

# Echo of Arunachal

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TEZU, Sep 10: The 16th Annual Day celebration of the Lohit Youth Library Network (LYLN) was conducted at Bamboosa Library, Tezu yesterday.

Addressing the readers, award recipients, volunteers, parents and youth library activists, SE Power Y Doji said: "Today we must draw inspiration from the early learners of NEFA days, who started education soon after Independence, overcoming great hardships."

She hoped that the reading movement would extend across the Siang valley also, following the 'model' of Lohit Youth Libraries.

Doji also gave away the 'Ranganatha' Award to Ringya Dellang, former Bamboosa Library in-charge, Tezu and Manoj Kumar Giri, volunteer, Dibang Youth Library (Roing), for their dedicated contribution to reading promotion efforts.

Speaking on the occasion, Kamleshwar Rao, Asstt Commissioner Tezu recalled that even though he wasn't a reader in school, he had evolved as an avid reader, after he entered college. "Academic textbooks merely provide you with technical information, but reading outside academic texts gives you a vision."

He urged the young readers to make the senior volunteers their 'role models' because they had once been in their positions and had since grown and achieved tremendously. "There's a long way to go for you," he told the readers.

Sokhep Kri, Director DIA and the Convenor of Lohit Youth Libraries exhorted the new readers to continue reading. While praising the Forum of Library Activists, he said: "These elder sisters are sharing their time and energies to help you rural students achieve academic progress, in spite of their busy university studies."

Merit certificates for senior volunteers, AIR Tezu quiz winners, Literacy Day quiz winners and regular readers of the previous year were awarded during the celebrations. Best library reader awards for 2022-23 for middle school (Tezu) were awarded to Arpita Kumari (Police Welfare School) and Anushka Kumari (TCM Govt UP School).

The highlight of the celebrations was the several reading activities presented by the regular readers of Bamboosa Library. They also shared their warm memories of the days they had spent at the Bamboosa Library.

"When I return from the library, my mind is very calm and I am able to sleep very well that night," said Arpita. Asinla Krong, a student from Anjaw and Anushka outlined how the library movement has changed their lives.

Presenting the annual report, the Coordinator, Lohit Youth Library Network, said that the emergence of the Forum of Activists of Lohit Youth Libraries (FOAL) and the RPETA Trust Delhi for supporting reading promotion activities in Arunachal are the landmarks during the year.

Keselo Tayang, secretary FOAL spoke on the many events the Forum carried out during the previous year and thanked the RPETA Trust and the Bamboosa Library for their thoughtful and consistent support to reading promotion.