defense residential training program was a unique initiative of education department aiming at empowering girls through comprehensive awareness and practical training program and that it would provide defense techniques to them to combat various threat situations.

Earlier, East Siang Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman Dr. Kinny Singh explained the practical benefits of the training in life. "If we equip girls with this skills, they would be able to protect themselves and avert awkward situations", stated the DC. It would also send a strong message to the abusers that girls could protect themselves empowering in many aspects, she opined adding that sports and physical activities and self-defense training should also be incorporated in the academics.

Among others DDSE J. Yirang, DIET Principal Biren Dutta and DD (ICDS) PE Angu were also present and shared their views and experiences.

**Deputy Chief Minister calls on the Governor**

**ITANAGAR, Aug 26:**

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein called on Governor B.D. Mishra at Raj Bhavan to discuss about developmental issues, with special focused on power and investment.

The Governor emphasised on proper and regular monitoring of the ongoing projects in the State, especially those under Central Government sponsored schemes and programmes. He stressed on judicious utilization of funds particularly for the work or task implementing agencies, who must carry out the works with transparency and accountability.

The Governor also discussed about financial inclusion initiatives, direct benefit transfers and clearing of bottlenecks in the developmental process. He advocated for a concerted effort from all stakeholders, including the departments, implementing agencies and general public for in time completion of projects.

Mei, who is also in charge of the Finance Department, briefed the Governor about the financial status of the State.

**2ndAPP BN Lifts Inter Club Badminton Championship**

**AALO, Aug 26:**

2nd AAP BN Club emerged as the champion of InterClub Badminton Championship beating DBA Club Aalo in the final match played at the First Inter Club Badminton Tournament at APP BN Badminton Court here yesterday. Donyi-Polo College Kamki Badminton Club and 7 DL Brothers Badminton Club was adjudged as Most Disciplined Team and Best Team of
the tournament respectively.

While giving away the prizes and certificates in the concluding ceremony as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour, Dr. Karken Rina and Dr. Karpe Kaye exhorted the senior players to keep up the momentum going to encourage the young players from the district to take interest in game of badminton and the assured to sponsor next Open Veterans and Sub-Veterans tournament which will be organized in the month of November at Aalo.

The 5 day long tournament, which started on 21st August, has been organized by District Badminton Association West Siang. 50 players from five registered Club of West Siang District were in the fray for five different events.

2nd AAP BN club has been awarded a trophy along with a cash prize.

The Organizing Chairman of the Inter Club tournament, Lee Sora extended his gratitude to all participating clubs to make the tournament a memorable one.

**MMRKK health camps begins in West Kameng**

**BOMDILA Aug 27:**

The Mukhya Mantri Rogi Kalyan Kosh (MMRKK) health camps began from Lungdur village under Community Health Center (CHC) Kalaktang the day before in the district, making West Kameng the first in the state to implement the MMRKK health camps.

A total of 196 patients consisting of 111 males and 85 females out of which 27 were children, were treated.

The said camp is being held at Membachur village under CHC Rupa today.

Likewise, the camps would be held at Jamiri, Pedung (New Bomdila), Lish, Kimi and Thrizino from 28th of August onwards.

Dr. Nani Tago, MD Pediatrics, Dr. Taso Beyong, MD Medicines, Dr. Rinchin Dorjee Megeji, MD Cardiology from TRIHMS and Dr. Millo Asha, MS, General Surgery from CHC Dirang are on the job and would be providing the much needed counseling and treatment with the logistic support from the district administration and the concerned administrative officers.

**36BN CRPF conducts civic action programme KHONSA, Aug 27:**

With the motto of ‘know your security force’, an interaction programme was held at Headquarters of 36 Bn, CRPF in Khonsa so as to facilitate Police and Public relation.

NCC cadets of Senior Secondary School of Khonsa were invited to visit the weapons display of CRPF and to watch a demonstration of firing of small arms at the premises of CRPF Campus Khonsa. Cadets were apprised with various types of weapons on display.

This gesture by the security force was much appreciated and applauded by all present. DIGP (Operations) CRPF, Dibugarh, V. S. Sharma, Commandant 36 Bn, CRPFS.R. Behura, SP TirapK. Riba, and ADC Khonsa J. Per- tin were present on the occasion.

**Governor meets Deputy Chief Minister and Chairman,Public Account Committee ITANAGAR, Aug 27:**

Governor B.D. Mishra today discussed the question of proper financial working in the State for eliminating the Audit observations from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in their Audit Book with Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and Chairman of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Ninong Ering.

Mein suggested that Ering, being an experienced leader, with the support of all the Government departments would be able to work out the method and procedure for eliminating the Audit objections and observations during the current financial
year. It was decided that fortnightly meeting should be convened and presided over by the Chairman, PAC and that a competent officer dealing with the subject will be nominated by each Department to attend the meeting regularly. It was also decided that Chairman, PAC will, as considered appropriate by him, allocate the Preparatory tasks/works to each officer attending the meeting and it will be obligatory for all officers to complete their Preparatory Task / Work for the next meeting.

The members present noted that the State should treat it as a matter of honour and point of dignity to ensure that in the next CAG Report our State has least Audit observations, and if possible, no Audit observation, at all.

Niglok Sainik School observes first Raising Day
PASIGHAT, Aug 27:
The First Raising Day of Sainik School of Arunachal Pradesh was celebrated here at the Niglok school premise, under Ruksin Sub-Division in a befitting manner by the students Cadets, faculty and staff members. Congratulating the Cadets and members of the School Community on the important milestone made by the lone Sainik School of the State, Lok Sabha MP, Tapir Gao expressed his extreme happiness that the Cadets are being nurtured to develop an all round personality along with academic activities. He lauded the dedication of the Teachers and urged them to guide and counsel the young Cadets to prepare them as disciplined and successful citizens to contribute towards Nation building.

The MP further exhorted the young Cadets to achieve success in life through hard work and discipline and make the best use of their potentials and talents. The day is equally a momentous occasion for the proud parents, he added.

On the infrastructural development of the school, Gao said that the Government of Arunachal Pradesh has sanctioned Rs. 20 Crores for the infrastructural development of the permanent site. The very impressed MP also assured to provide necessary fund for construction of School Auditorium in the present location.

Earlier, Gao and Brig Saumya Banerjee, CDR, 103 Inf Bde, felicitated Cadets during the Investiture Ceremony for their outstanding performances and also for bringing laurels to the school and the state by bagging awards in various categories during the recent East Zone Sainik Schools Sports and Cultural Championship held in Imphal. Oath taking was also administered to the Cadets.

Meanwhile, local MLA Ninong Ering in a message to the school authority has extended his good wishes and assured for all possible help for development of the school.

“Heritage Walk” along with various cultural and skit, Mime performances were the highlights of the cultural programme. Young Cadet, Tanyang Taku, (Class VI), in a PPT highlighted the journey of the School, which was raised as 28th Sainik School on 27th August, 2018 and formally had been inaugurated by the Chief Minister Pema Khandu on 11th September 2018 last at the present temporary location in Niglok Village. Dignitaries including Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Dr. BD Mishra had also visited the School.

Various activities and events and capacity building initiatives were also highlighted on the day. A painting & craft exhibition was held to commemorate the Raising Day.

Besides the parents of the Cadets, former MLA Tatung Jamoh, DC Dr. Kinny Singh, SP, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, DDSE J.Yirang, Principal Sainik School, Niglok, Lt Crdr Amit Kumar Dutt and Army Officers were among those who witnessed the celebration.
KKSU Urged to Inculcate Values of life on its 22nd Foundation Day AALO, Aug 28:
The Kargu Kardi Students’ Union was urged to inculcate values of life and act as agent of socio-economic, cultural and educational development of the backward area on its 22nd Foundation Day cum Felicitation Function observed at Jarbom Gamlin Indoor Stadium Yomcha on 27th August last.

Attending the day long programme as Guests, DIPRO Gijum Tali, Secy GSU Deny Boje, Bhaskar Yomcha and Lukre Likar urged the union members to conduct educational tours in various areas to assess the reasons for poor academic performance which contributes to overall falling educational graph of the district. Awareness should also be given on Swacch Bharat, ill effects of drug and tobacco products, plantation, disease like AIDS and HIV to save the life of succeeding generation.

Picking the opportunity of the gathering, Dr. Jumge Padu Medical Officer and representative from Mothers’ Vision Yomcha Unit dwelt at length on HIV/AIDS and tobacco other diseases that can have detrimental bearing on the health of young people and distributed pamphlets as a part of awareness.

Secy. KKSU Kami Boje, Convenor Kenjom Gadi and Lukba Ronya dwelt at length on the activities of the society. Public leaders and former students of Yomcha Subdivision also spoke on the occasion.

Governor takes up road communication issues with union minister ITANAGAR, Aug 28:
Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways, V.K. Singh called on Governor B.D. Mishra at Raj Bhavan to discuss issues regarding road construction in Arunachal Pradesh, it being a strategic Frontier State of the country.

The Governor impressed upon the Minister that for holistic development the difficult hilly terrain of Arunachal Pradesh requires large investments for construction of roads in its hinterland. Road approach instils a sense of security and nationalism amongst the populace inhabiting the remote and far-flung areas. He requested the Minister for technical assistance and fund for the State for the purpose. The Governor, while highlighting the tourism potential, organic produces and natural resources, said that socio-economic development of the State, particularly of agrarian community and horticulturist entrepreneurs depends, inter alia, on the availability of good roads. Availability of good roads is the prime need for the welfare of the people which inherently adds to National Security and progress, he stressed.

The Governor, who has toured all the 25 districts of the State, mostly by road, shared his experiences and observation on the road conditions in the State. He said that the road projects must be planned for long term use and care must be taken for its sustainability and robustness. Due to the terrain and climate difficulties, road construction agencies must use technologies "well above the conventional methods" to make good roads in the State. The Governor briefed the Minister about the important roads and bridges, which need priority completion. He made special mention of the four laning of the Itanagar-Banderdewa NH 415, which needs to be expedited.

The Union Minister of State appreciated the concerns of the Governor regarding the welfare of the people of Arunachal Pradesh. He assured the Governor to provide all necessary assistance to the State.

SSG-19 launches in East Siang PASIGHAT, Aug 29:
Swachh Survekshan Gramaen’ (SSG) - 2019 was today launched by the Department of Public Health Engineering & Water Supply in East Siang District.
The campaign was formally inaugurated by the Secretary General of Adi Baane Kebang (ABK Apex) Okom Yosung by flagging off a ‘Swaachhta Rath’ in the office premise of the EE, PHED, Pasighat.

Yosung while addressing a gathering on the occasion stated that the campaign was being taken up across the district, covering three blocks including 102 villages, sensitizing the people about the SSG-2019. He appealed the citizens to join hands in the mission assuring that ABK would extend all cooperation and supports to the concerned department, making the campaign a grand success.

While appreciating the efforts of PHED & WS, East Siang Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kinny Singh in her message opined that the survey would be a positive step towards mass sensitization of the people in East Siang about sanitation. The ‘Survekshan’ would rank villages based on key quantitative and qualitative Swachh Bharat Mission-G parameters like availability and usage of toilet, sanitary awareness in villages. Rural community would be engaged in improvement of their sanitation status through an intensive and holistic campaign, she added.

Singh lauded the enthusiasm shown by all stakeholders towards last year’s survey and encouraged all to garner even higher momentum at the grassroots level this year. She informed that the mission was being taken to the next level this time, by focusing on solid-liquid waste management and plastic waste management.

EE (PHED) Er. M. Dupak in his deliberation informed that an independent survey agency would conduct the survey in all villages including public places including schools, anganwadi centers, public health centres, market areas etc and the result would be announced based on quantitative and qualitative sanitation parameters.

He further asserted that the department under the guidance of the DC Dr. Kinny Singh has already framed date wise plans and based on citizens’ feedback and would conduct large-scale information, education and communication (IEC) and inter-personal communication (IPC) activities to sensitize the rural people in true spirit.

The inaugural event was also attended by the SSG-19 Nodal Officer Er. Tadung Padung, Olom Perlin (Jt. Secy ABK Apex) and Talut Siram (Secy ABK East Siang Unit).

Mock Drill on Earthquake and Fire Accident at General Hospital Khonsa

KHONSA, Aug 30:
The District Disaster Management Authority, under the aegis of Deputy Commissioner Tirap, organized Disaster Awareness programme and a mock exercise on Earthquake and Fire accident at General Hospital Khonsa. The drill saw participation by the staff of general Hospital Khonsa under the leadership of DMO Dr. K Mosang, and Hospital Suptd Dr. K Socia. Police and Fire service personnel also participated in the programme. Earlier on the day, a similar programme was conducted in the Divisional Office of PWD Khonsa. AE PWD, T Maji appreciated the team for conducting the awareness programme in their office and advised the staff to remember all the safety tips learnt.

DDMO P Duggong, under whose supervision the mock drill was held, stated that such awareness programme and drill shall be carried out in all major government establishment of the district as well as in schools.

SP Kardak Riba, while participating in the exercise, appreciated the team for their performance and advised them to hold such mock drill in regular interval while taking precautionary measures to avoid any mishap.
Arunachal to Celebrate Poshan Maah in September

ITANAGAR, Aug 30: ‘Poshan Maah’ will be celebrated in the entire state from 1st September 2019 to 30th September 2019. This was informed at a review meeting that was held in connection with the celebration of Rashtriya Poshan Maah under POSHAN Abhiyaan under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar at his Office Chamber in Civil Secretariat, Itanagar, today. Kumar emphasized on coordination between the Women and Child Development department (Nodal Department) and Line Departments and other key stakeholders. He asked the department concerned to ensure that Poshan reaches every household during the Poshan Maah.

Poshan Maah aims to improve coverage of beneficiaries with health and nutritional awareness campaigns.

In order to bring visibility and promotion, he advised use of Radio Jingles, multimedia campaigns etc. He also directed the WCD to upload all the reports and activities undertaken during its celebration in the Jan Andolan Dashboard of Poshan Abhiyaan.

Aalo Police Arrests Dy. Manager SBI for Unauthorized withdrawal of Customer’s Money

AALO, Aug 30: The Deputy Manager of State Bank of India, Aalo Branch, Bikash Charen Hajong Ray was arrested here yesterday by the West Siang District Police under the close supervision of SP Aalo.

The accused, a resident of Hawakhana in Meghalaya was absconding and evading arrest.

A case was registered on the receipt of a written information at Aalo PS from one Yanya Koje stating that she had withdrawn a sum of Rs. 40,000/- from her account. After few days, on updating her passbook, she was shocked to know that a sum of Rs. Four Lakhs had been withdrawn and debited from her account and some cash correction of Rs. 40,000/- was also made.

After frequent inquiry in the bank by the informant, it was revealed that the unauthorized withdrawal was illegally made by the Deputy Manager who was also Accountant cum cash officer through the withdrawal voucher without her knowledge. She approached Ray requesting him to refund the money and few days later, an amount of Rs. 3,60,000/- (Rupees, three Lakh sixty thousand) was re-credited in informant’s account.

However, the next day, the same amount of Rs. 3,60,000/- was withdrawn and taken back without her knowledge by Ray.

On 23rd July, when she went to bank to enquire into the matter, it was learnt that the accused had absconded somewhere without informing bank authority and his whereabouts was not known.

Another case was also registered on receipt of written information from one Markir Mayi accusing Ray of illegally transferring Rs. 2,20,000/- (Rupees. Two lakh twenty thousand) from his SBI Account without his knowledge.

East Siang gets three Centralised Mid-Day Meal Kitchen

PASIGHAT, Aug 30: Three centralized Mid-Day Meal kitchens in D. Ering, Jarkong and Town Upper Pry. Govt. Schools were opened by Pasighat MLA Kaling Moyong, Member of Food Commission Nanom Jamoh and Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kinny Singh
respectively followed by flagging-off three delivery vans.

Addressing the students and teachers at the Pasighat Town Upper Pry. School, Moyong lauded the DC for her innovative idea which would save time and provide timely lunch to the students of twenty-one schools from these kitchens. In his message to the school community, Moyong asked the teachers to apply their best teaching skills while nurturing the students. “A teacher has the distinct responsibility to nurture a student’s learning and to provide feedback in such a manner that the student does not leave the classroom feeling defeated”, he added. When advising the students to be punctual and hardworking, he said for a student, being successful means to achieve his goal and score good marks. Successful students get involved in their studies and take an active part in it. Managing time for friends, relatives, and family was also important but not by ignoring studies because what they have learned would remain life-long with them. He also appreciated DDSE and executing agency Urban Development for maintaining quality and timely completion of the kitchen buildings.

Jamoh also expressed her happiness over the progress and advised to provide tested food items to the students and also to maintain cleanliness and hygiene in schools.

Singh said good student never ignores studies. Everyone wants to be successful in their life in order to lead a happy and successful life. Students must be attentive in studies and obedient and further assured that her administration would create positive learning environment in schools which were extremely important for students and teachers.

Large quantity tobacco products seized in Pasighat

PASIGHAT, Aug 31:
Large quantity tobacco products including gutka, pan masala, khaini etc was seized by the Judicial Magistrate Sanjay Taram from various tobaccos selling outlets under Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA)-2003 Act during surprise raid. Taram informed that the sellers were illegally selling these products within the 100 mtrs distance of educational institutions in the township which is offensive and punishable under the said Act. Though the offenders were not imposed any penalty for the first time for violation of the Act but were cautioned by Taram not to repeat in future. Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Dr, Kinny Singh appreciated EAC Taram and police team for their efforts. No tobacco product can be sold to and by any person under the age of 18 years. The seller is mandated to ensure that the person who is buying the tobacco product is not a minor. A display board must be put up at the point of sale declaring that “sale of tobacco products to minors is prohibited”. Singh also added that sale of tobacco products is prohibited in an area within a radius of 100 mtrs of any educational institution. A display board must be put up outside the authority of every educational institution declaring the same.

Governor Visits Vijaynagar

VIJAYNAGAR, Aug 31:
Reaching out to the people, Governor B.D. Mishra went around the Vijaynagar area and visited the Danodi Basti (Village) away from the main village. To have a first-hand knowledge about the challenges, the Governor along with the First Lady of the State Neelam Misra visited the local area.

He interacted with Siyecha Yobin and his wife Achiibo and familiarised with the home and health of the local community. They reiterated about the escalating cost of basic commodities due to non-existence of vehicular road communication to the remote administrative headquarters.

The Governor apprised them that the State
Government is expediting the construction of road from Miao to Vijaynagar. On his part, he has already taken up the Miao-Vijaynagar Road issue with concerned authorities. The Governor assured that he will be personally monitoring the construction of the road and avail expertise from the Border Road Organization and other technical institutions to circumvent the difficulties, any and all in this road construction process.

While visiting one of the Girls’ Residential school, which has 32 inmates, the Governor found only two functional toilets in use. He directed Changlang Deputy Commissioner R.K. Sharmato have extra two toilets constructed for them at the earliest.

The internal tracks or roads in the area, between the villages are non-existent. The Governor directed the Deputy Commissioner to use local manpower, on daily wage basis to get the tracks remade.

The students who are 713 in number complained of non-availability of teachers. The Governor directed the Education Department to explore the possibility of engaging local Adhoc teachers for the schools.

The art and craft of the local inhabitants are unique. One such novelty is hemp yarns weaving which they saw being uniquely practised amongst the Yubin community. The Governor and the First Lady of the State called for preserving the age old practice. Such age-old practice has to be revived for socio-financial empowerment of the people, particularly the womenfolk. Smt Achibo Yobin and her 80 years old mother-in-law briefed and demonstrated the process of hemp weaving to the First Lady through an interpreter.

The people of Vijaynagar expressed their gratitude to the Governor and the First Lady of the State for their visit and said that it is for the first time that a Governor has stayed with them.

**Governor address public meetings**

Itanagar, Aug 31:
Governor B.D. Mishra, who was on a two-day visit to Changlang District visited Miao, Jairampur, Nampang and Pangsau Pass today and interacted with the people and the Goan Burahs during his public meetings.

He called upon the people of Changlang to ensure the protection of wildlife and appealed to them to participate in the development process of the State by ensuring transparency, accountableness, continuity, review, audit and midterm correction.

While stating that for a State to progress, it must have healthy environment, literate society and empowered womenfolk, the Governor emphasized that every member of the society must play his or her role, particular for the upliftment of the last man standing in the queue. He urged the homemakers and the school going girls to come forward and be partners in the development process.

The Governor distributed ‘Team Arunachal’ lapel pin to the Goan Burahs during the public meetings to motivate them to develop pride for their State. He also interacted with the villagers and urged them to lead the young generation in preservation, protection and promotion of wildlife.

Later the Governor, accompanied by Deputy Speaker Tesam Pongte and local MLA Laisam Simai visited Pangsau Pass. The people’s representatives briefed the Governor regarding the potential for tourism and border trade. They also emphasized on the early opening of the land custom office. A 9-point memorandum was submitted to the Governor by the pubic of Nampong.

The Governor suggested that Pongte and Simai along with Minister Wangki Lowang and the concerned senior officials visit and study the infrastructure, set up, organisation and functioning of the Border Trade Point at Moreh in Manipur for taking good pages out for the shaping of our own Border Trade Point at Pangsau Pass.
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) along with Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu witnessed the high-profile Stage Show on Bharat Ratna, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, the Iron Man of India at the Dorjee Khandu State Convention Centre, Itanagar on August 15, 2019.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) celebrated the joyous occasion of Raksha Bandhan in true traditional fervour and gaiety with young students from various schools and social organisations of the Capital Complex Itanagar at Raj Bhavan on August 15, 2019.

Swachh Survekshan Grameen’ (SSG) -2019 was launched by the Department of Public Health Engineering & Water Supply in East Siang District at Pasighat on August 29, 2019.
Governor Brig.(Dr.) B.D. Mishra discussed the question of proper financial working in the State for eliminating the Audit observations from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in their Audit Book with DCM Shri Chowna Mein and Chairman of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Shri Ninong Ering at Raj Bhawan, Itanagar on August 15, 2019.

Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein inaugurated the office of the Wakro Women’s Welfare Society at Namsai on August 1, 2019. Shri Chowna Mein lauded the members for bringing transformational change in the society since its inception.

Shri Utiya Bhattacharyya, Chief General Manager, Indian Oil, North East State Office, Guwahati with his eight officers called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on August 20, 2019.
Attention Readers

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

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

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

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

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

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