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ITANAGAR, Oct 3: A workshop on "Know Our Arunachal" jointly organized by the 48 BRTF and the Bamboosa Library, Tezu at the BRTF campus at Dimwe drew to a close on Saturday.

The sessions were conducted by the Forum of Activists of Lohit Youth Libraries, Medo.

Besides the 30 participating students from Dimwe campus and Telluliang Govt Sec School, several officers of BRTF, staff and their families attended the programme.

As part of the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations and Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the focus of the workshop was to highlight Arunachal's inspiring contribution to the nation's freedom struggle.

Speaking at the valedictory session, Col Saurabh Srivastava, Cdr 48 BRTF, said: "Knowing about the State where we live is very important. We officers who are posted for just three years don't find many opportunities to do so. Hence, the Know Our Arunachal Workshop was very interesting. I congratulate the volunteers of Lohit Youth Libraries for presenting Arunachal's unique contribution to our nation and freedom struggle."

In his speech, Sokhep Kri, Director State Gazatteers and Convenor, Lohit Youth Libraries Itanagar, lauded the volunteers for their educative presentation.

Introducing Arunachal's vital status in national security, Anjangmai Mam spoke how Arunachal is a "mini India", as NEFA evolved into Arunachal Pradesh, with the dedicated contribution of people from all corners of India "from Kerala to Punjab and Sindh to Manipur.

The workshop paid obeisance to some eminent Indians such as Governor Jairamdas Daulatram, Maj Bob Khathing, Verrier Elwin and Col K A A Raja, first education officer Indira Miri and remembered the sacrifices of the Indian defence forces, Border Roads Organisation, doctors as well as dedicated teachers like Telosai Mele, the first lady teacher of Arunachal.

In a spirited presentation, Keshilu Tayang brought alive the freedom fighters in Siang valley who bravely fought the British forces and paid tributes to Moji Riba, the first Tamrapatra winner of Arunachal for boldly hoisting the national flag on Aug 15, 1947 at Dipa village.

Bahailu Rangmang reminded the audience about the courageous Singpho and Khamtis who bravely opposed the British from encroaching into their territory. ^

Banika Kri spoke about the valour of Indian soldiers in the battle of Walong in Nov 1962, while Jeenamsi Ngadong narrated the inspiring story of Jaswant Singh Rawat and the Jaswant Garh Memorial in West Kameng region.

Solina Kambrai elaborated on the interesting snippets from the Subansiri Valley.

Sakelu Chikro coordinated the workshop.

Asuni Kamblai thanked Cdr 48 BRTF for his generous support for making the programme a success.

Sanjiv Kumar, AO 48 BRTF also spoke.

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