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DONYI POLO CULTURAL & CHARITABLE TRUST

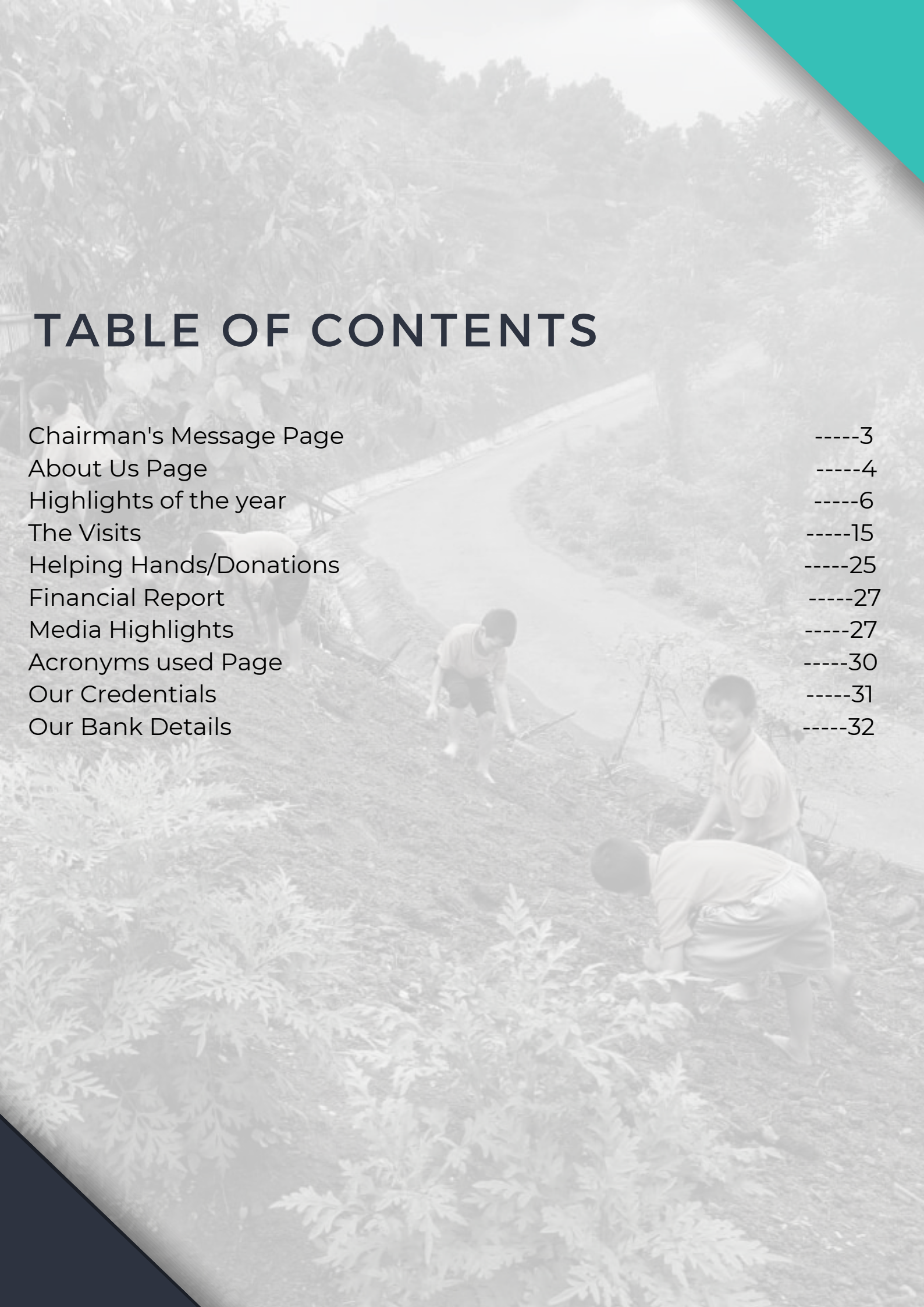


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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust (DPCCT) is a devoted NGO dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the indigenous culture of Arunachal Pradesh. Their initiatives span diverse areas, including cultural preservation, awareness, community support, education, healthcare and environmental conservation. By preserving traditions and advocating cultural awareness, the DPCCT empowers Arunachal Pradesh's indigenous heritage, ensuring its vitality for generations to come.

Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-21, the Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust (DPCCT) remained dedicated to protecting and promoting the indigenous culture of Arunachal Pradesh. Despite lockdowns and disruptions, the DPCCT continued its mission with determination. The 2021-2022 annual report provides an overview of Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko School's unique approach, blending cultural values with core subjects. As the state's pioneering cultural-focused school, it showcases our commitment to preserving Arunachal Pradesh's indigenous heritage. The report highlights key achievements, including a meeting with Honorable Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, and expresses gratitude for donor support. It also marks the successful first academic session and inaugural sports meet, reflecting our commitment to holistic student growth.

VISION

DPCCT envisions a thriving progressive society with culturally diverse indigenous communities of Arunachal Pradesh, practicing and propagating their eternal culture, language, ethos, values, traditions, towards a healthy, equitable, responsible, and sustainable planet for posterity.

MISSION

Our mission is to work closely with the local Indigenous Communities of Arunachal Pradesh to preserve and promote their unique culture and traditions through various initiatives such as instituting indigenous schools focused on local culture, traditions & values, organizing cultural festivals, research on the dialect, script and language of tribes, conducting indigenous culture awareness programs for both locals and tourists. We aim to empower the indigenous communities to take ownership of their cultural heritage and to provide them with the necessary resources to ensure that it remains alive and thriving for generations to come.

We envision a future where the indigenous cultures of Arunachal Pradesh are celebrated and respected and where the communities are able to maintain a balance between their traditional way of life and modern developments. We believe that our efforts will contribute to the enrichment of the cultural diversity of our country and promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the unique heritage of Arunachal Pradesh.



TRUSTEES & OFFICE BEARERS

ER. KATUNG WAHGE

Er. Katung Wahge is a retired engineer from the Nyishi community in Arunachal Pradesh. He began his career in 1985 as a Chief Engineer in the Public Works Department (PWD) and was initially posted in Anini. He is associated with the Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust and serves as its Chairman. Additionally, he holds the position of president at the Indigenous Faith & Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh (IFCSAP), focusing on safeguarding indigenous traditions and beliefs.



ER. PAI DAWE

As an engineer in the Arunachal Pradesh PWD, Pai Dawe has been involved in infrastructure development. Beyond his professional role, he holds positions in cultural organizations. He serves as Vice Chairman and Land donor of Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust (DPCCT), which focuses on indigenous faith preservation. He also leads Nyishi Nyidung Mwngjang Rallung, a group dedicated to reviving Nyishi culture, and is President of the National Indigenous Faith and Cultural Society (NIFCS), which unites similar organizations nationally.

SHRI TAJUM TASANG
SHRI LARDIK KARE

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

First Ever Annual Sports Meet of Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko



On March 19th, 2022, the Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Gurukul of Rang village observed its first-ever annual sports meet, which included a variety of traditional games. The event was a huge success, with the students actively participating in the various activities.



Inauguration of the Nyedar Namlo at Mwya



After months of hard work, the Nyedar Namlo at Mwya (Pulyi) village was inaugurated on December 17, 2021, by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu. This cultural center holds great significance for Arunachal Pradesh, with attendees including DPCCT's Vice Chairman Shri Pai Dawe and local dignitaries. The Nyedar Namlo's opening marks the beginning of educational, healthcare, and cultural initiatives by DPCCT in the region, fostering development and community growth.



Ritual Procession by the Students of Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko



On October 18th, the students of Nyubu Yvgam Yerko Rang participated in a ritual procession organized by the school. This event aimed to instil cultural values in the students and deepen their understanding of the indigenous communities' connection with nature. By engaging in the procession, the students not only learned about their ethnic heritage but also developed a profound appreciation for Mother Nature. The event served as a platform for them to recognize their harmonious coexistence with nature and express reverence towards the gods and goddesses of the jungle. Through such experiences, the students gain a holistic understanding of their cultural roots while cultivating a sense of environmental stewardship.

Introducing Pyaachi



DPCCT has been indigenizing and connecting each of its pupils as they can to its roots, culture, and diversity. PYAACHI (Indigenous Wooden Plate) was one such initiative. We feel that traditional utensils and other tools can be strengthened elegantly with an innovative touch, which is what we have evolved while maintaining the essence of the original intact and incorporating the modern.



Entrance Exam for the 2nd academic session of Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Rang



The Gurukul received tremendous appreciation from the indigenous communities, leading to a significant number of students appearing for the entrance tests for enrollment. On July 26th, 2021, a total of 113 students showed up for the 2nd upcoming academic session, surpassing the seat limit of 30 students per class. Despite the high demand, the Gurukul ensured that all necessary Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) protocols were strictly observed during the event, prioritizing the safety and well-being of the participants. The overwhelming response from the students reflects the trust and recognition the Gurukul has gained within the community.

Personality Orientation Camp for Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Gurukul Staff



The Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust, in collaboration with Vivekananda Arun Jyoti Arunachal Pradesh Prant, organized a personality orientation camp from July 7th to 10th, 2021, at Vivekananda Vidhyalaya in Nirjuli. The camp aimed to recognize and enhance the vital roles and responsibilities of the faculty and staff in educating and empowering students. Notable guests, including Er. Katung Wahge (Chairman DPCCT), Pema Thongchi Norbu, Shri Rupesh Mathur (Joint Secretary of Vivekananda Vidhyalaya), and others, graced the event. Participants, comprising teaching and non-teaching staff from the Gurukul, gained valuable insights into their roles, fostering a deeper understanding of their significant contributions to student development.



During the event, participants wholeheartedly engaged in enriching group discussions that encouraged open dialogue on various pertinent subjects, facilitating the exchange of diverse thoughts and ideas. This inclusive atmosphere allowed participants to gain insights into different perspectives and broaden their understanding of the topics at hand. Moreover, their active involvement in games, sports, and cultural presentations highlighted the rich tapestry of traditions that define the state's cultural heritage. These activities went beyond mere entertainment, creating a nurturing environment for personal growth and development. They also played a significant role in fostering a deep sense of unity, promoting cultural understanding, and strengthening bonds among the participants, ultimately enhancing the overall impact of the orientation camp.

Presentation of the Prospectus of the Gurukul



On August 23, 2021, Shri Katung Wahge, Chairman of DPCCT, presented a photo frame featuring Donyi Polo Khumko and the Gurukul's prospectus to Shri Atul Jogji, All India Organizing Secretary of Akhil Bhartiya Kalyan Ashram, and his team at their residence in Jollang, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. This gesture symbolized deep appreciation and recognition for their invaluable contributions to the cause. Through this presentation, DPCCT expressed gratitude for their collaborative efforts in promoting and preserving the indigenous culture of Arunachal Pradesh.

Meeting with the Vice President of India



On October 8th, 2021, Shri Pai Gungchi Dodum, the Principal of the Gurukul, had a significant opportunity to meet and engage with the Honorable Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, during his visit to Arunachal Pradesh. This meeting occurred at Raj Bhawan in Itanagar and served as a platform to showcase the efforts of the Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust (DPCCT) in advancing the indigenous culture of Arunachal Pradesh through education. This interaction not only provided recognition and exposure to DPCCT's initiatives but also underscored the importance of preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh on a broader stage.

The Visits



Throughout the year, the Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Gurukul has gained significant attention and recognition, both locally and beyond, through visits from various individuals and dignitaries. These visits have been instrumental in elevating the Gurukul's profile and advancing its mission of promoting indigenous education and cultural preservation.

The Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust (DPCCT) has been steadfast in its commitment to showcasing the Gurukul's unique educational approach and its dedication to preserving indigenous traditions. By welcoming guests, including dignitaries, the DPCCT aims to convey the Gurukul's message and impact to a broader audience.

These visits serve as a platform for sharing the Gurukul's values with diverse communities and regions, fostering firsthand experiences of its remarkable work in preserving the region's cultural heritage. Additionally, these interactions promote unity and cultural understanding, bridging gaps between different communities.

Visit by Shri Rajeev Verma (Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh), Shri Abhishek Praveemal Polumatla (Deputy Commissioner of East Kameng District) and a host of officers



On the 9th of August 2021, a distinguished delegation comprising Shri Rajeev Verma (Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh), Shri Abhishek Praveemal Polumatla (Deputy Commissioner of East Kameng District) and a host of officers paid a visit to the Gurukul. This visit held great significance as it provided an opportunity for the School Management Committee (SMC) to present a comprehensive overview of the institution's functioning and objectives through power point presentations.

During the visit, the SMC members took the honored guests through a detailed presentation, shedding light on the various aspects of the Gurukul's operations. Through the power point presentations, they elucidated the educational approach, cultural preservation efforts, and the positive impact the institution has on the students and the community at large. The briefing session allowed the visitors to gain a deeper understanding of the Gurukul's philosophy and its significant contributions to indigenous education in Arunachal Pradesh. The presentation highlighted the unique pedagogy, the inclusion of traditional practices, and the holistic development of the students.



Visit by members of ADPMNC



On the 14th of September 2021, a team of Central executive members from the Apatani Danyi Pilo Medar Nelo Council (ADPMNC) guided by its President and General Secretary, paid a visit to the Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Gurukul. This visit was marked by a fruitful interactive program involving the School Management Committee (SMC), school authorities, and the ADPMNC.

During the interaction program, the members of the ADPMNC engaged in meaningful discussions with the SMC and school authorities, focusing on various aspects of the Gurukul's operations, objectives, and challenges. This platform provided an opportunity for both parties to exchange ideas, share insights, and explore potential collaborations to further enhance the educational experience and cultural preservation efforts of the Gurukul.

Visit by the Indian Army



On separate occasions, the Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Gurukul had the privilege of hosting officers from the Indian Army, who expressed their admiration for the institution's unique endeavors. Lt. Col. TC Tayem from 1GR and a 14-member Cycling Team from the Dogra Regiment, led by Lt. Col. Rupam Sharma, visited the Gurukul and conveyed their appreciation for its noble work.

During their visits, Lt. Col. TC Tayem and Lt. Col. Rupam Sharma, along with their respective teams, had the opportunity to witness the distinctive educational approach and cultural preservation efforts of the Gurukul. Impressed by the institution's dedication and commitment, they expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the work being done. In recognition of the Gurukul's accomplishments, Lt. Col. TC Tayem and Lt. Col. Rupam Sharma, on behalf of their units, presented tokens of love and appreciation.

Visit by Prof. Mahanta (Advisor to the Education and Indigenous Faith Minister of the Government of Assam)



On December 21, 2021, Prof. Mahanta and his team, advisor to the Education and Indigenous Faith Minister of the Government of Assam, visited Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Gurukul. This visit facilitated meaningful discussions with the School Management Committee (SMC) and the students, focusing on the Gurukul's educational approach, cultural preservation, and indigenous faith's significance in the region. The exchange of ideas fostered unity and mutual learning, with Prof. Mahanta's team offering valuable insights and appreciation for the Gurukul's efforts.

Helping Hands



The success of every project initiated by the DPCCT is not solely attributed to the efforts of its members but also owes a great deal of credit to the generous donors who have served as the helping hands of the NGO. Through their contributions in various forms, these donors have played a crucial role in propelling the organization forward and enabling the execution of numerous tasks aimed at safeguarding the indigenous and cultural practices of Arunachal Pradesh.

In the year 2021-2022, the DPCCT received crucial support from a diverse group of donors, including financial contributions that played a significant role in advancing the organization's initiatives. These donations were instrumental in projects such as cultural center establishment, traditional arts and crafts preservation, education and healthcare promotion in tribal communities, and sustainable development efforts. The DPCCT expresses heartfelt gratitude to all donors for their unwavering support, recognizing their pivotal role in driving positive change in Arunachal Pradesh. Here's an overview of the support received in the past year.

Donations by Shri Tapuk Taku and Shri Doni Nich



On 8 September 2021, Shri Tapuk Taku, the Hon'ble MLA 10th East Seppa, generously donated Rs. 10.00 lakhs towards the construction of toilets at the Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Gurukul. His contribution reflects his commitment to promoting education and improving the infrastructure of the school. The construction of toilets is a significant step towards creating a more hygienic and comfortable learning environment for the students.

In addition to Shri Tapuk Taku's donation, Shri Doni Nich, Chairman of IT & E-Governance Arunachal Pradesh provided V-SAT to the Gurukul. V-SAT is a satellite-based communication system that offers high-speed internet connectivity in remote areas, ensuring that students have access to digital learning resources. He had also previously donated 2 Nos. CPU Printers and other accessories for the Gurukul back in July. Shri Doni Nich's contribution will enable the Gurukul to offer a more comprehensive and advanced curriculum, keeping pace with the latest educational developments.

Donation by Er. Mara Kocho



On July 12th, 2021, Er. Mara Kocho, through his NGO named Holistic Health Education and Social Development, made a generous donation of one session's worth of notebooks to the children of Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko in Rang, Seppa, East Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh. This act of kindness aimed to support the educational needs of the children and promote their overall well-being.

This gesture reflects the belief of Holistic Health Education and Social Development in the transformative power of education. Recognizing that education is a fundamental right and a key driver of social development, Er. Mara Kocho and his NGO have taken a commendable step to empower the children of Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko with the means to pursue their educational aspirations.

Donation by Shri Rajeev Kamal



Shri Rajeev Kamal, the Director of a Technology Company in New Jersey, USA, and a former student of Tawang, Bomdila, Changlang, and Itanagar, generously donated 60 pieces of mattresses and blankets each to the students of the Gurukul on 10th of August 2021.

The students of Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko in Rang, East Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh, now have access to comfortable mattresses and warm blankets, thanks to the kind generosity of Shri Rajeev Kamal. His thoughtful donation will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on their educational journey and contribute to their overall growth and development.

Donation by Shri Ashok Tajo Phassang and Shri Saji Sono



On 6th October 2021, Shri Ashok Tajo Phassang and his family generously contributed to the Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Gurukul by donating vegetables and other food items. The donation will provide the students with nutritious meals, ensuring their physical and mental well-being.

In addition to Shri Ashok Tajo Phassang's donation, Shri Saji Sono contributed by donating 60 pieces of mosquito nets to the Gurukul. Mosquito nets are an essential commodity in a region like Arunachal Pradesh where mosquitoes can cause various diseases like malaria, dengue, and others. Shri Saji Sono's contribution will ensure that the students have a safe and comfortable environment to study and sleep in.

Donation by Smt. Apung Gyadi Flago and Shri Raya Flago



On March 26, 2022, Smt. Apung Gyadi Flago and Shri Raya Flago once again extended their generous support to the Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Gurukul by donating rice and other grocery items. Their consistent support and dedication to the Gurukul community are highly appreciated. Their donations not only fulfill the immediate dietary needs of the students but also convey a message of care, compassion, and solidarity.

Financial Report

Financial Report Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2022

Liabilities	Amount as on 31/03/2022	Assets	Amount as on 31/03/2022
General Fund	57,02,358.96	Fixed Assets	50,05,478.42
Corpus Fund	25,10,000.00	Capital Constructions	10,00,000.00
Endowment/Earmarked Fund	6,60,421.50	Current Assets	
		Loans & Advances	3,62,300.00
Loans & Advances	23,00,000.00	Closing Balance	
Current Liabilities		TDS Receivable	4,340.00
Provisions	3,39,637.00	Cash at Bank	42,44,930.04
		Cash in Hand	8,95,369.00
Total	1,15,12,417.46	Total	1,15,12,417.46

Media Highlights

The Nyishi community is the largest ethnic group of Arunachal and is spread over more than 8 districts.

Got dressed up in their traditional attire to join in their special day to celebrate the opening of a tribal culture centre and Nyedar Namlo (prayer centre) at Mwya village.



PMO India and 8 others

5:44 PM · Dec 17, 2021

Source: Official
Twitter handle
of HCM (AP)
Shri Pema
Khandu

PERSONALITY ORIENTATION CAMP FOR NYUBU NYVGEM YERKO MEMBERS HELD

11th Jul 2021 11:07:PM State



NIRJULI, Jul 11: The three-day personality orientation camp for the staff members of Nyubu Nyvgem Yerko (NI) organised by Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust(DPCCT) in collaboration with Vivekananda Kendra Arun j Arunachal Prant at VKV Nirjuli concluded on July 10.

The first batch of eight staff members of Nyubu Nyvgem Yerko and 11 Vivekananda Kendra Arun Jyoti karyakar attended the program. Nyubu Nyvgem Yerko situated at rang village, Seppa is an institution which provides blend traditional as well as modern education to students.

Sessions on positive thinking, power of words, making history, sense of responsibility etc. were delivered by resou persons including Puneesh Mathur, SC Dixit and other faculty members from VKV.

Source: Eastern Sentinel

A first 'gurukul-type' school for indigenous knowledge systems

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has inaugurated the state's first-ever formal school for indigenous language and knowledge systems.

Called 'Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko', the school has been established in Rang village, situated atop a hill overlooking Seppa, the headquarters of the state's East Kameng district.

'Nyubu' means priest, 'Nyvgam' refers to a person with wisdom and knowledge, and 'Yerko' means learning institution.

People from our neighbouring states congratulated me. Many of them have lost their indigenous identity. We Arunachalees have woken up at the right moment," Khandu said during the inauguration Saturday.



Source: The Print



Pema Khandu པཌམ་ཁ་ཕ་དུ་
@PemaKhanduBJP

Our age-old indigenous faith is something we are always proud of. It helps us connect with self & brings inner peace.

Spent few glorious hours of prayer & reflection today at the Nyedar Namlo (an indigenous prayer centre of Nyishi tribe) at Mwya village in Lower Subansiri dist.



PMO India and 9 others

Source: Official Twitter handle of HCM (AP) Shri Pema Khandu

Acronyms used:

- **DPCCT- Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust**
- **NNY- Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko**
- **NIFCS- Nyishi Indigenous Faith & Cultural Society**
- **IFCSAP- Indigenous Faith and Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh**
- **VKV- Vivekananda Vidhyalaya**
- **SMC- School Management Committee**
- **NCERT- National Council of Educational Research and Training**
- **NGO- Non-Government Organisation**
- **WRD- Water Resources Department**
- **HCM- Honourable Chief Minister**
- **AP- Arunachal Pradesh**





Our Credentials

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