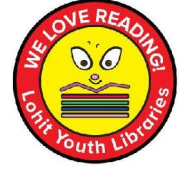


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S. Mundayoor  
*Coordinator*

Sept 30, 2021

*Dear and Esteemed Patron-friends,*

## **Sub: Half yearly Round up of Youth Library activities Apr – Sep 2021**

Greetings from Lohit Youth Libraries Volunteers!

Very glad to present you a brief round-up of our reading campaigns and programmes during the first half of 2021.

As you are aware, the first quarter of the year from April 2021 saw the entire NE region, as also most other parts of the country, seriously threatened by the second wave of Corona. In spite of that you will be glad to learn that the youth library movement could organise many activities in the field as also on All India Radio, to highlight the importance of reading extensively by youth in the state, if Arunachal Pradesh has to emerge as a reading society. We could also meet/ interact with many dignitaries and present before them the urgent need for strengthening reading habits and mother languages, to ensure emergence of a reading Arunachal.

A matter of great happiness in this year is the joining of two more dynamic organisations to strengthen the youth library movement. A public charitable trust, “**Reading Promotion Endowment Trust for Arunachal**” (RPETA) has been registered by a group of our esteemed friends in Delhi (regd No.1627), with our senior patron-volunteer Dr Ngilang Taley as Chairman. RPETA will not be organising activities, but will generate resources and support the youth libraries to strengthen their performance. Secondly our senior library volunteers have formed an association in Lohit dist, named “**Forum of Activists of Lohit Youth Libraries**” (regn pending). We earnestly hope these two wings will provide an additional impetus to the youth library movement. Our patrons could channelize their contributions to these two organisations too.

All this could be achieved only with your generous support, implicit trust, constant encouragement and guidance, in taking the youth library movement forward. All of us volunteers and reader-activists express our profound gratitude to all of you for the same. Even though physical meetings with most of you were not possible, due to the current corona crisis, we do hope that 2022 will make that possible.

A brief round-up of activities is given below on Page 2 &3.

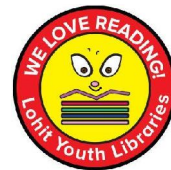
With warm regards and greetings

Yours sincerely

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## Reading Promotion Activities April – Sept 30, 2021

1. **Medo Youth Library**, set up in June 2020, has been conducting many programmes to draw out the rural youth and children to reading habits.

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

<https://arunachaltimes.in/index.php/2021/04/25/reading-promotion-workshop-held/> Arunachal Times Apr 25, 2021

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

<https://thedawnlitpost.com/2021/07/learning-workshop-for-children-held/> Dawnlit Post July 26, 2021

c. A Read to Learn workshop for class 9-10 students, Aug 22- 23, 2021 was conducted by the Forum of Activists of Lohit Youth Libraries, a new organisation of our library volunteers.

<https://thedawnlitpost.com/2021/08/read-to-learn-workshop-for-senior-students-held-at-medo-library/>  
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 to10, by Bamboosa Library, Tezu & APNE Library, Wakro. This is significant as the students in Arunachal get no opportunity to learn about their own state during school years, since the curriculum doesn't provide it! The workshops, conducted by the Forum of Activists were well received by the students, as the sessions included lots of activities. [http://echoofarunachal.in/news\\_details.php?nid=14001](http://echoofarunachal.in/news_details.php?nid=14001), Echo of Arunachal Sept 16, 2021

3. **Yuva Vani ( Youth shows) programmes on All India Radio ( AIR) Tezu:**

a. World Book Day 2021 on Apr 22, 2021 <https://youtu.be/E1h8xhFuj9s>

b. "We & Our Environment" on Aug 12, 2021 <https://youtu.be/Lw5kDOZU9QU>

c. "International Literacy Day" on SEP 9, 2021 <https://youtu.be/jtKp56JRq3Q>

d. Carnatic music recital by Ashapmai Dellang & Behelti Ama (Wakro Sisters) on July 2, 2021

<https://youtu.be/5yhTpOmoLOc>

### Other Events:

i. Volunteers Ashapmai (Carnatic Music) & Behelti (Fine Arts) have joined the prestigious Kalakshetra Foundation Chennai, after passing XII CBSE exams with outstanding scores in these subjects.

"Lohit Youth Library Network volunteers pass CBSE Class XII with distinction" - Arunachal Front, Aug 1, 2021

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s\\_NZ\\_26ldbjSQbdEg4UtDoENeE7sy0iv/view?usp=drivesdk](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s_NZ_26ldbjSQbdEg4UtDoENeE7sy0iv/view?usp=drivesdk)

ii. Ashapmai & Behelti were invited to do a carnatic recital for DD Itanagar ( Govt TV Channel) in August. However as they had to join Kalakshetra at Chennai, the recording could not be done.

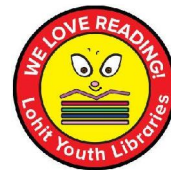
iii. Wakro sisters did 2 YouTube recitations, marking 75<sup>th</sup> Indian Ind. Day and the Onam festival:

a. "Paarugulle Nalla Naadu.." by Tamil poet Subramania Bharati Aug 15, 2021 -75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day offering by Ashapmai [https://youtu.be/VnwND\\_nKZpE](https://youtu.be/VnwND_nKZpE)

b. The poem by Malayalam poet and eco-activist Sugathakumari "Oru Thai Nadaam.." (Lets plant a sapling...) Aug 18, 2021 sung jointly by Ashapmai & Behelti <https://youtu.be/5J5VnkQWDuA>

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June 23, 2021: Volunteers Ms Jeenamsi Ngadong & Aloka Mili 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 presentation at the “Stakeholders’ Consultative Meeting for Mission Shiksha” on ‘adopting mass media/ Educational TV and Radio programmes to strengthen and enliven Arunachal Govt school education’.

Aug 6, 2021: **RIWATCH Library inauguration, Roing:** The Coordinator spoke in the meeting attended by Dy. CM of Arunachal, Sri. Chowna Mein & Education Minister Sri Taba Tedir and appealed to promote Arunachali languages by supporting publication of library books for young in these languages.

Aug 15, 2021: Volunteer Kr. Rehanso Boo was featured in the special interview of youths by Indian Express, New Delhi in the Independence Day special on the theme “What Freedom means to me”.  
<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/sunday-story-india-independence-day-75-years-new-voters-7453170/>

Sept 24, 2021: Maths is Fun workshop at Dibang Youth Library Roing: 15 selected 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://arunachaltimes.in/index.php/2021/09/27/maths-is-fun-workshop-underway/>

## 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 from Kerala interacted with senior volunteers at Bamboosa Library on Aug 12, 2021.

4. A team of scientists from World Wildlife Fund (WWF), West Arunachal visited Bamboosa & APNE Libraries and interacted with senior volunteers on July 12, 2021.

5. A team of researchers from Parimal Swasthya, New Delhi led by Ms Tathagata Basu met and interacted with senior volunteers at Bamboosa Library, Tezu on Sept 6, 2021.

6. The Coordinator’s article, “Libraries for 21<sup>st</sup> century Arunachal” was published in Arunachal Times on Aug 13 & 14, 2021: <https://arunachaltimes.in/index.php/2021/08/13/libraries-for-21st-century-arunachal-part-1/> & <https://arunachaltimes.in/index.php/2021/08/14/libraries-for-21st-century-arunachal-part-2/>