INTRODUCTION:

The Idu Mishmi (Kera-ah) is one of the major tribes of among the tribal groups of the North-East India and presently residing in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, the land of rising sun since immemorial time. The geographical location is in the easternmost part of Arunachal Pradesh, where the Idus (Kera-ahs) are inhabited in the hills and mountainous ranges as well as the foothills of Lower Dibang Valley, Dibang Valley and Lohit District are permanent aborigine of their life and livelihood. And some of the few pockets of Upper Siang and East Siang District, where the Idu Mishmis are settled in Aohali and Singa circle, under Tuting and Mebo circle of Arunachal Pradesh.

As we have been spent from generation to generation and without having record and data or anything had been studied or empirical research has done since from the forefathers, how and why it has happen in once life to compel such a huge step to commit suicide for their precious life.

According to Social Scientist Emile Durkheim, pioneers of Sociologist and one of the greatest French social thinkers, who ranks only next to Aguste Comte? Where he wrote a book entitled as Le Suicide and had mentioned few reasons for the causes of suicide in the society.

THEORY OF SUICIDE:

According to Durkheim, society is primary and the individuals merely reflected or mirror these roles. In putting forward his views on suicide, Durkheim emphasis the pivotal role that society plays in the life of the individuals. According to him, it is the social circumstances which are, in the main responsible for the phenomenon of suicide. He says, “Suicide is an act which society disapproves although the collective conscience does approve of certain suicides expiation”.

Durkheim has classified different types of suicide on the basis of different types of personalities of men. He has recognized following three to be the fundamental:

1. EGOISTIC
2. ALTRUISTIC
3. ANOMIC

The main reason behind all the different types of suicide is the same, namely, social breakdown.

EGOISTIC SUICIDE:

The suicide committed by persons who are self centered and to whom self-regard is the highest regard are called egoistic suicides. An overwhelming sense of self-regard needs a heightened sense of self importance and leads to aloofness and indifferentism and this grows into social alienation. This social alienation produces apathy.

According to Durkheim those persons who have none or few emotional attachments are more suicide prone than those who have strong emotional attachments. Durkheim has tried to prove that all suicides connected with war are basically due to social causes. Actually, there is great cohesiveness in social relations during war and sense of common purpose and goal unite into well knit social whole. During war each person appears to be complementary to the other and co-operation is very real. But with stoppage of war all this is shattered. The social cohesion gives way to disharmony and discord. These social factors are the true causes of increase in suicide. Due to sudden disruption of routine in mutual relationship among
soldiers, some soldiers, too, commit suicide.

ALTRUISTIC SUICIDE:
According to Durkheim the second type of suicide is altruistic suicide. An altruistic suicide is a form of sacrifice in which a person puts an end to his life by some heroic means in order to further the interest of the cause or idea dear to him. According to him the persons committing altruistic suicide are those who attach great value and importance to the need and imperative of control. As a matter of fact such person considers he only a reflection of the society and therefore, of no worth and value in himself. Durkheim has illustrated altruistic suicide by the examples of suicides of soldiers which are due to rigorous stentorian discipline.

ANOMIC SUICIDE:
This type of suicide is concerned with social disorganization and imbalance. At the time when society is in a crisis, the social relations are disturbed and even disrupted, and at such periods and under the fluid and critical social conditions the personal and social ethics both become causalities. The values crumble and life becomes devoid of its guiding light. For example due to loss of financial fortune many persons commit suicide.

SOCIAL FACTORS FOR SUICIDE:
Thus according to Durkheim, suicide is not the result of geographical, hereditary or other factors. It is a social fact which results from the social phenomenon. The balance of the happiness caused by lack of the resources responsible for happiness makes a man unhappy, and the seeds for suicide are thereby sown. Once there is lack of social integration or social solidarity the element of suicide begins. All the activities are goal oriented and once the goal is not achieved, frustration is caused. There is no check for the frustration and it leads unhappiness. If the society is not able to remove the factors responsible for unhappiness of man, he commits suicide. On one hand, society causes ‘positive pressure’ on individual. As a result of this pressure, it provides the source and resources for fulfillment of the wants and desires, but in certain respects it also causes ‘negative pressure’. This negative pressure is responsible for causing insecurity in the mind of the individual. The negative pressure is responsible for unhappiness of man which impels him to resort to self-destruction or suicide.

SUICIDE AMONG THE IDU MISHMI
The Idus have felt a tremendous change in social aspect that is death in different ways. Although leprosy was seen in few but dreaded diseases like cancer, T.B, were never heard with Idus and none could imagine an ascent of suicide. But these are becoming common now due to the reach of medical science in the later stage.

In the early part of 1820s through Sadiya the British came to Indian Frontier Provinces of Lohit in Dibang region. Dibang was a part of Lohit the then, there was a cultural interaction as a result of the contact with the British, the Idus have started taking tobacco, salt etc; and eating various spicy foods.

After India’s Independence in 1947, the Government started venturing into original places and societies of the Idus. Mr. Harangal, Major was the first administrative officer to be sent to Dibang Valley to venture on Govt. purposes. He went at Anini in 1954. He met the local people and heard their grievances and assured them every help from the Govt. at Anini and was proposed for Sub-Divisional Head Quarter of Lohit District. Therefore, necessary Govt. materials were brought to Anini.

The Idus were surprised to see the British and other officials who came here, they took it to be from fairy land of the fairy tales as Idus had never seen a person wearing spectacles, jeans and trousers, coat; they were rather surprised to taste tobaccos. In those days the Govt. officials were also so considerate. Sometimes they
distributed sweets, garments, biris, cigarettes, and utensils to the people on free of cost.

**THE NEW AND OLD CULTURE**

A culture is a set of accommodating faiths, beliefs, laws, morals, customs, knowledge, art and traditions of whole includes as a culture. The tribal culture is full of beliefs and enormous philosophy of their thoughts and understanding of a culture and its component. The same aspects of the Idu Mishmi culture are full of thoughts and beliefs and system of social ramifications of all aspects. To an Anthropologist Herbert Spencer and E.B Taylor’s of the views “psychic unity of mankind” about the human civilizations. This held that the similarities to be found in the institutions of different cultures are to be accounted for by the similar capacities of all man. The resemblances in structure actually found in one culture after another are an expression of similarities in individual behavior, transferred to the level of the social group. As per Wissler, one of the first to direct attention to this problem, inclined towards a biological interpretation of cultural universals, or a “culture scheme,” as he called it. “It seems reasonable to suppose that what all men have in common is inherited,” he stated at one point. He also held that men “have a type of behavior as inevitably fixed as that of any social insect.” That is, “man builds cultures because he cannot help it; there is a drive in his protoplasm that carries him forward even against his will.’

In this age of scientific development and wider contacts, in the sphere of human society, every member whether in group or individual is affected by the new situation. Therefore, the identity of the culture of a particular society is threatened in respect of safety and preservation. With the small compass of awareness and awakening on one hand curiosity about the cultural ethos on the other, one may cherish to develop deep into the layers of this new situation.

Preservation of culture has become a talk of the day in many developing societies, especially in the tribal societies, which have threatened with the introduction of the new ideas and new patterns of the life. Culture embraces almost all aspect of human activities of a society. It has been used an indicator for learned aspects of human society including languages, customs, religions and conventions with which human behavior can be distinguished. Motivation to preserve this important aspect is one of the most vital endeavors, which lead to a deeper penetration in the treasure of knowledge of close emotional attachment.

Culture is a dynamic in the sense that it continues to broaden itself by means of constant contacts with modernity. A society stabilizes its cultural moorings in the continue process of its usage, power, authority and mutual co-operation. It builds its frames, norms and traditions to control the forces and the influencing of cultural traditions. As traditional society develops its primary relationships among the members and remains open to balance changes for the purpose of adjustment with the new environment with the growth of good traditions.

The term tradition is generally narratives of statements or actions relating to alleged events, which have not been preserved in documents contemporary with the period of which they profess to speak. Tradition must be estimated by the measure of credibility due to the original witness and by the degree of fidelity with which after the independent only, the rapid development with watchful care has been taken up to speed up the growth from stagnating primitively to modern life. New overall transformation has been touched off, shaking the entire social, political, economic, cultural fabric of the entire area.

The new culture does not indicate that the Idus have totally liberalized to modern culture. The traditional culture does not want to liberalize its
own rigidities. There is much rigidity in our society which needs to be liberalized. In respect to marriage, there exists a very rigid social obligation that violation of traditional custom compels someone to pay the bride price or in free in terms of health and wealth grounds. The love affairs between the two blood relations are strictly prohibited. The way, the blood relationship is counted, is on the basis of generations. So, the marriage between the blood relations or clan is social taboo. In such circumstances the love marriage is impossible whom they love to each other. The interference of the society as well as parents may turn into a suicidal cause because the parents never allowed to their children into a conjugal life under social restrictions. In Idu Mishmi society nearly 90% of youths are suicide for these reasons. Though suicide was there like, self fire molestation, to jump on the river, self stab, were exist since the days in the society but the way suicide like hang, pesticides, gun fire, which was never heard and happened in the ancient time to till modern day.

As per oral source from my father's generation, the first suicide through hanging was happened at Marunyee Village, in the early part of 60s and 70s, such type of suicide was commit by late Kocha Miwu, son of late Mubu Miwu, and mother's name was late Sayu Mihu, he was very young in between 15 to 20 years, before suicide he married Miss Kala Rondo, daughter of late Kota Rondo, mother's name was late Dusu Tayu, at a 12 km from district head quarter of Dibang Valley district, Anini at Mathu Valley. Thereafter, these types of suicidal like hanging through rope are very common till today between the ages of 12 to 25 years.

In the field of research, the elders of Mathu and Dri valleys they have the early generation people who remain till today they clearly told us that the pattern of hanged or hanging suicidal step was started after the watching of Hindi movie on Bhagat Singh and Rajguru, Sukhdev, which has tremendous impact on the Idu Mishmi society through songs and films like in Haqikat and other patriotic movies, the roll of super star like Dev Anand, Sunil Dutt, during the early stage of Idu Mishmi society. Though it may not be rightly presumptions but some extent these patriotism types of films and songs certainly impact in the transition period of the society. As per their oral source but we cannot claim exact cause of these particular reasons. Empirical evidences or scientific research has only way to give a light on this case and to prove about the cause of suicide, perhaps that impact may be some extent continue from generations to generation in the Idu Mishmi society.

**Conclusion:**

As per as medical science and social scientists like Sociologist and Psychologist researchers has proved that the person who have undergone a tremendous depression or shocked they committed a suicide. But in Idu Mishmi society such type of depression related suicide is less as compare to the other reason. Sometimes, the old age and orphan, financial hardships or aloofness, love affairs or marital affairs may cause suicidal factors as per case reports. All these patterns of suicidal case are dependent on socio-cultural and traditional social system of the society.

In a nutshell, a lot of short-comings are there but I feel the social rigidities would be overcome with certain modification or changes in the near future. We cannot change the social system overnight but it will take time. As saying goes like "better late than never late or A thousand miles start from a step", such awareness campaign, through mass media or electronic print media as well as society and stakeholder should also to involve and endeavour in this juncture to fight such a grim menace of suicides happen in small population of the tribe. To reach at the author-jonomorondo@gmail.com
Finger millet, being one of the important millet crops in Arunachal Pradesh, is grown both for grain and fodder purposes. The crop is well adapted to very poor and marginal uplands where other crops cannot be grown successfully. In Arunachal Pradesh, millet occupies an area of 28,700 hectares with production of 27,000 tonnes with an average yield of 0.9 tonne/ha. As the traditional method of threshing and pearling requires more time and drudgery and the farmers want to get rid of from millet cultivation, the use of machine among marginal and small farmers will save their time and energy for other alternatives of livelihood.

It works on the principle of impact and shear on the grains. The threshing drum is provided with six leather flats on the six MS flats to generate mild impact, shear and abrasive action for threshing, de-husking, pearling and polishing of the grains. A sieves assembly is attached with the threshing housing to enable easy placement of sieves of different size for different operations. Optimum threshing and pearling efficiency is obtained at threshing drum speed of 900rpm with crop ear heads at moisture content below 12% at the time of threshing. The Threshing capacity of machine is 40-60 kg grain/hour and pearling capacity of finger millet is 60-80 kg grain/hour.
Voter Verification Drive launched in EK
SEPPA, Sep 1:
District Election Office of East Kameng today formally launched the Voter Verification Drive in the district here at Nyari Welly Model Village.

The drive, was held from 1st September to 15 October 2019, is an initiative of the Election Commission of India aiming to make its registered voters informed and to handhold them in verifying and rectifying of any errors in the Electoral Roll through online registration.

Launching the programme, East Kameng DC-cum-DEO Gaurav Singh Rajawat briefed the gathering about the aims and objectives of the verification drive and urged the gathering to become an army of messengers in disseminate the benefits of the drive to all. DD (ICDS) W Thungon, DAH&VO M Modi, DVBCDO Dr. A Rimo, ADI-cum-OSD to DC Nondo Doka, DDA U Bahar and host of other HoDs, govt. officials, GBs, public leaders and people from all walks of life were also present in the launching programme.

Poshan Maah Launched at Pasighat, Seppa and Itanagar
PASIGHAT, Sep 1:
Organized by the Women & Child Development (W&CD) Department, a launching platform with the theme “Har Ghar Poshan Tyohar” for the celebration of the month-long “Poshan Tyohar” was kicked off today by the Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kinny Singh amidst huge gathering at the Mirbuk Community Hall, Pasighat. It was also a day which celebrated the traditional cultivation season with children and parents attending in their traditional best along with officers, villagers and representatives from the youth clubs.

The function began with the lighting of the Poshan Diya by Dr. Kinny Singh. She administered the Poshan oath and informed that the Poshan Abhiyaan was the Prime Minister’s overarching scheme for holistic nourishment and an important mission for improving the nutritional status of intended target groups of Pregnant and lactating women and children of 0-6 yrs. The DC appealed the gathering to work together towards achieving the targeted goals.

Earlier in her keynote address, Deputy Director (ICDS) W&CD, PE Angu threw lights on Poshan Abhiyaan. According to Angu, it was a set target for the prevention and reduction of disorders caused by malnutrition by 2022 and also the importance of spreading the awareness for the wholesome care and good nutrition for the first 1000 crucial days of 0-6 yrs children and pregnant mothers.

The RBSK team from the medical department distributed IFA tablets to mothers and adolescent girls and de-worming tablets to the children to attend to the health aspect of children and mothers attending the event.

Cultural program was presented by the adolescent girls and children from the peripheral villages and prizes were given away to the participating children by the DC. Among others, DDSE J. Yirang was also present on the occasion.

The Women & Child Development Department in collaboration with East Kameng District Administration today formally launched the Rahtriya Poshan Maah (National Nutrition Month) in the district at Nyari Welly Model Village Anganwadi Centre.

At Seppa, East Kameng DC Gaurav Singh Rajawat, while launching the
programme, informed that the district is faring poor in nutritional aspect and exhorted the anganwadi workers to bring the benefits of the programme at the doorsteps of every beneficiaries. Stating that a healthy body begets a healthy mind, and a healthy mind begets a healthy society, he further urged them to shoulder their responsibility in saving the future generation of the district.

DD (ICDS) W Thungon and DVBDCO Dr. A Rimo also spoke in the event.

Tree sapling was planted during the event.

Informative video on malnourishment and pregnancy and delivery was also played in the event.

HoDs, govt. officials, representatives of NGOs, GBs, public leader, children and people from all walks of life were also present and witnessed the launching programme.

At Itanagar, the Urban ICDS project Itanagar also launched the month-long celebration viz, Door to door Nutrition campaigns, Poshan Rally, Poshan Mela, VHSND, Anemia screening camps, Defeat Diarrhoea campaigns, Nukkad Natak (street plays) Recipe competition, low cost Recipe Demonstration from locally available items, Growth monitoring etc.

Attending the program, the members from the Converging departments under Poshan Abhiyan, Dr kabak Tamar MO i/c Itafort PHC, Dr Sorang Tabin MO i/c Chimpu PHC, Adab Gollo, State Mission manager NRLM also deliberated on the importance of the Abhiyan and assured full cooperation for a successful celebration.

The program was also attended by all the AWW’s and Staffs of the Project.

**EKSWCO wins the 2nd edition Volleyball Tourney**

**SEPPA, Sep 1:**
East Kameng Social Welfare & Cultural Organization (EKSWCO) clinched the Volleyball Tourney Cup at its second edition that was organized by the East Kameng District Administration under ‘I Love Seppa Campaign’ at Seppa.

EKSWCO defeated Arunachal Teacher Association – East Kameng District Unit in the enthralling final held here at the CRPF Volleyball Ground. A total of 4 teams comprising of EKSWCO, ATA-EKDU, CRPF Sports Club and DA-6 had participated in the tourney.

Amidst huge gathering, host of HoDs, govt. officials and public leaders, and people from different walks of life were present and witnessed the grand event.

**Moyong inaugurates “Tour & Travels Cum Parking Lot”**

**PASIGHAT, Sep 2:**
The much wanted newly constructed “Tour & Travels Cum Parking Lot” with a capacity to accommodate around 100 Tata Sumo and Wingers was inaugurated at 2-Mile, near Pasighat FCI godown, by local MLA Kaling Moyong in presence of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kinny Singh, State President of All Arunachal Pradesh Public Transport Federation (AAPPTF) Dobing Sonam, DTO (MV) Marik Loyi and others.

On the joyous occasion of Solung Giidii, Moyong greeted the people for peace and prosperity. While congratulating the denizens for having an isolated parking lot for Tata Sumo and Wingers with wide ramp, he said it was his commitment to address the growing traffic congestion problem in the Pasighat Township. Taking privilege, Moyong also highlighted on various achievements and ongoing projects being taken up by his
leadership to convert Pasighat into Smart-City.

Response to the memorandum jointly submitted by the East District Unit President and General Secretary of AAPPTF Tabiram Moyong and David Lego respectively, Moyong assured to provide required fund for drilling and installation of underground drinking water supply at the parking-lot site. He appealed the people to be partner of development by donating 3-4 puras of land for establishment of Inter-State Bus Terminal (ISBT) for convenience of travelers as well as the tour operators. He also assured to take up the issue with the district administration and community members at his earliest possible.

Singh in her brief speech assured extend all possible help and cooperation in public interest making Pasighat a better and healthy place to live with all basic amenities. Sonam in his turn advised the owners and drivers to carry valid documents, maintain safety measures for self and passengers while on road and to obey traffic rules framed by the government to avoid accidents. In their memorandum jointly submitted to the MLA, President AAPPTF, East Siang Unit, Tabiram Moyong and General Secretary David Lego urged the MLA for permanent parking place for “Dala Auto Union”.

**Festival Should Promote Values and Oneness among Communities**

**AALO, Sep 2:**
“Our age-old culture which manifests in the form of festival should continue to promote values and act as binding thread to various strata of communities”, said Aalo East MLA Kento Jini while attending the Solung Gidi of Adi community as Chief Guest at Gumin yesterday.

He lauded the Adi community for proper grooming their young ones to speak own dialects which helps them in the long run to maintain its own identity. He recollected the past when Mopin and Solung used to be celebrated jointly by the two communities and appreciated the SGCC for moving towards a meaningful direction this time by involving the Galos of Aalo.

The Guest of Honour, Commandant Rtd. Raken Padu and Special Guest BEO Aalo West Kento Ngomdir also stressed on maintaining the originality of celebrating our festival without any shift from traditional root that hold us firmly to give us a distinct identity. The President SGCC, Ogong Tamuk who held various post during Mopin celebration in the past gave a fascinating and nostalgic account of the joint Mopin-Solung in the past and stressed on maintaining the age-old tempo. Mijum Lona, Galo folklorist and President CMPCS presented the opening song of Solung Festival Song composed by him with his members. All Galos who were instrumental in organizing Mopin-Solung jointly in the past were invited and felicitated on the occasion.

**Ligu takes charge as Papum Pare DC**

**YUPIA Sep 2:** Pige Ligu today took charge as the Deputy Commissioner of Papum Pare District.

After joining the office, the DC interacted with heads of department in his office chamber and sought the cooperation of all to work in team manner for smooth administration in days to come. He urged upon all officers to come up with innovative ideas which are futuristic and for the greater welfare of people and exhorted them to work with missionary zeal to achieve the targets.

This will be Ligu’s second inning as DC Papum Pare. He had earlier served as Deputy Commissioner Papum Pare from 2010-2014.

**Indian Army to Organize Recruitment Rally at Aalo**

**AALO, Sep 3:** The Indian Army is conducting Army Recruitment Rally for all eligible aspirants of Arunachal
Pradesh at Aalo Military station from 2nd to 6th November’2019. Online registration is being conducted at Aalo with effect from 3rd September 2019 for all aspirants and aspirants from the state are to turn up for the Recruitment Rally with essential documents.

In addition to assisting candidates with online registration, the Indian Army is also conducting Pre-Recruitment Training for the aspirants at Mechuka, Kaying and Aalo with effect from October to 01 November 2019.

Pre-Recruitment Training will also be held to prepare the candidates who have successfully registered for the rally with effect from 7th October to 01 November 2019 at the Army Cantonments for the physical and written tests.

**Teli Urges State Government to Fast Track the establishment of a Mega Food Park**

**ITANAGAR, Sep 3:**

Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industry (FPI) Rameswar Teli today emphasized that food processing is an industry that has immense potential in the North East but hasn’t been explored to its optimum yet and assured his ministry will leave no stone unturned to make it a game-changer in the region.

Speaking at the inaugural function of a Workshop on Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) here at State Banquet Hall, Teli, who represents Dibrugarh Parliamentary constituency in the Parliament, expressed surprise that food processing as an industry was never given a second thought in the North East even by intellectuals. He said the region with its vast resources and bio-diversity produces ample exotic fruits and vegetables, which can be made economically viable through the food processing industry.

To give a fillip to the industry, the Union Minister said that his ministry is planning to establish a Food Technology Institute in Assam so that youths of the region can qualify as food technology professionals.

Citing the rich potential of Arunachal Pradesh in this sector, Teli called for creation of a food processing department to exclusively deal with the subject and offered full cooperation of his ministry.

To drive home the Ministry’s commitment to uplift the sector, the MoS urged the state government to fast-track the establishment of a Mega Food Park in Arunachal already approved by the Ministry.

“Of the Rs 140 crore for North East, we still have Rs 110 crore unspent. Therefore, states of the region need to accelerate development of Mega Food Parks and Mini Food Parks as envisaged and proposed,” Teli informed.

He urged entrepreneurs and progressive farmers present to take full advantage of the workshop and equip themselves with prospects and benefits under the PMKSY.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu informed that all decks have been cleared for establishment of the Mega Food Park near the state capital and the state government will provide all basic facilities like water and power supply as required under the scheme.

Underscoring the state’s potential in agri-horti produces like kiwi, orange, apple, pineapple, banana, tea, etc, Khandu said if food processing is taken up extensively, it in itself could change the economy of the farming community.

He cited lack of market knowledge as one big hindrance in take off of the farming sector and called for enhancing farmers’ knowledge on latest market trends and demands.

“Nature has given us so much, we can easily become the richest and happiest state in the country,” he said.

Khandu informed that the state government has already prepared a roadmap to boost the agri-horti sector based on which schemes are being formulated and launched phase-wise.
“We have set a target to at least benefit 90000 farmers in the state by 2022,” he added.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and state’s Industry Minister Tumke Bagra also spoke on the occasion. Both admitted the need for creating awareness amongst the mass on the food processing sector besides central government’s special assistance in grant of funds for implementation of schemes.

PM Kisan SAMPADA Yojana is a comprehensive package which will result in creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet. It will not only provide a big boost to the growth of food processing sector in the country but also help in providing better returns to farmers and is a big step towards doubling of farmers income, creating huge employment opportunities especially in the rural areas, reducing wastage of agricultural produce, increasing the processing level and enhancing the export of the processed foods. Under PM-KSY seven schemes are being implemented viz. Mega Food Parks, Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, Creation/Expansion of Food Processing/Preservation Capacities, Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters, Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages, Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure and Human Resources and Institutions.

PMKSY is expected to leverage investment of Rs. 31,400 crore for handling of 334 lakh MT agro-produce valued at Rs. 1,04,125 crore, benefitting 20 lakh farmers and generating 5,30,500 direct/indirect employment in the country by the year 2019-20.

The workshop is being organized by the NE Chapter of the Indian Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with Ministry of Food Processing Industry and facilitated by the state department of Industry.

Minister of State (Food processing industries) calls on the Governor

ITANAGAR, Sep 3:

Union Minister of State for food processing Industries Rameswar Teli called on Governor B.D. Mishra at Raj Bhavan here today. Chief Minister Pema Khandu and State Industries Minister Er. Tumke Bagra were also present in the meeting.

The Governor requested the Union Minister to assist the people of Arunachal Pradesh in setting up of food processing units in the State. Arunachal Pradesh is leading in the production of organic produce in the country. He explained to the minister that due to difficult mountainous terrain, timely transportation of agricultural and horticultural products is very difficult. Therefore, the best solution to address the issue is to set up small and medium food processing industries in different locations where agro-horti products are produced in surplus of the local requirement. The Governor also mentioned about Kiwi production of Dirang and Ziro, oranges and pineapples of Lohit and Siang Valley.

The Governor requested the Union Minister for training programmes on expertise and the latest technologies in food processing for youth and progressive farmers of Arunachal Pradesh as apprentices in renowned industries to encourage towards entrepreneurship and self employment.

Chief Minister calls on the Governor

ITANAGAR, Sep 3:

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today called on Governor B.D. Mishra at Raj Bhavan, to discuss various developmental issues to be taken up in the ensuing 68th plenary of North Eastern Council at Guwahati.

The Governor said that vital issues such as security, road communication, health and education, youth development and employment generating sectors must be taken up on priority. Issues of skill development, infrastructural development and law and order in Arunachal Pradesh need
to be attended to on priority. The Governor and the Chief Minister also discussed on befitting celebration of the ensuing 150th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.

The Governor shared his observations during his tour to Vijojnagar, Miao, Jairampur, Nampong and Pangssau Pass in Changlang district with the Chief Minister. He reiterated on expediting the Miao-Vijojnagar Road and the early inauguration of the trade and commerce activities at Indo-Myanmar haats at Pangssau Pass for the welfare of the people of the State.

Earlier, Chief Engineer, Project Arunant, Naharlagun Brig. AS Chonker, VSM, gave a detailed presentation to the Governor and Chief Minister. Secretary Planning Himanshu Gupta was also present in the meeting.

Khandu reviews Railway Projects in Arunachal with NFR Officials

ITANAGAR, Sep 4:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu took a review of all the railway projects in Arunachal with the officials from North eastern Frontier Railway (construction).

During the meeting with NF Railway (Construction) General Manager NK Prasad, Khandu discussed about the construction of Murkong selek to Pasighat railway line. He assured all cooperation of state government in expediting the project. The discussion also included review on status of several ambitious railway projects proposed in Arunachal. The 190km Bhalukpong-Tawang railway line will involve 177km of tunneling. Estimated to be completed in 10 years, survey works involving marking of alignment, soil inspection etc has been completed and DPR will soon be prepared. Chief Minister also enquired on other railway projects such as Pasighat-Tezu, Bame-Aalo, and all other projects proposed in the foothill areas of the state.

Khandu also discussed on scope to help farmers export their produce by railway expanding its role for transportation of perishable cargo items. He sought status on satisfaction level of customers on rail service from Naharlagun to Guwahati and Tinsukia. Chief Minister urged the railway officials to maintain customer satisfaction level and to impose ban on use of non-biodegradable products. He suggested the railways maintain utmost hygiene and to use perishable items like bamboo products.

Make the State Capital and also other parts of the State cleaner, greener and plastic-free: Governor

ITANAGAR, Sep 4:
Governor B.D. Mishra today visited some parts of the State Capital to see the level of cleanliness in the public in-
The Governor directed the officials and NGOs to put in a concerted effort to make the State Capital and also other parts of the State cleaner, neater and plastic-free. He said that it should be joint effort and change of mindset to realise the dreams of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji to have a clean India and we have to make a beginning from our own doorstep.

The Governor, who personally carried out a month-long cleanliness drive in all the 30 Wards of Itanagar last year, appealed to the people to join hands to ensure that our homes, roads and areas area clean.

In the run-up to the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, he reiterated the necessity of a holistic plan for the disposal of the solid wastes, keeping in mind the need for waste dumping for the next ten years. He emphasised on proper segregation of biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste at the originating point for its proper disposal.

The Governor added that the matter of cleanliness is first part is having the mindset and in second part is caring for your neighbour’s. This can be best done by teaching our children to practice and ensure cleanliness.

Power sector to harness all forms of energy resources with emphasis on clean energy: Mein

ITANAGAR, Sep 5: Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein who also holds the power portfolio, on Thursday took a meeting of the power sector regarding construction of transmission line for evacuation of power from various hydel projects with the officers of the power and hydropower department at conference hall of Deputy Chief Minister’s Secretariat.

Mein said that focus of the state government is on all around development of the power sector by harnessing all forms of energy resources with particular emphasis on clean energy. He stated that improved power scenario, evacuation of power and transmission line project holds immense importance to the state.

He said that concerted efforts have to be made to draw maximum power from state own hydro power station which will help in renewable energy accreditation and will be beneficial to the state.

He assured full support for development of hydro-power in the state and called upon the engineers of Power and Hydro-power Departments to work in close coordination so as to optimally harness the hydro potential.

He urged them to work with team spirit and zeal and sought cooperation from the departmental officers to take forward the developmental works of the department to a newer height during his tenure.

Underscoring the importance of the Kambang Small Hydropower Projects (SHP), he said that it has to be put to use immediately and directed the officers concerned to restore the dedicated 33KV line completely within one and half month.

He asked the officers to prepare estimate with utmost diligence for new and for improvement of works in transmission system reflecting the benefits in terms of additional Million units from state own hydro projects.

Mein asked the department engineers to submit estimate/DPR with due certification and prioritization after proper scrutiny at Chief Engineer level for onward submission to CE Monitoring for compilation by September 15 this year. He added that the best and result-oriented proposal will be implemented in Phase I for the current year and based on its success, the projection will be made in next year budget reflecting the benefits achieved in terms of revenue.
collection, he added. The engineers of both the department presented the report and status of generation and connectivity, requirement of transmission line of Hydel stations and other various issues of Small Hydropower Projects to the Deputy Chief Minister.

Among others, Commissioner Power G.S. Meena, Advisor to Dy CM Capt Anupam Tangu and chief engineers of power and hydropower department were also present.

Governor extends Teacher’s Day greetings

ITANAGAR, Sep 5:
Governor B.D. Mishra extended his warm greetings to each and every member of the teaching community of the State on the joyous occasion of Teachers’ Day, which commemorates the birth anniversary of one of the most illustrious sons of India and former President, Bharat Ratna Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

In his message, the Governor said that with tributes to Dr. Radhakrishnan, a versatile genius of India, let us also remember and honour our own teachers who have introduced us to letters and knowledge, who have guided us to the path of righteousness and morals, who have shaped our ideas about humanism and who have motivated us to be achievers in life. On this occasion, he sincerely congratulated those committed teachers of our State Arunachal Pradesh, who, inspite of encountering many hardships are imparting education to our younger generation in far-flung corners and remote areas in the State. He appealed to all the esteemed teachers to cultivate knowledge, ethical values, hard work, punctuality and discipline amongst their students in particular and the student community in general. This will best be achieved when our teachers, themselves become the role model for their students.

May the celebrations of this Teacher’s Day inspire us to follow the life values of Dr. Radhakrishnan. Let it also be remembered that the great Indian Culture has been handed down to us by our great sages and Acharyas, who were the epitome of Indian virtues. Now it is our duty to put all our energy in ensuring that those virtues are emulated and our nation’s mission of ‘Swachh Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat, and Ek Bharat’ is achieved with alacrity, the Governor said in his message.

Legislature is answerable and accountable to people:
Mein

ITANAGAR, Sep 6:
"If there is any one institution in parliamentary democracy that is answerable and account-
etiquettes and many other procedures. Observing that the State Assembly was a temple of democracy, Mein said that it was the duty of the legislators to maintain decorum in the House and to know the rules and procedures well.

Mein said that since sitting of the house are convene for a very limited time in a year to discuss the issues of State’s importance and to pass necessary bills, it is essential that MLAs do not allow wastage of its precious time with shouting and entering the well and halting it’s proceedings to draw attention, when important discussions are going on.

He urged the new legislators and the three female legislators to actively take part in the debates and give their ideas and suggestions to make the lawmaking process meaningful.

He added it is essential for every member that endeavorshave to be made by all to take effective participation in discussion on important issues, passing of important bills and budget session to have full understanding of the issues and to consider its pros and cons.

He appealed the Members of State Legislative Assembly to overcome their political differences and to contribute in the making of New Arunachal through effective participation during discussions in the House.

He told the legislators that every word spoken by them should be a source of inspiration for the future generations.

“Let us try to be an effective Legislature and study the rules, traditions and use all resources available in the Assembly to become an effective and ideal Legislature,” Mein said and added that we should raise issues only relevant to the Assembly and the State and try to contribute to understanding of the issues through our speeches in the Assembly while adhering to the time-discipline during Assembly Session.

He appealed the legislators to dwell in length on the issues which concerns the state most and deliberations to curb the menace of drug abuse among the young generations in the state have to be taken upto find means to control its dangerous spread in the state.

Mein said that he is tremendously privileged to have had the opportunity to work with so many remarkable leaders during the course of his career and added that young legislators should take inspiration from the experienced and seasoned leaders of the house from the likes of former chief ministers, Late Dorjee Khandu & Shri Nabam Tuki, to name a few.

The Deputy Chief Minister advised the young legislators to make use of social media to its best use since the young people are using it in a big way. He asked them to utilize social media to the optimum to create awareness about government’s policies and programmes and also to highlight the government’s achievements.

The DCM assured the Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly that funds for development of E-Vidhan will be placed soon to the State Assembly for undertaking the works of digitalization in making the Assembly go paperless.

Among others, Speaker P.D. Sona, Deputy Speaker Tesam Pongte, MLA Tall Jikke Tako and Secretary Legislative Assembly M. Lasa also spoke on the occasion.

The two-day orientation programme was organised by the Bureau of Parliamentary Studies & Training, Lok Sabha, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly which covered various topics on ways, means and procedures of Legislative Assembly as well as on the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA).

Hundreds throng in Darne Poshan-Mela
PASIGHAT, Sep 6:
As part of Poshan-Abhiyaan programme, “Poshan Mela,” an advocacy programme was organized today by the Mebo CDPO, at the Darne village
Dere under Mebo subdivision. Mebo ADC Hage Lailang formally inaugurated the Mela while DD (ICDS) PE Angu delivered speech on Poshan-Abhiyaan and administered Poshan Oath.

In his inaugural message, Lailang informed that Poshan-Abhiyaan was launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March 2018. It was a multi-ministerial convergence mission with the vision to ensure attainment of malnutrition free India by 2022, he stated adding that government beneficial schemes related nutrition should be implemented properly affecting the nutritional status of children and pregnant women and lactating mothers to achieve the goal.

Mebo CDPO Milong Moyong asserted that the Mela would make awareness in the society and expressed hope that it would strive to reduce the level of stunting, under-nutrition, anaemia and low birth weight babies. She said that such Mela would create synergy, ensure better monitoring and to supervise by her department to achieve the targeted goals.

Doctors present on the occasion gave tips on health and hygiene including timely deworming, immunization etc. DDMO shared some preventive measures on food grains. PHED stressed on hand washing and sanitation etc.

Local product exhibition was also held during the day where growers were given awareness on health care and measures for prevention of deficiencies.

Among others, CDPO Milong Moyong, Principal T. Padung, DDMO G Tsumo, SMO Dr. T Pertin, AE PHED Er. K. Tayeng, Anganwadi workers, SHGs and community members attended the event at the Darne village Dere.

Opung Jerang receives National Swachh Mahotsav Award

NEW DELHI, Sep 6:
Opung Jerang, Ex-ZPC, Siang district and President of the liri Leyi Domong Rampa Mahila Mandal SHG was felicitated with the National Swachh Mahotsav Award from Minister Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat today at the National Swachh Mahotsav Day 2019 held in New Delhi.

She received the award for her tireless efforts and contribution of the SHG in the implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (G).

The programme was organised by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation and was graced by President Ram Nath Kovind.

The event was also attended by Deputy Commissioner Siang Rajeev Takuk, EE PHE & WS Pangin Division Subat Pertin, CE cum Mission Director SBM (G) Sentum Yomcha amongst others.

Awareness camp on nomination process of National Entrepreneurship Award held

NIRJULI, Sep 6:
A One-day National Entrepreneurship Award 2019 awareness camp was organised at Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank-Rural Self Employment Training Institute(APRB-RSETI), Nirjuli today to create awareness among entrepreneurs on nomination process of National Entrepreneurship Award.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Yupia Tabang Bodung, while addressing the participants, said that there is no substitute for hard work and perseverance to achieve anything good in life and hence all trainees should continue to work hard and utilise the knowledge gain through training at RSETI in a very productive way to become self-reliant and economically independent. He also congratulated Tana Sumpa, a successful entrepreneur who had received National Entrepreneurship Award last year.

Lauding the effort of RSETI, he further said that despite poor infrastructures in present location, it has done very good in mitigating the un-
employment problem among the youths. He also requested the banks to co-operate with the beneficiaries whenever they approach for loan to start their own ventures so that main objective of RSETI is fulfilled.

Lead Bank Manager Ranjit Singh also highlighted on significance of financial literacy and status of business loan sanctioned by the banks.

District Veterinary Officer Yupia Dr. Dagge Riba shared his experiences in poultry and dairy farming and encouraged the participants to get themselves trained in proper way. He assured that his department will provide all logistics and technical knowledge to the unemployed youths.

Earlier, Director RSETI Nirjuli Aben Dupak dwelt in length on importance of RSETI and highlighted the objective of National Entrepreneurship Awards. He informed that NEA is India’s highest award in the field of entrepreneurship created by the Ministry of Skill development and Entrepreneurship (MoSDE), Govt of India. The NEA sought for nomination of young entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial ecosystem builders from across India and online nomination of awards is open up to 10.09.2019.

During the technical session, the two resource persons from IIT Guwahati gave trainings to the participants on nomination process of NEA.

DC inaugurates weeklong Poshan Diwas
BOMDILA, Sep 6:
The Poshan Diwas organised by the Department of UD & Housing in coordination with the Department of WCD& Department of Health & Family Welfare saw a huge gathering of students of Shanti Deva Vidyalaya along with pregnant & lactating mothers.

The programme was multifaceted done as, on one side drawing competition was done on “Source of nutrition from food” involving students of class 6, 7 & 8, on the other side there was Anaemia Camp with haemoglobin test for all the adolescent girls of Class 8, 9, 10 & female teachers of SDV.

Later Quiz competition was conducted on Nutritional facts amongst class 9 & 10 students.

DC Dr. Sonal Swaroop addressing the students highlighted on the need for a balanced diet and avoiding junk food. She advocated for exclusive breast feeding for 6 months and categorically stated that mother is the foundation pillar of the family. If a mother is healthy the entire family & coming generation would be healthy, she added.

While DMO Dr. D Wange dealt on the causes, precaution and treatment of anaemia & diarrhoea and the right way of washing hands, the DD ICDS gave a comprehensive input on the aims & objectives of the Poshan Maah and local recipes for nutritional diet to infants.

AE UD&H spoke on the need for maintaining sanitation and hygiene in one’s daily life.

Meanwhile demonstration of Nutritional items & their values was show cased by the Anganwadi workers.

Awareness-cum-Demonstration Mela
held for Agricultural Tools and Equipment
GUMTO, Sep 6:
A One day “Awareness-cum-Demonstration Mela for Agricultural Tools and Equipment” was organised at Gumto Village by joint collaboration of UBA and ESA, NERIST to demonstrate various improved technology to the farmers to enhance their income and develop linkage among farmers.

In the mela, the AICRP on ESA demonstrated improved hand tools and machinery for paddy cultivation, ladders for harvesting of fruits, remote controlled power tiller, safety gadgets for Dao and sickle, improved backpack for load carrying, pea planter,
maize Sheller etc. Dr. T. Patel UBA coordinator and Co-PI of ESA project briefed about latest technology available for improving income of small and marginal farmers. He also stressed the adoption of best working posture for minimizing the Work-related Musculoskeletal disorders (WMSDs).

Food technology expert Mr. A. K. Choudhary, Assistant Professor of NERIST highlighted the post-harvest technology management using local resources.

Dr. A. D. Singh, Associate Professor of NERIST, emphasized on the use of electronic instrumentation, and control systems for solving problems in agriculture for taking maximum profit with minimum input.

At the end of the mela, improved NERIST sickles were distributed to all participants to experience the benefits of improved hand tools and technology.

The Mela was sponsored by The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India through UBA NERIST Cell.

**Governor addresses the NEC Plenary**

**GUWAHATI, Sep 8:**
Governor B.D. Mishra today highlighted the challenges of the State in different sectors including educational infrastructure, road and air communication, innovation, transparency, sustainable development, improving the policing in the State and countering insurgency and anti-national activities, while addressing the 68th Plenary of North Eastern Council (NEC) at Guwahati.

The Governor said that the NEC is a forum, which provides its Member States, an opportunity to come together for synergizing their efforts and enhance their developmental speed, in North Eastern Region. He expressed his hope that the Council will act as a Think Tank to usher inclusive development in the Region.

The Governor apprised the Council that the biggest problem which the State of Arunachal Pradesh faces now is that of the lack of robust Land, Air, Internet and Mobile Network Connectivity. This derogates from the developmental needs as well as security parameters of the State, he said.

The Governor said that skill development, infrastructure and entrepreneurship development facilities are in nascent stage. Educational and health care infrastructure developments in Arunachal Pradesh need extensive effort. There is absence of Quality and specialised medical service facilities in remote and distant areas of the State, he underscored.

Taking up the challenges of the agrarian community of the State, the Governor said that aggregation of Agro-Horticulture produce and providing adequate backward & forward linkages in the Agriculture Sector still remain a daunting task.

Highlighting the avenues for economic growth, the Governor said that remarkable opportunities are available in the Tourism Sector, which due to lack of connectivity in the State need to be actualised. Huge Hydro Power potential existing in the State is yet to be tapped. The huge arable land potential in the State, due to primitive ways of tilling is laying waste. Industrial sector in the State has not picked up as yet which is a major source of employment for a developing State.

While urging the Council to assist in banking sector, the Governor said that due to the poor credit profile of the State, people are not able to start new business ventures. The Credit Deposit Ratio of banks in the state is less than 30 against a norm of 60, which shows that the outreach of the banking sector and financial inclusion in the state is grossly inadequate.

The Governor expressed his concern that insurgents from other States are considering Arunachal Pradesh as a safe haven for their hideouts, extortion, and fresh recruitment operations. There is an intense drive by various insurgent groups to pick local youth from Tirap,
Changlang and Longding districts for their recruitment. He also mentioned the heinous killing of Late Tirong Aboh, elected MLA and 10 others in Tirap District. The Governor requested for cooperation from Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India to provide assistance to our State and bolster our counter insurgency operations, by providing men, material, and technological help.

The Governor also requested for support of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India in upgrading the existing facilities in Police Training College, in districts police lines and setting up of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) in all districts in order to bring visible reforms in policing in the State.

The Governor pointed out that majority of the educational infrastructure and schools in the State were constructed, decades ago. These are now in dilapidated condition. Herequested the NEC to make appropriate provisions for upgradation of educational infrastructure. This, he said, will solve the long pending problem of the very basic educational amenity for the students in the State.

Reiterating the role of good road, rail, air and internet and telecommunication connectivity in speedy development, the Governor said that Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Hollongi Airport in February 2019. This, he said, has given hope to the long cherished dream of near the State Capital of Arunachal Pradesh connectivity of the State Capital Itanagar with the rest of the Country. Its early construction will help the State to have reliable air connectivity and fully utilize its potential in the fields of investment, tourism, export-import, and quick sale of perishable goods like flowers and orchids etc. He requested the North Eastern Council to take up the matter with Airport Authority of India and expedite the completion of this airport, without slippage, well within 3 years.

Raising the issue of Miao-Vijoynagar Road in the plenary, the Governor sought support of the NEC and all Central Government ministries for making the dream project a success. He said robust road connectivity is required not only for bringing inclusive development in strategic and remotely located Vijoynagar, but also for checking poaching of tigers and for conservation and protection of flora and fauna of Namdapha National Park and Tiger Reserve.

For National Institute of Technology (NIT), the Governor suggested that NIT ACT should be amended so that Education Minister and Education Secretary of the concerned States become the ex-officio members of Board of Governors (BoG) of NITs. This will ensure State Government’s speedy assistance to the NITs in time of need, he said.

The Governor said that NEC can play a lead role in becoming the Think Tank for North-Eastern Region. There is, therefore, a need to bring in Domain Experts in NEC to focus on developing clear cut roadmap for helping sizable investments in the Region. Not only does North Eastern Region require adequate funds, but it also requires technical experts who may suggest ways and means to bridge the massive gap in development of North Eastern region and the rest of India. He urged NEC to institute a detailed study as to how the massive area of my state can act as a boon for the region. The study must then translate into action by adequate funding through various sources, the Governor underscored.

The Governor said that there is a huge scope of development in the North-East Region which has now been taken up by the Government of India. In the gamut of potentials for development, the State Arunachal Pradesh tops the list in the North Eastern Region. Reminding all the Action Philosophy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas aur Sabka
Vishwas”, he appealed all to resolve to create a New North Eastern Region and make its progress conspicuous at the earliest. In the quest for progress, my State, Arunachal Pradesh will always remain in forefront, he said.

Chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who is the Chairman of North Eastern Council, the plenary was attended by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Jitendra Singh, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region cum Vice Chairman, North Eastern Council, Governors and Chief Ministers of North-Eastern States, senior officials from Government of India and State Governments. The two-day plenary will deliberate on the progress of ongoing projects, outlays by Central Ministries in the North Eastern Region and plans for the coming years.

Criteria of Central Funding should not be based on Population for NE States: Khandu

GUWAHATI, Sep 8: Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu today urged that criteria of central funding should not be based on population when it comes to North-Eastern states like Arunachal Pradesh.

Speaking at the 68th Plenary of the North East Council (NEC) here today, Khandu said most developmental schemes of the Govt of India, whether in social sector or for creation of infrastructure, works are based on population criteria. He said NE states have low demography but large geographical areas, a large part of which comprises remote, hostile and challenging terrain.

"Hence for a state like Arunachal Pradesh the criteria for deciding quantum of funding under various Central Sector Schemes should not be based on population and must take into account special conditions of the state," he stressed.

Arunachal Pradesh is prone to several natural disasters on account of heavy rainfall resulting in landslides, floods and other calamities which cause large scale destruction of houses, standing crops and other private property besides damage to infrastructure. Khandu said the relief grants that the state receives from Govt of India to mitigate the natural calamities is insufficient and needs to be revised substantially.

Citing connectivity as the major challenge for development, he said in Arunachal Pradesh around 700-800 rural habitations are still unconnected by road because they do not qualify for funding under PMGSY. However, as people do reside in these habitations, he suggested that roads for such habitations could be taken up under NERSDS or Bharatmala. Or else, the eligibility criteria under PMGSY could be revised for states like Arunachal Pradesh, he said.

The Hollongi Airport is expected to become operational by 2022. Meanwhile, Khandu suggested that Lilabari Airport in North Lakhimpur district of Assam, the nearest airport to Itanagar, a daily flight from Delhi to Lilabari via Guwahati may be commenced at the earliest.

He informed that Arunachal Pradesh is perhaps the only state in North-East deprived of externally aided projects from World Bank, ADB and JICA. This, he said, not only deprives the state of financial benefits but also of technical knowledge that comes with Externally Aided Projects.

"There is a substantial deprivation of developmental loans/aid to the state which needs to be compensated through an alternative arrangement, preferably under NEC," Khandu suggested.

While pointing that the 15th Finance Commission is about to make its recommendations to Govt of India regarding the formula by which vertical and horizontal devolution of Central funds would be given to various states, Khandu informed that at present Arunachal Pradesh receives 1.37% of resources
from the divisible pool. He said this share needs to be revised very substantially keeping in view the strategic location of the state and several jointly shared developmental priorities of Centre and State.

NEC has been funding many schemes in the social sector or capital works across different departments. He informed the total amount of funds received by the state was around 200 crores. However since 2018, no new schemes are being considered for approval/sanction, which he said is adversely affecting developmental works in the state and needs urgent attention.

As the state government has already constructed necessary infrastructure at Pangsau Pass for facilitation of border trade, he said the Land Customs station proposed here need to be made operational with immediate effect. Pangsau Pass marks the international border with Myanmar and is located in the Changlang district.

Khandu said sufficient funds should be made available through NEC for development of Sports Infrastructure in NE States in general and Arunachal Pradesh in particular in the backdrop of special emphasis put in by the Center on Sports through the Khelo India and Fit India programs.

He requested DoNER Ministry to expand the outreach of NERCORMP in all border blocks across Arunachal Pradesh. He said NERCORMP has made appreciable impact in the three insurgency-affected and drug infested districts of Tirap, Changlang and Longding, therefore the same may be extended to other backward areas of the state.

Emphasizing on focusing on agri-horti sector, Khandu informed that the state government’s budget (2019-20) envisages coverage of 90,000 farmers by 2022 under various farmer centric schemes with special emphasis on improvements in Mission mode programmes for Piggery, Dairy and fishery development, Improvement of Jhum productivity through fruits, Medicinal & Aromatic Plants (MAP), area expansion by land terracing, Crop diversification with high value crops like Tea, Rubber, oil palm, various fruit crops like Kiwi, Mandarin Orange, pome and stone fruits in tune with emerging market demand. He urged NEC to increase Normative allocation under Livelihood Sector for Arunachal Pradesh considering its physical vastness, remoteness, difficult terrain and unique topography.

He also requested NEC to identify and provide fund for establishment of regional important educational institutions in Arunachal Pradesh. He suggested that Govt of India should consider providing adequate amount of funds and resources to create ample state-of-the-art institutions in the field of Science, Medical Science, Engineering Arts, Management and other specialized streams. Apart from these Middle and Secondary level education institution may also be included in the purview of NEC.

"I would request NEC to explore the possibility of opening critical care unit in TomoRiba Institute of Health & Medical Sciences hospital by providing additional funds.I also request NEC to provide fund for establishment of Medical at Pachin Colony, Naharlagun without curtailing the normative allocation for the State," he said.

Recounting that the Prime Minister, in his Independence Day speech, had called upon Indians to visit at least 15 tourist destinations across the country before 2022, with particular emphasis on Northeast region, Khandu proposed that all 8 states should come up with a comprehensive plan to attract tourists from all over the country. This will give a major boost to local entrepreneurs besides showcasing the beauty of the region to rest of the nation, he said.

Khandu said the initiative of the Prime Minister for creation of North East Water Management Authority which is in the process of finalization by NITI Aayog will go a long way in fulfilling the objective of optimization of water resources
in the North Eastern Region. Since, Arunachal Pradesh constitutes about 46% of water shed area of Brahmaputra basin and about 70% of its discharge, he requested to set up one branch office of the Authority at Itanagar.

He informed that Arunachal Pradesh has a quality forest cover of 82% of the total area providing invaluable ecological services to the nation and the world as a carbon sink. The State has 148.52 tonnes of carbon stock per hectare which is highest in the country and its value is estimated to be about Rs. 48000.00 crores annually. He appealed NEC and DoNER to pursue Green Bonus for Arunachal Pradesh with the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

Stressing that there is an urgent need for Government intervention to preserve and protect indigenous tribal culture and identity in its purest form, Khandu said tribal scripts, oral traditions and rituals need to be archived by professional ethnographers. He said NEC can play a pivotal role by providing assistance by setting up heritage centers and museums and suggested DoNER and NEC to initiate a program on development of modified roman scripts of indigenous tribes of all the 8 North Eastern States in consultation with the concerned Ministries.

He also pitched in for an airport at Tawang both for tourism and security reasons, as the district is strategically located and is a hot tourist destination. Assuring that the State Government will make requisite land available, he suggested funding for the same thorough NEC or DoNER. Besides, he also reiterated the need for having a separate IAS/IPS cadre for Arunachal Pradesh.

First SAD camp held at Mago village in Tawang

Tawang, Sep 8:
The first Sarkar Aapke Dwaar (SAD) of 2019-20 was held yesterday at the remote Mago village with over forty departments participating in the camp. The residents of two hamlets of Mago Village namely Nguri and Duri and few villagers from Thingbu village availed these services.

Tawang MLA Tsering Tashi inaugurated the camp at Government Primary School at Mago. “SAD camp is an initiative of Pema Khandu led govt to bring about immediate solution of problems being faced by villagers at their door step”, he said.

Tashi requested the villagers to expedite the works allocated to them and send the UCs through concerned departments immediately for release of funds. He asked the villagers to cooperate with the work department. He informed the villagers that communication network will improve within few months with installation of mobile towers in Mago Village.

During Jan Sunwai (Public hearing), the departments replied to the grievances placed by villagers and solutions were given for it.

355 beneficiaries were registered for various benefits from this camp.

Governor chairs a high-level meeting on strategic roads

GUWAHATI, Sep 8:
On the sideline of 68th Plenary of North Eastern Council, Governor B.D. Mishra along with Chief Minister Pema Khandu, met the Additional Director General (ADG) of Border Road Organization (BRO) -East, Chief Engineer P.K.H. Singh, VSM Shri P.K.H. Singh, VSM to discuss about detailed reconnaissance of soil conditions and the bottleneck of the Miao-Vijoy Nagar strategic road in Arunachal Pradesh, undertaken up by the BRO.

The Governor emphasised that all the roads, particularly strategic roads must be implemented within the stipulated time frame. Quality of work and its durability should be maintained at all cost with due technical care for the severe weather conditions and heavy rains in Arunachal Pradesh.

Khandu, who is the State Minister for Environment
and Forests, also briefed the ADG Shri Singh in detail regarding the construction of MV Road for the protection of the treasured flora and fauna in the Namdapha National Park and Tiger Reserve and for speedy construction of the Miao-Vijoynagar Road, which is of strategic importance to the National integrity. The Additional Director General of Border Road Organization said that expert BRO officers with senior of Rural Works Department will be carrying out the survey works. He also informed that the team of officers from BRO will collect soil samples from the ground during the recce for laboratory analysis to decide upon the technology to be used in the Road Construction. Reconnaissance of the MV road will commence from 12th September 2019 onward.

Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar, Commissioner to Governor and Director General of Police R.P. Upadhayaya, Secretary to Chief Minister Abhyankar A. Ajit, and Secretary Planning Himanshu Gupta also participated in the meeting.

Mothers’ Vision to Conduct Series of Drug Awareness Campaigns in Schools
AALO, Sep 9:
In its continued effort towards a Drug Addiction free society, the NGO Mothers’ Vision has chalked out a tentative schedule for awareness campaigns to be carried out on drug problems and substance abuses in various schools of West Siang District. The NGO will cover Eyi Govt. Upper Primary school, Logum Jini Govt. Primary school, Panya Govt. Upper Primary school, Hikar Gumin Govt. Upper Primary school, APP Complex Govt. Upper Primary school, Town Middle School Aalo, Gumin Nagar Govt. Upper Primary school, Tirbin Secy School, Liromoba HS School and Yomcha Hr. Secy School from 19th September to 11th October.

The Chairperson of Mothers’ Vision, Jumde Gamlin and Resource Person Kennedy Bagra who is manning the Drug Rehabilitation Centre at Aalo has appealed for all cooperation to make the movement a fruitful one. This NGO is recognized with State Silver Medal for its long years of service on drug abuse and rehabilitation among the youths in the district.

Governor participates in the second day of the NEC plenary
GUWAHATI, Sep 9:
Chairing the first session of the second day of North East Council plenary, Governor B.D. Mishra said that every project undertaken must be implemented within the given timeframe. There should be no slippage, he stressed while referring to the ongoing Holongi Greenfield Airport project, which is to be completed by March 2022. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone for the project on 9th February 2019.

The Governor also highlighted the acute problem of telecommunication, i.e. mobile and internet connectivity along with road, air and rail communication in Arunachal Pradesh in the session. Reiterating the challenges of the people of the Frontier State, the Governor underscored the special significance of Arunachal Pradesh because of its strategic location and vast potential in natural resources and green cover. He said that vast areas of the State are yet to be covered by telecommunication and road network. The North Eastern Council as the ‘Think Tank’ of the Region must address these challenges and assist the State Government, the Governor emphasised.

The Governor also expressed his concern about conservation of wildlife in the face of fast developmental process. He suggested for sustainable balanced approach to address the issue so that the conservation and developmental activities do not derogate from each other.

Secretaries to Government of India, including Secretaries from the Ministries of Development of North Eastern Region, Civil Aviation and Telecommunication and Chief
Secretaries of eight State of North Eastern Region made PowerPoint presentations on various issues and challenges on the day.

**Khandu’s leadership appreciable, says Opposition Leader Tayeng**

**PASIGHAT, Sep 9:** Chief Minister Pema Khandu’s farsighted vision, plan and policies benefited common citizens across the state, stated Mebo MLA Lombo Tayeng today, adding that though he is an opposition leader, he has seen people reciprocating to the good governance and people-friendly programmes initiated by Khandu’s leadership in the state.

Tayeng said this while addressing the academicians, host officers and leaders at Romdum UPS auditorium under Mebo subdivision, soon after inauguration of Longgang Moko (Centralized Kitchen) in presence of Mebo ADC Hage Lialang, DDSE J. Yirang, DD (UD) Er. PK Thungon and others.

Tayeng asserted that teachers were one of the important constituents of education system as they play a major role in imparting education. Appreciating DDSE J. Yirang for such a splendid initiative and DD (UD) PK Thungon for constructing quality building that would cater six schools, he said that he was confident that the new effort would make the Mid-Day-Meal system more effective and useful immensely for academic management along with the administrative functions.

“I am also glad to see that Yirang’s dynamism has brought massive changes in the district. Building infrastructures with basic facilities have been improved. I believe that these changes are going to streamline the entire education system enabling everyone to work at a higher order of efficiency and effectiveness," he said.

As Chairman of the District Development Committee, Tayeng assured that priorities would be accorded education, health & hygiene, water supply and road communication. To strengthen the planning process in the district, he emphasized on teamwork between elected representatives and government officers stating that elected representatives require proper support and guidance from the government officers to work on best proposals.

DDSE Yirang in his address informed that his dream project Centralized Kitchen was translated into reality by accepting his proposal practically by the government.

Earlier, the SMC Chairman Aduk Perme submitted a four-point memorandum to the MLA urging for immediate construction of RCC fencing, school building renovation, fresh electrification and water tank for the school.

**Khandu urges CHF to evolve methods to augment horticulture sector**

**PASIGHAT, Sep 10:** Chief Minister Pema Khandu called upon the students and faculty of the College of Horticulture and Forestry (CHF), Pasighat, to become catalysts for development of the horticulture sector in Arunachal Pradesh.

Addressing the students and faculty at the College auditorium here today, Khandu said that despite having huge potential, the agri-horti sector has not been exploited in the state except in few pockets. He urged the only horticulture college of the state to evolve methods to augment the horticulture sector and benefit the farmers by spreading its technical expertise beyond the walls of the college campus.

“You have the technical know-how and you know the untapped potential of the state. Please take some time out from your academic pursuit to benefit our farmers through your expertise," he urged while informing that only about 3% of the 25 lakh hectares of arable land are under use at present.

He specifically called upon students of the college
to spend their vacations productively by educating their parents, elders and farmers of their respective villages on best farming practices and produces.

Khandu said the college (under the Central Agricultural University of Imphal) is located at the best possible place, Pasighat. He reasoned that Pasighat and its adjoining areas leads in the state when it comes to agriculture while oranges of Dambuk are today exported out of the country. Therefore, the college has the advantage to research, experiment and evolve new technologies to develop the sector further, he said.

“We in the state government have given top priority to agri-horti sector, which is evident from our budget 2019-20. We have prepared a roadmap to benefit at least 90000 farmers in the next two years,” he informed.

He also informed that the state government has started the Chief Minister’s Sashakt Kisan Yojna to benefit agri-horti farmers, which is in line with the Prime Minister’s campaign to double the income of farmers in the next couple of years.

Pointing that fishery is another sector, which has been overlooked in the past, he informed this year provision has been kept to launch the Mukhya Mantri Neel Kranti Abhiyan. This scheme he informed is aimed to increase local fish production that will curb the import of fish from other states and benefit local fish farmers.

He reiterated his stress on increasing market intelligence of farmers and said the college can help in this regard.

“As our farmers lack market intelligence, they are not benefiting economically from their produces. We need to equip them with the knowledge of organic and economically viable produces,” he said.

To encourage and give a platform for local farmers, Khandu informed a Mega Food Park will be established near the state capital. The Mega Food Park, he said, would provide whole-sale markets and auction centers in order to facilitate farmers to exhibit and sell their produces.

“With the support of the Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries, we are also opening up Mini Food Parks across the state that will also have facilities for cold storage and market links,” he informed.

Union MoS for Youth Affairs & Sports Kiren Rijiju called for change of mindset of today’s generation towards farming. He said today’s youths consider farming as a petty job meant only for the poor and rural folks. “In developed countries, farming is a big business. Farmers run and make governments. But here we consider it a lowly job. This mindset should change,” he asserted.

Rijiju too suggested the college to reach out to the farming community and start by opening up study centers all over the state.

Khandu and Rijiju along with Assembly Speaker P D Sona, Health Minister Alo Libang, Sports Minister Mama Natung, legislators Phurpa Tsering, Ninong Ering, Lombo Tayeng and Kaling Moyong and others were in the college campus to inaugurate a Indoor Sports Auditorium and a PG Girls Hostel.

Earlier in the day, Khandu also inaugurated a CT Scan Unit at the Bakin Pertin General Hospital & Training Center and a Souvenir Shop at the Pasighat Airport.

25th Senior Women Football Championship starts; Pasighat plays host

PASIGHAT, Sep 10: Chief Minister Pema Khandu today kicked off the 25th Senior Women Football Championship 2019-20 here at the newly constructed Pasighat Stadium in East Siang district amidst much fanfare in presence of Union MoS for Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju.

Expressing gratitude to the All India Football Federation (AIFF) for selecting...
Arunachal Pradesh to conduct the prestigious national level tournament, Khandu welcomed all players from various states and match officials to the frontier state.

He said that the tournament is a god-sent event for the soccer crazy people of the state and would go a long way in inspiring youths to take up football seriously.

“Football is the most loved and played sport of our people and the people of Pasighat are particularly crazy about the game. For them this is an unprecedented opportunity to witness senior women players from all over the country sweating it out on the ground,” he said.

Khandu said the state government is giving priority to games and sports and therefore have constructed several stadiums in various places, Pasighat being one. He informed that the government is planning to construct similar stadiums in every district of the state so that young talents of every district can groom themselves.

“A program is on anvil to scout talents of 6 to 10 age group by conducting yearly tournaments in all the districts,” he revealed.

Pointing that sports and games have received a boost since the Narendra Modi government came to power in 2014, he said that the central government program of Khelo India has been initiated with an eye on the coming Olympics.

He expressed optimism that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Rijiju's leadership, India’s medal tally in the ensuing Olympics would increase manifold.

Appreciating the sporting spirit of the people of Pasighat, Khandu especially thanked the women's self-help group, 'Roje Rasseng', which has been sponsoring teams and encouraging the game of football since several years through various tournaments. To express his appreciation, Khandu felicitated members of the self-help group during the inaugural function.

The Chief Minister also felicitated Oinam Bembem Devi, the first and only women from the North East to lead the women's Indian National team as Captain. He called her an inspiration for generations to come. He also congratulated the Arunachal Pradesh Football Association (APFA) for taking the onerous responsibility of conducting a tournament of such magnitude.

Rijiju, on his part, termed North East as a powerhouse of sporting talents and said that this tournament would encourage more youths to take up sports professionally.

He informed that his ministry would soon start a campaign to encourage women's football in the country.

“We are going to soon start an Under-17 Women’s Football Champion League. We are sure this would encourage women from a young age to take up football besides creating a pool of national and international level players,” he informed.

Rijiju too lauded the efforts put in by APFA in successfully conducting a tournament of national level, which is witnessing participation of 30 state teams. He assured his full cooperation and support to the Association.

Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker P D Sona in his speech called upon young players to make the best of the opportunity of having a Union Minister heading the Sports Ministry in Kiren Rijiju, who, he said, is committed to support all who excel in sports and games.

“Thanks to the visionary leadership of our Chief Minister Pema Khandu every sector is developing fast including sports. With Rijiju at the Center and Khandu leading the state, we expect to produce world class athletes and soccer players in the years to come,” he added.

The inaugural ceremony was also attended by State’s Sports & Youth Affairs Minister Mama Natung, Health Minister Alo Libang, Legislators Phurpa Tsering, Zignu Namchoom, Kaling Moyong, Lombo Tayeng and Ninong Er-
ing, Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar and others.

The inaugural match was played between Railways and Mizoram, which was dominated and won by Railways 4-0.

**Induction cum fresher’s meet for NCC unit held BOMDILA, Sep 10:**
The NCC Unit of Government College Bomdila (GCB) conducted the Induction cum Fresher’s meet with its Principal as the chairman of the event. The programme was aimed at inducting Cadets for the session 2019-20 into the NCC fraternity of the College.

The Cadets of around 30 who had attended the CATC camp held at PTC Banderdewa from August 27 to September 5 last were felicitated for bringing laurels to the college.

The NCC Unit of Government College Bomdila was awarded as the Best Institute and came out as winners in various categories of Firing, painting, Volley ball, group song, group dance, Tent pitching etc.

Principal S Khandu lauding the achievements of the students said that the contribution of the NCC has been immense towards the institute and wished that it be the same in the coming years too.

The CTO (SD) spoke on the genesis of the NCC Unit GCB and its gradual growth and achievements over the passage of time.

The second technical session was the Fresher’s meet where Ms. Rinchin Choten was selected as Miss Fresher and Master Avinash Sapro as Mr. Fresher.

**Mein inaugurates Ramakrishna Mission Sarada Vidyalaya KHONSA, Sep 11:**
Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein today inaugurated the newly built co-ed non-residential primary school renamed as ‘Ramakrishna Mission Sarada Vidyalaya’, amidst prayers by the Vidyalaya students.

Mein committed support for the Mission’s latest project to build a new Water Filtration Plant, construction of a new Hostel for Boys and assured the laying of road which runs inside the Mission campus.

Minister PHE, WS & DoTCL Wangki Lowng, pointed out that Swamiji is the icon of many including our Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said Swamiji has brought inspiration and glory to our culture.

Earlier in his welcome address, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Narottam Nagar Swami Achyutesh anandaji, expressed his gratitude to the DCM for his commitment to reach and attend the programme. He also submitted a memorandum conveying the needs for water treatment plant in the campus and renovating hostel building.

It is worth noting that Ramakrishna Mission H.Q., Belur Math has recently accorded the status of ‘Ramakrishna Mission School’ officially to this Vidyalaya, having two hundred strong enrollment this year. Other than classrooms, the school is having a computer lab, a music room and a fine art room.

Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar, Rev. Swami Vishwesh anandaji, D.C.Tirap PN Thungon, S.P. Khonsa Kardak Riba and ADC, Deomali were amongst the other dignitaries present in this function.

**PM Modi Launch program of National Animal Disease Control Programme KHONSA, Sep 11:**
Prime Minister Narendra Modi today launched the National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) for eradicating the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis in the livestock from Mathura in Uttar Pradesh.

The programme aims at vaccinating over 500 Million Livestock including cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats and pigs against the disease. It will be implemented for a period of five years till 2024 at a cost of
around 13,000 crore rupees.

At Khonsa, in a formal official programme organised by AHV & Development Department, Tirap District in collaboration with KVK Deomali, District Veterinary Officer, Dr. Poddar highlighted details about Artificial Insemination/Vaccines-FMD & brucellosis. A total of 66 progressive farmers attended the programme.

1st quarter performance of NHM reviewed

ITANAGAR, Sep 11:
A review meeting of National Health Mission (NHM) for Eastern Zone Districts namely Longding, East Siang, Dibang Valley, Lohit, Lower Siang, Siang, Anjaw, Lower Dibang Valley, Changlang, Tirap and Namsai was held today to review the 1st quarter performance of National Health Mission and effective implementation of NHM programme.

Addressing the meeting, Secretary (H&FW) & MD NHMP, Parthiban, urged all the District officer to be very proactive in implementing the NHM programme & exhorted for improving health indicator of the state.

Emphasising on immunisation coverage, he said that the good work ongoing under Routine Immunization must be sustained and effort should be made to reduce the drop / left out case in the state. He also emphasised on uploading of accurate data into the portals.

He recognised the important role played by ASHAs as the first contact person and advised the officers present to provide them with incentives to motivate them. He also urged the Districts to scale up their performance in all the programme and put their concerted effort where key intervention is required.

Stressing on training under NHM, he asked all the district to conduct the trainings of Medical officer, nurses and ASHA at District and sub district level.

Power point presentation was presented by all the eastern districts and progress / issue pertaining to the District was discussed in details.

Director Family welfare Dr Allok Yirang while stressing on reducing home delivery said that we need to createmore awareness to encourage delivery at hospital. He also asked to tracked down all the pregnant women and keep the record of all delivery.

Earlier Dr D Padung Nodal officer NHM while, giving welcome address to participant urged all the district to share the report on time for further submission to Ministry. He appraised everybody to handhold all the new Districts to make them at par with other performing districts.

CM Dedicates Dikshi Hydroelectric Project to State

RUPA, Sep 13:
In what could be termed as one more major feather added in the development trajectory of the state, Chief Minister Pema Khandu today dedicated the 24MW Dikshi Hydroelectric Project to the people of Arunachal in presence of Deputy CM Chowna Mein, MLAs Phurpa Tsering, Jambye Tashi, Dorjee Wangdi, Tsering Tashi, Dongru Siongju and others.

Chief Minister formally inaugurated the project by unveiling the inaugural slab and by switching on the device at the power house of the project.

In the side-line of the inauguration, Chief Minister congratulated the Devi Energies Private Limited for completing the project on record time whose foundation was laid in November 2016 by Khandu himself.

Chief Minister hailed the completion of project as not only achievement for the state govt but also an achievement for the local community since it was not possible without their cooperation. The locals welcomed the project and gave it a community participation which resulted in commissioning of the project in record time. He said such support of the locals is need of the hour to make Arunachal a power
surplus and power exporting state.

He also said the inaugural may be a simple function but is a historic event since the project is the first to be developed successfully by a private developer in the state.

Chief Minister said Arunachal is known as power house of the nation and if hydro potential is utilized fully, it could change the economic scenario of the state.

Chief Minister, while taking strong stand over failure of several private developers in developing the hydro projects with whom MoUs were signed way back but there has not been any visible development in the projects. He informed that the State Government has already terminated 22 projects worth 3800 MW for its non performance while another 46 more worth 8000 MW approximately have been served notices. Khandu said that these players have lost the confidence of the people. Adding further, the CM revealed that department review is being conducted in regular intervals and those power developers found non performing are taken action accordingly.

Reiterating his stand that no project would come up without consultation and consent of the locals, Khandu appreciated the nearby villages who wholehearted supported the project. He disclosed that the Government is exploring more potential HEP in the district and PSUs and serious Individual Private Power Developer (IPPD) like Devi Energies Private Limited would be given priority for executing these projects.

Giving a clarion call to not to fall prey to issue mongers who make issues for their political gain, Khandu said it is time that we change our mindset and think what is good for us. Clean and green energy can change the economy of the state and the region, he emphatically said.

Speaking on other aspects, the CM informed about the pragmatic Industrial policy of the State Government which supports investors in various sectors. He encouraged the villagers to concentrate on Horticulture which has great potential in the region. In order to make market links, the government will be developing a Mini industrial park in Bhalukpong and a mega food park in Banderdewa, Khandu informed.

Dy CM Chowna Mein in his speech exuded happiness over the successful completion of 24 MW Dikshi Hydro Electric Project and said it was historic moment for the state.

Speaking to extremely delighted crowd, Mein said the project is dedicated in service to the state and will contribute to regions growth. Devi Energies Pvt Ltd is the first and only out of many such developers to successfully complete and ready to be synchronised with the State Grid, a happy Dy CM who also holds the power ministry said.

“Arunachal Pradesh is the largest State in the region geographically. However, it has one of the smallest Power System in the Region. Having said that, I don’t deny the fact that Arunachal Pradesh has its own stride of development in the power sector and its contribution to the regional benefits in its own way and pace”, the Dy CM said.

He further revealed that the state government is contemplating on concentrating on smaller projects and prefer Public Sector Utilities and serious private power developers like Devi energy private limited to take part.

Among others, CMD Dikshi HEP also spoke on the occasion. Former Speaker T N Thongdok and former Minister D K Thongdok who is also Director of Devi Energy Private Limited were also present on the occasion.

CM inaugurate Apex Bank at Bomdila

BOMDILA Sep 13:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated the Arunachal Pradesh State Cooperative Apex Bank building here late evening at Bomdila. Khandu is on a whirlwind tour of West Kameng district since Thursday. While congratulating the em-
ployees of the state-owned co-operative Apex bank, the chief minister said that Apex Bank has come a long way. Starting its banking activities from a rented apartment, it finally got its own building, Khandu said.

Calling the Apex bank authorities to tighten their belts to bring back its lost glory, the CM categorically said that the bank should be business oriented. He called to upright the system of operations so that more and more customers could be attracted.

While recalling its past and the reasons behind the fall of the bank, CM said, corruption in any level will not be tolerated and strictest actions would be initiated. He assured all possible support of the Government.

“Make this financial institution customer friendly and explore more on cashless transactions”, CM advised. In the digital world, technology has to be used to optimum in order to make the bank run, he added while advising to device innovative mechanism to attract customers.

He said, he linked the Arunachal Pradesh Cooperative Apex Bank with Sarkar Aapke Dwar Programme to ensure its reach to the remotest corner of the state. Saying that Apex Bank could play a pivotal role in far flung villages and help the farmers especially in many ways. Informing that credit deposit ratio is very less in the state, the CM asked the Apex bank to lead from the front to address this challenge. He asked to ensure a foolproof recovery mechanism so that the people start building their trust and the bank eventually becomes their favourite financial institution.

Before ending his speech, Khandu urged the local Legislators Phurpa Tsering, Kumsi Sidisow, Dongru Siangju and Dorjee Wangdi to open accounts in Apex bank to encourage the bank.

Earlier, Apex Bank Administrator Hage Lampung and MD Thongdok gave details of the bank and its functions.

CM Pema Khandu interacts with doctors & indoor patients.

BOMDILA, Sep 13: In his last leg of tour to West Kameng, CM Pema Khandu visited the General Hospital Bomdila and took stock of the various facilities. Acknowledging the scarcity of Doctors especially the need for an Anesthetist for GH Bomdila, CM assured to take up the matter with the Commissioner Health.

He also inspected the site where a new hospital building is coming up which is being executed by the department of UD&H.

The CM also interacted with the indoor patients and distributed fruits and other items and wished for their early recovery.

He was accompanied by MLAs Jambey Tashi, Phurpa Tsering and Dongru Siangju, DC Sonal Swaroop, SP, HODs, ex-MLA Japu Deru and public leaders from Bomdila.

CM Inaugurates Academic Building of Government Primary School at Lhabau; lays the Foundation Stone of Kelsang Donyoe Tenzin Library

RUPA, Sep 13: Chief Minister Pema Khandu today inaugurated the academic building of Guru Tenpai Drongme Lobdra Govt. Primary School at Lhabau, Birpur near here and laid the foundation stone for Kelsang Donyoe Tenzin Library.

The event took place in gracious presence of 12th Guru Tulku Rinpoche and MLAs Jambey Tashi, Phurpa Tsering, Dorjee Wangdi Kharma, Tsering Tashi and Dongru Siangju including former Speaker TN Thongdok and GOC of 5 Mountain Division Major General Deepak Saini.

Following the inaugural and laying of foundation stone, Chief Minister inspected the new academic
building of the school. In a public event held to celebrate the occasion, Chief Minister appreciated the farsighted vision of the local Tukpen Village council that had donated 30 acre of land for the school that included Thubchog Gat-sel Ling Monastery.

Further the Chief Minister said with modernity we are fast losing our culture and traditional dialect. The Guru Tenpai Dronme School came into being as an answer to such challenges, said the Chief Minister and added that the school will prove to be a huge benefit for all Mon region balancing modernity with preservation of local culture and traditions.

Chief Minister advised the students and monks of the school to take full use of the quality education being provided by the school. He also, however, pointed that for quality education, the management should also be able to recruit quality teachers. Chief Minister in this matter assured all support for the school.

Responding to various memorandums submitted by the Tukpen Village Council and the Guru Tenpai Dronme Lobdra Govt. Primary School, the CM assured to look into their matter.

Other attraction of the event included colourful cultural programme by the students of the school, villagers of Rupa, Birpur and Thungri. A beautiful Assamese dance performance by the students of Pine Wood School Rupa mesmerized the gathering.

**CS directs DCs to effectively implement Swachhata hi Seva**

**ITANAGAR, Sep 14:**

Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar directed all the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to implement Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) effectively as well as monitor its implementation. He was speaking at a video conference with the DCs, to discuss disposal of plastic waste sanitisation campaign under ‘Swachhata Hi Seva’.

He also reviewed preparation being made by the District Administration with regard to the SHS in their respective districts.

For effective monitoring of the implementation of SHS, CS advised them to constitute a Committee at district level with Deputy Commissioner as the Chairman with local bodies and other representative of concerned departments as members.

Directing the DCs to implement all the activities of the SHS as per the guideline, CS directed the DCs to put all their heart and soul into the entire exercise for success of this massive countrywide awareness and mobilization campaign on Swachhata with special focus on plastic waste awareness and management which was launched on 11th September by the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi.

Emphasizing on strict monitoring, participation and implantation, he said it is a collective responsibility to bring a sustainable environment.

Activities under the SHS from 11th September to 27th October includes, awareness activities, collection of plastic waste from circle/village level, segregation, recycling, and effective disposal of the plastic etc.

General Manager National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL), Ziro was also present in the meeting. He enlightened the members on the use of treated Plastic (in place of bitumen) which doubles the longevity of the road with lesser costs.

Kumar asked them not to leave any stone unturned and advised them to use the occasion of Gandhi Jayantito bring the population on cultural platform to disseminate information and awareness on the elimination of Single Use Plastic.

He also suggested the District Administration could identify one popular personality of their respective districts whom they could appoint as brand Ambassador/Face to carry out the message of SHS
to the last person in the district.

He further directed all the Deputy Commissioners to send daily reports on SHS and its implementation to the Chairman Arunachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (APSPCB) and Secretary UD.

PCCF Shri. Lalram Tangha, A.K. Shukla Chairman APSPCB, S.K. Jain Secretary UD and all concerned were also present in the meeting.

Governor attends silver jubilee of Kerala Kala SamskarikaVedi (KKSV)

ITANAGAR, Sep 14:
Governor B.D. Mishra participated in the Onam Festival celebration cum silver jubilee celebration of Kerala Kala Samskarika Vedi (KKSV), a socio-cultural organization of Keralites in Arunachal Pradesh, affiliated to All India Malayalee Association.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor greeted the Malayalee Community on the festive occasion. He complimented the members of the Kerala Kala SamskarikaVedi for their good work rendered in the last 24 years in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. He exhorted them to maintain their inborn spirit of enterprise, positivity and initiative.

Recalling his association with Malayalee Community as an Indian Army Officer of the Madras Regiment, the Governor said that Malayalees are very innovative, efficient and meritorious. Reminding the people of the farsightedness of first Chief Minister of Kerala, Late E. M. S. Namboodiripad, the Governor said that it was the vision of Namboodiripad, who introduced Hindi in Kerala schools, that the Malayalees find employment throughout the country. He also called upon them to preserve and promote their age-old cultural heritage and pass it on to posterity.

General Secretary Praveen G and Convener Philipose George highlighted the benevolent activities of the Kerala Kala Samskarika Vedi in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. The association is promoting and preserving the age old traditions and culture of Kerala.

Earlier, the Governor and State Agriculture Minister Tage Taki gave away ‘Hangpan Dada Merit Scholarship’ to Class X and Class XII toppers amongst the children of Malayalee community of the State, sponsored by Kerala Kala Samskarika Vedi, on the occasion. Lakshmi Priya Subhagan, Advaith N. Ravi and Alvin Thomas of Class X under CBSE syllabus and Francis B. Daniel, and Angel Jayanunder Kerala Syllabus received the ‘Hangpan Dada Merit Scholarship’ for Class X students. Swagath Sabuand Lakshmi received the scholarship for Class XII (Science) and Class XII (Commerce) respectively. Tadar Sagte who stood first amongst the APST students of Government Higher Secondary Schools in Papum Pare District, also received the scholarship.

The scholarship is named after one of the valiant sons of the India from the State of Arunachal Pradesh, Havaldar Hangpan Dada, Ashoka Chakra (Posthumous).

First Lady of the State Neelam Misra, Local MLA Techi Kaso, National General Secretary, All India Malayalee Association P.N. Sreekumar, General Secretary, Arunachal Pradesh Pensioner’s Association, Kerala Chapter, K.P. Balachandran and President, All India Malayalee Association, Arunachal Pradesh Unit V.P. Raindran Nair also participated in the programme.

Inter Village Schools is a Dire Necessity in Hard Belts to Regain lost glory of Old schools in the state

AALO Sep 14:
It is a fact that many of the stalwarts in the state are alumni of government schools and counting such luminaries donning state colour will run into thousands for sure. With passage of time many of the old schools that catered educational needs of students in hey days are on the verge of col-
lapse due to patronage, lack of infrastructure, shortage of teachers, enrollment and other problems associated with it. The opening and up graduation of schools in a large scale in the past have done no good either and led to defunct and closure of many schools and poor performances, falling academic graph, quantitative education we witness today are factors behind it.

One such glaring example is Keak Middle School that was established in the year 1956 as a Primary School and celebrated its Golden jubilee Year with fanfare amid congregation of Alumni in 2006. This school was instrumental in shaping many luminaries of the society from Upper Kamba, Kamba, Darak and Yomcha in those days but the 13 years of its journey after the celebration of Golden jubilee Year paints a pitiable picture of the school. The Keak UPS has an enrollment of 36 students with ten teachers to run it today due to lack of feeder schools and present trend of most of the parents going out for private schools.

The school can only regain its lost glory if it is converted into a Inter Village school with hostel facilities to accommodate students from Upper Kamba villages like Yaki Tato, keak, Kesi Tali, Gemo Tali, Sesi Likar, Sere Tali and Siru Tali right from class 1 to VIII. This will not only help students located far away from the central school to stay together in hostel but meet up the teachers shortages as teachers posted here and there without purpose can be concentrated in that particular school. This will also enhance teaching-learning atmosphere which is abruptly missing today. This kind of Inter Village Schools are of a dire need in many hard belts where schools have been opened but problems of teachers shortage, infrastructures, enrollments etc. looms large.

Training on Oil Palm cultivation practices held

DOLLUNGMUHK, Sep 14: Over 100 farmers took part in a training programme on Oil Palm Practices organized under Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Department of Agriculture, at Dollungmukh in Kamle here today.

Addressing the farmers DDA, Dani Yubbey highlighted the activities and various schemes and programmes under Agriculture department and urged the farmers to take up oil palm cultivation through scientific and technical support.

Resource person from Ruchi Soya Industries Limited oil palm division, Manager Tapas Kumar Tripathy presented a power point presentation and dwelt in about plan oil cultivation. He shared the success stories of various farmers across Arunachal Pradesh and the vast potential of palm oil cultivation in coming years.

Taking note of the humid tropical climate of Dollungmukh, which is the best for palm oil cultivation he encouraged the farmers to take up oil palm cultivation seriously at Dollungmukh.

Raga ADO, Koj Horming also encouraged the farmers to cultivate oil palm for their livelihood and to make best use of their vast available land.

Khandu urges Engineers not to encourage schemes pushed by Individuals

ITANAGAR, Sep 15: Chief Minister Pema Khandu today reiterated the staunch commitment of his government to put a halt to all ‘individual’ centric schemes and projects and take up only those that are beneficial to the society as a whole.

Speaking at the 52nd Engineers Day (26th in Arunachal) celebrations here today, Khandu urged engineers of all work departments not to encourage schemes that are pushed by individuals but only forward those which are on demand by an entire community, village or society. He said the state government
has already decentralized the planning process by giving the responsibility of forwarding schemes and projects to the District Planning Committees based on specific needs at the grass root level. This, he said, will bring in transparency, curb corruption and usher development in real sense.

Further, the Chief Minister said, all projects, once started, will be geotagged to be monitored remotely and avoid duplicity. He admitted the hurdles like unavailability of internet services at all places at the beginning but expressed optimism that once implemented there won’t be any unfinished, half-finished, over-the-budget and prolonged projects in the state.

Lauding the contribution of engineers in building the state, Khandu urged them to deliver to the optimum and assured the government's full cooperation.

“You have a government at place with willpower as well as political will, which is ready to back you up when required. You need not fear anybody. Be committed to your responsibilities and do not compromise with quality development of the state,” he beckoned.

Khandu appreciated the theme for this year’s celebration – Engineering for Change – which he said is urgently needed for Arunachal Pradesh.

Calling for change in planning, designing and use of technology specific to the geological conditions for creating infrastructure, Khandu however pointed that first the change should from within.

“Yes we need change in knowledge and technology but first we need change in our mindset. Without changing our old mindset and the thought process, nothing will change,” he said.

While welcoming new technologies, Khandu advised engineers to also study and learn from traditional methods of constructions that have withstood time and nature. He gave an example of the iron chain linked suspension bridge at Chaksam near Mogto village over Tawang chu River in Tawang district.

“This bridge was built in the 1450s by Lama Chaksam Wangpo and it is fabled that 108 similar bridges were built by him in the entire region. The said bridge is still serving its purpose!” he informed.

The Chief Minister further advocated that creating infrastructure should not be at the cost of environment and cultural identity of the state. He in fact suggested incorporating traditional architectural designs in constructing public buildings and other structures.

Responding to a three-point memorandum submitted by the Arunachal Pradesh Engineer Service Association (APESA) – organizers of the function – Khandu assured he would take up the issues with the Chief Secretary and do the necessary. The demands include – complete halt on functional posts and conduction of DPCs on time, appointment of eligible senior engineers as head (Secretary) of all work departments and creation of post of the Engineer-in-Chief where more than one Chief Engineers exist at present.

Guest of Honour of the day, Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar called engineers as epicenter of life as ‘everyday life revolves around engineers’ as life wouldn’t be life as it is today without the creations of engineers.

“Arunachal Pradesh is passing through a transition phase and engineers are the wheels of transition,” he said and assured his availability 24x7 for any issue or work.

While Chief Engineer (SID&P), PWD, Dr Atop Lego made a presentation on the theme ‘Engineering for Change’ calling for adoption of newer technologies, former Chief Engineer, Tomi Ete, who retired as Secretary (PHE&WS) in 2014, said that half the problems would be resolved even if the engineers implement in letter and spirit the knowledge gained in their respective degree courses on the ground.

Special Guests Hon-chum Ngandam, Minister for
RWD, and WangkiiLowang, Minister for PHE&WS, called for innovation and sincerity on part of engineers to develop the state at right earnest.

Organized by APESA headed by its president Pura Tupe and secretary general K Perme, the Engineers Day celebration also included a Symposium on the allotted theme, participated by engineers of all work departments and students of various institutes with resource persons coming from NERIST, NIT and RGU.

Ayushman Bharat Pakhwara commence in the state

ITANAGAR, Sep 15:
A Prabhat Pheri/Walkathon from Sector A to Hathi Matha in Naharlagun was organised by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, to mark the commencement of Ayushman Bharat Pakhwara. It was also observed in various districts like East Siang, Lohit, Changlang etc. and report from many districts are yet to be received by State.

Ayushman Bharat or "Healthy India", a national initiative was launched in 2018 as recommended by the National Health Policy 2017, to achieve the vision of Universal Health Coverage. It comprises of two inter-related components— Establishment of Health and Wellness Centres (HWC)- that cover prevention promotion and ambulatory care at primary level, and Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)- for cashless treatment at secondary and tertiary level. The objective of this initiative is to increase and ensure the awareness to availing the services from Health and Wellness Centres, PM-JAY and CMAAY. It will also be emphasizing during the fortnight, the enrolment of all families under CMAAY to enable them to get benefits from the scheme.

In state capital, more than 300 peoples participated in the event led by DHS Dr Moromor Lego, DFW Dr A. Yirang, Jt DHS Dr S. Bhattacharjee and Dr Emi Rumi, Deputy Director Nursing, Deputy Directors- Health Services and Nodal officers of various Health programmes. The event was attended by many officers and officials from Directorate of Health Services, Directorate of Family Welfare, TRIHMS and DMO ICC/Yupia. The MOs of Capital Complex, Zion Nursing school, Programme Study Centre-Naharlagun (MLHP), Vidya Sagar School, Naharlagun and many other general publics have joined the walkathon.

Dr Dimong Padung, Nodal Officer-NHM while welcoming all the participants brief about the AB Pakhwara and said that the fortnight celebration would concludeon Wednesday, the October 2, 2019 to increase awareness about the services under Ayushman Bharat and reach out to the beneficiaries with information about availing the services of Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres and Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, as well as state initiative “Chief Minister Arogya Arunachal Yojana”.

Dr L Jampa State Nodal Officer-HWC highlighted that all Sub-centres, PHCs and UPHCs in the state would be upgraded to Health and Wellness centres by 2022 wherein all the services are provided free of cost including drugs and diagnostics and comprehensive primary health care to the community is the priority. At present there are 72 Health and Wellness Centres operational in Arunachal Pradesh.

Dr Tana Takum, CEO-CMAAY/PMJAY have informed that PM-JAY as the world’s largest health care scheme which provides up to Rs 5 lakhs per family per year as cashless treatment at empanelled hospitals. The family not included under PM-JAY are covered under the state initiative “Chief Minister Arogya Arunachal Yojana”. All the empanelled hospital both private and public are providing free treatment under the scheme.

A skit-show by trainees(Health and Wellness Officers) showcasing various services and benefits of Ayushman Bharat Scheme was
performed to mark the inauguration of AB Pakhwara. Dr Dipu Lowang Asstt. Nodal Officer-HWC informed that Ayushman Bharat Diwas would be celebrated on 23rd September next on completion of one year of Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY at all public hospital, HWC and all empanelled private hospitals and urged to felicitate one best ASHA or ANM per facility.

The Chief Guest of the function Dr Moromor Lego, Director Health Services have advised all the districts and health facilities to observe Ayushman Bharat Pakhwara/Fortnight from 15th September 2019 and extended up to 2nd October, 2019. He appeals one and all to disseminate the messages on the free services under Ayushman Bharat and further asked every beneficiaries to avail the entitlements so that every beneficiary.

**CM urges Engineers to ‘Be Bold’ and ‘Avoid working Close Doors’**

**ITANAGAR, Sep 16:** Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu today called for courage, determination and sincerity on part of engineers of the Public Works Department (PWD) to thwart interventions by people in power and usher quality of works being executed by the department.

“Be bold. Avoid working closed-doors, work in a transparent manner. Be honest in your dealings. Go by the rules. Nobody will dare to intervene or interfere in discharge of your duties,” he said while chairing a day-long review meeting of the department here at the State Banquet Hall. He was hinting at reported interferences by political leaders in tendering processes of the department.

This is the first review meeting of the department by Khandu, who is also the Minister in-Charge of PWD.

The Chief Minister categorically stressed that the work culture of the departmental officials, particularly of the engineers, must change for good. Every engineer from the junior level to the top must be aware and responsible for all projects under their jurisdiction.

“The Superintendent Engineers (SEs) and Executive Engineers (EEs) should be personally up-to-date with the status of each and every project – big or small. They must physically visit each work site regularly, which will not only help in monitoring the progress and maintaining quality but also encourage junior level officials to discharge their duties honestly and sincerely,” he advised while adding it will also ensure timely completion of projects.

He blamed decline in work-culture on involvement of officers in petty politics, which results in juniors getting appointed to higher posts on officiating basis, which in turn disheartens the sincere ones.

“We are committed to discard this practice, conduct regular DPCs and re-instill discipline in the department,” he assured.

Citing the role of PWD as the most significant amongst all work departments, Khandu said the department has the onerous responsibility of surging the state ahead on the path of infrastructural development.

He said the responsibility of the in-service engineers of the current generation is all the more as majority of them are locals of the state.

“We as locals of the state have to think and work for the development of our state and welfare of our future generation. If we don’t, who will?” he questioned and urged, “Use your power and position when you got it. Or else you will regret after you retire!”

Khandu expressed concern on delay in completion, failure to float tender and non-submission of utilization certificates of various important projects. He specifically sought status of sick projects like the Tamen to Tali, Tamen to Dollungmukh, ziro-point to Tali in Kra Dadi district, etc and called for early solution to the hurdles.

On taking the status of 4-laning of the capital road, he was told that the work is not progressing at the required
pace and therefore, the department proposes to have a final meeting with the contractor by October end and decide further action.

The Highway Division of PWD informed that tenders have been floated for the Potin to Pangin Trans Arunachal Highway, which has been sanctioned in 9 packages by MoRTH. While expression of interest to make DPR of the 2259 km Frontier Highway – Dirang to Vijoynagar – has already been invited by MoRTH, proposal for the East-West Corridor (1046.80 km) under the Bharat mala scheme of the Center has been submitted to MoRTH for approval.

Few issues like taking over of PWD roads by RWD under PMGSY was also raised, to which the Chief Minister directed the concerned EEs to urgently submit the details for the government to find a solution. To the issue of delay in release of funds, he assured that the government is bringing reforms for ease of work and it is one of the main concerns. Other departmental issues like shortage of manpower, both technical and non-technical, lack of office buildings, etc were also highlighted to the Chief Minister.

Meanwhile, Chief Engineer (SIDP & P), Dr Atop Lego explained in detail provisions of the Arunachal Pradesh State Road (Regulation and Development) Act, 2015 besides highlighting the objectives of the Chief Minister’s Comprehensive State Road Development and Building Infrastructure Development Plan 2019-24.

Dr Lego informed that the Plan envisages to prioritize construction/repairing of state capital roads (108 kms), district headquarter roads (300 kms), ADC/SDO headquarter roads (300 kms), EAC/CO headquarter roads (900 kms) and state highways (400 kms) by the year 2024. He also said that all projects under CRF, RIDF, NESIDES, etc will be channelized to this Plan.

All Chief Engineers, Superintendent Engineers and Executive Engineers of the department were present in the review meeting.

Expressing his disagreement to the existence of engineering wings in non-engineering departments like Tourism, Education, Sports, etc, the Chief Minister informed that the government is committed to dissolve all such wings. He informed that despite a Cabinet decision in this regard, the engineering wings are still in existence due to some technical issues, which, he said, is being taken care.

He was of the opinion that the executive engineer, who heads such wings, cannot be competent officially enough to successfully oversee work projects of the concerned non-engineering department in entire Arunachal Pradesh. "We have started the process and the engineering wing of the Tourism department will be the first in line," he said.

Khandu, however, assured that all in-service engineers and officials of such wings will be taken care of by the government. Those who are on deputation will be restored to their parent departments and others will be adjusted in various departments as per eligibility, seniority and feasibility, he added.

The Chief Minister along with Commissioner PWD Belatee Pertin and Secretary W Y Ringu, minutely went through the presentations made by the concerned SEs of each circle. Status of all projects under schemes like CRF, RIDF, NLCPR, NESIDES, BADP, SADA, SIDF, NEC, ISC, BE, RUSA and budget announcements were discussed in detail.

**Education Minister calls on the Governor**

ITANAGAR, Sep 16:
State Education Minister Er. Taba Tedir called on Governor B.D. Mishra to discuss on the permanent layout plan of the Sainik School, Niglok, East Siang District.

The Governor emphasised on creating student user-friendly infrastructure for the Sainik School. The layout of the school should be conducive for the overall academic,
physical and mental growth of the students. He stressed that the Sainik School, East Siang should become the best educational institute in India. Care must be taken so that it becomes the school par excellence and a benchmark for other educational institutes to emulate.

Accepting the invitation to participate in the 1st Conference of Heads of School on 25th September 2019, at the request of the State Education Minister, the Governor said that the heads of the schools must move with the needs of time and bring the merit-based changes in our schooling system to the benefit of the students. Their proactive role and far-sighted approach must translate into the positive impact on the growth of the students, the Governor said.

Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar, Commissioner to Governor R.P. Upadhyaya, Secretary Education Madhu Rani Teotia and Senior Architect Dawa Tsering were also present in the meeting.

West Kameng Deputy Commissioner adjudged Best Performer at Swachh Darpan Competition

ITANAGAR, Sep 16:
West Kameng Deputy Commissioner was adjudged 1st in the State and 2nd in the national level at the Swachh Prerak Day that was organized under Swachh Mahotsav-2019 at Dorjee Khandu Auditorium, State Legislative Assembly to felicitate the best performer on Swachh Darpan Competition 2019.

Tirap Deputy Commissioner stood 2nd in the State and 3rd in the national level, while Siang Deputy Commissioner was ranked 3rd in the State and 7th in the national level. The Executive Engineer, PHE & WS Division Bomdila was also awarded for the successful implementation of Swachh Darpan in the respective Division.

Minister PHE&WS Wangki Lowang while speaking to the gathering, stressed on the importance of sanitation and emphasised the need to take responsibility to convert this movement as “Jan Andolan”, so as to change the mind-set of the public. While addressing the suggestion to increase the incentive for construction of Individual Household Latries (IHHL), he specifically said that the incentive is provided only as a reward for constructing toilets.

MLAs Techi Kaso and Tana Hali Taraalso spoke in length about the necessity to involve all the stakeholders including Gaon-Burahs in the journey of sanitation. Kaso requested the Minister to ban the usage of single use plastics in Arunachal Pradesh and enhancement of additional support for construction of IHHL to minimum of Rs. 50,000/-.

Secretary (PHE & WS) Rinchin Tashi stressed on sustaining the Open Defecation Free (ODF) status in the State with the cooperation of all the stakeholders. He highlighted that under Universal Sanitation Coverage, all missed out households are to be provided with IHHL. He also acknowledged the tremendous effort made by the field functionaries for completing 4 wall paintings in each village and installation of ODF board within a span of one month in all the 5389 villages.

Chief Engineer, (W/Z), PHE & WS Department Toko Jyoti appreciated the Team Sanitation for organizing the day in tandem with the nation within a short period of time. He specified the importance for taking up Solid Liquid Waste Management in 47 Administrative Centres on a pilot project basis involving all stakeholders and also requested the government to reconsider the fund for the ongoing ODF+ activities and Universal Sanitation Coverage.

The awarded Deputy Commissioners spoke on the importance of the harmful impact of Plastic waste on environment and the safe disposal of sanitary napkins. They also appreciated the PHE & WS for the work done in the field of sanitation and advocated to focus more on Solid Liquid
Waste Management in the days to come.

Fifteen other field functionaries including Assistant Engineers, Junior Engineers, District Consultants, Block Coordinators & Swachha grahis from 12 (Twelve) Blocks were also awarded for their outstanding performance during Swachh Darpan competition 2019.

During the occasion, the State level launching of Swachhata Hi Seva-2019 took place wherein various activities will be taken up from 11th September to 2nd October, 2019 followed by release of handbook on ‘Menstrual Hygiene Management’.

**Governor interacts with students**

**ITANAGAR, Sep 17:** Governor B.D. Mishra today interacted with the students of Higher Educational Classes and spoke about the duties and responsibilities of the students. He also shared the background of Article 35A and Article 370, which have been abrogated.

The Governor said that the students of the day are the future leaders, a generation which will be leading the society and State. He exhorted them to make themselves of indispensable merit for the Nation. Prepare yourself for your future responsibilities, as the Nation looks upon you to lead, the Governor advised.

He cautioned the students against three aspects, i.e. terrorism & violence, degradation of environment and population explosion. He advised them to fight against these three challenges tooth & nail.

While emphasizing that the students must imbibe nationalism, honesty, abide by rule of law and work hard to achieve their goals. The Governor impressed upon them to change their mindset of job seekers and become job providers by becoming entrepreneurs and self employed.

Sharing the history of Kashmir from 1819, when Maharaja Ranjit Singh captured the region to the creation of Article 370 and Article 35A, the Governor said that the provisions under Article 35A and Article 370 were never beneficial for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and nor in the National interest. He said that the common people of J&K never benefited from it.

Welcoming the abrogation of these Articles, the Governor said that these provisions aided anti national activities, segregated people of J&K and resulted in violence in the State.

Negating the apprehension of the students about the continuance of Article 371H and Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873, the Governor pointed out that the North Eastern Region has the full attention of the Central Government, where Arunachal Pradesh is the most favourite State. For the welfare of the State and respecting the sentiment of the people, the Central Government will never initiate any action, which will directly or indirectly harm the interest of the people of North East, the Governor said.

The students from Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, North eastern Regional Institute of science & Technology, Nirjuli, National Institute of Technology, Arunachal Pradesh, Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar and Bini Yanga Govt. Women’s College, Lekhi enthusiastically participated in the seventh episode of Governor’s students interaction.

**UPHC Itafort gets Designated microscopy centre for TB patients**

**ITANAGAR, Sep 17:** The Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) Itafort has achieved another feat by adding the Designated Microscopy Centre services for Tuberculosis Patient, that was inaugurated today by District Medical Officer, Itanagar Dr. Mandip Perme, in the presence of District TB Officer Papumpare Dr. P.D. Thongchi, Medical Officer in charge Cum Urban Health Coordinator Dr. Kabak Tamar and the Staffs of UPHC Itafort.
This added facility will provide Sputum diagnostic test for all the presumptive TB Cases in free of cost as well as facilitate the Cartridge based nucleic acid amplification test (CBNAAT) for detecting the multidrug resistant TB Cases.

Perme lauded the entire State and District RNTCP team for achieving this feat and expressed his full cooperation for improvement of service delivery and performance indicators.

Dr. P.D. Thongchi informed that all the Laboratory technicians of existing health facility is well trained and capacity building training were provided in routinely manner with keeping in mind the quality control is checked periodically. He also added that Government of India have announced and taken huge task of TB elimination by the Year 2025 and for which various Patient welfare scheme such as Incentive for Treatment compliance and Nutrition supplementation during the treatment is introduced and urged all the beneficiaries to avail this scheme.

Tamar informed and urged all the staffs, public and field functionaries such as ASHA, AWW and Self-Help Groups to disseminate the importance of TB diagnosis and treatment which will be provided free of cost to the nearest Designated Microscopy centre. He also informed that TB awareness and screening will also be done in Ayushman Pakhagara and Urban Health Nutrition day being jointly conducted by Health and WCD Department.

**Cabinet approves adoption of UPSC Pattern for Group A & B posts**

**ITANAGAR, Sep 17:** The State Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu, has decided to adopt the UPSC Civil Services examination pattern for selection of candidates to Group –A and Group B posts of various departments through Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Combined Competitive Examination (APPSCCE).

In its continuous efforts to bring the administration to the doorsteps of the people, new Circle Headquarter at Paramputu with Camp Headquarter at Loth in Lower Subansiri district was approved by the Council of Ministers.

The Cabinet approved for implementation of 7th CPC Pay Scales for teachers and librarians of Polytechnics w.e.f. 1st of January 2016. This decision of the cabinet will benefit fifty seven faculty members across six Government Polytechnics in the state.

The cabinet also approved for one time financial assistance to Arunachal Pradesh Scheduled Tribe candidates qualifying national level exams conducted by Union Public Service Commission. The candidates will be given Rs. 2 lakhs assistance upon clearing prelims and Rs. 3 lakhs on clearing mains. This scheme shall apply to eight national level examinations conducted by UPSC which includes – Indian Forest Service, Combined Defence Services Examination, National Defence Academy, Central Police Organisations, Central Health Services, Indian Engineering Services, Indian Statistics Service in addition to Civil Services Examination.

In a major relief to in service departmental candidates for direct recruitment to Group A and Group B posts, the Cabinet relaxed the age limit by five years in addition to the normal relaxation of age for the departmental candidates with three years of continuous services.

In order to encourage and ensure sustainable development of sericulture activities leading to upliftment of rural economic employment generation and doubling the farmers income by effectively utilising available natural resources of the state, the cabinet decided to create a separate Directorate of Sericulture. This directorate will have 94 officials including Director and Joint Director level officers.

Special remission was granted to five prisoners who
have already completed more than 50% of their term of prison as a part of commemoration of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by the Cabinet.

The Cabinet also formally approved the Hamara Arunachal Abhiyaan, a campaign that will collaborate with CBOs, common public, PR leaders, Youths, student organisations, transport organisations, market welfare organisation etc. and take up various issues like drug addiction among youths, communal harmony, traffic management and many more to interact and learn from the people about its effects in their lives. In the process, the mission also aims at educating the masses and curbing menaces that has been disturbing the state for quite sometime now. Through this initiative the public and administration will work in tandem to create Arunachal of our dreams.

Meeting of the Childline Advisory Board held

ITANAGAR, Sep 18:
A meeting of the Childline Advisory Board(CAB) was held today in the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner Itanagar Capital Complex Vikram Singh Malik to review the functioning of the Childline and to discuss the activities of the Child Welfare Committee and to suggest measures to enhance their services. During the meeting, various issues pertaining to the functioning of the Childline, Child Welfare Committee etc were discussed by the members of the CAB.

Chairperson CWC Kani Nada Maling, pointed out the shortcomings that are being faced during rescue operations such as unavailability of vehicle to which the DC assured to look into the matter. The DC also assured that all kind of support would be provided by the District Administration and urged all the stakeholders to work together as a team. He also directed the officers from the department of Women and Child Development to immediately functionalise the Track Child Portal that would function as a database of all those children who have gone missing.

Earlier, Coordinator Childline Itanagar Loanhang Aran explained in detail about Childline, its functioning, credo, genesis, history, structure, its nodal agency that is the Childline India Foundation and more specifically about Childline Itanagar.

Childline is India’s first 24 hour, free emergency phone and outreach service for children in need of care and protection and that any child or concerned adult can dial 1098 to avail of its emergency assistance. Childline reaches out to children from 0-18 years of age and in extreme condition to young adults upto 25 years. The Childline works for protection of children and if any call is being made to Childline for help, the team tries to reach to the child and provide rehabilitation and constant follow up. In Itanagar Don Bosco Youth Centre is working as a Collaborative Organization for Childline. The Childline Itanagar has attended 1468 cases till August 2019.

Among others, Additional SP Capital Complex Harsh Indora, Urban Health Coordinator Dr. Kabak Tamar, representatives from CWC, Childline, CCI, OJU Naharlagun, APSLSA etc attended the meeting.

CS directs DCs to select one village under Border Blocks to be developed as Model Village

ITANAGAR, Sep 18:
Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar asked all the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to propose schemes which will have a strong and long-lasting impact on the villagers in border areas at the 37th meeting of the State Level Screening Committee (SLSC) on Border Area Development Programme (BADP).

He directed them to select one village under Border Blocks from their districts to be developed as Model Village under the BADP.
Emphasizing on quality as well as timely completion of projects, Kumar further directed the concerned Deputy Commissioners to personally visit the project sites especially projects related to security point of view and send reports accordingly on every alternate month.

All the concerned Deputy Commissioners of the twelve districts, that shares international border with China namely, Tawang, West Kameng, East Kameng, Upper Subansiri, Kurung Kumey, Kra Daadi, Shi Yomi, Upper Siang, Dibang Valley, Lower Dibang Valley, and Anjaw with international border with China submitted their Annual Action Plan 2019-20 in Power Point Presentation.

The SLSC on BADP finalised and approved most of the schemes except for Agro and Allied Sectors which will be taken up or merged with the schemes under Line Departments of the State.

Apart from this, the SLSC also reviewed status of VKV projects in Mukto (Tawang), Nafra (Khazallang, West Kameng), Boo (Anini, Dibang Valley) and Anjaw with international border with China submitted their Annual Action Plan 2019-20 in Power Point Presentation.

The SLSC also reviewed the latest status of the ongoing/completed projects under the BADP schemes in their districts.

Principal Secretary Dr. A.C. Verma, concerned senior officers, Deputy Commissioners or their representatives, District Planning Officers, representative from ITBP, and others were present in the meeting.

IAF felicitates Civilians Involved in Search and Recovery Operation of ill-fated AN-32

AALO, Sep 18:
The Indian Air Force felicitated all civilians involved in the search and recovery of the ill-fated AN-32 that crashed at Pari Mountain near Gate village on 3rd June last at AIG Aalo today.

Attending the formal Felicitation Function held at Aalo Landing Ground, Air Marshal R.D Mathur, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command said that he indebted to the state administration led by Chief Minister, Chief Secretaries, DCS and SPs of Siang, West Siang and Shi-Yomi district and all personnel who were directly or indirectly involved in locating the crash site, recovering the mortal remains along with black box and personal belongings of the crew members.

The Air Marshall also felicitated the identified persons with certificates of commendation along with disbursement of Rs. 5 lakhs which was announced as cash awards towards any help in locating the crash site. Pumek Ronya, DL-RSO and then In Charge EAC Kaying Received Rs. 1 lakh, on behalf of Siang administration to be distributed among the ground Search team. Tadut Tachung who gave the crucial input on deviating AN-32 was awarded Rs.1, 50,000. Cash Award of Rs. 35,000 with commendation certificate and AOC-in-C medal was awarded to Everesters, Taka Tamut. Another Everester Kishon Tekseng was awarded Rs. 20,000 with Certificate of Appreciation. Mountaineers Tagung Tamut, Talik Darung, Okenma Mize were also awarded Rs. 15,000 each with Certification of Appreciation. The HGB of Gaseng, Gate and Payum were awarded Rs. 50,000 each on behalf of people who were engaged in search operation.

West Siang DC Swetika Sachan, SP Siang Kushal Pal Singh along with Dy. Director APEDA Er. Somar Potom who were instrumental in month long Aerial and Ground operation were also present during the Felicitation Programme.

Circle Officer Miging Khoda Bhatt, also coordinated the Ground Search Team from Upper Siang district.

Governor hails the teachings of Swami Vivekananda

ITANAGAR, Sep 18:
A group of members of Vivekananda Kendra called on Governor B.D. Mishra at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on the occasion
of 50th year of the dedication of mid-sea Vivekananda Rock Memorial in Kanyakumari to the nation.

To mark the occasion nationwide contact programme ‘Vivekanada Shila Smarak- Ek Bharat Vijayi Bharat’ has been launched on 2nd Sept 2019 with first Sampark with President of India Ram Nath Kovind and later with Vice President Venkaiah Naidu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Governor hailed the teachings of the Great patriot saint Swami Vivekananda and asked the group members to spread his teachings throughout the state. He exhorted the Kendra to spread Swami Vivekananda’s message of National integration and unity to each and every school to motivate the younger generation to inculcate Swami Vivekananda’s values of life. Citing the examples of Sankaracharya and Swami Vivekananda, he said one’s life, even though short must be fruitful and meaningful for the society and the nation. He said that he himself was inspired by the working pattern of Manneeya Eknathji Ranade. He also congratulated the Vivekananda Kendra on completion of 50 years of the Rock Memorial and its good impact on visitors. He emphasised on the continuing relevance of Swami Vivekananda’s teachings in the present day scenario and wanted concerted efforts to strengthen the education system of the state through the V.K.Vs.

Prant Sanchalak Vivekananda Kendra Arunachal PrantDr. Joram Begi highlighted the history of the construction of the Vivekananda Rock memorial and the obstacles involved in the construction process by Manneeya Eknathji Ranade. The uniqueness of the memorial were recalled during the meeting, viz firstly, it is the only memorial in our country for which 323 Members of Parliament, cutting across political lines had appealed for its construction in 1963. Secondly, 30 Lakhs of citizen i.e. 1% adult population then of India contributed Rs. 85 Lakhs through 1 Rupee donation coupons. Thirdly, during its construction period (1964-70) almost all state Governments, irrespective of the party in power, contributed Rs One Lakh each for the Memorial. He also elucidated the works of Vivekananda Kendra, a spiritually oriented service mission, which started in 1972. Vivekananda Kendra has 1005 Service activities all over India.

In Aruanchal Vivekananda Kendra has its activities through 42 V.K.V Schools, Arun Jyoti Projects, 41 Anandalayas for school supportive activities, 63 Balwadis for primary schools, one B.Ed College, 3 Vocational training centres in Border areas, 2 KGBVs, Vivekananda Kendra Institute of culture for documentation, preservation and promotion of Culture and tradition, V K Centre for Human Excellence, 20 Branch Centres of Vivekananda Kendra, Personality development in youths through Vijay Hi Vijay Camps, VKV Alumni Associations.

Prant Pramukh Dr. Tejum Padu, Prant Sangathak Rupesh Mathur, Prant Vyavastha Pramukh Taba Tatup and Prant Sampark Pramukh P.G Dodum were also present in the meeting.

Governor chairs meeting of Heads of Educational Institute ITANAGAR, Sep 21:
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) chaired a high-level meeting of senior officials and heads of the institute of Higher Education in the State at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. The Governor convened the meeting, to reinforce the effort of the State Government in improving the higher education scenario in the State with special focus on higher and technical education. National Education Policy (Higher Education), accreditation of colleges, quality of education, usage of technology, student apprenticeship and social responsibility were discussed in length.

Chairing the meeting in run up to the coming Conference of Governors, the Gov-
Governor said that it is heartening that the Governors are now devoting more and more times to socio-educational issues. He advised the officials to put in concerted effort for improving state of the higher education. The Governor emphasised on commitment of the teaching community and personal counselling and mentorship of the students.

While expressing his concern about non-accreditation of 12 colleges in the State, the Governor said that it is very important to have cent percent accreditation and principals must be apprised to complete it at the earliest. He asked the Director Higher Education to prepare a time bound plan for accreditation of all the government colleges of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor stressed on quality education and change of only job seeking mindset amongst the students. He said that the students must stand up and innovate avenues for self employment. Heads of institute must be sensitized for planning apprenticeship of the students with the Corporate / business houses.

The Governor emphasised on Fit India Campaign, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Plastic Ban Campaign, which should form part of Higher Education.

Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Prof. Sakti Kushwaha, Director NER-IST, Prof. H.S. Yadav, Director NIT, Arunachal Pradesh Prof. P.Mahanta, Secretary Education, Smt Madhu Rani Teotia, IAS, Director Higher & Technical Education, Dr. Tayek Talom, Principal, Don Bosco College, Father Jose George and Principal, Binni Yanga Govt. Women College, Dr. Aruna Gyati Lod were present in the meeting.

**CM urges departments to push for investment in their respective sectors**

**ITANAGAR, Sep 21:**
Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu today directed the departments with potentials for investment to come out with respective roadmaps with each and every detail of latest facts and figures by October 10 next.

“We have been repeating that we have immense potential for investment and development, but only in words. Nobody is exercising on how to bring in investment or actually doing any ground work,” he said while calling upon the officials to do the ground work and submit to the government all details of assets and potentials by the deadline.

Chairing a meeting here on ‘Investment and the way forward’ along with Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar, Khandu was very particular on having on record all government assets, their status, their revenue generation and investment potentials, etc. He opined that unless and until all details are available with the government, it wouldn’t be possible to invite investors to the state.

“We say we are ready to invite investors from outside. But we must be ready with all facts and figures and convince them (investors) of our potential both in terms of assets and profits," he pointed.

Responding to a power-point presentation made by the Tourism Secretary, Khandu advised her to focus on the sectors where investors can be invited to invest. Admitting tourism as one big potential sector, he said atmosphere should be created to lure big corporates and entrepreneurs to come an invest in the sector.

Khandu gave an example that if big corporates agree to open hotels in a tourist destination, the state should offer facilities like way-side amenities along the route leading to the destination.

“All departments should work in coordination and create a investor-friendly atmosphere in the state. Unless we do it, our dream to lure investors would go in vain,” he said.

Taking review on status of the Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Dairy Development department, Khandu asked its
secretary to focus on processing, which has a huge potential for investment. He expressed surprise that despite having immense potentials, the department is not able to even meet local demands for meat or dairy products. The same goes for the Fishery department, he pointed.

“Along with animal husbandry and dairy, fisheries too can attract investment. We have ample land and natural resources, we have already created huge assets. Now we have to come up with a roadmap,” he stressed.

He said without investment from outside coming in, the state economy cannot get out of the grip of govt-dependent economy. This, he said, would hamper the employment generation objective of the government.

The Chief Minister called for road shows, investor meets, etc to showcase to the would-be investors what the state has on offer that would-be investor-friendly and economically viable.

Khandu directed that the report to be compiled by respective departments by October 10 should contain Besides other figures, details of connectivity, land available, transportation, power, water, etc facilities.


Railway Minister assures fast tracking of railway projects in the state

ITANAGAR, Sep 21: Union Minister of State for Railways, Suresh Angadi along with officials from the Ministry and Railways called on Chief Minister Pema Khandu here this morning. During the courtesy call, both discussed on way forward to fast-track ongoing and proposed railway lines in Arunachal Pradesh.

Expressing gratitude to the MoS for the attention given by the Center for development of railway connectivity in the frontier state, Khandu emphasized that connectivity is the only bottleneck for the otherwise potential state. He sought special attention of the Ministry in providing optimum railway connectivity in the state.

He said Arunachal Pradesh, especially Tawang district, is much disputed by China and railways reaching the farthest districts would be a befitting reply to the ‘claims’, while urging the Ministry to speed up the work on the Sela Tunnel paving way for the railway line to Tawang from Bhalukpong. Talking about the Shatabdi Express, introduced between Naharlagun and Guwahati, Khandu said it is one of the most sought after travelling mediums for commuters. He, however, stressed on the need to change the departure time of the train from Naharlagun.

“On popular demand of commuters, we would request the ministry to defer the departure time from Naharlagun by about two hours. It departs at 5 am at present, which is too early for passengers from Itanagar and nearby places. It may be deferred to at least 7 am,” he urged.

The Chief Minister also requested the Ministry to extend the route of the Kamakhya Express at least up to Dibrugarh. He reasoned that the extension would facilitate travel by tourists, especially devotees coming to Parashuram Kund in Lohit district.

He further requested fixing the rate of land compensation for railway tracks as fixed and offered to Assam, which the ministry has accepted.

The Railway Minister assured that his officials would immediately seek out the feasibility of deferring the departure time of the Shatabdi Express and do the adjustments promptly. On request for increasing its frequency (it only runs thrice a week), he said directives have already
been given to railway officials to study the feasibility.

Hailing Arunachal Pradesh for its natural bounty, Angadi said Prime Minister Narendra Modi is giving special preference to the North East in terms of connectivity and the Railway Ministry is duty bound to reach out to states like Arunachal Pradesh.

He said all railway projects in the state will be fast-tracked and that no stone will be left unturned to complete them on time.

On request of the state government to connect the Arunachal Express to also connect Murkongselek, Angadi informed that soon the Arunachal Express will be upgraded to a Rajdhani Express.

“Arunachal Express will become Arunachal Rajdhani Express soon. As all Rajdhani Express trains are meant to connect state capitals, it won’t be feasible right now to connect Murkongselek with the Arunachal Express,” he informed.

To another request, the Railway MoS assured that all old coaches of the trains coming to Itanagar are being replaced in phased manner. He informed that all trains will soon have brand new and new-age coaches soon.

Angadi also informed that an arrangement has already been reached with Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) for ferrying its products to Gumto, where IOC has its distribution plant, through train. This, he said, will ease traffic congestion as well as ensure regular and timely supply of petroleum products to the state.

**Arunachalee Girl Clinches Gold at Archery Competition**

**ITANagar, Sep 22:** In the recently concluded Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Far East Zone Archery Competition held in Chhattisgarh, Nang Esha Mein clinched two golds in 30 and 40 metres Indian Rounds event in U-17 girls category.

The competition was held at LCIT Public School Bodri, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh from Sep 9 to 11.

A class IX student of Royal Global School Guwahati, 14 years old Esha is daughter of Chow Tseng Tjing Mein and Nang Sumina Mein (Namchoom) from Chongkham, Namsai district. She is first from the Namsai district to strike gold twice in such archery event.

She was part of the eight-member archery team from Royal Global School. Her school was adjudged overall champion of the event.

Central board of secondary education (CBSE) physical education and sports organize a yearly inter school competition for all the clusters, Zonal and National level for the student of its Schools to encourage more student participation in sports and physical activities.

This competition for Archery was for cluster-I & II which included Guwahati and Bhubaneswar Region (Far East Zone) Assam, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura Odisha, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh.

**Childline Roing Inaugurated at Roing**

**ROING, Sep 23:** Childline Roing, a 24 hours phone emergency outreach service for children in need of care and protection, was inaugurated today by Deputy Commissioner Mitali Namchoom (IAS) at Mayu I, Roing.

Childline Roing, the second in the state, is the project of Ministry of Women And Child Development, GOI linking state government, NGOs, allied system and the corporate sector. It is being implemented in the Lower Dibang Valley district by AMYAA NGO, Roing.

During the inaugural programme, DC Mitali Namchoom (IAS), advised the members to attend to any and all distress calls made in the helpline number in a responsive and sensitive manner. She added that all cases should be dealt with in a humane manner as it is the helpless and the
distressed who will be seeking help through the Childline number.

RK Paul Chawang, Director (AMYAA NGO) informed about the Childline service and expressed the organisation’s commitment and efforts in seeing that every child gets the right to enjoy his/her fundamental rights. He also informed about the awareness camps conducted for the business establishments, government departments, households etc regarding the Childline service.

OC (PS) N. Sora also spoke on the occasion. DD (ICDS), representatives of BSNL, labour and employment department and AMYAA NGO were present on the occasion.

Any one below 18 years of age can use the 24 x 7 Helpline Outreach Service number 1098(toll free) or 03803-223027 to inform or seek held regarding cases of child labour, missing children, abused children, runaway children, medical assistance and abandoned children.

CM Meets Junior National Wushu Team
ITANAGAR, Sep 23:
Players from Arunachal Pradesh State Wushu Team that took part in the recently held Junior National Wushu Championship in Chandigarh called on Chief Minister Pema Khandu in his office today. Chief Minister congratulated the team for winning 8 Gold, 6 Silver and 2 Bronze in the event. He also congratulated the All Arunachal Pradesh Wushu Association for leading the team to a great victory.

Chief Minister informed that state government will introduce Wushu in the upcoming sports academy in eastern Arunachal besides it being introduced in the Sports Authority of India Centre here and in Sangey Lhaden Sports Academy.

He also informed that Wushu is among the other martial arts discipline to be introduced in the Martial Arts Academy to be established soon in Arunachal, as announced recently by the Union Sports Ministry.

Chief Minister further assured that all infrastructural issues in the sports academy are being addressed so that players from the state face no shortage in any facilities.

Chief Minister wished the players good luck and best wishes on their upcoming matches and assured all support of the state government.

Manipur lifts 25th Senior National Women Football trophy
PASIGHAT, Sep 24:
Nail-biting and unpredictable fifteen days of 25th National level Sr. Women football extravaganza ended with a positive note, as Manipur lifted the Champion Trophy beating Railways by 1-0 margin.

Football fans heading to the jam-packed CHF ground on Tuesday witnessed the spectacular closing ceremony in presence of the Loksabha MP Tapir Gao and State’s Sports Minister Mama Natung. More than ten thousand soccer lovers not only watched the breathtaking final match but also cheered and encouraged the players of Manipur and Railways.

The lone goal was scored in the second half by N. Bala Devi of Manipur team led to win the final match.

In his valedictory speech Gao said that the event was not only a National level football tournament but also a celebration of “unity, friendship and sportsmanship among all Indian communities.” He extended his thanks to Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Union Youth and Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju, All India Football Federation and Arunachal Football Association for hosting the national event at Pasighat successfully stating that we have proven our capacity as host.

Playing of Indian women Football Captain Ashalata Devi has given us immense pleasure and matter of pride, he said adding that hosting such mega event finally included Arunachal in the national sports map. Gao also asserted that football was not
limited to a game but it also develops personality beside physical fitness and discipline in life and therefore parents should encourage their kids to take part in sports. He conveyed his special thanks to all the 29 participating national players for their fair play and expressed hope that they would spread the message of hospitality and friendship of Arunachal Pradesh on their return. More national sports event/games would be hosted by Arunachal in future preferably in winter season for smooth conduct, he further informed.

Sports Minister Mama Natung terming the event as historic, conveyed his gratitude to the officers, leaders, NGOs and general public of Pasighat as a whole for their coordinated efforts and supports in making the event a grand success.

Sanju of Railways received the best player award, Elangbam Panthoi Chau was felicitated as best goalkeeper and N. Bala Devi with 21 goals was adjudged as highest scorer of the tournament.

Health Minister Alo Libang, MLAs Kaling Moyong, Kento Rina, Talem Taboh, Incharge DC Tatdo Borang, SP Rajiv Ranjan Singh, CHF Dean Dr. BN Hazarika, APFA Sr. Vice-President G. Doke, APFA Secy. Kipa Ajay, state coordinator Orin Lego, ABK President Getom Borang were present among others.

Governor participates in the State Level Heads of School conference

ITANAGAR, Sep 25:
Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) participated in the valedictory function of the first State Level Heads of School conference at Dorjee Khandu Auditorium, Legislative Assembly, Itanagar. He gave away awards to best NCC cadets from different institutions and also to officers attached to the NCC programme. He also distributed laptops to principals and Head Masters.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that heads of the school are the most important members of the society in shaping the new generation. He exhorted them for their institutional commitment, utmost involvement and care. Being a trendsetter, they must not be bogged down by deficiencies and challenges, he said.

The Governor advised the heads of school to use multipronged approach in their teaching methods. He emphasized on academic excellence, discipline, punctuality, team spirit, cleanliness and change of mindset from ‘Study hard to get job’ to ‘Study hard to promote development and produce job’.

Focusing of academic concept management, the Governor advised the Heads of School to lead with examples, set goals and directions and link evaluation with improvement.

Reminding the Principals and Headmasters of the Part IV A of Article 51 A Sub Article (K), of the Fundamental Duties of the Constitution of India, and The Right of Children to free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, the Governor urged upon them to ensure that every child of the age group of 6 to 14 years goes to school.

While appreciating the State Government for the initiative of organising the conference and sharing his experiences of district tours, the Governor emphasised on immediate filling up of vacancies of teaching faculty, optimum academic facilities in each school, rational and policy based postings of teachers in remote areas / schools and attendance of teachers in their respective schools.

First Lady of the State Neelam Misra, State Education Minister Er. Taba Tedir, Additional Director General of NCC, North Eastern Region Major General Bipin Bakshi, Secretary Education Dr. Madhu Rani Teotia, Director Secondary Education Gania Leij were present in the valedictory function amongst others.

285 Heads of School, officers and officials of Secondary Education participated in the three-day conference.
100% Aadhar seeding of Ration cards and Beneficiaries to be achieved within a month: Ligu

YUPIA, Sep 26:
Papum Pare Deputy Commissioner Pige Ligu convened a meeting of the Department of Food & Civil Supplies, Fair Price Shop dealers in the district and the Carriage Contractor to review the implementation of National Food Security Act in the district.

He directed that cost deposits by FPS dealers, doorstep delivery of food grains by Carriage Contractor and distribution to consumers should be strictly completed within a PDS Calendar month. While the district has achieved Aadhaar linkages of 88% of the NFSA Ration Cards and 80% of members in the Ration cards, DC directed that 100% Aadhaar seeding of both Ration cards and beneficiaries shall be achieved within a month to prevent any curtailment in allocations to the district due to lack of Aadhaar linkages as mandated by the Govt.

Aadhaar de-duplication exercise at first level was done by the F&CS department and around 3,000 possible duplicate or bogus Ration cards have been detected. DC directed that these detected duplicate/bogus beneficiaries shall be issued notice to furnish documents to prove their non-duplicacy within a month failing which their allocation shall be curtailed and new beneficiaries shall be selected in lieu. ADC Tabang Bodung who was also spoke on the occasion requested FPS dealers to abide by the procedure of NFSA and ensure that genuine beneficiaries get their quota of rations and ADC Sagalee Lowang also assured that local administrative officers are always there to support DF & CS and all stakeholders in proper implementation of NFSA.

Also, FPS owners put their grievances that their FPS margins should be paid timely. And that there is no viability in running FPS due to meagre margin and lack of other distribution items like atta, sugar and dal etc. DC assured to place the grievances of FPS dealers before the Govt.

CM asks students to live a disciplined life

ITANAGAR, Sep 26:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu today advised the students of Rajiv Gandhi University to embrace discipline saying such behavior helps in focusing in studies and overcoming any challenges of life.

Speaking during the ‘orientation of freshers cum induction ceremony’ organized by the Rajiv Gandhi University Students Union (RGUSU) here, Chief Minister said the foremost duty of a student in the campus is towards their studies. He said in this young age, there is risk of students going down the wrong path, as it may seem attractive to them. “But such urges must be contained with self-discipline and training your mind to overcome any such challenges,” said the Chief Minister.

Stating that competition for leading a better life is stiffening every moment, he advised the students to prepare themselves taking advantage of the good learning atmosphere provided in the University campus. He also said whatever career or path one choses in life, he advised them to be sincere and honest, as it will always save them from unnecessary trouble.

Chief Minister assured the students that meritocracy will always prevail in the state. He said a politician’s duty is to create jobs and opportunities for its people. However, they don't have the right to appoint people to these jobs as inducements or for bribes. The Staff Selection Board (SSB) created recently is to ensure fairness in such job recruitment and informed that the board is presently working full swing in recruiting policemen for the state police.

On a memorandum submitted by RGUSU, Chief Minister assured that electricity issues and demand for new fleet of buses for University will be fulfilled. On encroachment issue, Chief Minister directed the Papumpare district administration to solve the matter at
Governor inaugurates National Conference on Gandhi

YUPIA, Sep 28:
Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) inaugurated the Two-day National Conference on the theme ‘Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi today’ at National Institute of Technology campus.

The Governor said that relevance of the teachings of all our ancient Saints and Philosophers, including Gandhi ji’s was relevant then, is relevant now and will be relevant till human beings live on this earth. He said that all Indian philosophies propound for integral humanism and universal fraternity. Ved Vyasa’s Vedas, Mahabharata, Valmiki’s Ramayana, Buddha’s teachings and in the same line Mahatma Gandhi’s philosophy are all universal and timeless. It is the quintessence of Indian Culture, he said.

The Governor said that two cardinal principles of Gandhi ji were ‘Satya’ and ‘Ahimsa’. He explained that Gandhian Ahimsa is for human wellbeing and it is not mean meek submission to the evil doers.

The Governor said that Gandhi ji’s other philosophies were to make children skilled and independence. Strengthening of villages and village Panchayats, Gandhi ji’s religious ideals encompass good sense, forgiveness, non-conceitedness, non stealing, cleanliness, control over senses, fortitude, knowledge, truth and no anger. These ten components of Dharma have always been relevant and will continue to remain so.

Earlier, Director NIT, Arunachal Pradesh Prof. P. Mahanta briefed on initiative of Gandhi Study Centre of NIT, Arunachal Pradesh in promotion of Gandhian philosophy. The Centre was inaugurated by the Governor on 2nd October 2018. The Director also thanked the Governor for the Bamboo Conference Hall, which has been constructed by North Eastern Council, Shillong at the initiative of the Governor.

First Lady of the State Neelam Misra, Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Director NERIST, Prof. H.S. Yadav, former Vice Chairman, UGC and former Vice Chancellor of Central University of Haryana, Prof. (Dr.) Mool Chand Sharma, Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Dadhich and faculty and students of NIT were present on the occasion.

DA carries out surprise check against COTPA Violation

SEPPA, Sep 29:
District Administration along with Enforcement Squad of District Tobacco Control Cell (DTCC) East Kameng, Seppa carried out joint surprise checking under entire Seppa township against Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation Of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) COTPA violation. Huge quantities of Tobacco product were seized.

The special drive was conducted primarily at such locations where tobaccoshops operating within the 100 yards of schools. The main objective behind the checking was to warn and educate the Manager/Owner of Restaurants, Hotels of public places and Sellers/suppliers/distributors of tobacco products that violation of provision under COTPA Act 2003 is an punishable offence and District Administration will not tolerate if such violation continues afterwards.

During the drive, team comprised of EAC Atin Padung, and the team created awareness on various provisions of the Act which prohibits the sale or purchase of Tobacco product by a minor below 18 yrs of age, prohibits the sale of any tobacco products within the area of 100 yards from any educational institution, and prohibits the sale/distribution/supply of tobacco product without labeling specified health warning on its packet. Further distributed posters, play cards, public notice to the owner of the tobacco shops/local Gumtis.
Chief Minister Pema Khandu called on Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) to discuss about the overall development plans of the State at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on September 27, 2019

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Opung Jerang, Ex-ZPC, Siang district and President of the Iiri Leyi Domong Rampa Mahila Mandal SHG was felicitated with the National Swachh Mahotsav Award from Minister Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat at New Delhi on September 6, 2019
The Indian Air Force felicitated all civilians involved in the search and recovery of the ill-fated AN-32 that crashed at Pari Mountain near Gate village on 3rd June last at AlG Aalo on September 18, 2019.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated the academic building of Guru Tenpai Dronme Lobdra Govt. Primary School and laid the foundation stone for Kelsang Donyoe Tenzin Library at Lhabau, Birpur on September 13, 2019.

Home Minister Bamang Felix convened a pre-launch meeting of Hamara Arunachal Abhiyan with Community Based Organisations at Police Headquarters on September 28, 2019.
Arunachal Review is planning to introduce a section, called ‘Youth Section’ in this monthly magazine shortly.

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

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

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

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

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