## **Lohit Youth Library Network**

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Esteemed Patrons & book-lovers,

## DECENNIAL CELBRATIONS of LOHIT YOUTH LIBRARY NETWORK

You are perhaps aware of the Lohit Youth Library Network, a unique voluntary initiative in Arunachal Pradesh in NE India that has been striving, since 2007, to spread the joy of reading among the reading-deprived across the remote Lohit and Dibang Valley regions, spanning 300 kms. The movement has set a new trend in free public-library services in the state, with innovative reading promotion activities for the all round educational development of the rural Arunachali tribal youth, winning the hearty appreciation of the booklovers and the common people, both across India and abroad. Details of our activities can be had from www.lohit-libraries.org.

You will be pleased to learn that the Library Network plans to organise the Decennial celebrations of the movement, with a series of special events from November 2017 to January 2018. We propose to do this by holding a series of reading promotion activities for youth, by inviting experts from a range of fields. These could cover —

- Book reading sessions and book talks in English & Hindi
- Poetry recitation
- Story telling
- Literary festivals & book exhibitions
- Educational & inspiring film shows
- Magic shows to popularise literacy & life-skills
- Training sessions for senior students of school and college in a range of fields theatre, skits, creative writing, story-telling, photography, computer & mobile applications, cyber-crime, life-skills, hands-on-training skills etc
- Interactions with achievers at national level & renowned personalities

**Organising Committee**: An organising Committee with the State Convenor of the Network, District Director of School Education DDSE (Lohit), District Library & Information Officer (DLIO) and representatives of unit libraries has been formed at Tezu, the Dst. HQ of Lohit Dist.

**Proposed Programme Dates**: From November 2017 to January 2018

Venues for celebrations: Towns Tezu, Namsai, Hawai, Hayuliang and Roing

**INVITATION to GUESTS**: Since Arunachal is at the end of the mainland India, with a population thinly scattered, the youth here have little opportunities to meet and interact with a range of experts & achievers. Hence, we would like to use the Decennial Celebrations to invite such people to voluntarily contribute to the promotion of youth development in Arunachal. Since the Youth Library Network is a wholly charitable effort supported by volunteers across India and abroad, we have been appealing to such guests to come to Arunachal, as a token of public service. We, at our end, provide guests with local hospitality and secure stay arrangements. In some cases, we do contribute to the to and fro air travel expenses, when we find a willing sponsor.

We also appeal to philanthropists and book-lovers to participate in the Celebrations by sponsoring events, wholly or partly.

For any other information re: the Celebrations, pl contact any one of the organising committee members.

In the cause of spreading the Joy of Reading across the reading-deprived societies of the NE India,

Yours sincerely

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