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TEZU, Mar 30: The Lohit Youth Library Network has announced that the "Bhajan" Award for the reader-activist making outstanding contribution to reading promotion in Lohit over the years went this year to Keshilu Tayang, a 12th standard student of Govt Hr Sec School, Tezu, and an ace library activist since 2009.

A delightful story teller, trainer & singer, Keshilu has conducted many reading campaign sessions across Lohit & Anjaw and had met former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. The 'Bhajan' award instituted in 2014 by a patron from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala in memory of his parents, carries Rs 9000 in cash, a merit certificate & books.

Bethem Marai & Jeenamsi Ngadong, also class 12 students of Tezu, won the Sister Nivedita Award for dedicated library services to the youth. This newly introduced award marking the 150th birth anniversary of renowned nationalist & educationist Sister Nivedita, has been sponsored by a library patron from Pune. The award carries Rs 9000, a merit certificate & books.

Ranganatha Award for meritorious library services to students' community has been awarded to Kamlesh Raut, teacher, Apna Vidya Bhavan and volunteer, APNE Library, Wakro.

He has been an active advisor to APNE Library readers since 2013, guiding them on creative writing, training them in internet services and has kept regular contacts with magazine editors and library friends. The award sponsored by the patron from Pune, carries Rs 5000, a certificate and books.

In addition, the Library Network has declared prizes for youth volunteers, reader-activists, budding writers, artists and devoted library readers at different libraries across Lohit, Anjaw, Namsai and Lower Dibang Valley districts. The prizes have been sponsored by patrons from across India and the Surajmal Jalan Charitable Trust, Dibrugarh, according to S Mundayoor, coordinator, Lohit Youth Library Network.