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Library Movement would transform Arunachal society: CRPF chief CALSOM pledges all support to spread the joy of reading

ITANAGAR, Jul 23: The reader-activists of the Lohit Youth Libraries have spiritedly set in motion a strong enthusiasm for reading among the youth around them. And this will surely spread and pave the way for a social transformation in Arunachal, said Arun Kumar Rai, Dy Commandant, 186 Bn CRPF.

Addressing a packed audience of young readers, library activists, parents, teachers and govt. officials at the 6th Annual Day celebrations of the VT-AWIC Youth Library Network at Tezu, the Dy Commandant on behalf of the Commandant declared to loud cheers that “A new Ganga (of learning) will flow from the Himalayas. He also pledged full support of the CRPF towards the all round advancement of the Arunachali youth. He gave away the Youth Library awards to the reader-activists and volunteers for their committed efforts for promoting reading in the community.

Kr. Ashish Singh, Cl. X, Govt Hr. Sec School, Tezu and Animai Chikro, Cl. 8, KGBV Wakro have won the prestigious Outstanding Library reader-activist Award 2012 for their manifold contributions to strengthen the youth library movement. Special mementos were also presented to the Library I/cs Etalo Mega of Bamboosa Library and Monica Kalita of Police Welfare Children’s Library, Tezu for their selfless contribution to the development of reading habits for the last 5 years. The Library Network has also declared prizes for committed leadership, creative writing, regularity at the libraries, and for spiritedly running seven vacation mini-libraries in Apr-May months in Wakro circle.

Describing the encouraging impact of the youth libraries in the community, Bajai Pul, Chairman, CALSOM and patron of Totochan Library, Hawaii, lauded the reader-activists for their consistent efforts to spread the joy of reading across remote areas of Lohit and Anjaw. He declared CALSOM’s commitment to go all out to promote better reading habits and educational standards in the Mishmi society, by adopting innovative skits on socially relevant themes. He also thanked the DDSEs and the Head Masters for the full support extended to the library programmes.

Speaking on behalf of Headmasters, M.M. Borgohain, HM, Govt Mid School, Changliang, remarked that the young activists have been able to stimulate several govt school students to start library reading habits and thanked the library teams for strengthening the learning environment in the schools they visited. S N. Dwivedi, observed that as a parent he found that readers have substantially improved their learning habits; and made the home environment more joyful by better behaviour.

Looking back over his last 5 years as a Bamboosa Library reader, Kr. Abhinav Dwivedi (cl. X, KV Tezu) saw himself evolving from a care-free youth to an avid reader. “Bamboosa Library not only provided us books, but the love of books!,” he declared. Echoing similar feelings, Kr. Ashish Mishra (cl. X, KV Tezu), stressed upon the very reader-friendly environment of the Bamboosa Library. “The supporting nature of library I/cs strengthens our reading habits.”

The highlight of the Celebrations was a series of lively presentations of skits, poem recitations and story reading by the reader-activists, which drew loud applause from the audience. Jayshree Jaykumar, a former reader-activist, set the tempo with a melodious rendering of a carnatic hymn, followed by Kr. Ashish Singh and Km. Arpita Dwivedi, reading out a story and a Hindi poem respectively, both their own compositions. Next was a group recitation “Topsy Turvy World” by Arpita, while Purabi Nath and team brought alive a Malayalam legend of a folk-healer.

Equally impressive was the Grimm’s folktale “Rupanzel” by Kr. Deep Das and team in which young Gitanjali shone as an autocratic wife, with Dilip Chetri playing a perfect hen-pecked husband! Audience sat charmed as little Nikita and Kanchan, readers of Police welfare Children’s Library effortlessly cast a magic around with their poetry rendering.

The concluding items were two lively group recitations by the Govt Middle School Changliang “Sabzi raso” and CALSOM Primary School “Wheels of the bus go...”, bringing home the truth of “Each one can teach many”. These items had been taught just the previous day by Bamboosa Library readers in the Reading workshops held in these schools, as a part of the annual day programmes. The celebrations could thus cover more than 500 students in and around Tezu.

The Coordinator, Lohit Youth Libraries read out the benedictory messages received from patrons from UK, USA and India, and gratefully remembered the contribution and generous support of several dedicated friends of the Movement during the last 5 years.

The Celebrations in Wakro circle will be held at Wakro on Jul 28.