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by the Lohit Youth Library Network, HQ: Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh

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Bamboosa Library: HQ of the Youth Library Network -Reaching out to all ages, 365 days a year !

1.Action Centres of Reading



(L). **Bamboosa Library Tezu** : championing the cause of promoting Read aloud skills among Govt school students, all through 2022-23.

(R). APNE Library Wakro: Upholding the motto 'Each One can teach many' for the last one and half decades.



(L): **Medo Youth Library**, though newly emerged, has brought the 'joy of Reading to young children of 4 nearby villages.

(R): Dibang Youth Library, Roing : Where reading is always excitement and Fun !





Arongo Youth Library, off RoingMaselo Youth Library, off Roing townBoth these libraries have been started by local communities in villages outside the Roing Town and is being
mentored by Dibang Youth Library, Roing.

2. Awards & Honours for the Movement



The Library Coordinator S. Mundayoor was awarded Hon. Professor of Library Sciences by Arunachal University of Studies, Namsai in Apr 2022.



The Coordinator being presented the "Dreamss 2022" Award for meritorious educational service by "Dakshinaa" organization in Chennai in Jul 2022.



Library volunteer Anjangmai Mam receives Gold Medal in M. Sc from Union Education Minister Sri Dharmendra Pradhan at Avinashilingam Women's University, Coimbatore. (Jan 21, 2023)

(R) Bamboosa Library Founder Patron Sri Prashant Lokhande, IAS., shares his joyful response on Twitter to Anjangmai's achievement.



Proud to see our Lohit Library movement volunteers nurtured by uncle Musa growing in their academics! Ms Anjangmai Mam,from Pukhuri village, Wakro, recd Award in M.Sc Rural Develop from Hon'ble Union Minister of Education@ Avinashilingam University Coimbatore!



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Library Coordinator receives the prestigious 25th Bhagwan Mahaveer Award for meritorious service in education, from Rajasthan Governor Sri Kalraj Mishra @Pali, Rajasthan on Sept 3, 2022. The cash award of Rs.10 lakh has been contributed to RPETA Trust, New Delhi for creating a corpus fund for supporting reading promotion activities in Arunachal. It is being received by Dr Ngilang Taley, President, RPETA.



Wakro Sisters Ashapmai Dellang & Behelti Ama presenting a Carnatic music recital@ Door Darshan, Itanagar (Jun 25, 2022). <u>https://bit.ly/43jpqfA</u>

The recital brought warm appreciation from Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi and Arunachal Chief Minister Sri Pema Khandu.



Narendra Modi 🤣 @narendramodi

I am delighted and proud to see this. Kudos to these shining stars of our Yuva Shakti from Arunachal Pradesh for furthering the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' by singing in Tamil.

뗽 **Pema Khandu শহ্ল`শ্বদ্ব'ন্ ব্র্যুঁ'। 🔗** @PemaKh... · 1d Listen to Arunachali Sisters sing a Tamil patriotic song written by Subramanya Bharati.

@VanathiBJP @annamalai_k @ZeeTamil



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Lohit Deputy Commissioner Sri Marge Sora after signing the MOU creating a Corpus Fund for Lohit Youth Library activities. The Fund contributed by the state Govt., will be managed by Education Care for Kids, the Administrators of Bamboosa Library, Tezu.





(L) Uncle Moosa with senior volunteer Ms. Bethem Marai presenting a poem recitation at the inaugural session of the Green Hub Festival 2022 at Tezpur on Nov 25, 2022.

(R) Senior volunteer Ms. Manisha Halai speaking at her Convocation ceremony after completing her 9 months training in environmental film-making at Green Hub Festival.

3. Meeting VIPs



Wakro Sisters Ashapmai & Behelti with Rev. Swami Vishweshananda, Secretary, RK Mission Hospital, Itanagar after a Carnatic music recital



Sri M. K Narayanan, former Governor & National Security Advisor with Wakro Sisters after their Carnatic music recital at Dakshinaa, Chennai



Gen J. J. Singh, former Arunachal Governor, receives a copy of Library Network's anthology of Arunachal folktales, "Monster of the Golden Valley" from the Coordinator at Roing Oct 10, 2022. The original Malayalam book authored by the Coordinator (Mathrubhumi Books, Kozhikode) was released by Gen Singh, then Governor at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar, in Feb 2012.



Gen. J J Singh & Ms. Anupama Singh going through Gandhiji's biography in 5 Arunachal languages published in 2019. Lohit Youth Library Network Coordinated to help Tulika Books, Chennai to bring out these books.

4. IIT Gandhinagar events Feb - Mar 2023

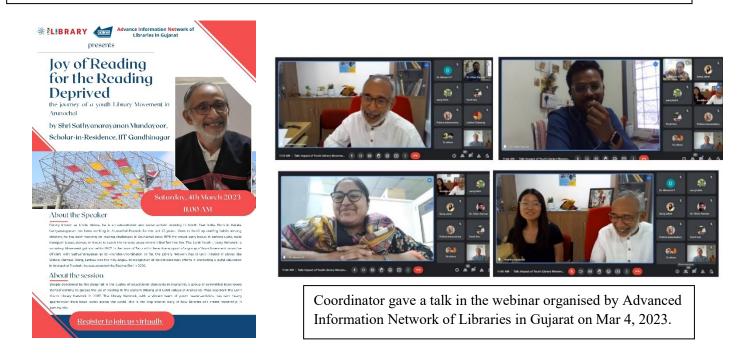


(L) Coordinator presenting a talk on the Lohit Youth Library movement before faculty and students@ IITGN(R) Volunteer Bahailu & Uncle Moosa doing a poem recitation demonstration for young readers of IITGN Library.



Learn about Arunachal's Mishmi Kaman language @ IITGN !

International Mother Language Day exhibition put up by Ms. Bahailu Rangmang & team highlighted nascent children's literature in Arunachal languages and a display on Mishmi Kaman language. At left is library patron Dr Ambika Aiyadurai. (R): with Dr Jooyoung Kim, who coordinated the exhibition.





(L): Its sheer joy to be with Dr Manish Jain & team at Centre for Creative Learning and learn science through innovative learning toys and puzzles !

(R) : A lesson in being a part of Swadeshi and self-reliance by spinning thread with Ms Avani Varia, Khadi instructor @ IITGN



(L): Coordinator was privileged to inaugurate the NE Yuva Sangam, a student exchange programme between Gujarat & Assam universities @ IITGN.

(R): A month of bliss and elation for library activists! Under the nurturing care of Dr T. S Kumbar, youth library team spent hours immersed in the joy of reading & getting acquainted with latest library systems.



A New Patron for Youth Library Movement!

Prof Rajat Moona, Director, IITGN was all grace, providing valuable support & a range of opportunities during the team's highly fulfilling one month stay.



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5. Reading Promotion Programmes 2022-23 Learn Better, Score better training for class X Apr 2022



A one-month-long learning enrichment programme to help class X students before their CBSE exam was conducted in Apr 2022 at Bamboosa Library in the evenings, jointly with the **Denning College for Teacher Education, Tezu,** with their B. Ed trainees volunteering as resource-persons. **Dr Rajen Miwu**, Asstt Prof, Indira Gandhi College Tezu gave the valedictory address. Seated is **Dr Rajesh Kumar**, Principal, Denning College.

"Saturday Story -time with Didis" Jul -Aug 2022







"Saturday Story -time with Didis" was an innovative programme launched by Bamboosa Library, Tezu in July 2022, to attract Govt Middle school students to reading, just after the schools started limping to normalcy, after 2 years of COVID afflictions. The session conducted on Saturday evenings from 4 to 5 pm by Senior members of the Forum of Library Activists, covered story telling, poem recitation, puzzles etc & brought enthusiastic response from Tezu students with attendance, as high as 75 students on one day ! Many of these students have become regular visitors at Bamboosa Library.

Adventures in Learning - Aug-Sept 2022





"Adventures in Learning", a month-long programme targeted college & Hr Sec School students providing an interactions with some outstanding youth from Lohit region who have achieved excellence in different fields by winning scholarships for higher studies abroad as well as in non-conventional courses of higher education. The speakers were Ms/s Queenchilu Tayang (Czech Repub), Biyalu Tayang (online journalist), S/Sri Izaan Pul (Jr national footballer), Hemant Gamre (Sports PhD scholar), Dechaiso Ngadong (MBBS student, Ukraine) & coordinated by **Ms Sirumai Khushiali Kri** (wildlife research scientist).





"RASA" spreads the joy of Reading across Tezu (Oct '22 - Feb '23)

"RASA" (Read Aloud Sessions for All) was a unique 3 month-long free evening programme for Govt middle school students of Tezu, who were found greatly deficient in Reading aloud skills and pronunciation difficulties in English. A joint initiative of **Bamboosa Library** and the **Denning College for Teacher Education** with the **Dist. Education Dept**, the sessions were conducted by volunteer Teacher trainees and the members of **Forum of Library Activists**.

(L) Teacher Educators from Pondicherry **Ms. Nabanita Deshmukh** & **Mr. Bappu Deshmukh** conducts a 3 days training for volunteers on aspects of Reading & Reading Aloud skills from Sep 20-22, 2022.

















Col Sandeep Kurup, CO of a Madras Regiment unit delivers the Valedictory address of the RASA training programme on Dec 10, 2022.

Activities from other Libraries



National Youth Day celebrations at APNE Library, Wakro



Medo Youth Library activists with readers after a Reading campaign and painting contest for students in Jul 2022. These events are wholly managed by members of Forum of Library Activists.

6. AIR Tezu- a pillar of strength for reading Movement !



(L) Library volunteers with the young participants of Bal Jagat at AIR Tezu on Jan 14, 2023. All participants have been active readers of Bamboosa & Dibang Youth Libraries.
(R): Readers of Dibang Youth Library, Roing eagerly listening to their Bal Jagat broadcast over AIR Tezu on their transistor radio.

7. Joy of Reading Book Exhibitions



(L): **DC Lohit Sri Marge Sora** with SP Tezu going through the **Independence Day Book Exhibition** at Tezu (R): volunteers of Bamboosa Library & Forum of Activists who managed the exhibition.



(L): Ms. Lui Shiba, SDO Tezu, at the World Book Day Exhibition Apr 23, 2022 at TCM School, Tezu.(R): Joy of Reading Book Exhibition by Bamboosa Library at Denning College Tezu



(L): World Book Day Exhibition by Bamboosa Library at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Tezu -Apr 28, 2023 (R): Joy of Reading Book Exhibition at Govt. Hr. Sec School No. 2 on Jan 9, 2023



(L) Bahailu Rangmang at the Mishmi Kaman language Display on International Mother Language Day @ IIT Gandhinagar.

(R) DC Roing Ms Soumya Saurabh, IAS., at the Republic Day Book Exhibition by Dibang Youth Library at Roing grounds. At the back is Sri Mutchu Mithi, MLA Roing.



Republic Day Book Exhibition by Bamboosa Library at **Hayuliang town**, Anjaw District. **ADC Sri Sotailum Bellai** with other officers and Forum members. Also seen (3rd from Left) is **Sri A Ngadong, BEO** Yatong, who coordinated the 4 days Reading Campaign by Bamboosa Library in Hayuliang sub-division.



Joy of Reading Book Exhibition by Dibang Youth library at (L) **Hunli town** and (R) **Mashelo village**, off Roing town.



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8. Arunachal Literary Festival, Namsai Nov 4-5, 2022



(L) Senior Activists Bethem Marai & Sakelu Chikro presenting a poem recitation from poet Mary Ann Hoberman.(R) Ace story teller Keselo Tayang reads a Mishmi folktale from "Monster of the Golden Valley"



Uncle Moosa presents "Challenges before Arunachal children in imbibing Reading habit" – seated on the stage are eminent publisher, Katha Books Ms Geeta Dharmarajan & eminent Hindi poet Prof. Divik Ramesh. (R) : Lohit Youth Libraries team at the Festival.

The Joy of meeting eminent writers !



The Library volunteers had the great pleasure of meeting many renowned writers at ALF



L) Ms Mamang DaiR) Sri Y. D. ThogchiBottom: Ms GeetaDharmarajan & Prof DivikRamesh

9. Anjaw Reading Campaign Jan 22-26, 2023









Library volunteers conducting reading practices at different villages, giving the young and adolescent learners joy of reading in English and Hindi. The young students also got a taste of the joy of reciting rhymes in Mishmi Kaman, their mother language, all composed by the volunteers themselves !



(L): Sri A Ngadong, BEO, Education Dept, who coordinated the Reading campaign in Anjaw gives away token prizes to students who could read well.
(R): The Library Team that conducted the campaign: Keselo Tayang, Sakelu Chikro, Bethem Marai & Ruwatso Tawsik.



(L): Col. M. S Arun Kumar, CO of a battalion in Anjaw visited the reading campaign at KGBV Supliang. He receives a copy of "Monster of the Golden Valley" by Library Network from a student.(R): Library volunteers With Col. Arun Kumar and his team after an educational visit to the Army camp.

10. Annual Day Celebrations Oct 22, 2022



L) Reading Volunteers of Denning College for Teacher Education presenting a recitationR) RASA trainee students presents a Reading Theatre, "The Mango pickle Jar"



L) Chief Guest Dr Ms Sajinglu Chai Pul presents the BHAJAN Award 2022 to Sri K Vijay Kumar, teacher from Anjaw for his meritorious support to the reading movement during the last 2 decades.

R) Sri Deepak Sah, Tezu receives the Sister Nivedita Award from the Chief Guest for dedicated volunteering at Bamboosa Library HQ.

(Below): Participants and library volunteers with the chief Guest & other guests. SDO Tezu Ms Lui Shiba and Bamboosa Library Administrator Ms Bapenlu Kri are also present.



11. Promoting Literary efforts in Arunachal languages



Volunteers Sakelu Chikro & Bethem Marai presenting a poem in Mishmi Kaman at the inauguration of the Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS) Tezu unit on March 2, 2023.

(R): Bethem Marai guides readers at Dibang Youth Library in preparing a piece in Idu Mishmi language.



Every reader counts in building a Reading Arunachal !

Sri Sokhep Kri, Convenor, Lohit Youth Library Network and Director, Arunachal State Gazatteers, Itanagar giving tips to readers on improving their literary skills in their mother tongue.







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An endearing memento to our Founder-Patron !

Library Founder Patron Sri Prashant Lokhande, IAS receives a copy of the Children's biography of Gandhiji in Mishmi Kaman language from Sri Sokhep Kri, Convenor, Lohit Youth Library Network, on the eve of the former's transfer to Delhi. Looking on Is Sri Etalo Mega, first I/C of Bamboosa Library, Tezu.

11. Reaching out to Patrons & Well Wishers



Visiting noble souls is indeed a pilgrimage ! Paying respects to 93 year 'young' Mandakini-tai Khandekar, an outstanding scholar and noble-hearted life-patron of the youth Library Movement on Dec 18, 2022 at her Pune residence. Library team is Surg Capt Marak Pertin, Sri Onkar Pradhan & the Coordinator. (Mandakini-tai passed away on Mar 3, 2023)



(L): A Guru & his disciple ! Eminent educationist & life patron of the Library Movement Sri Arvind Gupta demonstrates a science toy to Surg Capt Marak Pertin at his Pune home.
(R): Prof Manish Jain, IIT Gandhinagar, a 'disciple' of Sri Arvind ji, demonstrating a science toy. Looking on is well known writer Ms. Mamata Pandya.



It's an honour to be with renowned naturalist & life patron of library movement Dr Ramana Athreya at his Pune home. Also present Ms Prachi Galange, Photo Editor, Sanctuary magazine. (R): And a memorable present to the Lohit Youth Libraries from a respected mother !



At a sacred Shrine of Knowledge & Wisdom ! Coordinator with the members of the Jnana Prabodhini, Pune, a reputed educational institution that has 4 decades of close association with Arunachal.





Feeling thrilled to be in the company of an Arunachali Commanding Officer in the Navy! With Surg Capt Marak Pertin at INHS Kasturi, Lonavala. Also seen Dr Mrimingsi Kri, a mentor.

And its an Honour to be with eminent scholars & educationists! With Magsaysay award winner Prof P Sainath, at IIT Gandhinagar, along with library patron Dr Ambika Aiyadurai & environmentalist Ms Mamata Pandya.



Re-union of Arunachal Friends ! (L): At the home of Ms Yalle Nabum & Sri Aditya Sarabhai with social workers Sri Subrata Banerji & Smt Tanya.

(R): Calling on Dr Geley Ete and family at Kochi was a large group of Arunachal friends ! (L to R): former teachers Smt Anita & Sri Subramanian, social workers S/Sri Sunil & Rajashekhar & library patron Er. Bhaskaran M.



(L): A Coimbatore reunion after many years! At the home of library patron Sri O.S. Chandran: volunteers Banika & Nishanlu with Ms Rejani Pillai, an Arunachal alumna.

(R): Honoured to meet again an eminent botanist friend of Arunachal! Prof M. Sabu, Emeritus Scientist, with Dr Hareesh, at the residence of Sri S. P Suresh, Director, Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh



A hearty welcome to renowned educationist Prof Brij Kothari at Itanagar!

Prof Kothari & team with Sri Prashant Lokhande IAS., Commissioner Govt. of Arunachal & memberrepresentatives from different Arunachal language groups: S/Sri Getom Borang (Adi), Ginko Linggi (Idu Mishmi), Dr Sopai Tawsik (Mishmi Kaman) with Sri Sokhep Kri, Director, Dept of Indigenous Affairs & the Coordinator.



(L): Library volunteers on a visit to Thrissur Kerala, with library patrons Ms Rajni Krishnan & Sri A. P. Madhu (R): Coordinator with CAs Sri A P Madhu & Sri G. Anoop & Taxation expert Ms. Happy Promod at Thrissur.

Physically placed far, but mentally always with the Movement !





(left): long time Life patrons Ms. M.S Nambudiri, Chennai (extreme left) & Ms V.M Deepa (extreme right), award-winner video-documentary editor. with Coordinator, who was on a visit to Kerala.
(right): Ms. Aparajita Gogoi, Library patron at Guwahati has been a host to library volunteers for a decade!



good-old book-lover -friends! (L) : with Ms Geyir Potom at Itanagar (R): At Miao.(L to R): S/Sri. Sofia Ngadong, Phupla Singhpho & Damkil Ngemu.



A most cherished memento for Library Movement ! VKV Alumni led by Dr Raja Dodum presents to Bamboosa Library, a portrait of Uncle Moosa done by alumnus- artist Dr. Romar Dabu, Itanagar.

12. Guests strengthen the Library Movement...



(L): DC Lohit Sri Shashvat Saurabh, IAS, listening to a young reader reading to him at Bamboosa Library.(R): Col Arun Kumar M.S, CO of an army unit in Anjaw & family receives a warm welcome !

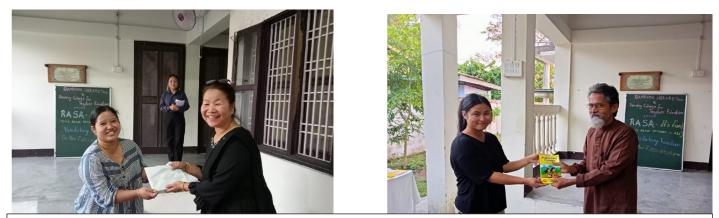


(left): Arunachal Minister for Urban Development Sri. Kamlung Mossang with guests after the inauguration of a new library, "New Age Learning Centre" at Miao. The Library Coordinator was a special invitee at the function.

(right): Col. Saurabh Srivastava, CO, 48 BRTF and Chief Patron of Tiny Tots Library, receives a memento at Bamboosa Library.



DC Roing Ms. Soumya Saurabh, IAS., is an enthusiastic patron of the youth library movement !(L): She is addressing the readers at Bamboosa Library.(R): DC receives a hand-crafted memento from a Dibang Youth Library reader at a Roing book exhibition.



(left): Er. Jignalu Chai Kri, the Chief Guest at the RASA-1 concluding ceremony receives a memento from volunteer Ms Rinya Dellang.

(right): Dr. Suresh Kumar, educationist from Kerala receives a memento from volunteer Ms Sirumai Kh. Kri.



(left): Homecoming to Lohit at last ! Er. S. K. Badiala, an old timer-friend of Lohit people receives a joyous welcome at Bamboosa Library.

(right): Life patrons of the Library Movement Smt Nabanita & Sri Bappu Deshmukh have ample reasons to be joyful with reader-activists !





Dr. Padi Heena & Dr Bikash Bage, from Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar at Bamboosa Library, along with Post graduate students of Sociology Dept.



(left): Dr. Sopai Tawsik, Chief Patron of Medo Youth Library & Ar. (Ms) Bapilu Chai Tawsik are pillars of strength for the Library volunteers!

(right): Capt. Ms Ipupu Mena, the first lady defence officer from the Mishmi society, interacts with readers.





Fountainhead of inspiration for volunteers - from South & North of India! (L) Sri. TNC Sridhar, IRS., retd. Jt. Commissioner of Income Tax, Bangalore with Dibang Youth Library volunteers. (right): Smt Maya Linggi, Delhi has been a devoted founder-patron of the Library Movement since 2007.



(left): Patrons Smt. Sarita & Sri. Sankaranarayanan, Mumbai, receive a memento from Library Administrator Ms Bapenlu Kri.

(right): Sri Lobsang Tenzin, Dist Judge Tezu & family at Bamboosa Library.



(L): Ms Gargi & Mendiratta, wildlife scientists, Bangalore are our new patrons.

(R): Ms. Geeta Tamang, former teacher, Wakro presents a book set for APNE Library, Wakro.







(left): NBT Guwahati officials after the I- Day Book exhibition at Tezu.

(top right): Dr Inya Lingu & Dr Ms Lingu, Ayush doctors & long time library patrons at Bamboosa Library.

(below right): Sri K. Srijith, Bangalore, former teacher at Roing & a library mentor on a visit with family.







Book- lovers' family - life-long !

(top): Sri Tapak Uli & Smt. Opet Tatak, library friends, are life-long book-lovers – so are their children!

(top right): Sri Yashwant Limaye, Pune is not just a visitor: he shares the joy of reciting Marathi poems with Arunachal children !

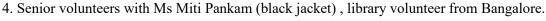
(below right): Sri Dhananjay Pande, patron, Mashelo Youth Library, has been an enthusiastic reading campaigner for more than decades.



13. Volunteers & Mentors are our pillars !



(clockwise from top left):1. Senior volunteers in a meeting. 2. With our mentor Ms Lui Shiba, SDO Tezu 3. patron Dr Ambika Aiyadurai, Gandhinagar & volunteer Sri Akhilesh K. R, Germany bring cheers to volunteers.





Bulbul (Arpita Dwivedi) : a favourite of all for her delightful Hindi recitations at Bamboosa Library ! Now an engineering student at Kochi.

A joyous welcome back to former Library Activists !





Priya Ngi (Carver): an outstadning former library activist at APNE Library, Wakro. Priya is doing her MBBS in an East European country.

Wakro Sisters all set for the Onam dance at Kalakshetra Chennai !



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.

Our Libraries are run by volunteers contributing their time, energy and resources, who also travel often to distant villages to spread the joy of Reading.

The libraries **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.

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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