

National Book Week celebrated in Lohit, Anjaw



TEZU, Nov 24: Author-delegates of the Arunachal Lit-Fest 2023 cheered up the National Book Week celebrations in Lohit and Anjaw, as the Bamboosa Library, Tezu organised a series of reading promotion events to provide rural youth an opportunity to interact with eminent writers.

The delegates - Prof K P Mohanan, former secretary, Kerala Sahitya Akademi, K Ashtamurthi, leading short story writer in Malayalam, and Dr A Venugopalan, senior nuclear scientist & publisher of the Dimdima Children's magazine from Mumbai - addressed students, teachers and readers at VKV Tafrogam, Govt Sec School, Walong, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Tezu and the readers and volunteers of Bamboosa Library here.

Prof Mohanan spoke on the importance of extensive reading by youth, pointing out that this would greatly help promote creating a vibrant mother language literature in Arunachal.

In a talk organised by the English Dept of Indira Gandhi Govt College here, Prof Mohanan elaborated on “Literature and Language Identity”. While lauding the active participation of university and college students in the literature festival, he urged the college’s faculty and students to take keen efforts to promote their own mother language literature. Referring to the writings of eminent writer Mamang Dai, he said that with commitment, Arunachal can produce many new writers with a pan-Indian readership.

Dr Venugopalan spoke on nuclear energy as well as on how children’s magazines can be used by students and teachers to promote creativity and educational standards in Arunachal schools. He assured that the Dimdima magazine shall gladly encourage Arunachal students to bring out their writing skills.

The Lohit Youth Library Network coordinator S Mundayoor also participated in the reading sessions in Lohit and Anjaw.

During their stay at Itanagar and Tezu, the delegates from Kerala also interacted with several Arunachal scholars and authors. They expressed their great happiness to see the happy temperament and positive outlook of the Arunachali youth they interacted with.

In Anjaw, they interacted with senior Army officers and were taken on a visit to the Wacha Border Personnel Meeting complex of the Indian Army near the Indo-China border.