



LOHIT YOUTH LIBRARY NETWORK

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ANNUAL REPORT - 2021-22

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

As you are aware the year 2021-22 too continued to impose severe restrictions on our lives, habits, creativity and freedom due to the extended waves of Corona- 2 and the Omicron. In spite of that, the youth library movement went on highlighting the importance of reading habits in building a new Arunachal society, through several activities and platforms.

A turning point in the youth library movement was the emergence of 2 new organisations to strengthen and extend the reading promotion activities in Arunachal. A newly formed trust in Delhi, ‘**The Reading Promotion Endowment Trust for Arunachal**’ (RPETA – pronounced as *Arpita*, the dedicated), under the initiative of a few long-time patrons led by Dr Ngilang Taley, the Delhi Convenor of the library network, has made a strong mark by extending financial assistance to reading activities and volunteers in distress for the completion of their college education. We thank RPETA for their generous and ready patronage to the library movement.

The second, ‘**The Forum of Activists of Lohit Youth Libraries**’ (HQ: Medo in Lohit District) is a platform for our senior reader-activists to work independently. It has already conducted many training programmes, jointly with local youth libraries. A novel successful event was a series of “Know Our Arunachal” workshops for students of class 7 to 10 of the Govt schools around Tezu town and Wakro, that highlighted the need for students in Arunachal to know about their own state. The workshop was also held for the officers and staff of 48 BRTF, who too appreciated the lively presentations by the Forum members.

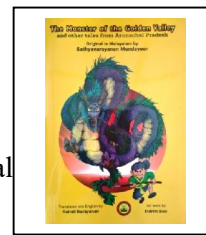
Another happy turn was the invitations from other district admns. to help initiate community libraries in their areas. The then DC Changlang, Dr Devansh Yadav, IAS and his successor, Sri Sunny K. Singh, IAS had gladly involved our senior library volunteers to conduct orientation sessions for their identified library activists. A similar invitation has also come from DC Papum Pare District.

The latter half of the year saw the Joy of Reading spirit being felicitated across the country, and in turn the library movement. Nov 8, 2021 shall be a landmark in the movement’s history, when the Coordinator was conferred the great honour of receiving the Padma Shri - nation’s 4th highest civilian award - from the President of India, Sri Ram Nath Kovind. The Coordinator has gratefully acknowledged that the award is truly for the youth of Arunachal, for spiritedly upholding the joy of Reading during the last 4 decades. He was also privileged to have an august audience with the Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi and other senior Ministers.

This was followed by the announcement of 2 more prestigious awards, both from Chennai: Dakshina- Ravunni Menon Award for dedicated community service <https://bit.ly/3nAKU5u> and the 25th Bhagwan Mahaveer Award for Excellence in Human Endeavour in the field of Education. <https://bit.ly/3zJZ638>

This facilitated the Coordinator to give many interviews over the press, radio and TV as also talks on different platforms from Nov 2021 to March 2022. These talks focussed on creating better understanding about Arunachal and the NE; and on the importance to promote and strengthen reading of physical books, rather than only digital resources. In Arunachal, he stressed on developing literature for youth in Arunachali languages.

The long awaited release of our book '**Monster of the Golden Valley and other tales from Arunachal**', the second book by the Lohit Libraries, took place on Dec 10, 2021 by Sri Y.D Thongchi, a Padma Shri awardee (2020) & President, Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS) in the presence of eminent writer Ms Mamang Dai and a distinguished audience. Translated into English by Ms. Kairali Narayanan (from the original Malayalam book by the Coordinator, Lohit Youth Libraries), it has enchanting illustrations by Indrim Boo, an Arunachali artist & library volunteer. The book carrying a foreword by Ms. Mamang Dai, has received warm appreciation from readers.



Another matter of great happiness for the library movement is the admission of our 2 volunteers for professional studies, with central Govt scholarship, in the renowned centre of arts, Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai: Ms Ashapmai Dellang in Carnatic Music and Ms Behelti Ama in Fine Arts. It is worth mentioning here that it is after 2 decades, that an Arunachali student has taken up studying Carnatic Music.

Honorary Professorship of AUS, Namsai for the Coordinator: The Arunachal University of Studies, Namsai, a deemed University in the state in March 2022 announced the conferring of an Hon. Professorship in Library Sciences to the Library Network Coordinator, to be presented later during their Convocation ceremony.

AIR Yuva Vani Programmes: As in the previous years, the senior activists continued to do Yuva Vani shows in AIR Tezu, providing the listeners an exposure to a wide range of themes, achievers and books.

Visitors: In spite of Corona restrictions, several guests visited Bamboosa Library Tezu, providing our senior volunteers ample opportunity to interact with them and learn from their experiences. The entire team of Volunteers felt charmed and elated by the visits of our esteemed founder-patron Sri Prashant Lokhande, IAS. Other visitors include eminent medical social worker from Kerala Ms Uma Preman, wild life experts Rohan Pandit and team, eco-activist Sunil Chauhan, eminent ENT surgeons Dr Zaman & Dr Ms Kumkum Bora, DC Anjaw Ms Ayushi Sudan, apart from a brief visit by APNE Library patron HH Rev Anubhavananda ji Maharaj.

As the year drew to a close, the entire team of library volunteers, patrons and book-lovers all over the world were deeply elated to learn about the state Govt's announcement of financial support to the youth library movement, to make it a permanent feature of Arunachal life. This is indeed a most befitting gift for the Arunachal youth for coming several generations, in our 75th year of independence. We record our profound gratitude to the State Govt, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Dy Chief Minister of Arunachal for such a thoughtful contribution and assure them that the library volunteers would continue to work zealously to keep spreading the joy of reading among the reading-deprived.

Our heartfelt thanks also to all participating organisations, the District Admn/s., the print & audio-visual media, and our thousands of well-wishers, for their unflinching trust in us & wholehearted support to the movement.

We feel elated to present you this year's Annual Report 2021-22, with the following annexures:

1. 'Library Activities at a Glance' - 2021-22
2. Round up of News & Activities -2021-22.
3. Joy of Reading Annual Newsletter 2021-22.
4. List of Patrons

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Coordinator

For Managing Committee,

Lohit Youth Library Network.



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Activities at a glance 2021-22

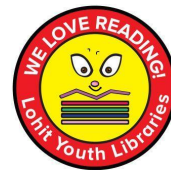
Activities	Districts covered	No. of events & Venues	Target audience
1. Reading promotion programmes	6	16 - Medo, Wakro, Tezu, Pasighat, Namsai, Roing & Changlang. And Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu	Around 480. students & other participants
2. Online conferences -Attended by volunteers	-	2 conferences - Nagpur, &Japan	UN body members, scientists, college faculty and students
3. online Training Course -10 days	-	online Food Summer Course by University of Gadjah Mada, Indonesia.	1 volunteer attended
4. Audio-visual programmes (AIR Yuva Vani, TV, interviews and YouTubes)	-	15. At Itanagar, Delhi, Kerala	On DD AIR, private channels
5. Press articles published by library members pending publication in Teacher Plus monthly, Hyd.	-	2 - in Arunachal Times, Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh
- creative items published in youth magazines	-	2 - by Senior Forum members & Coordinator	All India
	-	Chakmak-3); Children's World-1) + 1 full page of paintings of Medo Library readers (Ch World)	All India mags
6. Press articles that appeared on library movement	All India	3 (Indian Express &Times of India) In Marathi Library journal	-
7. Important guests to libraries	-	26 guests - from all over India	All India
8. Books published		1 -Monster of the Golden Valley (An anthology of Arunachal folktales)	Marathi readers
7. Translations	Maharashtra	The folktales in the above book is being translated & serialised in VAYAM, a children's monthly in Marathi. https://bit.ly/3IkOmdH	

Activities were curtailed in 2021-22 also, due to the Corona 2nd wave and the Omicron that severely restricted public programmes outside the libraries and the visit of readers to the libraries.

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News from Libraries & Reading Promotion Activities 2021-22

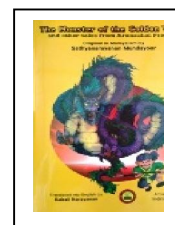
PADMA SHRI AWARD 2020 presented to Lohit Youth Library Network Coordinator Sri Sathyanarayanan Mundayoor, (aka 'Uncle Moosa') by the President of India, at Delhi on Nov 8, 2021. Here's the official video of the ceremony from the President's office <https://youtu.be/u.S5G5UabSiM>

Dakshina Award 2021, Chennai: Dakshina, a leading organisation of Chennai has declared the Lohit Youth Libraries Coordinator as the awardee for 2021-22. The award of Rs. 51,000/- & a memento will be presented to him at Chennai in July 2022. <https://bit.ly/3nAKU5u> Arunachal Times, Jan 21, 2022

The 25th Mahaveer Award by the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation, (BMF) Chennai,: BMF, a reputed public charitable trust in the country, has selected the Library Network Coordinator, for the 25th Mahaveer Award for Excellence in Human Endeavour in the field of Education. The Award consists of cash Rs.10 lakhs, a memento and a citation. <https://bit.ly/3zJZ638> Echo of Arunachal, Apr 23, 2022

The Coordinator has announced that the whole amounts of both the Dakshina & BMF awards will be contributed for promoting Youth library activities in Arunachal.

Book “**Monster of the Golden Valley and other tales from Arunachal**”, released: The second book by the Lohit Youth Libraries, was released by Sri Y.D Thongchi, a Padma Shri awardee (2020) & President, Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS) in the presence of eminent writer Mm Mamang Dai and a distinguished audience. Translated by Ms Kairali Narayanan, an award winning translator, from the Malayalam book by the Coordinator, Lohit Youth Libraries, it is illustrated by Arunachali artist Ms Indrim Boo. We are glad that the stories are being translated by eminent Marathi writer Pratibha Gopujkar & serialised in “Vayam”, a Marathi youth magazine from Mumbai. <https://bit.ly/3IkOmdH>



Reading Promotion Programmes:

1. **Medo Youth Library**, set up in June 2020, conducted reading enhancement activities, targeting the youth of Medo, jointly with the Forum of Activists of Lohit Youth Libraries, created newly.

a. A Reading awareness campaign for class 9 -10 students from Apr 20-24, 2021

<https://bit.ly/3a9AhTP> Arunachal Times Apr 25, 2021

b. A 4-days Creative Learning workshop for children of class 3- 8 from July 20-24, 2021

<https://bit.ly/3y30dbH> Dawnlit Post July 26, 2021

c. Read to Learn workshop for sec. students, Aug 22- 23, 2021 : by the Forum of Activists.

<https://bit.ly/3Aw1RFV> Dawnlit Post Aug 25, 2021

2. **Know Our Arunachal Workshops Sept 8 -13, 2021- International Literacy Week**

A weeklong series of workshops for Govt. school students class 8 -10, by Bamboosa Library, Tezu & APNE Library, Wakro. This was significant as the students in Arunachal get no opportunity to learn about their own state, following only NCERT school curriculum ! The workshops, conducted by the Forum of Activists were well received by the students, as the sessions included lots of activities.

<https://bit.ly/3bEE9Nc>, Echo of Arunachal Sept 16, 2021

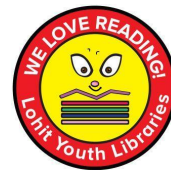
Know Our Arunachal workshop@ 48 BRTF

<https://bit.ly/3I3a3Pq> Echo of Arunachal Oct 4, 2021

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Joy of Reading workshops in KGBV schools in Pasighat Oct 15-18, 2021: Dibang Youth Library senior volunteers with the Coordinator conducted a series of workshops in the KGBV schools around Pasighat, E. Siang district. These were sponsored by Arunachal Shiksha Vikas Samiti, (ASVS).

<https://bit.ly/3yw3z8C> Echo of Arunachal, Oct 21, 2021

Workshops by eminent Teacher educator Ms Nabanita Deshmukh from Pondicherry Dec 2021 : The Library Network also facilitated Ms Deshmukh's excellent sessions for KGBV Pasighat schools.

“Reading -a voyage of Joy” by Changlang Dist. Admn, Oct 22, 2021: The Library Network & Forum of Activists conducted sessions for volunteers for setting up Community libraries in Changlang district. The sessions were highly appreciated.

<https://bit.ly/3AmFKBn> Eastern Sentinel, Oct 24, 2021

Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society Lohit District Meet Nov 16, 2021 : The Meet hosted by Bamboosa Library, Tezu was attended by the President APLS Padma Shri awardee Sri Y.D. Thongchi, IAS (retd) and was attended by Library Network Convenor Sri Sokhep Kri & other volunteers.

Other Events:

Aug 1, 2021: Volunteers Ashapmai Dellang (Carnatic Music)& Behelti Ama (Fine Arts) got admission in the prestigious Kalakshetra Foundation Chennai, after doing CBSE class XII in these subjects.

<https://bit.ly/3NC7R2p> - Arunachal Front, Aug 1, 2021

They were selected for a Carnatic recital at DD Itanagar in August. However, as they joined Kalakshetra Foundation at Chennai, the recording could not be done. (It has been done in June 2022)

Aug 15, 2021. Wakro sisters did 2 recitations, marking 75th Indian Ind. Day and the Onam festival:

- i. “Paarugulle Nalla Naadu..” by Tamil poet Subramania Bharati Aug 15, 2021 - by Ashapmai <https://bit.ly/3ntosuJ>
- ii. Malayalam poet & eco-activist Sugathakumari's poem “Oru Thai Nadaam..” (Lets plant a sapling..) Aug 18, 2021 sung jointly by Ashapmai & Behelti in Malayalam <https://bit.ly/3OWow21>

June 23, 2021: Ms Jeenamsi Ngadong & Aloka Mili, senior Volunteers participated in the UNESCO Youth webinar on ‘Futures of Education’ , representing RCE, East Arunachal affiliated to the UN University Institute for Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), Japan.

July 3-13, 2021: Ms. Kime Rilla, volunteer attended the 3rd online Food Summer Course by University of Gadjah Mada, Indonesia, on “Local Indigenous Functional Food's Role in the Era of COVID-19 Pandemic” representing the RCE, East Arunachal under UNU-IAS.

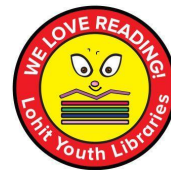
July 16, 2021: At the Invitation of Commissioner, Govt of Arunachal Pr, the Coordinator submitted a note on ‘adopting mass media/ Educational TV and Radio programmes to strengthen and enliven Arunachal Govt school education’ @ the “Stakeholders’ Consultative Meeting for Mission Shiksha” .

Aug 6, 2021: **RIWATCH Library, Roing inauguration by Dy. CM of Arunachal, Sri. Chowna Mein:** in the presence of Education Minister Sri Taba Tedir & other dignitaries. Addressing the gathering, the Library Coordinator appealed to the Govt. and the elite to support publication of many children's library books in Arunachali languages, to help strengthen their literary base.

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Aug 15, 2021: Volunteer Kr. Rehanso Boo was featured in the Indian Express, New Delhi in the Independence Day special on youths on the theme “What Freedom means to me”. <https://bit.ly/39ZN1vb>

Sept 6, 2021: Senior Forum members Ms/s Jeenamsi Ngadong, Keselo Tayang, Anjangmai Mam, Bethem Marai & Solina Kambrai, with Coordinator, presented a 1 hr webinar on youth library movement, at the invitation of SFS College, Nagpur.

Sept 24, 2021: “Maths is Fun” workshop at Dibang Youth Library Roing: 15 class 7 students from 2 Govt Middle Schools of Roing attended the 90 mts workshop. Volunteer Sri Malothro Mena, student at IIT Kharagpur conducted the session with a number of activities. <https://bit.ly/3ntvS1c>

Nov 14, 2021: **Kuhipaath Community Library, of Namsai** got inaugurated with senior library activists led by Ms. Keselo Tayang presenting a session of reading-based activities.

APNE Library, Wakro organised National Book Week celebrations with story writing, story reading, story telling and book contests. Around 30 students participated

Nov 10 -Dec 12, 2021: The Network Coordinator’s Kerala tour: He addressed a series of groups/ village libraries/ meetings /TV interviews in Kerala on the youth library movement & on NE & Arunachal Pradesh. These organisations include Sreepathy Institute of Management & Technology, Kootanad; SNA Oushadhasala Unnimoos Day; the Thrissur Management Association; Jeevamrutham Trust; Yogakshema Sabha; Vadakke Madhom Brahmaswam Vedic Reserch Centre; rural public libraries @Arangottukara & Desamangalam & the Sri RK Mission Hr. Secondary School, Thrissur.

Mar 5, 2022: **Book Gifts by Mr Simon Smith, UK & Ms Leela Varma, IAAS (retd.), Mumbai:** The book-sets, carefully selected by both patrons, were formally handed over to the Library Network.

AIR TEZU Radio programmes by Library volunteers:

World Book Day Yuva Vani broadcast Apr 22, 2021 <https://youtu.be/E1h8xhFuj9s>

We & Our Environment – Yuva Vani show Aug 12, 2021 <https://youtu.be/Lw5kDOZU9QU>

AIR TEZU - Carnatic recital by Wakro Sisters - Jul 1, 2021 <https://youtu.be/5yhTpOmoLOc>

Guests to Libraries:

1. Sri Prashant Lokhande IAS, Commissioner, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh & Founder Patron, Lohit Youth Libraries visited Bamboosa Library, Tezu on Aug 10, 2021 along with Smt Ayushi Sudan, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Anjaw and interacted heartily with senior library volunteers.

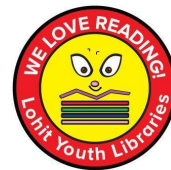
2. Smt. Ayushi Sudan IAS., again visited Bamboosa Library on Sep 12, 2021 and participated in the Know Our Arunachal Workshop for school students.

3. Smt Uma Preman, eminent medical social worker, Kerala - @ Bamboosa Library, Aug 12, 2021.

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4. A team of scientists from World Wildlife Fund (WWF), led by Sri Rohan Pandit visited Bamboosa & APNE Libraries - July 12, 2021.

5. A team of researchers from Piramal Swasthya, New Delhi led by Ms Tathagata Basu - @Bamboosa Library, Tezu - Sept 6, 2021.

6. Long-time patrons Dr K Zaman, & Dr Mrs Kumkum Bora, senior ENT specialists from RK Mission Hospital Itanagar with Dr Ms. Upasana Bora, @ Bamboosa Library on Oct 14, 2021

7. Er. (Ms) Ege Lollen, library patron from Bangalore: @ Bamboosa Library on Nov 2, 2021

8. Sri Sunil Chauhan, an eco-activist from Himachal Pradesh@ Bamboosa Library March 11, 2022.
He presented the library a new Book “Trees of Arunachal”

9. Swami Anubhavananda ji, a well-known saint and patron of ASSET, Wakro visited Bamboosa Library on March 5, 2022, along with his team. He was received by the Library Network Coordinator.

Press articles & interviews (you-tube videos):

1. “Libraries for 21st century Arunachal” by S. Mundayoor -Arunachal Times, Aug 13 & 14, 2021:
<https://bit.ly/3ywg589> & <https://bit.ly/3NybHdd>

2. Padma Award & other videos / press-clips/ talks by the Coordinator:

Brief interview on DD News Delhi Nov 8, 2021

<https://bit.ly/3ntpF5f>

Arunachal Times Nov 10, 2021: Arunachal Padma team in Delhi greets P V Sindhu

<https://bit.ly/3ytnG7u>

Times of India Kochi Interview NOV 27, 2021 Joy of reading -

<https://bit.ly/3bB2CCY>

NEFA Live TV Nov 9, 2021 -Interview after Padma Award ceremony:

<https://bit.ly/3udIU6V>

JANAM TV Thrissur -Interview in Malayalam Nov 20, 2021

<https://bit.ly/3OB1MEM>

CLUB FM Thrissur – interview in Malayalam Jan 26, 2021

<https://youtu.be/DoQIS6eHRQE>

Doordarshan Thrissur (Malayalam) Nov 28, 2021 Part 1

<https://bit.ly/3nvMhCl>

Part 2 <https://bit.ly/3AeKgC1>

(For pictures of these events, pl see Joy of Reading Newsletter 2022)

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JOY OF READING

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Youth of Arunachal Honoured !

For upholding the Joy of READING !



Coordinator, Lohit Youth Libraries, Sri. Sathyanarayanan Mundayoor (Uncle Moosa) receives the **Padma Shri award for 2020** from the President of India on Nov 8, 2021.

↓ **Meeting of a Life time!** Looking on are Dr Gangadhar (ex-Director, JIPMER -blue shirt) & Dr Ravi Kannan (eminent cancer surgeon, Silchar, Assam – white shirt)



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ACTION CENTRES of READING...



Bamboosa Library, Tezu -
the HQ of the Library Network



APNE Library, Wakro -
The training hub of activists



Medo Youth Library -
Young & vibrant HQ of the Forum of Activists



Dibang Youth Library -
The power-house of Activists



Tiny Tots Library, 48 BRTF -
where reading gets dynamic



Lathao Youth Library -
A home of creative action

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INSPIRING & JOYOUS MOMENTS with PATRONS



At the release of the book of folktales “Monster of the Golden Valley...” by APLS President Sri Y. D Thongchi at Itanagar, Dec 10, 2021



A memorable Moment! Founder patron Sri Prashant Lokhande, IAS., with mentors of Lathao Youth Library.



Cdr 48 BTF Col Saurabh Srivastava receives a memento from Bamboosa Library volunteer Ms. Solina Kambrai..



Volunteer Ms. Keselo Tayang presents a memento to DC Changlang, Dr Devansh Yadav, IAS at Miao, at the end of the training sessions.



A joyous welcome home again! Volunteers with Founder-patron, Bamboosa Library Sri Prashant Lokhande & DC Ms Ayushi Sudan.



HH Rev Anubhavananda ji Maharaj, on a visit to Bamboosa Library. At left is mentor, APNE Library Sri. Rohinso Krisikro.

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MENTORS INSPIRE & CHEER US



Sri Vijay Swami, Executive Director, RIWATCH joins Sri Prashant Lokhande at Bamboosa Library.



Dr Ambika Aiyadurai, Asstt Prof, IIT Gandhinagar & patron@ Bamboosa Library. Also present Sri Sokhep Kri, Library Convenor & Ms. Bapenlu Kri, Bamboosa Library Adminsitrator.



Ms Timita Mungyak, Mentor, Lathao Youth Library at Bamboosa Library



Dr. Sopai Tawsik, Chief patron, Medo Youth Library with senior library volunteers.



A ton thanks to our patron Mr. Simon Smith, UK ! Library Convenor hands over the book gift from Mr. Smith to Bamboosa Library



Library patrons M/s Silotmai Dellang & Behem Lap after enquiring the well-being of Ms. Prya Ngi, (red shirt) who had just reached home safe from Ukraine.

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Welcome, Home! Administrator Ms. Bapenlu Kri receives the framed Padma Shri certificate from mentor Sri Etalo Mega, for installing in Bamboosa Library.



An artistic memento for Chief patron! From Medo Library volunteers.



Ms Omem Tamuk, mentor, Kuhipaata Library, Namsai at Bamboosa Library.



Eminent social worker from Pune, Ms. Bageshri - tai Ponkshe with senior volunteers



Mentor Er. Ms Ege Lollen, Bangalore after interacting with Senior Forum members.



Dr Amin Tayeng, SMO, Tezu -an old time friend, patron and book lover

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'KNOW OUR ARUNACHAL' WORKSHOPS



An innovative teamwork ! presenting Arunachal in a creative way to students is the Forum members led by Keselo Tayang.



Prashant Lokhande. @prasha... · 6m ...

Know our Arunachal workshop by Lohit library volunteers at Bamboosa library in Tezu. Committed volunteers under the guidance of uncle Moosa are change agents!! Best wishes.



Encouraging words inspire youth to do better!
Message from Founder patron & Commissioner Sri Prashant Lokhande, IAS



25 districts & their HQ !!
Discover how well you know our State:
It's fun with this playful Teaching Aid !



What do you know about the Meyors of Anjaw district? - Ms Ayushi Sudan, IAS, DC Anjaw conducting a session during the workshop

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Each youth can Teach many - the fun way !



If you're serving the Walong sector, this is a book for you! - Keselo Tayang introduces Sahitya Akademi winner "Black Hill" by Mamang Dai@ BRTF workshop.

Bahailu Rangmang is not just a volunteer, but a dynamic teacher too ! You can easily remember a lot about Arunachal, when she's leading the session!



Even the students of Wakro can now reel out district HQs!
Forum members Jeenamsi & Bialu in action at APNE Library workshops at Wakro

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Reading Promotion Activities 2021-22



Forum of Library Activists presenting a reading theatre@ “Reading -a voyage of Joy” workshop for community library volunteers organised by DC Changlang @ Miao.



Joy of Reading Workshops @ KGBV Schools in Pasighat sponsored by Arunachal Shiksha Vikas Samiti. Dibang Youth Library volunteers Aloka Mili and Nisha Mepo conducting theatre reading training



Banika Kri, senior volunteer@ Medo Youth Library has been conducting activities for various age groups effortlessly and spurring them on to be creative themselves

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Kuhipat Library, a community centre off Namsai town, had a surprise VIP for its inauguration! A team of FORUM members! They inaugurated it with several joyous activities for the readers who gathered!



Members of the Forum with Namsai & Lathao Youth Library mentors after inauguration.



Dibang Library volunteer Sri. Malothro Mena conducting a "Maths is Fun" Workshop



Senior Forum members addressing a webinar on the Library Movement to the faculty & listeners of SFS College, Nagpur.



Senior Volunteer Manisha Halai listens keenly as a young student reads a story

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The power of the radio in educating masses...



Senior Library volunteers after a Yuva Vani recording in AIR Tezu with Sri Gopal Rai.



Volunteers Behelti Ama (in front of the mike) & Ashapmai Dellang (extreme right, black dress) after a Carnatic music recital @ AIR Tezu with Sri Ajit Reang.



Dibang Youth Library volunteers with the Coordinator, near a Kalinga Airways air-crash site in East Siang district on Oct 17, 2021, after a memorial service. The entire crew had perished in the tragic event on Oct 17, 1965.



A story teller in far-away Coimbatore!
Even students in a Tamil school can be excited when Nishanlu Kri narrates a story !

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Literary Luminaries inspire budding writers in Tezu - Nov 2021



top: Sri Y.D. Thongchi, Padma Shri awardee & President, Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS) speaks at the APLS Lohit District Meet at Bamboosa Library on Nov 16, 2021. Also seen are Library Network Convenor Sri Sokhep Kri and District Research Officer Sri Ronomo Jondo (red shirt)

Bottom (L to R): Senior volunteers Banika Kri and Anjangmai Mam speaking at the meet.

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GUESTS ENHANCE OUR WORLD VIEW...



“Look at these photos!” Founder-Patron Sri Prashant Lokhande IAS, sharing ideas with senior volunteers Jeenamsi & Anjangmai.



Medical social worker Ms Uma Preman from Kerala, after an inspiring session with volunteers.



It's sheer joy to be with Eminent ENT surgeons Dr K Zaman, Dr Kumkum Bora & Dr Upasana Bora !



Ms Tathagata Basu from Piramal Sasthya, New Delhi after interacting with senior volunteers.



We're delighted ! Old-time friend Sri Rohan Pandit, Wildlife researcher and his team !



Sunil Chauhan, eco-activist & long-time friend, with patrons Dr Abba Pulu & Dr. Rajen Miwu.

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Welcome to the Library movement! Ms Arya Sree, IFS at Chennai receives a memento from volunteer Ashapmai



We love to be with our local guardians!
Library volunteers Ashapmai & Behelti, students@ Kalakshetra, Chennai with their mentor Dr. Suneetha, at her home.



Coordinator addressing an Ayurveda Seminar by eminent Ayurveda institution SNA Oushadhasala, on "Ayurveda for NE: Prospects & Challenges" at Thirissur, Kerala on Dec 1, 2021.



Teacher trainees of the Denning College for Teacher Education, Tezu discussing plans for a training programme in Bamboosa Library

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We'll work to build a Reading Arunachal !

Members of the Forum of Library Activists at their University campus before returning home after completing their collegiate studies.

Esteemed Readers, We cordially invite you to join hands with the Lohit Youth Libraries to reach out to reading-deprived youth in both urban and rural Arunachal. We shall be glad to work with schools and NGOs in reading promotion programmes in your locality.

*Our Libraries are run by volunteers contributing their time, energy and resources. They **OPEN DAILY in the evenings** from 3 pm.7 days a week & are **FREE !***

An HOUR of ADULT TIME Adds a DAY of LEARNING to SCHOOLING!

***Do your bit to help build a Reading Arunachal.
Let's spread the Joy of Reading all around!***

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**).

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