



LOHIT YOUTH LIBRARY NETWORK

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(Covering reading promotion activities From June 2018 to May 2019)

Esteemed Patrons, well-wishers, friends and book-lovers,

The youth library movement which started in a little one-room in Tezu in May 2007 has completed 12 memorable years of reaching out to the youth and adults of eastern Arunachal and upper Assam. Today it has indeed set bench marks in promoting reading habits and has produced several reader-activists who have benefited themselves in life – academically and personally – having spent a part of their energies in the service of the community, spreading the joy of reading. And we are profoundly grateful to our hundreds of patrons, volunteers and well-wishers, who have earnestly and spiritedly been supporting the library Network in scores of ways to achieve this.

The year 2018-19 began with a challenge before us: an acute need for new volunteers. We are glad that quite a few new members –college students too - have emerged. With their involvement, the Network could organise during the year a range of activities that promote our motto ‘spread the joy of reading’ and our maxim, “when readers cannot come to books, books must go to readers”. (pl see “Activities at a glance” on page 3.)

The Network was also a part of two prestigious programmes supported by the state Govt:

i) **The Arunachal Literary & Art Festival (ALAF), Itanagar** Aug 2018. We are profoundly thankful to the ALAF organisers for inviting us to coordinate the Book exhibition section of the Festival, which saw the active participation of Tulika Books, Chennai, Kalpavriksh, Pune, Karadi Tales, Chennai & TERI Books New Delhi.

ii) **The Joy of Reading Festival, Roing**, Dec 2018 organised by the Lower Dibang Valley District Admn. Here too the book exhibition was organised by the Lohit libraries, with Ashok Leyland, Guwahati graciously adding a “Knowledge on Wheels” -- a bus that took the exhibition to Tezu and Dambuk towns. We are deeply grateful to the Ashok Leyland Guwahati for readily joining hands in our reading promotion programmes.

In addition, we could organise exhibitions at 8 other venues and occasions in Lohit and L/ Dibang Valley. We are grateful to TERI, (GOI), New Delhi, Tulika, Chennai, Eklavya, Bhopal, Kalpavriksh, Pune, NBT India, Guwahati, Ektaara, Bhopal, RIWATCH, Roing & Sri Ramakrishna Math, Chennai for extending us generous support.

Another milestone has been the bringing out the 2nd edition of our popular anthology “Mishmi Land Musings” edited by the renowned author Arup Kumar Dutta. We are deeply grateful to the Director, Public Libraries & Secretary, Tourism of the Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for generously sponsoring our book. The book has been won warm appreciation from hundreds of readers across the country.



We had, in our last year’s report, made a strong appeal for ‘reading-mentors’ - from our own neighbourhood itself - to come forward to provide “Adult Time” as models for our reading-deprived youth.

Interestingly the draft National Education Policy 2019 stresses these very points. To quote, “If every literate member of the community could commit to teaching one student/person how to read, it could change the country’s (learning) landscape very quickly.” The Policy clarifies ‘why’: “ At the current time, there is a severe learning crisis in India, where children (in primary schools) are failing to attain even basic skills such as foundational literacy; and in general, the reading, writing and speaking of languages...”

Hence we would appeal once again to the educated citizens of Arunachal to spare a few hours every month to guide the youth in their neighbourhood.



This officer-couple enjoys spending time reading with children!



Readers would be Leaders!

Activities like the “**Reading Theatre**” introduced by our patron-friend Ms Poonam Bhide, Hyderabad, need to be widely popularised in the schools, hostels and homes in our state. Arunachal needs Reading Heroes!

Our heartfelt thanks once again to all patrons, organisations, the District Admn/s., the Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, parents, teachers, volunteers & the print & audio-visual media for their wholehearted support to the youth library movement, during the last 12 years. A roundup of the library activities during 2018-19 is attached.

S. Mundayoor

Coordinator

For Managing Committee,

Lohit Youth Library Network.

Activities at a glance 2018-19

Activities	Districts covered	venues	Target audience
1. Reading campaign events	3	9 (Tezu, Wakro circle, Roing & Dibrugarh)	Around 800 students
2. Teachers’ Training Programmes by Coordinator	2	3 (Roing, Tezu & Wakro)	200 teachers
3. Training programmes by experts (S/ Sri Ghanshyam Devansh, Bappu Deshmukh & Ms/Nabanita Deshmukh, Poonam Bhide)	2	4 (Roing, Bolung, Tezu & Wakro) (Hindi poetry appreciation workshops, book-reading & ‘Reading Theatre’ training.)	300 students, teachers
4. interactions by experts & guests	2	20 sessions@ Roing, Tezu, Wakro, Medo	Around 300
5. Book Exhibitions	3	8 venues@ Roing, Tezu, Wakro	1500 visitors
6. Arunachal Literary & Art Festival (ALAF), Aug 2018	Itanagar	Itanagar – coordinated the Book Exhibition	1000 visitors
7. Joy of reading festival, Dec 2018	2	6 venues @ Roing, Dambuk & Tezu	800 visitors
8. Literary contests for students	2	3 occasions@ Roing & Tezu	200 participants
9. AIR Tezu broadcasts	2	2 occasions	Around 12 participants
10. book publication	-	Our anthology of creative writings by young readers “Mishmi-land Musings” - 2nd Edn.	All over India.
11. Online information-sharing free services by WhatsApp	Across Arunachal & Assam	Topics: education, social activism, language development, inspiring achievers, new books, environment, agriculture, organic farming, forestry, culture, history etc. Was maintained all through the year.	shared regularly with over 100 readers: students, teachers, activists, officers, administrators, parents.
12. services for class XII students & readers of our libraries & friends elsewhere	Across Arunachal	Free online information sharing services for career counselling & admissions to various courses after class XII	Readers in libraries & readers elsewhere



Round -up of Lohit Youth Library activites 2018-19

I. A Peep into the Libraries



Welcome, every evening to **Dibang Youth Library, Roing!**



A magnificent gift – a reading feast - indeed from our patron **Simon Smith, UK**



DC Smt Mitali Namchoom IAS & Smt Cheshta Yadav IAS@ the new Roing town youth Library.



Guests from University of South Florida, USA@ **RIWATCH Library, Roing**



What a great honour! Senior library activists with **Everester Mrs. Muri Linggi @ Roing**



Gyanpeeth awardee Hindi poet Sri Ghanshyam Devansh@ Bamboosa Library.



Pride of Wakro parents !



Patrons Sri P. S. Suneesh & Sri Tabrez Rizvi after International Literacy Day programmes@ Tezu.



Patrons Dr. Sopai Towsik & Mrs. Bapulu Chai Towsik with activists@ Wakro



Sri Sokhep Kri, Director, Arunchal Gazateers @ Dibang Youth Library,



Sw. Madhavananda, Brindavan with APNE Library, Wakro volunteers



Sri Gitesh Sinha, Manager, TERI Books, New Delhi@ Bamboosa Library



How can teachers stop reading? A scene from **APNE Library**



Library volunteers are honoured to receive a precious book-gift on HH Dalai Lama from **DC Lohit, Sri Karma Leki.**



A Vacation Mini- library session in progress@ Medo, Wakro Circle.



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Bamboosa Library Annual Day Celebrations Tezu @ July 30, 2018.

1. **Patron Sri June Kadu**, DIO, Tezu presenting an award to a reader.
2. **Guest Sri. S. Ngadong**, Sr. Gaon Burah, Tezu presenting the Sister Nivedita Award to Sri Prem Pradhan.

<https://arunachaltimes.in/index.php/2018/07/30/bamboosa-library-celebrates-annual-day/>



Well known film editor **Sri. Onkar Pradhan**, Jnana Prabodhini, Pune becomes a Library patron-volunteer !

He edited the video-clip *Civil Society 2016 Award for Lohit Libraries*
<https://youtu.be/qSOc23VdCLg>



Long-standing patron-volunteers **Sri 'Jaji' & Smt Malini, Bangalore** & their team @ the new ARYA Library plot@ Tezu.. Arya Library would soon become the HQ of the Library Network.



Well –known eco-activist **Sri. P. N. Unnikrishnan, IFS** & renowned Malayalam writer **Sri. C. R. Parameswaran** @ Medo Vacation Mini-library on May 21, 2019

II. Hindi Poetry workshop by award winner Ghanshyam 'Devansh' @ Roing & Tezu, July 2018



Ghanshyam Devansh, a Bhartiya Jnanpith Navlekhan Award winner Hindi poet (2016) from Delhi conducted poetry appreciation workshops for Govt school teachers and senior students of Lohit & Lower Dibang Valley. **Shri Ghanshyam came wholly as a volunteer for Lohit Libraries**, all at his expense, to promote Hindi poetry appreciation among Arunachali youth.



Echo of Arunachal, July 8, 2018 : <http://echoofarunachal.in/2018/07/08/hindi-creative-writing-workshops-held-encourage-students-to-bring-out-arunachali-life-in-writing-hindi-poet/>

III. Arunachal Literary & Art Festival (ALAF) Curtain Raiser, Itanagar Aug 5-8, 2018



(Pics left to right): 1. **Sri Chowna Mein, Hon'ble Dy Chief Minister**, Arunachal Pradesh presenting mementos to Library Network Convenor Sri Sokhep Kri and Coordinator, S. Mundayoor, during the ALAF festival.

Library Network was invited to coordinate the holding of a Book Exhibition, as a part of the prestigious ALAF Festival in Aug 5-7, 2018. Accordingly Tulika Books, Chennai, Kalpavriksh, Pune, Karadi Tales, Chennai & TERI Books New Delhi participated in the festival.

2. Library team with **Ms. Deeya Nayar, Editor, Tulika Books**, who is also an ardent patron of the Library network.
3. With eminent writer **Ms. Sujata Padmanabhan, Editor, Kapavriksh, Pune**.

IV. Reading Promotion Activities



@Kendriya Vidyalaya, Tezu June 2018



Clean Wakro Campaign June 5, 2018



training session@ a Tea garden school, Dibrugarh



Why not? Mothers too can learn to read well, if they set up a little library..! – senior library activists@ State Rural Livelihood Mission meeting@ Roing.



A session by senior activist @ VKV Tafrogam



with RIWATCH Library readers



Recitation is fun, even for elders! A joint session for teachers@Roing by eminent educator **Sri Bappu Deshmukh**, Pondicherry & the Coordinator.



"No Litter, Only Literature..." A skit on the dangers of plastic garbage pollution by Bamboosa Library during the International Literacy Day Celebrations, Sept 8, 2018 @ Tezu : jointly organised with District Urban Development Dept. & DDSE, Lohit.





Young or old, every reader loves Bamboosa Library books!



Intaya Library, Roing celebrates young a readers On International Literacy Day.



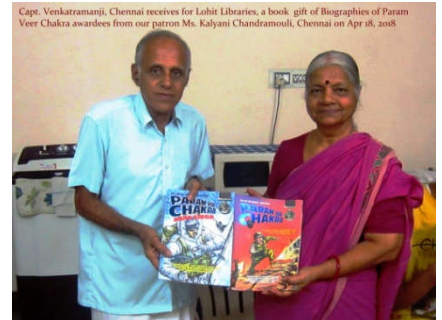
The Coordinator, Lohit Youth Libraries on reading demonstration@ Tezu



"Here's a packet of magazines for your school!" - Eminent educator **Mrs Nabanita Deshmukh**, Pondicherry, hands over mags on behalf of Lohit Libraries to a teacher. A Teachers' Training session at Roing, July 1, 2018.

Children's Film Festival, Tezu

Nov 14-20, 2018: Bamboosa Library conducted a festival of selected well-known films. A good number of students attended this programme, being conducted for the first time by the library.



Life patron **Capt. (retd) K. K Venkatraman** receives for Libraries a set of pictorial bigraphies on Param Veer Chakra awardees, presented by **Ms. Kalyani Chandramouli** @ Chennai.

Pics. 1, 2 3: Reading campaign events@ Mawai village, Dibang Library & Manyulaing Mini-library, Medo.
4." Vow!" An enchanted Lathao Library reader@ CBT Book stall, New Delhi



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Ms Poonam Bhide, a teacher-educator & specialist in content writing and Reading Theatre from Hyderabad conducted a 3 weeks long workshop "Read better, Write better" at Bamboosa Library Tezu for the senior school students in Nov 2018. She also participated in the Joy of Reading Festival, Roing, Dec 5-8, 2018 training a batch of young students to do a very witty Reading Theatre.

(Pic left): The team performs Reading Theatre at **All India Radio, Tezu.**

V. Sahitya Akademi "Gram Lok Progrmme" @ Bamboosa Library, Tezu



Arunachal Pradesh Literary Socieity (APLS), Itanagar organised the Gram Lok Programme by Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi at Bamboosa Library on **Dec 13, 2018**. APLS President & Sahitya Akademi winner **Sri Y.D. Thongchi, IAS (retd)** presided over the event. **Sri. Sokhep Kri, Convenor, Lohit Libraries** coordinated the programme. Several local writers, as well as library volunteers, read out their literary pieces in English, Hindi and Asamiya.

VI. JOY OF READING BOOK FESTIVAL, ROING Dec 5-10, 2018

(by District Admn Roing, jointly with Lohit Yuth Libraries & Ashok Leyland, Guwahati)

Participating organisations: DDSEs Roing & Tezu, VKVs Roing & Tafrogam, Intaya Public School, Roing.

Publishers: TERI, New Delhi, Tulika, Chennai, Eklavya, Bhopal, Kalpavriksh, Pune, Ektaara, Bhopal, NBT India, RIWATCH, Roing & Sri Ramakrishna Math, Chennai extended a generous support to the Book Festival by sending their special titles for youth. **DC Namsai Dr Ms. Tapasya Raghav, IAS** inaugurated the Festival.

Arunachal Times, Dec 6, 2018 <https://arunachaltimes.in/index.php/2018/12/06/joy-of-reading-festival-begins-at-roing/>



“**Knowledge On Wheels**” by Ashok Leyland, Guwahati led by **Manager Ms Sumi Migri.** **DDSE Lohit Ms Mana Linggi** at Telluliang Book Exhibition with TERI Manager Sri Gitesh Sinha.



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Inside the bus...

Exhibition at Telluliang Sec School, Tezu



Dambuk town youth taste the joy of reading!

At **VKV Tafrogam**

Readers at the **main exhibition @ VKV Roing**

Jan 30-31, 2019: **APNE Library, Wakro** conducted a reading campaign in Govt schools at Pukhuri, Mawai & Kanjang villages, covering more than 200 students from class 1 to 8. About 12 activists participated in the campaign with book reading, story telling & poem recitation activities.

VII. Book Exhibitions @ Roing, Tezu and Wakro



@Dibang Youth Library, Roing



@ TCM School, Tezu



@Apna Vidya Bhavan school, Wakro.

In January 2019, Bamboosa Library, conducted Book exhibitions at the CALSOM Conference & the district Republic Day Celebrations at Tezu.

Book Fair @ Indira Gandhi College, March 15, 2019 – A memorable meet for Tezu book-lovers



World Book Day (April 23) Exhibition @Kendriya Vidyalaya, Roing



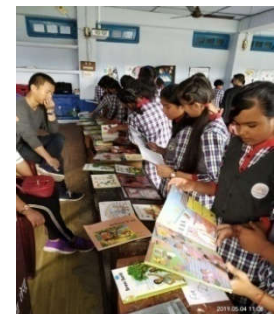
Sri Sanjay Kr. Sain, IPS, SP Roing inaugurates. Also present were Principal Sri Deepak Kumar & RIWATCH Executive Director Sri Vijay Swami.



@ Kendriya Vidyalaya, Tezu

World Book Day was celebrated in Ring jointly with Kendriya Vidyalaya, Roing. Suptd. of Police LDV district Sri Sanjay Kumar Sain, IPS inaugurated the celebrations & the exhibition. He urged youths and students to cultivate the habit of reading books. "Achievers in life have built their future by reading wide and well. Hence, take to extensive reading." He also made generous book gifts to the schools which participated in the programme.

<https://arunachaltimes.in/index.php/2019/04/24/world-book-day-celebrated-2/>



A view of the young readers

Honours to the Youth Library Movement!

* Lohit Youth Library Network **Convenor Sri Sokhep Kri** has been conferred a **Silver Medal by the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh** on Feb 20, 2019, for outstanding efforts to promote a **Mishmi language script** and popularise reading habits among the youth.

* **Sri. S. Mundayoor, The Coordinator**, Lohit Youth Libraries was conferred **The Lifetime Achievement Award** by the **Sree Narayana Guru Cultural Centre, Shillong**, on Sept 13, 2018, for his contribution to the promotion of reading habits among Arunachali youth.

VIII. Kathakali exponent Kottakkal Nandakumaran Asan visits NE: Oct 2-10, 2018



Eminent Kathakali artiste Kottakkal Nandakumaran Asan's visit to Dibrugarh, Moran (Assam) and Shillong from Oct 1 -8, 2018, was coordinated by Lohit libraries jointly with other organisations. His innovative solo presentation of Kannagi, a symbol of women's emancipation from Tamil literature and the 'Poothana Moksham' from Sri Krishna's childhood were highly appreciated. He also organised workshops in 'abhinaya' (acting) for students at Dibrugarh and Shillong.

Echo of Arunachal Oct 6, 2018 <http://echoofarunachal.in/2018/10/06/70-yr-old-nandakumaran-asan-electrifies-audience-with-kathakali-recitals>

IX. JOYOUS REUNION ! It was indeed a joyous home-coming for our long-standing library patron-volunteers Sri 'Jaji' & Smt Malini from Bangalore, as they led a team of enthusiastic patrons to youth libraries in Lohit, Dibang Valley and Namsai districts from May 5 to 10, 2019, interacting with local mentors, volunteers and reader-activists. Sri Jaji and Smt Malini had visited Lohit Libraries in 2010, making several close friends.



A memorable dinner meet : with **DC Roing** **Ms. Mitali Namchoom, IAS**, also a life-patron of Lohit Libraries.



Mishmi-land memories
hand-crafted!



The eldest patron **Smt M. S. Nambudiri, Chennai**, hands over a memento to the youngest activist Shanti Yun.



A musical welcome to Bamboosa Library!



It's truly a rejoicing evening! Guests@ **Manyuliang Mini-Library** programme



Library Movement gets a pat on the back !

Apr 2018: Renowned storyteller Ms Jeeva Raghunath, Chennai speaks on All India Radio, Tezu
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BwvbhoxDAX6AIY9mNgEShcNoTF-Fb5RK/view?usp=sharing>

June 2018: A study on Lohit Youth Library Movement (2017): by Sri Ninan Thomas, an MSW student of TISS, Guwahati
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Jm6sk1GnAw-vre2ghhJonmGVv8CgW8oU/view?usp=sharing> .

Arunachal Times -July 5, 2018: by Nivedita Khandekar "New Ginger varieties discovered by Kerala botanists"
<https://arunachaltimes.in/index.php/2018/07/05/kerala-botanists-discover-two-new-ginger-species-in-arunachal>

Distinguished scholars can strengthen the Reading Movement:



Eminent environmentalist Sri. P. N. Unnikrishnan, retd. Addl PCCF, Kerala & well-known author C. R. Parameswaran in an absorbing discussion “Environmental destruction, climate change & people’s activism” with senior activists and keen listeners@ Bamboosa Library. Prof Rajendra Babu, Tezu, an active patron of Bamboosa Library, is also a keen participant. The guests also visited APNE Library mentors @Wakro and attended an enchanting reading promotion programme by 4 Mini-library teams@ Medo on May 21, 2019

A year-ending with all smiles: We conclude this report on a very happy note: 3 of our gifted library activists studying at Chennai in the Besant Arundale Sr. Sec School, (BASS) under the reputed Kalakshetra Foundation (Ministry of Culture, GOI) passed CBSE class XII (Hum.) with 67% -71% marks, more than all their former classmates back in Lohit. This has enabled 3 more library activists from APNE Library, Wakro to be selected to the same school to class XI with a Central Govt scholarship. (Pic: right)



Further, Ms. Asuni Khamblai, who passed XII from BASS this year has got selected to the prestigious 4 year Diploma course in Bharat Natyam at Kalakshetra.



She is the first student from Lohit region to be selected to this course after 2 decades.

It is evident that the success of these youths in their academic front is mainly due to their regular reading habits and use of resources in the youth libraries & their dedicated efforts as a library volunteer and activist. We hope many more would be inspired by these models.

We also appeal to the Head Masters, Principals and teachers to make use of the excellent reader-friendly books and periodicals in our libraries to make their teaching sessions more enjoyable and focussed, in turn improving the academic performance of their schools.

Our libraries are **open daily in the evenings** from 3 pm, 7 days a week and are free. We shall be glad to work with schools and NGOs in any reading promotion programme in your locality.

Administrator
Bamboosa Library, Tezu
For Lohit Youth Library Network

PS: *We cordially welcome participation and contributions from book-lovers in cash, kind and services.*

NEFT transfers can be made to “**Bamboosa Library**” or deposited in our Current A/c No **355 1729 7019** with the **State Bank of India, Tezu**. (Branch IFS code: **SBIN 0001520**).

OUR PATRONS & VOLUNTEERS

Our profound gratitude to our esteemed patrons, organizations, friends and volunteers for their wholehearted contributions & services to the youth library movement during the year 2018-19:

FOUNDER- PATRONS:

- * HH Rev. Gautamananda ji Maharaj, Adhyaksha, Sri Ramakrishna Math, Chennai
- * Gen (retd.) J. J. Singh, Former Governor, Arunachal Pradesh
- * Sri. Chowna Mein, Hon'ble Deputy CM, Arunachal Pradesh
- * Sri Prashant Lokhande, IAS.
- * (Late) Smt. Surekha Panandiker, library activist, New Delhi
- * Sri. Karikho Kri, Hon'ble MLA, Tezu

LIFE PATRONS:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sri. Y. D. Thongchi, IAS (rtd), Itanagar * Dr. Mohesh Chai, former Minister, Arunachal Pradesh * Sri. Manoj Jalan, Dibrugarh * Sri. V. U. Eradi, IRS., (retd), Kozhikode * Sri. Kaling Tayeng, IAS., Itanagar * Smt. Nila Mohanan, IAS., Goa * Sri. Ameya Abhayankar, IAS., Goa * Sri. Tamio Tatak, APCS., Pasighat. * Sri. R. K. Sharma, APCS., Changlang. * Sri. Danish Ashraf, IAS., Daporijo. * Smt. Mitali Namchoom, IAS., Roing. * Dr. Ramana Athreya, Pune. * Dr. C.C. Kartha, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala * Sri. Vinod Narippatta, Bangalore. * Sri.O. S. Chandran, Coimbatore. * Sri. P.N. Ramachandra, docu-film-maker, Mumbai. * Capt. K.K. Venkatraman, Chennai. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sri. Murali Narayanan, USA. * Sri. K. Borang, Itanagar. * Mr. Simon Smith, ELT educator, UK. * Sri. Umesh Anand, Publisher, Civil Society, New Delhi. * Dr. Santhosh Vijaykumar, Singapore. * Sri. 'Jaji' & Smt. Malini, Bangalore. * Prof. Rajendra Babu, Tezu. * Smt Nabanita Deshmukh & Sri Bappu Deshmukh, educators, Pondicherry. * Sri. S. P. Suresh, educator, Dibrugarh. * Sri. Om Prakash Agarwal & family, Kamdar Medical Stores, Tinsukia. * Sri Rajeev Sharma, Rajeev Printers, Tinsukia. * Smt. Rajni Krishnan, Thrissur, Kerala. * Dr. Ngilang Taley, New Delhi. * Dr. Pakha Tesia, Shillong. * Er. Willa Namchoom, Namsai. * Er. Yagru Linggi, Roing.
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PERMANENT PATRONS:

- Secretary (Public Libraries), Govt of Arunachal Pradesh
- Director, Public Libraries, Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar
- Deputy Commissioners of Lohit, Anjaw, Namsai, L/ Dibang Valley & Dibang Valley
- DDSEs of Lohit, Anjaw, Namsai, L/ Dibang Valley & Dibang Valley
- Dist. Library & Information Officers of Lohit, Anjaw, Namsai, L/ D Valley & D/Valley.
- District Information Officers of NIC, Lohit, Anjaw, Namsai, L/ D Valley & D/Valley.

PATRON- ORGANISATIONS & INSTITUTIONS

- Association of Writers & Illustrators for Children (AWIC), New Delhi
- Om Prakash Foundation, USA
- Surajmal Jalan Charitable Trust, Dibrugarh, Assam
- The Directorate of Public Libraries, Arunachal Pradesh
- Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Govt. Of India, Kolkata
- Read India Foundation, UK
- Cdr. 48, BRTF, c/o 99 APO
- CRPF, Tezu
- Mishmi Welfare Society, Itanagar
- All India Radio, Tezu
- Scholastic India, Kolkata
- Tulika Books, Chennai
- Eklavya, Bhopal
- All magazines, periodicals & newspapers who have been supporting the Library Movement
- All schools & voluntary groups who have supported the Reading campaign activities &
- All NGOs, Trusts looking after the unit libraries of the Network

PATRONS - 2018-19

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Ms. Mana Linggi, DDSE, Lohit, Tezu *Ms. Anisha Jalan, Jalan Trusts, Dibrugarh *Sri. Vivek Deorah & M/s Commercial Equipment House, Dibrugarh. * Ms. Sumi Migri, Guwahati * Dr. Sopai Towsik, Itanagar *Ms. Aparajita Gogoi, Guwahati * Dr. Sathish Mundayoor, Thrissur. * Smt. Kairali Ravi Narayanan, Kochi * Sri. C. A. Sudhakara Menon, Kottakkal * Dr. Ista Pulu, Roing. * Sri. P. S. Suneesh, NHPC, Roing * Sri. Tabrez Rizvi, Tezu * Sri. Onkar Pradhan, Pune * Smt. Kalyani Namchoom, Changlang * Sri. Kotige Mena, Roing. * Sri. Baritlum Ama, Moran 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Col. (retd) Bhaskar Chander, Jammu * Brig. (retd) S. P. Sharma, Lucknow * Sri. V. Chandrashekhara, Chennai * Sri. A. Subramani, USA * Dr. Inya Lingu, Itanagar * Ms. Luni Bangsia, Bharatnatyam Teacher, Kalakshetra, Chennai * Ms. Geetanjali Dhar, ecotourism activist, Bangalore * Dr. Ambika Aiyadurai, Gandhinagar. * Sri. Nalin Kunnath, Dombivli. * Vivek Inspire team, Jnana Prabodhini, Pune * Smt. Mytreysi Aravind, USA * Smt. Jayanti Pertin, Roing * Prof. Lisa Lomdak, Itanagar * Prof/s. Manisha Joshi & Dr. Carrion Iraida, USA * Smt. A. Geetha, Chennai
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June 1, 2019

List of Award-winning Library Activists & Reader-volunteers 2018-19

RANGANATHA AWARD FOR BEST LIBRARY SERVICES 2018: Sri Kamlesh Raut.

Sri Kamlesh Raut, teacher, Apna Vidya Bhavan Wakro, is once again selected for the award on account of his dedicated counselling and support services during the last 3 years that enabled several rural Wakro and Medo students to join prestigious institutions in Coimbatore and Chennai. He also helped many other students for doing online applications for entrance examinations. His constant follow up and guidance provided great confidence to parents in deciding to send their daughters to distant south India and also to obtain rail reservations timely. Sri Kamlesh has also been maintaining the FB and online services of APNE Library, Wakro. He has set an exemplary model before other teachers in encouraging educational motivation in the youth of Wakro, utilising his free time in public service. Hence this award a second time.

The Ranganatha Award, sponsored by a patron from Pune, has been won so far by Ms. Bethem Marai and teacher Sri Vijay Limbu, and social activist Smt Silotmai Dellang apart from Sri. Kamlesh Raut.

SISTER NIVEDITA AWARD for DEDICATED LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS 2018: Sri. Jimu Mele, Tezu

Er. Jimu Mele, volunteer, Bamboosa Library Tezu, is selected for this year's Sister Nivedita Award for Dedicated Library volunteers, for his outstanding support for the smooth functioning of the library activities as well as stimulating reading habits among new readers. He has been providing free guitar classes to interested library readers during the year and academic guidance to senior students appearing for competitive exams. He has also been counselling students on financial literacy, a field unfamiliar to most students. The award consists of Rs. 5000, a memento and books. Sister Nivedita Award was instituted in 2017 to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of renowned educationist, who accepted India as her home, on becoming a disciple of Swami Vivekananda.

The earlier awardees are volunteers Ms. Bethem Marai, Ms. Rejum Potom and Sri Prem Pradhan.

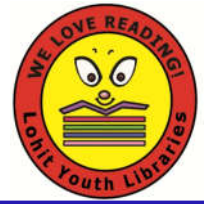
There are no nominees this year for 'Bhajan Award', the prestigious Award of Lohit Youth Library Network instituted in 2014 for library activists who have been making outstanding contribution to reading promotion over the years.

The 'Bhajan award' by a patron from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala in memory of his parents has earlier been awarded to Ms. Manisha Halai, Ms. Purabi Nath & Sri Dileep Chetri, Sri Etalo Mega, Ms. Keshilu Tayang, Ms Kishalu Kri & Ms. Besunlu Mepong.

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4. Dedicated Library Volunteers 2018-19:

1. Su. Shanti Yun	class VII	Bamboosa Library, Tezu
2. Sri Dilip Chhetri	BA student	“
3. Su. Sagarlu Yun	B Ed. Trainee	“
4. Su. Tristy Towang	B. Ed. Trainee	“
5. Su. Purabi Nath	B.Sc student	“
6. Su. Gyanilu Yun	XI	“
7. Su. Kishalu Kri	B.Com student	“
8. Su. Mamta Yun	XII	“
9. Sri. Aswin Chowpoo	XII	“
10. Ms. Anjana Tamang	VIII	Apne Library, Wakro
11. Ms. Roshni Krisikro	IX	-do-
12. Ms. Batamlu Mam	VII	-do-
13. Ms. Benai Marai	VIII	-do-

Outstanding Vacation Mini- Library In Charges In Wakro circle:

1. Ms. Apotsi Ngadong	class IX	Lamliang Mini Library
2. Ms. Tengangsi Minin	class IX	Mawai-II Mini Library

5. Participations in Skits and reading campaign activities:

1. Ms. Keshilu Tayang	college student	Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
2. Ms. Jeenamsi Ngadong	“	“
3. Ms. Bethem Marai	“	“
4. Ms. Anjangmai Mam	“	“
5. Ms. Animai Chikro	“	“
6. Ms. Besunlu Mepong	“	Tezu
7. Ms. Kishalu Kri	“	Tezu
8. Ms. Ashapmai Dellang	X	Apne Library, Wakro
9. Ms. Tengangsi Minin	IX	“
10. Ms. Behelti Ama	X	“
11. Ms. Chitra Yun	VIII	“
12. Ms. Roshni Tayang	VIII	“
13. Ms. Binudlu Halai	VIII	“
14. Ms. Siranlu Tayang	VIII	“
15. Ms. Oli Chanda	VIII	“
16. Ms. Hoshanti Tayang	VI	“
17. Ms. Yone Ekroya	V	Dibang Youth Library, Roing
18. Kr. Khune Melo	VII	“
19. Kr. Breya Melo	VII	“

6. Creative Writing & Art

1. Ms. Banika Kri	XII	Chennai
2. Kr. Decemso Rangmang	VIII	Wakro

Hearty Congratulations to all awardees !

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Spreading the joy of reading across dawn lit mountains -

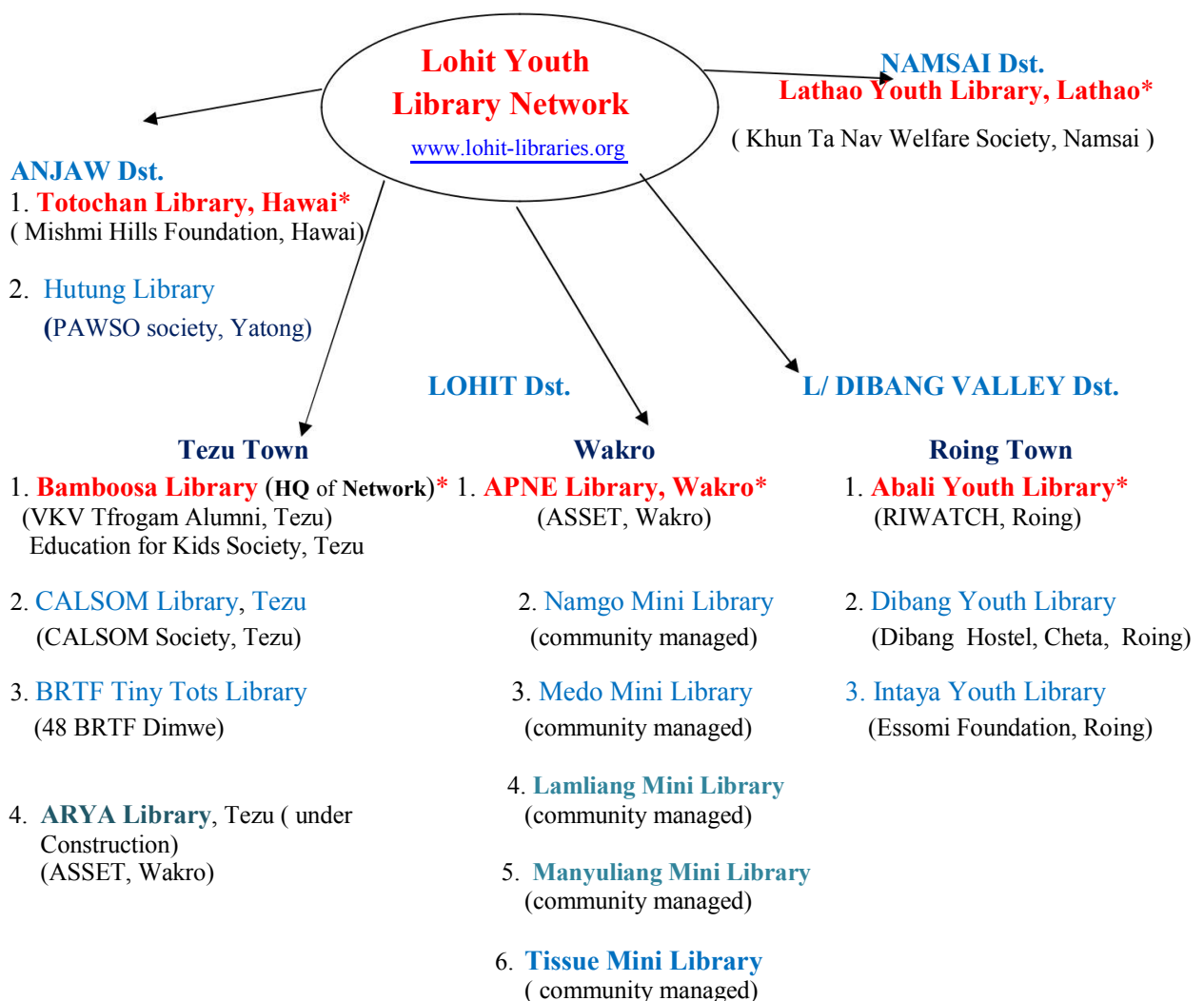
A Decade of the Youth Library Movement in Lohit : 2007-2018

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The Lohit Youth Library Network is a unique voluntary youth initiative in Arunachal Pradesh reaching out to readers across a span of 300 kms. in the remote Lohit and Dibang Valley regions, offering free reading & learning opportunities to a better life.

Initiated by the Association of Writers & Illustrators for Children (AWIC), New Delhi, the Vivekananda Trust, (HQ: Mysore) and the Lohit District Admn in May 2007, it has today 13 unit library units, run by independent NGOs and volunteers, contributing their time and energy for spreading the joy of reading among the reading-deprived across Lohit, Anjaw, Namsai & Lower Dibang Valley districts. The libraries are thus truly a people's movement, each library functioning as per the local needs of the community, yet sharing their resources, time and expertise to support one another by forming a network. The organization structure of the Network is as below:



* Leading library of each region is shown in red

The Network has over 12,000 excellent reader-friendly books for youth, teachers and parents, a major part gifted by the Omprakash Foundation, USA, the Raja Ram Mohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata & the Directorate of Public Libraries, Arunachal Pradesh and the rest by individual donors. About 20 magazines for youth and grown-ups are contributed by patrons from all over India. The Libraries have also a small collection of audio CDs and video- films.

SERVICES: The Bamboosa Library and the APNE Library, Wakro, open 7 days a week in the evenings, while other libraries open as per timings fixed by local volunteers. Library services are wholly free. The Network has, as its coordinator, an educationist with more than 3 decades of close association with the youth of Arunachal, rendering his services wholly in an honorary capacity.

READING CAMPAIGNS: The highlight of the libraries is a unique reading campaign the volunteers have been conducting in the region with story-telling & reading sessions, book-contests, recitations and skits in English, Hindi and Arunachali tribal languages. Book exhibitions in remote villages are another major attraction. Many readers have been getting articles published in various youth magazines. Such peer-group learning has brought the youth in rural areas, where no library exists, closer to discovering the Joy of reading. The movement has thus set a new trend in public-library services in the state, for the all round educational development of the rural Arunachali tribal youth, winning the hearty appreciation of the elite and the common people.

PATRONS: The reading campaign of the libraries is sustained with contributions from charitable organizations like Surajmal Jalan Charitable Trust, Assam & individuals from across India. The deputy commissioners, the education dept. & other agencies too have been supporting the library activities. Many legislators, IAS officers, Arunachali elite and book-lovers have emerged as patrons of the movement. Adult volunteers from rest of India have also been sharing their services through workshops for teachers & students on book-reading, theatre in education and creative writing. Frequent visit of guests to the libraries have added to the personality traits of the readers.

CONFERENCES: The Network has participated in the International Conference on Children's Libraries, New Delhi, in 2010 & 2014, the British Council Conferences on Eng Lang Teaching & Development at Hyderabad (2011 to 2013) and the NBT National Conference on Reading Habits, Aizawl, 2011, winning several friends in India & abroad.

HONOURS: In Sept 2016, the Civil Society Magazine, New Delhi has conferred "the Hall of Fame 2016" award on the Library Network and its coordinator S. Mundayoor. In Dec 2012, the *Times Now TV* honoured the Lohit Youth libraries in their series, 'Amazing Indians'. Sri Etalo Mega, library I/c of Bamboosa Library, Tezu has been conferred the Librarian of the Year 2012 Award by the AWIC, New Delhi, for his committed contribution to reading promotion.

AWARDS set up for youth Activists: From 2014, the Library Network has initiated "The Bhajan Award" for the most outstanding Library reader-activist, consisting of Rs.9000/- cash prize and a citation. "The Ranganatha Award" of Rs.5000/- & a citation, in honour of Prof S.R. Ranganathan, father of Indian library movement, is awarded annually to a committed library volunteer. In 2017, Sister Nivedita Award of Rs.9000/- for dedicated library services in Lohit has been instituted.

IMPACT of the Library Movement in the region: The movement has during its one decade of existence, reached out to more than 6000 students and youth, on an average 600 per year, conducted more than 250 programmes, and has produced a band of over 50 functioning youth activists and volunteers, voluntarily promoting reading habits in their own neighbourhood circles.

But we are aware that many more isolated villages and areas exist in eastern Arunachal. This calls for your patronage and participation in the movement, with resources and manpower. Lohit Youth Libraries cordially invite you to join hands with us. It could change the life of an Arunachali tribal youth permanently!

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