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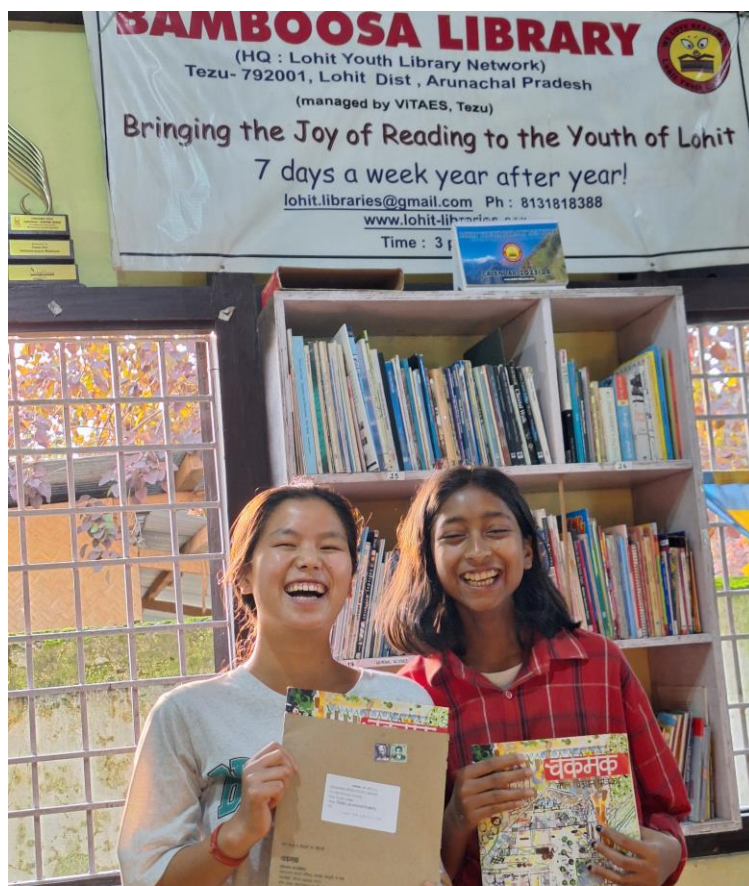
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Bamboosa Library: HQ of the Youth Library Network-
Reaching out JOY of READING
to all ages, 365 days a year!

1. Unit Libraries



Bamboosa Library I/c Ms. Siwani Pul shows new readers around the library.

(right): Senior volunteer & artist Ms Behelti Ama conducts an art workshop at Bamboosa Library, Tezu.



Medo Youth Library



APNE Library, Tezu.



Bamboosa Library readers rejoice as they hold up high books from a gift pack presented by Library Patron Ms. Luni Bangsia, Kalakshetra faculty, Chennai

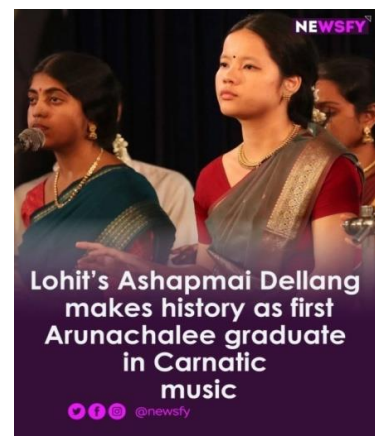
2. Awards & Honours



Dr S Jaishankar, Ext Affairs Minister, GOI at the wildlife art display of senior volunteer Ms. Behelti Ama at Delhi (right): Sri Chowna Mein, Dy Chief Minister, Arunachal Pr., presents a memento to Coordinator on behalf of DAO Divn.



- * Senior volunteer Ms. Keselo Tayang gives a talk on the need of rural libraries in NE India at the prestigious Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie
- * (right): Vice Chancellor, RGU Itanagar, Prof Saket Khushwaha presents a memento to Coordinator.



Ms. Ashapmai Dellang, senior volunteer & the lead member of Wakro Sisters, in the Kalakshetra symphony at the Music festival by Ministry of Culture, GOI at Delhi.

3. Meeting Eminent Personalities



Ms. Ashapmai with Carnatic music maestros Prince Rama Varma & Vidushi Amrutha Venkatesh at Chennai



- * Coordinator with the Director General Doordarshan, Sri. Sathish Nambudiripad IIS., at Guwahati
- * Eminent nuclear scientist Prof C V Krishnan (87 years), USA presents a book-set to the Coordinator.



- * Senior volunteer Ms. Sakelu Chikro presents a memento to eminent linguist Dr Vijay D'souza at Guwahati.
- * A memento for Sri. Abhiram Shankar, Dy Director, (LBSNAA), Mussoorie.



- * Prof M Sabu, Malabar Botanical Gardens, Kozhikode presents a botanical treasure to Bamboosa Library.
- * With eminent botanist & library patron Dr K Haridasan, at Ahalia Foundation, Palakkad, Kerala.



- * With long time library patron & host, Prof. Parag Bhargava (in kurta), HOD, Metallurgical Engg., IIT Bombay
- * With seniormost Arunachal IAF pilot Grp Capt. (retd.) Mohanto Panging at his Pasighat home.

4. Events, Programmes outside Lohit Libraries



- Library Coordinator inaugurates the Rice Harvest Festival at Arangottukara, Kerala, at the request of the local MLA.
- (right): with library patrons S/Sri K Murali, Vijay Kumar & I. S Vasudevan at Malabar Christian College Library, Kozhikode.



- * With Prof A M. Pradeep, Dept of Aeronautical Engg, IIT Bombay & library patron Sri Shekhar Sheshadri (centre).
- * Senior volunteers Siwani Pul & Bahailu Rangmang with patrons Prof T.S. Kumbar & Prof Rashmi Kumbar, IIT Gandhinagar.



- * A memento of honour from Prof. Jumyr Basar, Director, Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies, RGU, Itanagar.
- * Volunteer Ms. Sakelu Chikro (right) at a Mother Language conference at NEILAC, Guwahati.

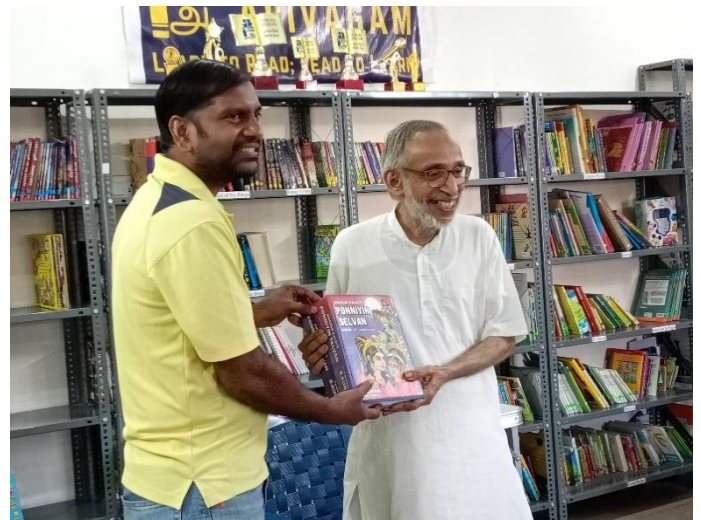


(left): Ace story teller Ms. Keselo Tayang at RIWATCH Roing.

A press clip on the talk by Uncle Moosa at Malabar Christian College, Kozhikode, Kerala



Bamboosa Library team at APLS Open Mike session, Tezu



A valuable gift to Bamboosa Library from Prakrith Arivagam Library, Chennai

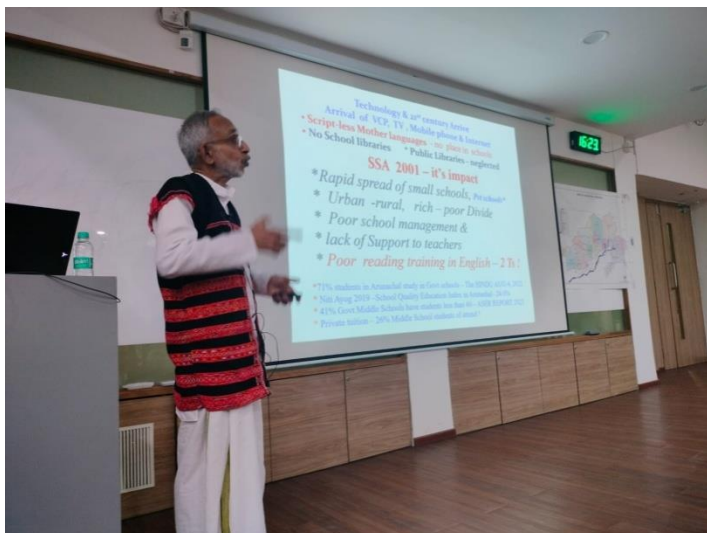


Arpita



Arpita

Bamboosa Library junior activist Arpita Ram & Anushka Kumari represented Lohit district in the “Festival of Nurturing Young Minds” organised by North Eastern Regional Institute of Education (NERIE), under NCERT, at Shillong.



Uncle Moosa at IIT Bombay



A sci-fun kit for Library readers from inventors Dr. Sweta Singh & Ms. Seema Negi, Dept. of Metallurgical Engg.



Coordinator addresses students on Reading at the Ahalia International School, Palakkad, Kerala



Patron Sri. S. P Suresh, Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh presents a packet of Young World copies for Libraries

5. Wakro Sisters Bring joy of Carnatic Music to Arunachal !



Swami Vedarasananda, Secretary, SRK Mission Hospital lauds Carnatic music team

Wakro Sisters, ably assisted by young volunteers from Kerala, Kr Sreehari Bhattathiripad (mridangam) & Kr. Devanarayan (violin) presented a series of radio, TV and live Carnatic music recitals at Tezu, Namsai, Hayuliang, Dibrugarh & Itanagar during May 2024 – the first ever Carnatic music public recitals in Arunachal !



Wakro Sisters with accompanists Gautam, Sreehari & Devanarayan with RGU, Itanagar Vice Chancellor Prof. Saket Khushwaha after recital at the University.



With DC Namsai Sri C R Khampa, after the recital at Namsai. Extreme left is library patron Dr. Sheelawati Monlai.



**Our Itanagar
Music
patrons:**

S/sri Gopal Rai
& Rakesh
Doley (AIR)
&
Sri. Bitton
Jerang (DD)



Library patron Col Arun Kumar & family with Carnatic Music team after their recital
at Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh

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Volunteers, Activists & Readers:

The Task Force of the Joy of Reading Movement !

6. Reading Promotion Activities & Celebrations



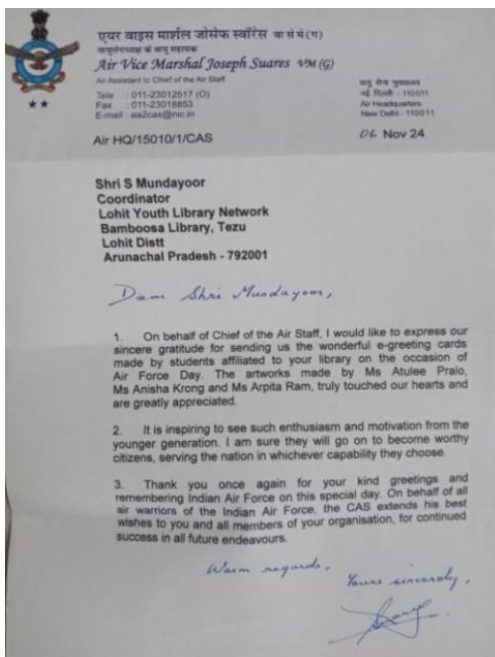
A reading session at APNE Library, Wakro.



Ms. Ing Raatan, DLIO, Tezu at National Reading Day



- * Senior volunteer Ms. Achila Ngadong conducts a session at APNE Library, Wakro
- * International Literacy Day programme at APNE Library



- * (left): A congratulatory letter from IAF HQ to Bamboosa Library for organising Air Force Day painting contest at Tezu
- * A team from Air Force Station, Chabua at Bamboosa Library to give away prizes to prize winner artists.



- * Bamboosa Library readers & activists doing social service & garbage audit during the Himalayan Cleanup programme at Tezu town garbage Centre
- * A Quiz programme for Tezu Sec schools at Bamboosa Library, Tezu



- * DDSE Lohit Ms. Tumngam Nyodu giving away prizes of the Independence Day Quiz contest at Tezu.
- * Dr. Rajen Miwu, NCC Officer, Tezu at the Navy Day Celebrations at Bamboosa Library.



- * Sri Bappu Deshmukh, science educator at the National Science Day programme at Tezu
- * Ms. Lisanlu Kri, a Green Architect from Sydney delivers a talk "Life in Australia"



- * Uncle Moosa during his talk series “Grammar is Fun”.
- * ‘RASA 3’ teacher volunteers with a batch of readers at Bamboosa Library



- * Sri Sokhep Kri, Library Convenor releases the new 2024-25 Calendar in memory of Capt. KK Venkatraman, Founder Patron, who had helped us to bring out the Annual Calendars.
- * Bamboosa Library readers delighted, receiving the gift of After School magazine copies from the publisher Ms. Rashmi Luthra, Delhi.



- * DC Lohit Sri Shashvat Saurabh IAS., with Wakro Sisters & artistes after the Carnatic music recital at Tezu.
- * Senior volunteer Sri Sedanso Yun presents a ‘Geography is Fun’ session at Bamboosa Library.



- * Junior activist Kr. Jetliso Bellai speaks at the International Literacy Day celebrations at Tezu
- * Life Patron & Bhajan Awardee 2022 Dr R. C Nayak reminiscing his long association with Lohit Libraries.



- * Senior volunteer Ms. Behelti Ama conducting an art workshop at Bamboosa Library, Tezu.
- * Senior volunteer Ms. Keselo Tayang during a reading session at Medo Youth Library.



- * Surg. Capt. Marak Pertin delivers the World Environment Day talk at Bamboosa Library
- * Sri Kunal Yadav, IAS., ADC, Tezu, at the Valedictory session of the Art Workshop session.



- * Uncle Moosa at a poem recitation training at CALSOM School
- * with Dr Kumbars, Librarians, IIT Gandhinagar & DLIO Sri S Mukherjee at Namsai District Library.

7. RASA -3 (Read Aloud Sessions for All)



- * Teacher-educator Ms. Nabanita Deshmukh during the orientation training of RASA 3 teacher-trainees.
- * RASA-2 teacher-trainees of 2023-24 from DCTE B. Ed College after receiving their certificates.



Two Junior volunteers demonstrate a fun poem recitation

RASA is a reading training programme for Govt middle school students done from Sept to January jointly by Bamboosa Library & the DCTE B. Ed College trainees with the DDSE, Tezu. Its salient features are:

- * It is wholly voluntary for B.Ed Trainees & Govt school students.
- * After school sessions from 4 to 5.30 pm
- * Batches of 25 interested school students
- * Uses only joyful and fun language activities like story-telling, poem recitation, skits & language games, using library books.
- * Students get ample chances to perform themselves
- * Students freely go through library books.



* Govt school students learn by playing language games – its a fun way of learning!



Glimpses from RASA – training sessions for various schools



Uncle Moosa conducts a poem recitation.

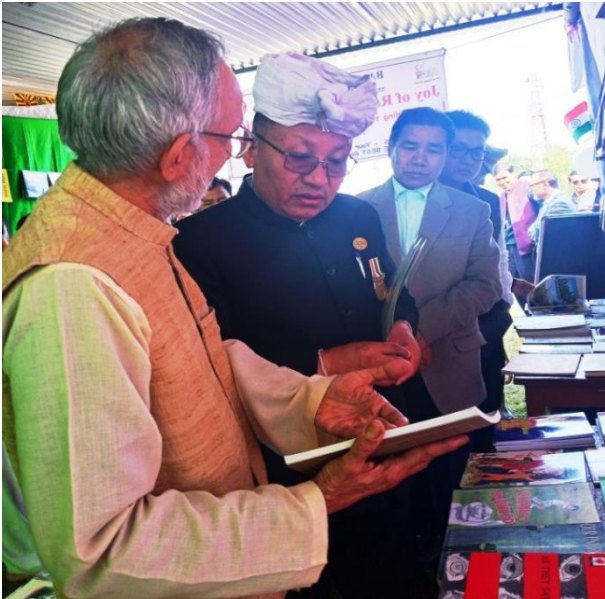


* RASA readers rejoice with a range of new books gifted by Ms. Rama Sundaramurthy, Chennai



B. Ed trainees get valuable training to present 'Reading' as an interesting joyful activity for all learners

8. Book Exhibitions



- * DC Lohit, Sri K. N Damo at the Bamboosa Library stall at the Republic Day celebrations in Tezu.
- * Bamboosa Library team in action at the exhibition.



- * Nimkay Vidya Niketan school in Tezu has been a strong patron of reading promotion among its students.
- * Bamboosa Library team with its Principal Ms. Sailu Bellai.



- * Students of VKV Tafrogam extend a spirited welcome to the Bamboosa Library Book Exhibition at their school !



- * Book lovers abound in VKV Sunpura too, as the Bamboosa Library team discovered when they reached Sunpura, a rural village of Lohit district.
- * A book exhibition at a Govt school too draws eager young readers, even when not many students buy books...



- * Getting a book exhibition ready at any venue needs careful planning, screening of books and imagination !



*** Painting Contests mark Air Force Day & Navy Day at Bamboosa Library ***

What better way to promote in youth a keen interest about our Defence Forces than these paintings ?

9. AIR & Doordarshan programmes (Tezu, Itanagar, Dibrugarh)



AIR Tezu
Yuva Vani
&
Bal Jagat shows
have become good
training centres for
Read aloud skills.



*** Akashvani & Doordarshan have emerged as patrons of Carnatic Music artistes in NE India !**



DD Itanagar



DD Dibrugarh

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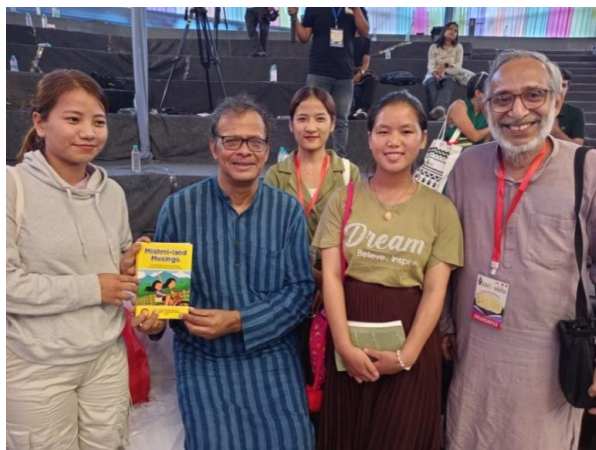
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Torch-bearers of the Youth Library Movement !

10. Arunachal LitFest 24



With two eminent writers & patrons of Youth Library Movement !

*** Sri. Jerry Pinto receives a memento from Library team * with Smt. Vijayalakshmi Nagaraj**



Bamboosa Library team present a special Children's Day Reading treat to students of Itanagar Blind School at the invitation of the Women's Police Station's Ane's Home



**With Sri Satish Nambudiripad, IIS., the then Dy. Director General of Ministry of I & B, GOI
At Litfest 24 at Itanagar**

11. UGC PLANNER 2024 Library Conference, Itanagar



1. Coordinator at the Conference
2. Library Convenor **Sri Sokhep Kri** visits the library display
3. **Prof Ms. Rashmi Kumbar & Dr. T. S Kumbar** with Library team M/s. Siwani Pul & Bahailu Rangmang

Talk on Youth Library Movement at the Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar

Voluntarism is the key pillar of Library Movement - Bamboosa Library team



Library team M/s. Siwani Pul & Bahailu Rangmang & Uncle Moosa giving a presentation before faculty & students at the RGU AITS.



1. Lets read together this witty poem ! Library team with class 9 students of the Govt. Sec School in the University
2. **Er. Tsering Dorjee**, RGU Officer, speaking after the reading session.

12. Mother Language Promotion Activities

Mishmi Language Conference, Itanagar



Senior Library volunteers M/s Sakelu Chikro & Bethem Marai actively participated in the International Workshop of Training & Resources for Indigenous Community Linguists (TRICL), at Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar.



Sri. Sokhep Kri, Director, Dept. of Indigenous Affairs, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh & Convenor, Library Network, inaugurates a translation workshop for preparing children's Books in Kaman Mishmi language.



- * Tawra Mishmi language translation workshop in progress.
- * Linguist **Dr. Ms. Pamir Gogoi** and researcher **Sri Akhilesh K. R**, Germany, guiding the workshop on Enhancing writing skills of Kaman Mishmi speakers.

13. 17th Annual Day Celebrations



Senior volunteers with the Chief Guest, **Ms. Jaweplu Chai**, District & Sessions Judge, after the Annual Day celebrations
A Reading Theatre in progress.



Sister Nivedita Awardees 2024
M/s. Arpita Ram & Anushka Kumari



Sister Nivedita Awardee 2024 Ms. Simran Minj

Ranganatha Awardee Ms. Siwani Pul

14. Other Events in the Library Movement



* Junior volunteer Trisha Kumari displays a magnificent set of poetry books gifted by our elderly patron **Ms. Debby Smith, UK.**

Her brother **Mr. Simon Smith**, a Life patron of the Library Movement, has been gifting us every year, since 2011, a fine carton of books by British authors.



Bamboosa Library readers led by Administrator **Ms. Bapenlu Kri** with Tezu Airport officials



- Volunteer artistes from Kerala S/Sri Gautham, Sreehari & Devanarayan delighting Bamboosa Library readers with their mastery over violin & mridangam
- Coordinator at a Tezu District Library function

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Team work is Rejoicing !
Library volunteers on Deepavali eve.

15. Visiting Patrons Outside



- * With Founder -Life patron & eminent cultural activist of Kozhikode, late **Sri. V. U. Eradi**, IRS., (92 yrs) at his residence. Standing is **Sri K. Murali**, also a senior patron of the library movement. Library Network has set up a Memorial Award for an all round library volunteer in honour of Sri Eradi ji.



- * With Library patron **Sri Shekhar Sheshadri** at IIT Bombay
- * With eminent former botanist of Arunachal & Library patron, **Dr. K. Haridasan** at the Ahalia Green Foundation, Palakkad, where Dr Haridasan is currently an Advisor



At the art studio of **Sri Gireeshan Bhattathiripad**, Thrissur. volunteer Kr. Sreehari is his son. Seated beside is Library patron **Sri. K. R. Krishnan**.



A Joyous Re-union Indeed !

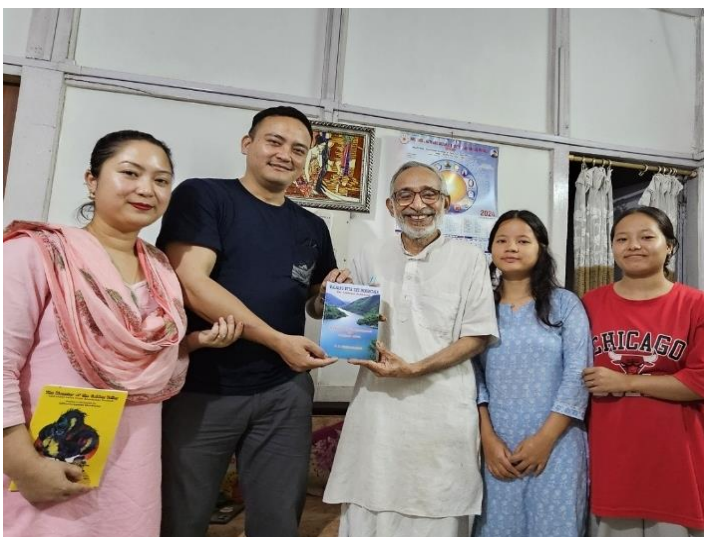
(L) Library volunteers with senior patron & mentor **Sri. O. S Chandran** at his residence in Chennai

(R) with Publisher-Patrons **M/s Deeya Nayar, Radhika Menon & Thilak** at Tulika Books office, Chennai

VISIT & Interactions at PRAKRITH ARIVAGAM LIBRARY, Chennai.



Library volunteers in an interaction at **Prakrith Arivagam Library**, Chennai.



A Re-union after 25 years !

A dear young friend **Ms. Yomphy Lollen** & her husband from Yingkiong called on the Library Coordinator – after being in touch on phone and internet for over a decade!

Standing near are the Wakro Sisters.

16. Guest to Libraries



Col. Ravi Panwar, Commanding Officer 6 Kumaon at Bamboosa Library Tezu to present a desktop and books in memory of their former senior colleague Capt. (retd) KK Venkatraman, eminent education administrator of Arunachal & a founder Life patron of Lohit Youth Libraries.



Army units **6 Kumaon & 1900 Field Regiments** are life-patrons to the Library Movement now! Maj. Chandan (6 Kumaon) & Ms. Arun (1900 Fld Rgt) after presenting valuable resource-materials to Bamboosa Library.



Col. Sandeep Kurup, SM., CO, 4 Madras Regt., at the Valedictory function of RASA-2 programme.
Ms. Deepthi Kurup, Library patron at an interaction session at Bamboosa Library.



- * Library patrons **Swami Madhavananda**, Vrindavan & **Dr Amin Tayeng**, SMO, Pasighat with Library volunteers.
- * With Chief Conservator of Forests, **Sri Soplan Manyu IFS.**, after the screening of the docu-film “Blurred Boundaries: Mishmis & the Forests”.



- * **Prof Simon**, RGU, Itanagar & **Prof Awan**, RCML, RIWATCH, Roing present a set of their publications to Bamboosa Library.
- * Patrons **Prof Rashmi Kumbar** & **Prof. T. S. Kumbar** speak on “How librarians can spread the Joy of Reading”.



Patrons DC Lohit **Sri Shashvat Saurabh, IAS.**, & DC Roing **Ms. Soumya Saurabh, IAS.**, at Bamboosa Library



Library volunteers and readers gather to welcome Col Ravi Panwar, 6 Kumaon to mark Capt. KK Venkatraman Remembrance Day at Bamboosa Library

A Home-coming After 4 decades !



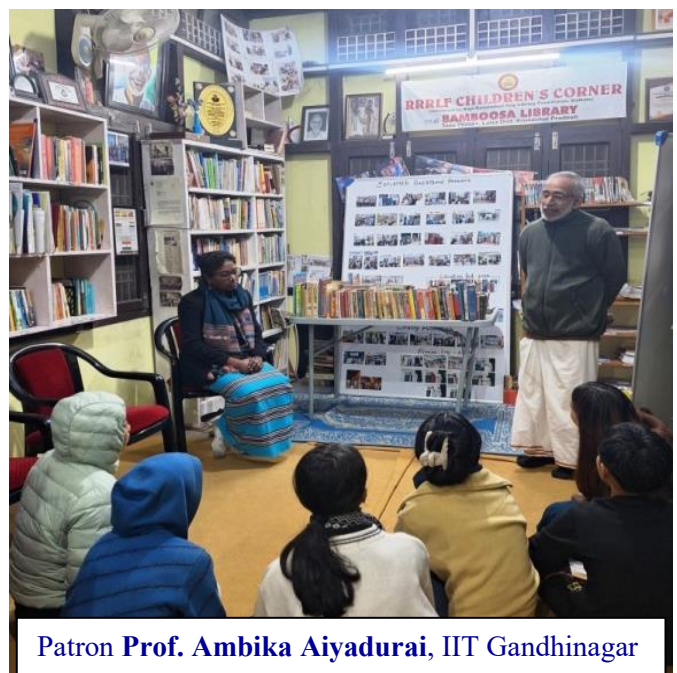
Sri. P. M. S Nambudiri, 1962 Civil Veteran & former DTO, Tezu reminisce his days at Ziro during the 1962 war, as the audience looks on all attention.



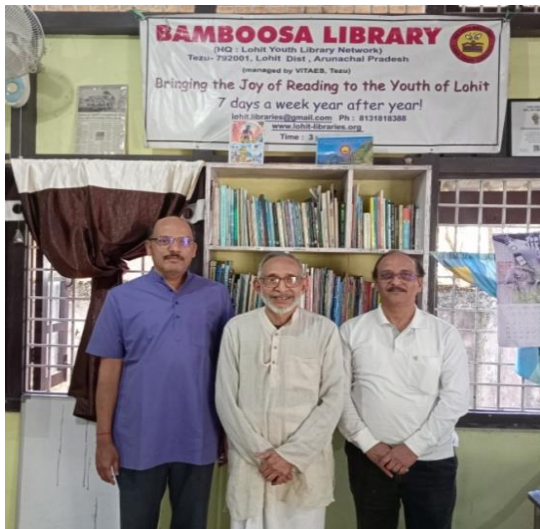
Siblings **Sri. M. Krishnan**, Dubai and **Ms. Shobha Gireesan** Mumbai nostalgically recall their days at Tezu Hr. Sec School and life in Tezu during early 1980s.



Tezu school Alumna **Ms. Anita Menon**, Dubai, who too was all nostalgia of her Tezu days & her husband **Sri Muraly Nair** present book gifts to Bamboosa



Patron **Prof. Ambika Aiyadurai**, IIT Gandhinagar dedicates 4 cartons of book gift sent by **Prof. Sudhamahi Regunathan & Sri. S. Regunathan, IAS., (retd)**, former Chief Secretary, Delhi Govt. The book gift has come as a valuable addition to the Bamboosa Library titles.



Patrons from Jnana Prabodhini

Sri. Prashant Divekar, (Head, Education)

Sri. Onkar Pradhan, docu-film expert

Esteemed guests, always ready to support strengthen the Library readers' curiosity and learning.



A Career counselling test for school students by Jnana Prabodhini at Bamboosa Library.



Sri. Parthibhan of BiRD programme from Pondicherry.



A source of Inspiration & strength to Bamboosa Library volunteers !
Founder Patron Dr. Nyage Geyi



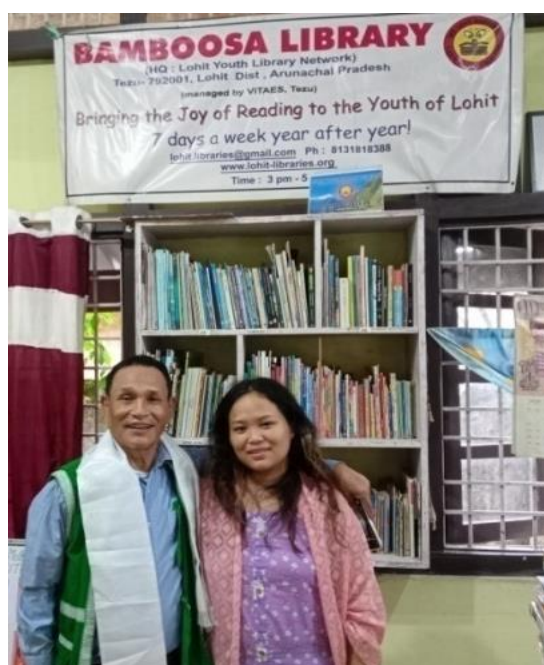
Bamboosa Library welcomes
Pioneer Reading Champions of Tezu !
Senior alumna of VKV Tafrogam:
M/s Niya Mili, Krishma Pulu, Apasi Mili & Asi Linggi



Founder Patron Er. Ms. Leelalu Chai, Delhi
A regular visitor to Bamboosa Library.



Prof. Eruk Libang, Education Secretary, Adi Bane
Kebang (ABK), Pasighat (left)
Sri. Tabom Dai, Adi language expert, ABK (right)



Sri. T. Gab
Patron & tea entrepreneur, Itanagar



Senior Patron Dr Inya Lingu, Dy Director,
Ayush, Itanagar (right) &
Sri. Imi Badak, Fire & Safety Officer Roing



Ms. Nandini Dolepat, Patron, Bangalore &
Dr. A. K. Tripathy, RIWATCH, Roing



Prof. Ms. Goken Geyi, IGG College, Tezu speaks
on International Women's Day

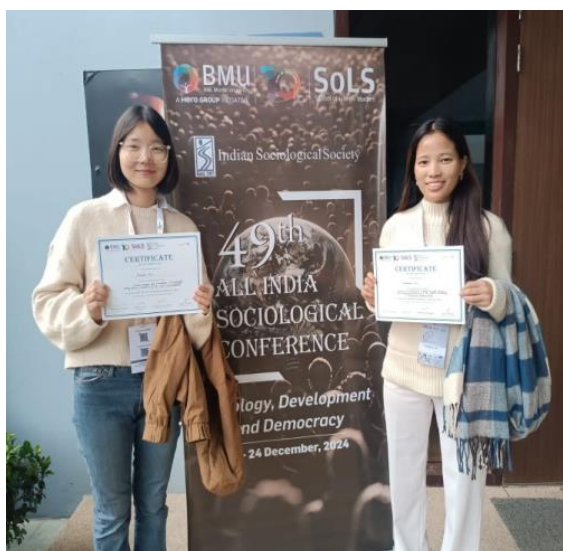
17. Mentors and Volunteers



Sri. Nandan



- * Volunteer **Sri Nandan P**, a NLUI Kolkata student conducts a Geography session at Medo Youth Library.
- * Bamboosa Library's dynamic team of Junior volunteers: **Arpita, Simran, Anushka, Jetliso & Trisha**.



- * **Library Volunteers** are also Achievers! Ms Banika & Nishanlu after presenting their papers at the All India Sociological Conference
- * An outstanding all-rounder & an expert farmer of Roing, **Sri Babul Gogoi** of RIWATCH has also been more than a Life Patron of Bamboosa Library, with his frequent presents of fresh vegetables and luscious lemons!



Ms. Siwani Pul

**Awardees of
Mandakini Khandekar
Memorial Award
By RPETA Trust, New Delhi
For professional & academic
Advancement
2024
&
2025**



Ms. Jeenamsi Ngadong



Let's reach out to the
Reading Deprived &
Reading- deficient:
The need of the Hour is to build
A Young India with Life-skills!

Voluntarism & Mentoring
are the Foundation stones of
any vibrant Social Work



Esteemed Readers, We cordially invite you to join hands with the Lohit Youth Libraries to reach out to reading-deprived youth in both urban and rural Arunachal. We shall be glad to work with schools and NGOs in reading promotion programmes.

Our Libraries are run by volunteers contributing their time, energy and resources, who also travel often to distant villages to spread the joy of Reading.

We welcome you to be one – a volunteer or a mentor!

The libraries **OPEN DAILY in the evenings** from 3 pm,7 days a week& are FREE.

We cordially welcome contributions from book-lovers in cash, kind and services. NEFT transfers can be made to “**Bamboosa Library**” in our Current A/c No **355 1729 7019** with the **State Bank of India, Tezu Branch**.(IFS code: **SBIN 0001520**).

Kindly provide your PAN No. as a statutory requirement & send details of your remittance to 9436 22 8613

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