



**A CONSTITUENT UNIT OF RCE EAST ARUNACHAL  
( HQ: RIWATCH, ROING)**

**Activities conducted as part of RCE ( East Arunachal)  
1st QUARTERLY REPORT APRIL – JUNE 2014**

Vivekananda Trust, Wakro, a public charitable trust ( HQ in Mysore, South India) has been an active unit-member of the RCE East Arunachal Pradesh since inception and has been working for the last 12 years for the educational advancement of the rural tribal youth of the Lohit valley, spread across 4 districts in Eastern Arunachal in the Himalayan ranges. The Trust has been focussing itself mainly in the field of reading promotion and teacher education as Coordinators to the VT- AWIC Youth Library Network, a string of unit libraries across the region functioning since May 2007. The Trust has also been promoting youth action for environmental awareness in the community, whenever an opportunity arises. It is also a resource centre providing free consultancy and help to the local population for setting up herbal kitchen gardens and promoting organic farming in villages.

The Youth Library Network however is widely known in the state of Arunachal Pradesh today for its vibrant reader-centred activities to promote the joy of reading among the tribal youth of the state. By mobilizing a cadre of 'Library Reader- activists', the Library Network spearheads a campaign for a better reading culture in the villages, along with focussing on a clean and green environment, the control of plastic garbage & and avenue tree plantation in and around the villages.

Here is a brief round-up of the the activities that the Trust has been conducting as a constituent of RCE East Arunachal Pradesh, during the 1st Quarter April to June, 2014.

**1. Farmers' Training programme for production of Bio-fertilisers & Bio-pesticides:** Conducted by the experts of 'Thanal', a reputed NGO in the field of organic farming in India from April 21-28, 2014. The Library Network had also facilitated, in Oct 2007, a "Save Indigenous Rice" Awareness campaign in Lohit & Dibang Valleys by Thanal jointly with RIWATCH, Roing and other NGOs.

**2. CARE A Tree Campaign in Wakro Town:** From 2013 June, the library has been mobilizing school students to take up avenue shade tree plantation. On June 5, 2014, we successfully launched the 'Care A Tree Campaign' with the support of DFO Wakro and local volunteers. The links are:

a) Care A Tree campaign launch Jun 5 2014 pictures:

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B5Rayx8v43fgMUVjWDdRQTBMRVk&usp=sharing>

b) press clip Care A tree Arunachal Times Jun 7 2014

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OaTMxRmp1jldqMGwYMjV9RlPVQ51x0dnjbZ3jZf0jHqM/edit?usp=sharing>

**Vivekananda Trust**

(HQ: Mysore)

Ranganatha Retreat, Wakro-792 104, Lohit District, Arunachal Pradesh

E mail [vtwakro@gmail.com](mailto:vtwakro@gmail.com) ; [lohit.libraries@gmail.com](mailto:lohit.libraries@gmail.com)

<http://vivekanandatrust.webs.com/>



**3. Vacation Mini-Libraries in hamlets of rural Medo region of Wakro circle Apr-May 2014:** By free lending bagfuls of interesting story books to reader-activists to run vacation mini-libraries during their annual school vacation in their own villages - *none of which have any reading facilities*- the APNE Library, Wakro, a unit of the Library Network, has set a praiseworthy model "Each one Read to Many" in the entire Arunachal. Volunteers in this campaign are students of residential schools, away from their native villages. The mini-libraries function daily in the evenings during Apr - May acting as self-propelled play houses and learning centres for the reading-deprived village children.

a) Medo Readers' Mela photos Jun 9 2014:

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B5Rayx8v43fgcXA0c3c0MHhEMFk&usp=sharing>

b) Medo Press clips Arunachal Times & Echo of Arunachal, Itanagar, Jun 10 2014:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g1IYZHLnjRXQnkZHyOHcXUIMtRC\\_\\_5Vlt5tupiEN1ug/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g1IYZHLnjRXQnkZHyOHcXUIMtRC__5Vlt5tupiEN1ug/edit?usp=sharing)

**4. Public skits and street theatre by APNE Library Wakro reader-activists:** The Library activists have been staging several street theatre/ skits on the inspiring lives of great personalities and on social evils like opium-addiction, alcoholism, and neglect of girls' education in their tribal society. The skits are performed in English, Hindi as well as their mother tongue, Mishmi, to target rural and illiterate villagers.

Some of the well-lauded skits by the Library activists are on George Washington Carver, the Black scientist, Baby Halder ( a Delhi house-maid well known as author), Dr Kamla Sohoni (the first lady scientist to study in the renowned Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore), Anutai Wagh ('Mother of the Anganwadi (pre-school education) Movement in India, Sri Aurobindo ( patriot-saint of Pondicherry), Dr. Usha Mehta, (Indian nationalist leader) and Dr. Varghese Kurien (Father of India's Milk Revolution.) Their skits on deforestation (Lorax by Dr. Seuss), neglect of girl's education and social evils have also been well-received.

Participating in the Anti-Narcotics Day programme on June 26, 2014 at Wakro, APNE Library activists staged an open-air skit "The opium Addict" in their native language Mishmi, before a gathering of around 500 people.

**5. Visit of Post-Graduate students of University of South Florida to RIWATCH Roing:** During a 2 weeks' visit of USF students for cultural studies to RIWATCH, Roing in May 2014, the Coordinator participated in various discussions and briefed them on the Youth Library Movement.

**S. Mundayoor**  
**Coordinator**

**Vivekananda Trust**

(HQ: Mysore)

Ranganatha Retreat, Wakro-792 104, Lohit District, Arunachal Pradesh

E mail [vtwakro@gmail.com](mailto:vtwakro@gmail.com) ; [lohit.libraries@gmail.com](mailto:lohit.libraries@gmail.com)

<http://vivekanandatrust.webs.com/>