



## LOHIT YOUTH LIBRARY NETWORK

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### ANNUAL REPORT - 2022-23

July 1, 2023

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

Very glad to present you this Annual Report of another hectic but deeply fulfilling year of achievements. The year saw the youth library movement receiving 5 national honours. Our libraries could pioneer innovative initiatives to promote “loud Reading skills” in school students and to highlight, at several platforms, the importance of reading habits in building a new Arunachal society.

On Sept 3, 2022, the Coordinator Lohit Youth Library Network was honoured with the prestigious **25<sup>th</sup> Mahaveer Award for Excellence** in Human Endeavour in the field of Education, by the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation, Chennai. The Award - the biggest award by any Indian NGO - was presented by the Rajasthan Governor Sri. Kalraj Mishra at Pali, Rajasthan. Earlier, the Chennai-based organization ‘Dakshinaa’ had awarded the Coordinator, the **DREAMSS 2022 Award** for meritorious social service on July 31, 2022. The award was presented by Sri M. K. Narayanan, former Governor & ex-National Security Advisor, GOI. The cash component of both the awards has been contributed to the corpus fund of the RPETA Trust, New Delhi, which is wholly dedicated to support youth library movement and reading promotion activities in Arunachal. RPETA (pronounced as *Arpita*, the dedicated), has been supporting all through the year several programmes of the library Movement & the Forum of Library Activists, Medo.

Another recognition to the educational potential of the youth library movement came with the **Arunachal University of Studies, Namsai**, conferring its Hon. Professorship on the Coordinator in Apr 2022. It was presented by Arunachal Education Minister Sri Taba Tedir.

The year brought yet another national honour when the **IIT Gandhinagar** invited the Coordinator to be a ‘Scholar-in-Residence’ for a month in Feb–March 2023. This prestigious opportunity enabled the Coordinator to interact with several national and international scholars and listen to many eminent personalities, as also to discuss the challenges of reading-deprived from marginalised language groups and present talks & demonstrations on the power of reading aloud in spreading the joy of reading. The demonstrations were done jointly with senior library volunteer Ms Bahailu Rangmang, who was also granted a 1-month internship at the IIT Gandhinagar Library.

It was a ‘jewel-on the-crown’ for the Library Movement when senior library volunteer Ms Anjangmai Mam received from the **Union Education Minister Sri Dharmendra Pradhan**, the **gold medal in M.Sc**, during her Convocation at the Avinashilingam Women’s University, Coimbatore on Jan 21, 2023. It once again brought alive the fact that reading promotion activities greatly enhanced the educational standards of not only the targeted readers but the volunteers who are involved in it.

We record our profound gratitude to these institutions and organisations, for their enthusiastic support and conviction in the power of the reading movement. As in the previous years, the Coordinator has been continuing his appeals to develop literature for youth in Arunachali languages, through the press, radio and TV as also talks and presentations on different platforms, such as the Tezpur Green Hub Festival 2022.

At the state level, the youth library movement received a big boost with the Arunachal Govt. providing a corpus grant to sustain the tempo of reading activities. The corpus fund has been created by the Bamboosa Library administrators, the 'Education Care for Kids'. We record our profound gratitude to the State Govt, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Dy Chief Minister of Arunachal for such a far-sighted contribution, and assure them that the library volunteers would continue spreading the joy of reading among the reading-deprived.

**Read Aloud Activities:** The library movement added a new phase by launching a year-long campaign stressing on enhancing 'read aloud skills' of the Govt. middle school students of Tezu, who were limping towards normalcy after the 2 years of paralytic effects of Corona. This was by teaming up with the local B. Ed college, from where B. Ed trainees volunteered to do read aloud training sessions at Bamboosa Library. The tempo for this was built up by the senior volunteers of Forum of Library Activists, with their highly popular 1-month long sessions of "Saturday Story time with Didis" in July 2022. The Read Aloud programme "RASA" that followed brought forth a substantial increase in the students volunteering to read outside their texts. (Pl see graph on "Activities at A glance" page 2). (AIR North East <https://youtu.be/MCfbfSwAOpw> ). The RASA training also gave them an opportunity to present a children's programme "Bal Jagat" over the AIR Tezu in Jan 2023.

**Articles:** Library volunteers and Coordinator could get articles published in reputed periodicals like the Teacher Plus and the Malayala Manorama newspaper, Kerala. Of special interest to readers will be the article by senior volunteers Jeenamsi Ngadong et. al., in Teacher Plus magazine, Hyderabad (Jan 2023). <https://bit.ly/3o4IEYT>

**Awards:** The prestigious annual Award by the Library Movement this year was awarded to 2 govt school teachers from Anjaw, S/Sri K Vijayakumar, Hayuliang and Dr Ramesh Nayake, BEO, Manchal for their spirited championing reading promotion activities in Anjaw even before the formal inception of the Library Network.

**Visitors:** As in the past years, visit of several dignitaries and interactions with them at different platforms added substantial exposure to readers and volunteers.

We offer 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 hope you will be glad to go through this year's Annual Report 2022-23 , with the following annexures:

1. 'Library Activities at a Glance' - 2022-23
2. Round up of News & Activities -2022-23.
3. Joy of Reading Annual Newsletter 2023.
4. List of Patrons

**S. Mundayoor**  
**Coordinator**  
**For Managing Committee,**  
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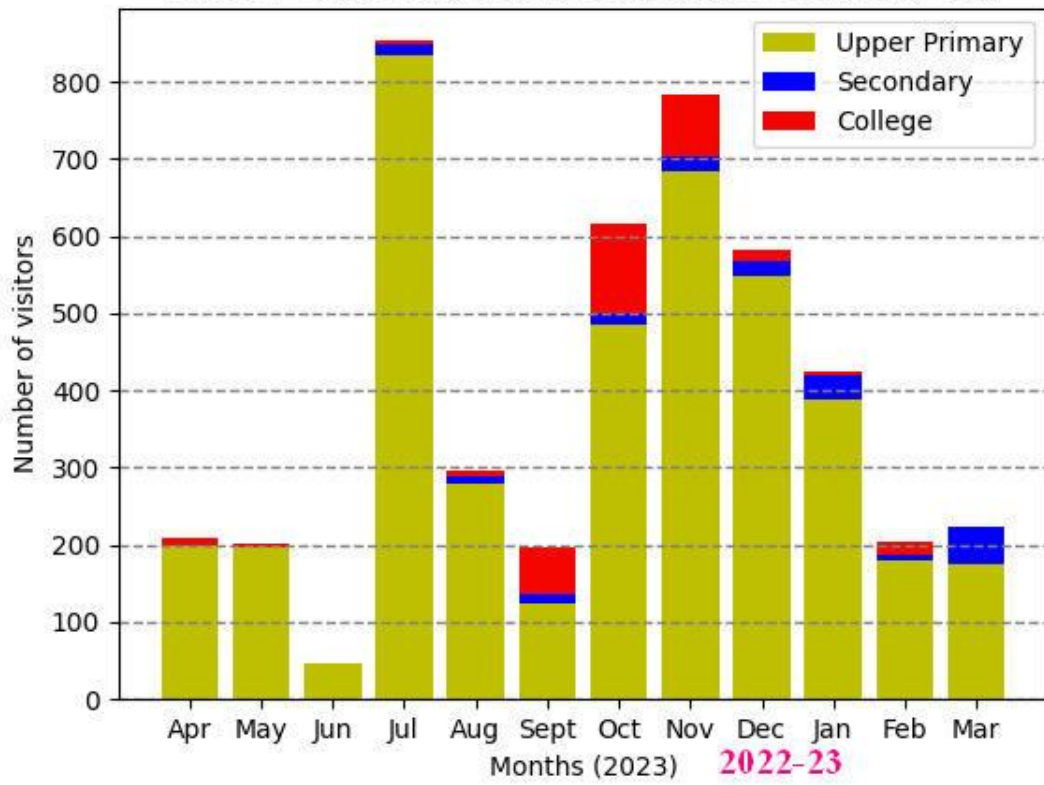
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### Activities at a Glance 2022 -23

Activities	Districts covered	No. of events & Venues	Target audience
<b>1. Reading promotion programmes</b> 35 events	5	Medo, Wakro, Tezu, Roing, Anjaw, Tezpur, Chennai, Coimbatore & IIT Gandhinagar in Gujarat	Around 800 students & others
<b>2. AWARDS, HONOURS -6</b>	6	Namsai, Chennai, Tezpur, Rajasthan, Coimbatore & IIT Gandhinagar	-
<b>3. Book Exhibitions – 12 Exbns</b>	4	Tezu, Anjaw, L. Dibang Valley & IIT Gandhinagar	1500 persons
<b>4. Audio-visual programmes -18</b> AIR Yuva Vani, DD Itanagar, TV interviews and YouTubes)	-	Tezu, Namsai, Roing, Itanagar, Kochi, Chennai, Rajasthan & IIT Gandhinagar	-
<b>5. Press articles published by library members – 6 Nos.</b>	-	Teacher Plus-(2); Malayala Manorama Daily (-3); VKV Alumni Souvenir	Across India
<b>6. Talks by Coordinator -7</b>	-	Namsai, Thrissur, IIT Gandhinagar, Pune, Kerala	Across India
<b>7. No. of Awards Issued by Library Movement -3</b>	2	“Bhajan Award”-2 & Sister Nivedita Award”-1	-
<b>8. Important Guests to Libraries</b>	-	Around 150 guests visited	From across India
<b>Interactions with VIPs -6 Nos</b>	-	at Chennai, Tezu, Namsai, Roing, Rajasthan, Gandhinagar	India
<b>9. Activities conducted by FORUM</b>	4	At Tezu, Medo, Namsai, Roing & Anjaw	500
<b>10. No. of Agencies &amp; NGOs which Extended support</b>	-	Govt Depts & 6 NGOs in Arunachal, Dibrugarh, Chennai & Delhi	-
<b>11. No of readers @ Bamboosa Library, Tezu (HQ of Network)</b>	-	4636 readers* Average 386 per month Highest 853 (Jul 2022) Lowest 46 ( Jun 2022) (excluding Library volunteers)	
		<b>Compiler: Bahailu Rangmang &amp; Uncle Moosa</b>	

Number of monthly readers at Bamboosa Library Tezu

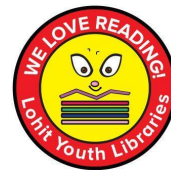


Graph: Er Akhilesh K.R

**Visitors at the HQ of Lohit Youth Library Network during 2022-23**

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## Annual Report 2022-23 Lohit Youth Library Network: Annexure -3

### News from Libraries & Reading Promotion Activities 2022 -23

#### Honours for Youth Library Movement

**Apr 9, 2022:** Arunachal University of Studies, (AUS) Namsai confers Hon Professorship to Coordinator. Arunachal Education Minister Sri Taba Tedir conferred the honour in the presence of eminent educationists. Arunachal Front Apr 9, 2022 <https://bit.ly/3aTajE8>

**Apr 23, 2022:** Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation, Chennai announces Mahaveer Award 2022 for Coordinator. Echo of Arunachal, Apr 23, 2022 <https://bit.ly/3zJZ638> <https://bit.ly/3M5TeW0>

**Jul 31, 2022:** Dakshinaa DREAMSS 2022 Award presented to Coordinator at Chennai – Echo of Arunachal, Itanagar Aug 3, 2022 <https://bit.ly/3REMPMp>

**Sept 4, 2022:** MAHAVEER Awards by BMF Chennai presented to Coordinator at Pali, Rajasthan. Echo of Arunachal, Itanagar Sept 4, 2022 <https://bit.ly/3CtGvbB>

**Nov 25, 2022:** Green Hub Festival 2022, Tezpur invited Coordinator to do a story reading & poem recitation session in its inaugural function <https://bit.ly/3oVLMpU>

**Feb – March 2023:** IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat invites Coordinator to be a Scholar-in-Residence from Feb 7 to Mar 6, 2023 & conduct sessions on Reading Challenges and strategies to handle them. Ms Bahailu Rangmang, senior activist was also granted 1-month internship in library management skills at the IIT Gandhinagar Library from Feb 7 to Mar 6, 2023. <http://bit.ly/3nkHPtq>

#### Reading Promotion activities:

Apr -May, 2022: Bamboosa Library was daily open during the annual school vacation, serving a large number of primary school students & also encouraging their creative art activities.

Apr 4, 2022: Joy of Reading Book Exhibition @ Denning B.Ed College Tezu Apr 4, 2022  
Arunachal Times, Apr 5, 2022 <https://bit.ly/38xaaVS>

Apr 23, 2022: Bamboosa Library organised World Book Day Exhibition @Tezu <https://bit.ly/3mUMONG>

Apr 29, 2022: KV TEZU holds Joy of Reading Book Exhibition. Arunachal Front Apr 29, 2022  
<https://bit.ly/3Hq3lmp>

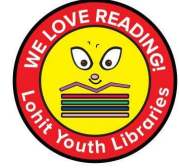
May 3, 2022: Bamboosa Library, conducts “Learn Better, Score Better” a 3-week Enrichment programme for class X. Arunachal Times, May 3, 2022 <https://bit.ly/3xtwB73>

May 19, 2022: Founder-Patron of Bamboosa Library, Sri Prashant Lokhande IAS sent a touching twitter message on the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of the youth library movement - <https://bit.ly/3TcbDmk>

May 20, 2022: **Library Annual Awards 2021-22 announced:** Shri. Vijaykumar, Science teacher, Govt. Hr Sec School, Hayuliang and Dr. R. C. Nayak, Block Education Officer, Manchal, both from Anjaw district have jointly won the ‘Bhajan’ Award for 2021-22. Sri Deepak Sha, staffer, UD Dept, Tezu, has been chosen for the Sister Nivedita Award. Arunachal Times May 20, 2022 <https://bit.ly/3Nnfj1M>

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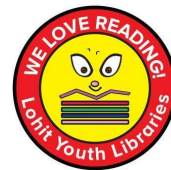
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- Jun 4-10, 2022 : One-week Art Workshop in Pukhuri, Wakro by Library activist Ms. Behelti Ama –  
Arunachal Times Jun 15, 2022 <https://bit.ly/3MURWfh>
- July 2- 4, 2022 : Medo Library conducts 3 days Reading workshop: Senior members of the Forum of Activists of Lohit Youth Libraries, conducted the workshop.  
Arunachal Times Jul 6, 2022 - <https://bit.ly/3V2ij8s>
- July 31, 2022: Chennai: Wakro Sisters Ashapmai Dellang & Behelti Ama presented the Invocation recital at the DREAMSS 2022 Award @ Chennai and had an audience with Sri M K Narayanan, former NSA, Govt of India & former Governor, West Bengal.  
<https://youtu.be/SH13UkTIOcc>
- AUG 3, 2022: Saturday Storytime with Didis: The weekly storytelling sessions by the members of Forum of Activists during July@ Bamboosa Library was a highly popular event for Tezu students.  
Arunachal Times, Aug 3, 2022 <https://bit.ly/3yjX2NY>
- Aug 15-17, 2022: The 3-day Independence Day Book Exhibition@ Tezu jointly by the NBT India, Lohit Dist. Admn. & the Bamboosa Library: Eastern Sentinel Aug 19, 2022 <https://bit.ly/3Cwow5g>
- Sep 12-14, 2022: Library team joins discussions by IIM Ahmedabad's BIRD Initiative @ Itanagar to explore strengthening Arunachali languages Arunachal Times Sept 16 , 2022 <https://bit.ly/3flkWwa>
- Sep 20-22, 2022: 3-day workshop on Reading Aloud Skills for reader-activists by Ms Nabanita & Sri Bappu Deshmukh @ Bamboosa Library Echo of Arunachal, Sep 24, 2022 <https://bit.ly/3M5UFnm>
- Sep -Oct 2022: Bamboosa Library organised a weekly motivational talk series “Adventures in Learning” by youth achievers in the community. Arunachal Times, Oct 6, 2022 <https://bit.ly/3g9Bqh0>
- Sep 30, 2022: Bamboosa Library administrator & the Lohit Dist. Admn. signed an MOU to set up a Corpus Fund, sanctioned by the Arunachal State Govt, for ensure regular support to Lohit youth library activities. The Library Network is profoundly grateful to the state Govt., esp to Sri Chowna Mein, Hon. Dy Chief Minister & Sri Prashant Lokhande, IAS, for their wholehearted support, ever since its inception in March 2007.  
<https://bit.ly/3CHnBOy>
- Oct 2, 2022: Read Aloud Workshop for teacher-trainees held by FORUM of Library Activists @ Bamboosa Library Tezu – Echo of Arunachal Oct 6, 2022 <https://bit.ly/3VygxMO>
- Nov 7, 2022: 1-month-long Read Aloud Sessions for All ( RASA-1) Training for Govt middle school students of Tezu concludes - Echo of Arunachal Nov 9, 2022 <http://bit.ly/3DYvFem>
- Dec 10, 2022: Col. Sandeep Kurup, CO, a Madras Regiment attends valedictory function of 2 month-long RASA training@ Bamboosa Library – Arun. Times Dec 12, 2022 <http://bit.ly/3Z3FTDK>
- Nov 25, 2022: Coordinator present a reading session @the inaugural session of Green Hub 2022 Festival@ Tezpur Sentinel, Guwahati Dec 1, 2022 <https://bit.ly/3oVLmPU>
- Dec 16 to 29, 2022: Coordinator visits Mumbai, Pune, Lonavala, & Guwahati and meet important patrons & mentors. Interact with 93 year old patron Prof. Mandakini Tai Khandekar, eminent scientists Sri Arvind Gupta, Dr Ramana Athreya, members of Jnana Prabodhini Pune & and address staff of KPIT Industries Ltd, Pune.
- Jan 21, 2023: Library volunteer Anjangmai Mam receives Gold Medal in M.Sc Convocation from Union Education Minister Sri Dharmendra Pradhan - Echo of Arunachal, Jan 22, 2023 <https://bit.ly/3oPNrwd>  
Founder Patron Prashant Lokhande, IAS., congrats Anjangmai JAN 21, 2023 <https://bit.ly/3HoEOiV>

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Jan 22- 26, 2023: Reading Campaign in Anjaw covers 8 schools & a Republic Day Book exhibition in Hayuliang  
- The Dawnlit Post Jan 28, 2023 <https://bit.ly/3Hr52RC>

Jan 25 & 26, 2023: Dibang Youth Library holds Joy of Reading Book Exhibition at Kendriya Vidyalaya Roing on 25<sup>th</sup> & the Republic Day Celebrations at Roing. DC Roing Ms Soumya Saurabh IAS, inaugurates both exhibitions.

Feb 20, 2023: Dibang Youth Library holds Joy of Reading Book Exhibition at the Statehood Day celebrations at the mountainous Hunli, 90 kms off Roing. SDO Hunli Sri Julati Mihi inaugurates the exhibition.

Feb 21, 2023 : Mishmi Kaman language display @Language Carnival at IIT Gandhinagar receives many curious visitors  
- Arunachal Times Feb 23, 2023 <https://bit.ly/3LiQ2Xm>

Feb 24, 2023: Coordinator inaugurates North East Yuva Sangam for visiting Assam students @ IIT Gandhinagar  
- Navjeevan Express Ahmedabad Feb 25, 2023 <http://bit.ly/3IzIbE1>

Mar 4, 2023: Mashelo youth Library off Roing inaugurated – Ar. Times Mar 7, 2023 <https://bit.ly/42aRkKJ>

## Talks by Coordinator

May 6, & Sept 26, 2022: AUS Namsai – The Coordinator delivered 2 talks: 1. on Youth Library Movement & 2. Popularising Read Aloud sessions with volunteers from the community

Jun 9, 2022: Coordinator addressed PG students, researchers & faculty at the Forestry College, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala on the challenges of reading promotion in rural Arunachal.

Sept 6, 2022 : Coordinator delivers talk @IIT Gandhinagar on youth library movement experiences -  
Arunachal Age, Sept 7, 2022 <https://bit.ly/3M7FE4w> <https://bit.ly/3RUOxzf>

Dec 23, 2022: Gave a talk-cum-interview to engineers and staff @ the KPIT Industries Ltd Pune  
<https://youtu.be/xovXsHtPTyA>

Feb 16, 2023: Coordinator gave a talk “Who Says Reading can’t be fun?” @ IIT Gandhinagar attended by senior faculty and students. \* Gave the inaugural address at NE Yuva sangam to university students from Assam & Gujarat on Feb 24. \* Conducted with joy of reading sessions for children of IIT campus on 3 days with volunteer Bahailu Rangmang on Feb 17, 20 and 26.

Mar 4, 2023: Coordinator gave a webinar talk organised by the ‘Advance Information Network of Libraries in Gujarat at Gandhinagar on “Joy of Reading for the Reading Deprived”.

March 5, 2023: Online talk to children in Malayalam by Coordinator on Good reading habits by Naduvattam school Alumni Group, Kerala.  
<https://youtu.be/Hgq3U1eVZxU>

## AIR Tezu /DD Itanagar programmes / Youtu.be links / Docu-film:

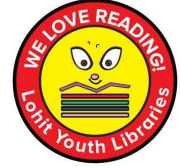
Apr 23, 2022: Uncle Moosa on Reading & literature in Arunachal languages : an Interview by Sri Gopal Rai  
AIR TEZU ( 27 minutes) <https://youtu.be/LEMTHFirjaU>

May 14, 2022: Senior Library activists Ms Solina Kambrai, Keselo Tayang & Sakelu Chikro presented an Arunachali dance at a function in Thrissur, Kerala.  
<https://youtu.be/2srYIYHTqZI>

May 19, 2022: Interview with Uncle Moosa on the SPACE, a YouTube channel by Ms Ema Don- “Educational challenges in rural Arunachal & Reading”  
<https://fb.watch/d4KAao92pr/>

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Jun 25, 2022: Wakro Sisters Ashapmai Dellang & Behelti Ama render a Carnatic music recital on Doordarshan Itanagar DD Arun Prabha. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=deYB5q\\_t3Ug](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=deYB5q_t3Ug)

They won hearty appreciations from the Prime Minister of India, <https://bit.ly/3yyWNPf>, the Arunachal Chief minister and the Tamil press for their rendering Tamil patriotic songs. <https://bit.ly/3rLgEH5>

Jul 25, 2022: Ace story teller-volunteer Ms. Keselo Tayang present story telling: The Lion who doesn't brush – AIDEM, youtu.be channel, Kochi. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-h9179B\\_Y4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-h9179B_Y4)

Jul 27, 2022: Interview with Uncle Moosa: by VM Deepa, Editor, AIDEM <https://youtu.be/jybURCNGuJE>

Jul 31, 2022: Wakro Sisters present Carnatic recital 'Deva Deva Kalayami..'at DREAMSS 2022, Chennai <https://youtu.be/SH13UkTIOcc>

Aug 4, 2022: Library volunteers present AIR Yuva Vani show "Pen for Freedom" @ AIR Tezu – marking 75 years of India's Freedom <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ovl8zqcWTkw>

Sep 3, 2022: "Mission Possible: The Joy of Reading"–a 4mt docu-film on Lohit Youth Library Movement screened@ BMF Award ceremony at Pali, Rajasthan <https://youtu.be/GYSHjEYdNBY>

Oct 2022: DD Itanagar hold interview with Uncle Moosa – "Towards a Reading Arunachal"  
Part 1: <https://youtu.be/1sXskgA25P0> & Part 2 <https://youtu.be/XEkKfKwprRQ>

Nov 4, 2022: Book Reading - Ace Story teller Keselo Tayang reads a part of an Arunachal folktale from the book "Monster of the Golden Valley" @ALF Namsai <https://youtu.be/6TKOMWNtW6Y>

Dec 15, 2022: AIR North East- A news Roundup on 'RASA' Programme <https://youtu.be/MCfbfSwAOpw>

Jan 14, 2023 : Bal Jagat AIR Tezu by readers of Bamboosa & Dibang Youth Libraries. ( coordinated by Forum of Library Activists ) <https://youtu.be/JhVcZo9PpFM>

Jan 2023 : Reaching the unreached valleys of Mishmi Hills: a YouTube video by Bethem Marai on the Reading Campaign in Anjaw District Jan 23- 26, 2023 <https://youtu.be/0iRrXu8yMbc>

Jan 14, 2023: Higher Education in Germany: A talk by Ms Humera Khatoun Siddiqui, PhD scholar & DAAD Young Ambassador in Germany, for those aspiring to do Hr. Education in Germany. ( moderator: Library volunteer Sri K. R Akhilesh, Ph.D. Scholar, Germany) [https://youtu.be/Yj\\_IOTzTFs](https://youtu.be/Yj_IOTzTFs)

Mar 10, 2023: Joy of Reading through little bundles of Dibang Youth Library: a YouTube video by Bethem Marai on the inauguration of Mashelo Youth Library, off Roing <https://youtu.be/ICocjNpTDpc>

## ARTICLES

Nov 2022: "Remembering a library mentor: S. Mundayoor with illustrator Ms Behelti Ama, library volunteer Teacher Plus monthly Hyderabad Nov 2022 <https://bit.ly/43vh2e4>

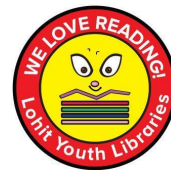
Nov 2022 to Jan 2023: 3 small articles for children by the Coordinator on Walong & Joy of Reading: for The Malayala Manorama daily, Kottayam. ( "Padippura", Weekly school Education page)

Jan 2023: Growing up with a library movement" : Jeenamsi Ngadong et al.  
Teacher Plus, Jan 2023 <https://bit.ly/3o4IEYT>



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## Guests at the Libraries 2022 -23

Guests from across India - patrons, ardent well-wishers and mentors - visited the libraries and interacted with volunteers, readers and local patrons. These visits were very joyful occasions for both and very educative for the library members present that day. This list covers only the major libraries at Tezu, Wakro and Roing.

April 12, 2022: Sri Sreejith, a former Roing teacher & close associate of the youth library movement in the early years, along with family visited Bamboosa Library.

Apr 18, 2022: Smt & Sri M. Sankaranarayanan, Patrons from Mumbai, visited Bamboosa, APNE & Dibang Youth Libraries & interacted with volunteers, mentors and readers.

Apr 24, 2022: Prof Bikash Bage HOD, Dept of Sociology, & Prof Padi Heena, from Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar visited Bamboosa Library, with a batch of 40 PG students & interacted with Administrator, Coordinator & library volunteers.

Jul 1, 2022: Col. Saurabh Srivastava, Cdr 48 BRTF & Patron, Tiny tots Library, visited Bamboosa Library on the eve of his transfer and interacted with senior library activists.

Jul 23, 2022: Ms. Geeta Tamang, Bangalore, an ex-Wakro teacher, visited & gifted a set of lovely books for APNE Library.

Aug 18, 2022: NBT India, Guwahati Book exhibition team in Tezu, visited Bamboosa Library.

Sep 2022: Youth achievers from Tezu presented weekly Saturday talks on Adventures in learning at Bamboosa Library– some of them pursuing studies abroad with scholarships.

Sep 20-22, 2022: Ms. Nabanita Deshmukh & Sri. Bappu Deshmukh, Pondicherry, Library patrons & teacher-educators, interacted with senior library volunteers at Bamboosa Library

Oct 12, 2022: Ms. Uttara Mendiratta & Ms Gargi Sharma from Wildlife Conservation Society Bangalore visited Bamboosa Library and presented learning materials on wildlife.

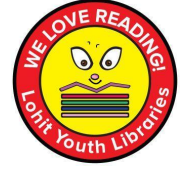
Oct 22, 2022: Dr Ms Sajinglu Chai Pul, retd Jt Director, Health Services, Arunachal Pr, was the chief guest@ the annual Day celebrations of Lohit Youth libraries at Bamboosa Library. Also Sri K Vijay Kumar, the BHAJAN awardee this year & a patron of library movement@ Hayuliang for 2 decades.

Nov 6, 2022: Col Arun Kumar M S, CO of an artillery unit in Hayuliang interacted with activists at Bamboosa Library. He also arranged an interaction session for the library team with Army officers and jawans at their camp in Hayuliang on Jan 24, 2023.

Nov 7, 2022: Dr Suresh Kumar, Teacher Educator, Kerala was the Guest of Honour at the RASA function and addressed teacher-volunteers and young readers at Bamboosa Library.

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Nov 19, 2022: Ms Maya Lingi, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat & an earliest patron of Library Network was delighted to visit Bamboosa Library after 12 years.

Dec 4, 2022: Ms Soumya Saurabh IAS, DC Roing & Sri Shashvat Saurabh IAS., DC Tezu interacted with RASA participants and activists of Bamboosa Library, Tezu

Dec 7 -10, 2022: Sri TNC Sridhar., IRS., retd Jt. Commissioner of Income Tax, Bangalore spent 4 days visiting Bamboosa & Dibang Youth Libraries. His interactions with volunteers and young readers were highly inspiring. He also addressed Commerce & Management students at Arunachal University of Studies, Namsai.

Dec 27, 2022: Dr Ambika Aiyadurai, Asstt. Prof. IIT Gandhinagar & library volunteer Er Akhilesh K.R, PhD scholar in Germany, received a warm welcome at Bamboosa Library

Jan 18, 2023: Sri Lobsang Tenzin, District Judge, Tezu, visited Bamboosa Library.

Jan 20, 2023: It was a great pleasure to welcome RPETA Trustee Dr Pakha Tesia & Dr Smt. Sonali Tesia to Bamboosa Library once again.

Feb 20, 2023: Sri S. K Badiala, retd Ex. Engineer and long-time friend of Lohit people, and a patron of the Library movement visited Bamboosa Library and presented a set of Hindi books.

## **Important personalities with whom library volunteers and mentors interacted elsewhere**

**Oct 9, 2022: Gen (retd) J J Singh, ex- Army chief & former Governor of Arunachal:** Coordinator met him at RIWATCH Institute, Roing and presented him a copy of the “Monster of the Golden Valley and other Tales from Arunachal” published by the Library Network. It was Gen Singh who had released the original Malayalam book “Arunachal Natodi-kathakal”, at Raj Bhavan in 2012, with a request to give him an English translation of the book ! The Malayalam book was authored by the Coordinator.

**Nov 4-5, 2022: Arunachal Literature Festival (ALF) Namsai:** The Library team Ms Keselo Tayang, Bethem Marai & Sakelu Chikro with the Coordinator had the privilege of interacting with many renowned authors like Padma Shri & Sahitya Akademi awardees Sri Y.D. Thongchi, Mm Mamang Dai; Hindi poet Prof Divik Ramesh, Children’s author & ‘KATHA’ publisher Geeta Dharmarajan. Many of them presented their literary works to our libraries.

**Feb 7 2023 – March 7, 2023: IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat:** Staying as a Scholar in Residence at IIT Gandhinagar for 1 month, the Coordinator had the privilege of meeting and interacting with the Director Prof Rajat Moona and other eminent faculty of IITGN, eminent author P. Sainath and scholars from across the world. He could interact closely with Dean Prof Sivapriya Kirubakaran, Prof Manish Jain of CCL, and Dr T. S Kumbar, Head of the IITGN Library and Prof Jooyoung Kim, a linguist, apart from our patron Dr Ambika Aiyadurai.

Mar 25, 2023: The Coordinator on a trip to Coimbatore to meet library volunteers at Avinashilingam Women’s University also met life patron Sri O.S Chandran, alumnae Er Rejani Pillai and Lichi Tayang, a PhD scholar.

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- \* Sri. Karikho Kri, Hon'ble MLA, Tezu

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