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## Lathao Youth Library named after Dr Kalam

**itanagar, Jul 19:** Addressing the activists of Lohit Youth Library Network, students, teachers and govt officials at Lathao after dedicating 'Dr Kalam House', the new premises of the Lathao Youth Library in Namsai district, journalist Umesh Anand, also publisher of *Civil Society*, appealed to the youth to be ready for the challenges of 21st century through reading and efficient use of computer & IT services. "Let Arunachal have an 'own your library' movement," said the eminent journalist, who accompanied by video-docufilm maker Lakshman Anand, was on a visit to the Lohit Youth Libraries from July 14 to 17 last.

Visiting the CALSOM Youth Library at Tezu, he presented the prestigious Bhajan Award 2016 to the founder library in-charge of Bamboosa Library, Tezu, Etalo Mega for his outstanding contribution to spreading reading habits across Lohit valley. The annual award, consisting of Rs 9000, a certificate and a set of books was instituted by a doctor-patron at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, in memory of his enlightened parents. Anand also distributed the annual prizes to activists of Bamboosa Library.

Earlier, at Lathao library, activists of Bamboosa, Medo, Lathao & APNE libraries, led by Keshilu Tayang, demonstrated various reading promotion activities. Lauding the spirited efforts of the activists & volunteers, Anand declared free subscription of Civil Society to all unit libraries and presented Lathao library a prestigious volume "Inventive Indians", published by Civil Society. The book features the life of 32 outstanding Indians, who went out of the way to make distinct contributions to society.

He also announced that Civil Society will provide free & expert training to the library readers in story-telling skills and photography techniques, in the coming months. "I'd be delighted to come back to you soon to organize photo-training sessions", said Lakshman Anand, as the audience cheered.

Introducing the guests, the Lohit Youth Libraries coordinator S Mundayoor recalled with joy that the Dibang & Lohit valleys have had eager readers of Civil Society ever since the magazine's inception in 2003.

Thanking the Civil Society for their enlightened patronage of social causes in remote corners of India and specially the Lohit Library Network, Lathao GHSS principal T Ete hoped that the new 'Dr Kalam House' would encourage the Lathao youth to inculcate strong reading habit.

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## Be ready to face challenges of 21st century: Anand

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The eminent journalist, accompanied by video-docufilm maker Lakshman Anand, also visited the CALSOM Youth Library, Tezu and presented the Bhajan Award 2016 to Founder, in-charge Bamboosa Library, Tezu, Etalo Mega for his contribution towards spreading reading habits across Lohit valley from 2007 to 2015. Anand also distributed the annual prizes to activists of Bamboosa Library.

Lauding the Civil Society for their efforts, Lathao GHSS, Principal, T Ete hoped that the new Dr Kalam House would encourage the youths to inculcate reading habit.

Khun Ta Nav Society, Namsai, Chairperson, Dr Sheelawati Monlai, founder-library incharge of Lathao Library, Timita Mungyak and Lathao Eco-Club Advisor, Chow Teweta Choutang were also present on the occasion.

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