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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust (DPCCT) is an extraordinary NGO dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and propagation of the indigenous culture and traditional practices of Arunachal Pradesh. Recognizing the urgent need to safeguard the state's unique cultural heritage, which is at risk of being lost, the organization has consistently engaged in a range of projects and initiatives. Through their unwavering commitment, the DPCCT has become a driving force in revitalizing and empowering communities, fostering a sense of pride and identity, and ensuring that the rich tapestry of Arunachal Pradesh's cultural traditions continues to thrive for generations to come.



Er. Katung Wahge
Chairman, DPCCT

In the annual report of 2022-2023, the Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust (DPCCT) presents a comprehensive overview of its aims, objectives, and the projects undertaken during the year. One notable project was the establishment of the second indigenous school in Arunachal Pradesh, located in Mwya village within the Lower Subansiri district. The report also highlights a significant achievement in the form of a mega health camp conducted in collaboration with NIBA hospital under the CSR initiative of RITES Limited. This community welfare service provided free healthcare services to a diverse range of individuals who benefited from the initiative. Additionally, the report details the visits made to the Rang Gurukul by esteemed dignitaries, as well as the support received from generous donors who have played a crucial role in assisting the trust's endeavors. The annual report serves as a testament to the dedication, progress, and impact of the DPCCT in its relentless pursuit of preserving and promoting indigenous cultural values in Arunachal Pradesh.



OUR MISSION

DPCCT envisions a thriving progressive society in Arunachal Pradesh, where culturally diverse indigenous communities practice and propagate their eternal culture and traditions, contributing to a healthy, equitable, responsible, and sustainable planet for future generations.



OUR VISION

Our mission is to preserve and promote the unique culture and traditions of Arunachal Pradesh's indigenous communities. We achieve this through initiatives like indigenous schools, cultural festivals, language research, and awareness programs for locals and tourists. We empower these communities to safeguard their heritage, fostering a harmonious balance between tradition and modernity. Our efforts enrich India's cultural diversity and foster greater appreciation for Arunachal Pradesh's unique heritage.

FIRST 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.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



In the year 2022-23, the Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust (DPCCT) continued its various activities, including the engagements happening in various Gurukuls under the trust. The trust also expanded Gurukuls to different locations, furthering our mission to preserve and promote Indigenous teachings and culture in Arunachal Pradesh. Some of the major highlights of the year are listed below.

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DPCCT meeting with the five progenies of Tani clan on 17 November 2022



ADI



NYISHI

The Five Progenies of Tani Clan



GALO



APATANI



TAGIN

The event was graced by prominent delegates from various fields, representing different sectors and communities. Notable attendees included:

1. Taba Tedir: HM Edn. & DIA (Education and Department of Indigenous Affairs)
2. Alo Libang: HM Health & FW (Health and Family Welfare)
3. Tumke Bagra: HM Indtr.H.H (Industry, Handloom, and Handicrafts)
4. Tage Taki: HM Agri.Hort. (Agriculture and Horticulture)
5. Taniya Soki: HMLA (Member of Legislative Assembly)

Other distinguished guests from various backgrounds:

6. Bengia Tolum: President NES (National Education Society)
7. Dr. Joram Begi: Former Chief Information Commissioner
8. Prof. Tana Showren: Professor and intellectual
9. Hage Kojen: Retired IAS officer
10. Kuru Sera: Chief Engineer of Public Works Department (PWD)
11. Jarken Gamlin: Major General (Retired)
12. Hento Karga: Additional Deputy Commissioner
13. T.K. Tagin: Chief Engineer, Rural Works Department (RWD)
14. Komkar Dolum: Director of Disaster Management
15. Dr. S. Vaidhyasubramaniam: Vice-Chancellor & Tata Sons Chair Professor of Management, SASTRA University

During this gathering, each community proposed a unique name for their respective Gurukuls, symbolizing their distinct identity and heritage. The Adi community proposed the name "Nilung Tungko," the Apatani community suggested "Miji Migung Takasiiko," the Galo community proposed "Menjik Meqkok Rwgu," the Nyishi community presented "Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko," and the Tagin community proposed "Nyijik-Nyikok Nyubu Yerko." These indigenous names carry deep cultural significance and reflect the communities' commitment to preserving their traditional knowledge and way of life.

Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Rang students win 2nd prize



On February 20, 2023, the Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko school of Rang, Seppa, East Kameng district, had the honor of participating in the 37th Statehood Day celebrations at Seppa General Ground. The event was organized by DACO (District Administration Coordination Office) of East Kameng, Seppa, to commemorate the day when the state was formed.

During the festivities, the school showcased their rich cultural heritage and talents in various cultural events. Their performance was met with great admiration and applause from the audience and judges alike.

As a result of their exceptional performance, the Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko school was awarded the prestigious Second Prize in the Cultural Event category. The recognition not only brought immense pride to the school but also highlighted the cultural diversity and talent present in the region.

HDCM inaugurates Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Mwya



With the aim of firmly establishing the base of Indigenous teachings in the state of Arunachal Pradesh through education, the Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust (DPCCT) has taken significant strides. Following the successful establishment of the first indigenous Gurukul at Rang in the East Kameng district, the trust has now set its sights on expanding the number of such schools to have an impact in every corner of the state. Reflecting this vision, the inauguration ceremony of the Mywa Indigenous Gurukul took place on February 14, 2023, in Mwya, located in the Lower Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh.

The auspicious occasion witnessed the presence of esteemed dignitaries, including the Honourable Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Chowna Mein, who performed the inauguration ceremony. Accompanying him were the Honorable Minister of Education, Art & Culture, and DIA, Shri Taba Tedir Ji, HMLA cum Advisor, Shri Nyamar Karbak Ji, President of the Nyishi Elite Society (NES), Prof. Tana Showren Ji, President of the Indigenous Faith & Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh (IFCSAP), Shri Katung Wageh Ji, Chairman of IT & e-Governance, Shri Doni Nich Ji, and other esteemed guests.

Honourable Deputy chief minister Chowna Mein visited the tapyung namdung (hostel)



it was also during the auspicious occasion that the hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh made a scrutiny of the hostel and other infrastructures of the school.



4th gurukul site inspection carried out



In February 2023, a site visit was conducted at Pabo Komsing village, Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh, for the upcoming 4th indigenous school under DPCCT, Nilung Tungko. Led by Shri Pai Dawe (DPCCT) and Joram Begiji (Regional Coordinator, Vivekananda Kendra Arunachal Prant), along with other dignitaries and members of the Adi community, the visit scrutinised the land plot donated by Shri Tapun Taki Assistant Director, DIA. The school is set to open by July 2023, fostering education and preserving the region's cultural heritage.



Mega Health Camp commences; numerous benefitted



The Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust (DPCCT) from 21st to 31st March 2023 organized a mega health camp in 5 of the districts in the state as a part of its initiatives to serve the community. The health camp was conducted in collaboration with NIBA hospital, with support from the CSR initiative of RITES Limited. Covering 10 villages during its course, the camp aimed to provide free healthcare services to the local population, addressing their medical needs and promoting well-being.

During the mega health camp, various medical facilities and services were made available to the attendees. This included free health check-ups, free medicine distribution, free lab tests, specialist doctor's consultations and referrals etc. The camp catered to a diverse range of health concerns, ensuring that individuals received the necessary care and attention they required.



The DPCCT and its partners organized the health camp with the objective of reaching out to underserved communities and addressing healthcare disparities. By providing free services, the trust aimed to make quality healthcare accessible to those who might face barriers due to financial constraints or limited access to medical facilities, given the geographical disparities of Arunachal Pradesh.





**1100+ PATIENTS
BENEFITED
THROUGH
HEALTH CAMPS**



THE 3RD GURUKUL MENJIK MEQKOK RWGUU BASAR STARTED AND SET TO FUNCTION





We firmly believe that education is a powerful tool for bringing about positive change.

DPCCT is engaging culturally aware indigenous language teachers to help our children learn and practice their traditional rituals, culture, sports, and other activities. With VKV providing CBSE and Modern education through its experienced teachers, our Gurukul Model is well-positioned to provide the education required for building a Future-Ready Indigenous Youth, who is well aware of culture and environmental concerns, for creating a Sustainable World.

GURUKULS

As part of DPCCT, we firmly believe that education is a powerful tool for bringing about positive change. Recognizing the lack of smooth transmission of traditional values among the younger generation of indigenous communities in Arunachal Pradesh, we embarked on a journey to save the rich cultural heritage from fading away. To accomplish our mission, we decided to establish Gurukul-style schools that serve as beacons of indigenous knowledge, and modern teachings.

We are proud to have successfully established **three** such gurukuls, namely, Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko at Rang in East Kameng, Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko at Mwya in Lower Subhansiri district and Menjik Meqkok Rwggu at Basar in the Leparada district.

In the future, with the support of our esteemed donors, we envision to establish more of such Gurukuls in various parts of the state, to help protect, preserve, and promote other Indigenous Cultures and Traditions.

DPCCT is opening its fourth Indigenous school at Pabo, Komsing village in Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh. The school is set to begin functioning by July 2023, furthering our mission to preserve and promote Indigenous teachings and culture in the region.

GURUKULS AT A GLANCE



The establishment of gurukuls goes beyond imparting knowledge of traditional values; it is also about preserving and revitalizing the rich cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh, which is unfortunately on the brink of extinction due to the presence of gap between the older and the new generations. Our NGO stands to eradicate that gap by taking various steps. One of the steps taken is the establishment of indigenous schools (Gurukuls) in Arunachal Pradesh. At our gurukuls, we have taken a comprehensive approach by strictly following the annual NCERT syllabus while incorporating classes on the indigenous cultures of the state.

The structure and design of our gurukuls reflect a deep appreciation for traditional artistry, aiming to foster a sense of connection and pride among the students. Each class accommodates up to 30 students, and we offer education up to the 8th grade.



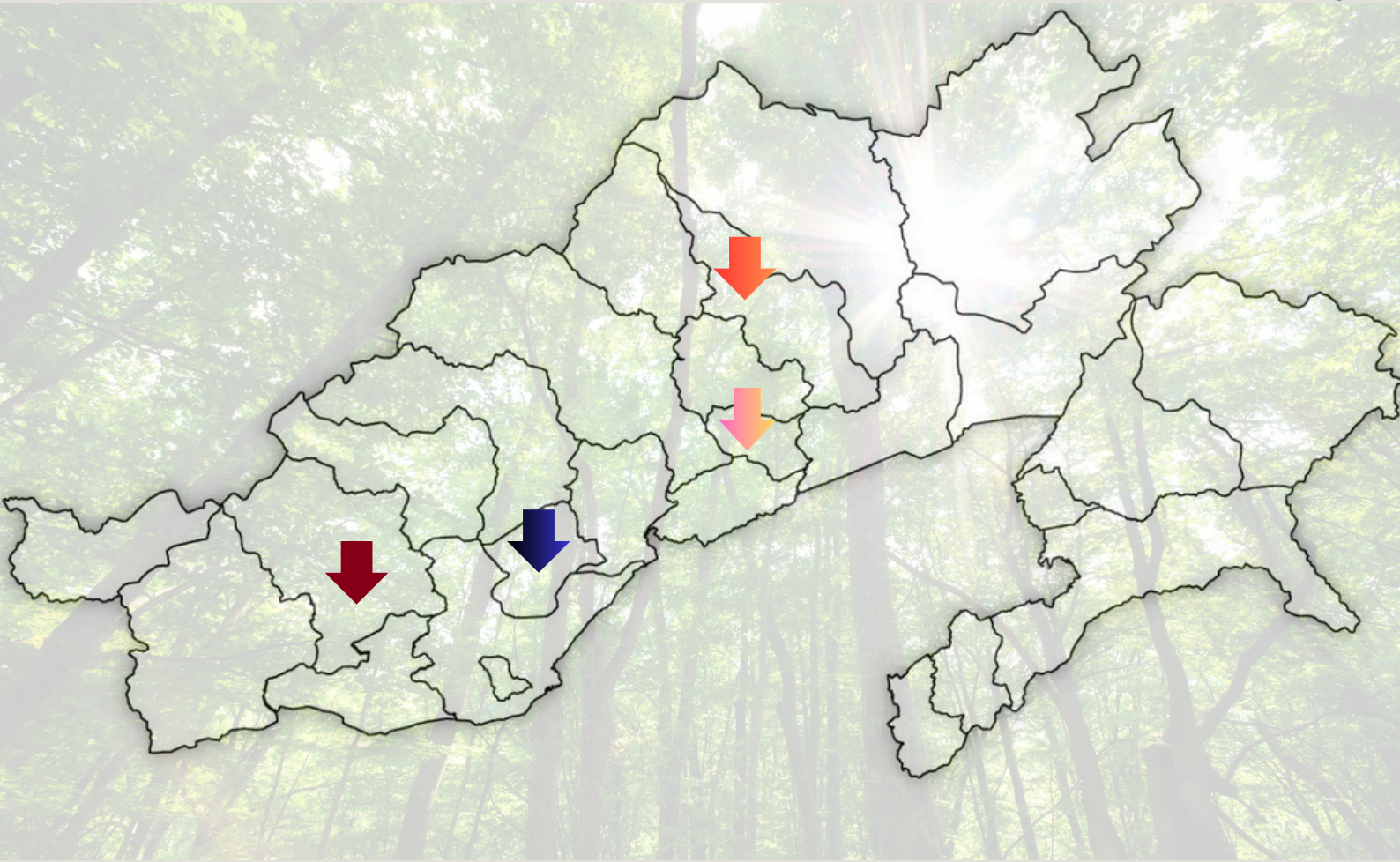


It is heartening to witness the ever-increasing enrollment of students year after year, signifying the growing importance and acceptance of our approach. We understand the significance of co-curricular activities in the holistic development of students. Hence, we have introduced traditional games and sports as an integral part of our school's co-curricular activities. These activities not only promote a healthy lifestyle but also provide a platform for students to explore and appreciate the diverse range of games and sports practiced by indigenous communities in Arunachal Pradesh.

These activities, such as Dapo Nyarka Sunam (Bamboo Wrestling), Dak-Dal Dakasunam (Stick Walk), and Upuk Apka Sunam (Archery), making bamboo crafts etc. not only provide a fun and engaging experience for the students but also help inculcate traditional values in them.



THE LOCATION OF THE FOUR GURUKULS



Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Rang



Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Mwya



Menjwk Menqkok Rguu Basar



Nilung Tungko Pabo



NYUBU NYVGAM YERKO - RANG (NYISHI TRIBE)

(VILLAGE RANG, SEPPA, EAST KAMENG DISTRICT, ARUNACHAL PRADESH)



The establishment of the Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko at Rang village of Seppa town, East Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh by DPCCT was a significant milestone for education in the region. Started in the year 2020, the school is currently running classes from I-IV with 113 students (which was 90 students last year) and follows a Gurukul-style indigenous education approach, combining the CBSE-based syllabus with classes on indigenous values and teachings. The school is open to admission only to the students belonging to the Nyishi community of the region.



**A PROMISING RISE FROM THE
NUMBER OF 90 STUDENTS IN
THE PAST YEAR TO TOTAL
ENROLMENT UPTO 113**



THE VISITS



1. Visit by Dr. S. Vaidhyasubramaniam Ph.D, GMP (Harvard), Vice Chancellor & Tata Sons Chair Professor Management SASTRA Deemed University, Tamil Nadu & his Team

On November 22, 2022, Dr. S. Vaidhyasubramaniam Ph.D, GMP (Harvard), Vice Chancellor & Tata Sons Chair Professor Management SASTRA Deemed University, Tamil Nadu & his Team visited Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko, Rang of East Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh, to explore their unique educational and cultural practices. They were impressed by the seamless integration of traditional knowledge with modern education, fostering a strong sense of cultural identity among the students. The visit highlighted the importance of preserving cultural heritage in education and opened doors for potential collaborations in the future.

2. A visit by the Rangfra Faith Promotion Society



On August 27th, 2022, a five-member team from the Rangfra Faith Promotion Society in Changlang, led by Kamjai Taism, arrived at Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Rang for a two-day study on the functioning of Yerko. The purpose of their visit was likely to gain insight into the operations and practices of Yerko. During their visit, the team not only engaged in studying the workings of Yerko but also displayed an act of generosity and compassion. They donated food items to support the students.



3. A visit by the SMC Menjwk Meqkok Rguu Basar and Nilung Tungko Pabo



On the 18th of March 2023, an insightful visit took place at the Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko school in Rang, Seppa, East Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh. The esteemed visitors were the School Management team of MENJIK MENKOQ RWGU, the renowned Gurukul of the Galo community from Basar, led by the esteemed Chairman Shri Nyagi Riba. Accompanying them was NILUNG TUNGKO, a significant institution representing the Adi community, led by the visionary Tapun Taki Tapun.



The purpose of this visit was to gain valuable insights and understand the functionality of the Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko school, which has earned a notable reputation for its educational approach and cultural preservation. The delegation was received warmly by the school authorities and the students, creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and cultural exchange.

NYUBU NYVGAM YERKO - MWYA (NYISHI TRIBE)

(VILLAGE PULYI, MWYA DEED CIRCLE, LOWER SUBHANSIRI DISTRICT, ARUNACHAL PRADESH)



Beginning of Another Chapter

The Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust continues to propel forward with its mission of promoting and propagating indigenous cultural values in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. This year, the trust has embarked on yet another ambitious project—the establishment of the Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko school in MWYA, located in the Lower Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh. The school was inaugurated on the 14th of 2023 in the presence of the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, the Education Minister of Arunachal Pradesh and many other esteemed dignitaries. This gurukul styled indigenous school at MWYA is the second school of its kind in the state and follows the academic structure of Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko school at Rang.

The Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko school in MWYA, like its predecessor, follows a curriculum that integrates the CBSE-based syllabus with lessons on indigenous values, teachings and cultural practices.

**EMBARKING ON A
BRIGHT JOURNEY
17 STUDENTS ENROLLED
THIS YEAR**



THE VISITS

Darkhaq (chanting for school opening) performed by a local priest for the school



On September 4th, 2022, the Darkhaq chanting ritual for the school opening was led by a local priest named Taba Tagab. The ceremony was conducted with great enthusiasm and reverence, as students, teachers, and members of the community gathered to seek blessings and divine guidance for the upcoming academic year.

One day orientation program led by Nyishi Language Development Board



On September 20, 2022, Dr. Tassar Tania from Nyishi Language Development Board led a 1-day orientation program at Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Mwya School. The program aimed to provide valuable guidance and insights to the participants, contributing to their educational and personal growth.

VKV 1st visit by Cluster incharge Sir Jaishankar and principal of VKV Joram Ashok Singh



On November 20, 2022, a delegation from VKV (Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya) visited Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Mwya School. The delegation was led by Cluster Incharge, Sir Jaishankar, and accompanied by the Principal of VKV Joram, Ashok Singh.

Indigenous Faith Day celebrated



On December 1, 2022, Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Mwya School celebrated the Indigenous Faith Day with great enthusiasm and joy. The occasion was marked by vibrant festivities, reflecting the rich cultural heritage and traditions of the local community.

Health camp organised



On March 23, 2023, a medical camp was organized as a part of the Mega Health Camp programme under RITES LIMITED (a government of India Enterprise) initiated by DPCCT in association with Niba Hospital. The camp was led by the esteemed Dr. Tana Aruna Likha and a dedicated team of medical professionals.

Second VKV visit by Cluster incharge Jaishankar and the principal of VKV Joram Ashok Singh



On July 15, 2023, the Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Gurukul of Mwa welcomed the 2nd visit from VKV (Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya). The visit was led by Cluster Incharge, Jaishankar, and the Principal of VKV Joram, Ashok Singh. The visiting delegates conducted a scrutiny while interacting with the students.



8. Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko celebrates the 74th Republic Day on 26th of January 2023

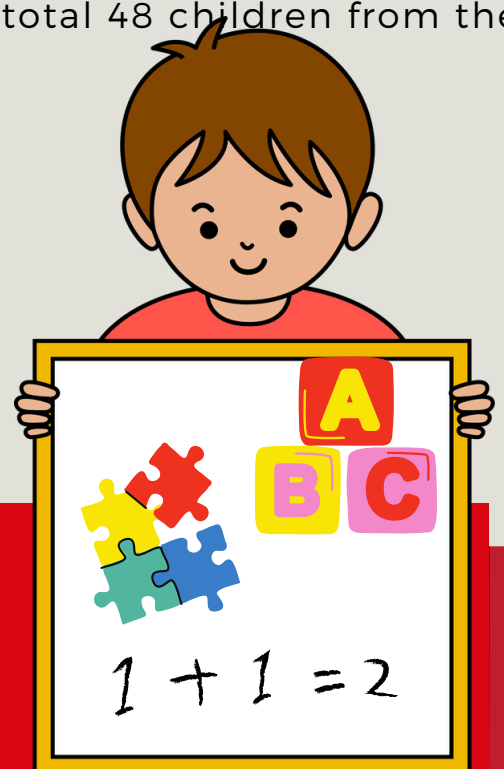


MENJWK MEQKOK RWGUU BASAR (GALO TRIBE) (VILLAGE KAADW, DAACW MOORW, BASAR, LEPA-RADA DISTRICT, ARUNACHAL PRADESH)



The establishment of the Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko indigenous school in Rang was a great success and it paved the way for further educational initiatives in the Lepa Rada district of Arunachal Pradesh. In 2022, the DPCCT extended its efforts to promote education by inaugurating the 3rd indigenous school catering specifically to the Galo community in the region.

This newly established school is located in Basar, Daacw Moorw, Kaadw of the Lepa Rada district of Arunachal Pradesh. The school will accommodate students from classes I to II, total 48 children from the Galo community.



**ACADEMIC
ADVANCEMENT:
ACHIEVING 25 NEW
STUDENT ENROLLMENTS**



With the replication and implementation of successful aspects from previous gurukuls, the school in Lepa Rada district will be equipped to offer a high-quality educational experience. It strives to empower the young Galo learners with knowledge, skills and a deep appreciation for their cultural roots, ensuring that they grow up to become well-rounded individuals who can contribute positively to their community and society at large.





CONTRIBUTIONS

1.

On March 22, 2023, the Black Beauty Aalo group brought a ray of hope to Mwnjik Mekqok Rgwu gurukul in Basar, Lepa Rada district, Arunachal Pradesh, as they compassionately adopted one of the school students and donated Rs. 50,000/- to support the well-being and development of the school's students.



2.

On March 31, 2023, Shri Biyuram Wahge, HMLA Cum State BJP President, donated Rs. 5 Lakhs towards the welfare of Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko in Rang. East Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh.



3.



Ninad Kunte, a former software engineer from Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, embarked on a journey of self-service in early 2019. After 13+ years of corporate work experience, he chose to volunteer in tribal villages, focusing on education. He started by helping a village school near Nagpur for almost two years and later volunteered at a Mishing tribal school in Majuli, Assam, for one and a half years. Currently, since December 2022, he continues his dedicated service as a volunteer in Nyubu Nyvgam Yerkon of Rang, Seppa, East Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh. In this indigenous school, Ninad provides computer training for students of class 3 and 4, teaches EVS to class 1 and 2, assists hostel staff and involves students in small projects to foster creativity and problem-solving skills.



MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

DCM inaugurates nyubu nyvgam yerko

February 15, 2023



MYWA, 14 Feb: Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein inaugurated the newly established nyubu nyvgam yerko – an indigenous tribal traditional and cultural school – in Mwya village in Lower Subansiri district on Tuesday, in the presence of Education Minister Taba Tedir, MLA Nyamar Karbak, and others.

“The school will play a major role in preservation and promotion of Arunachal Pradesh’ indigenous tribal cultures and traditions.

It is aimed at providing quality education to the tribal children in an environment that respects and promotes their culture, language and traditions,” said Mein while addressing the event.

Source: [The Arunachal Times](#)



Chowna Mein ✓
@ChownaMeinBJP

Happy to have inaugurated the newly established Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko, an Indigenous Tribal Tradition and Cultural School, at Mwya village, Lower Subansiri, along with the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Art & Culture and DIA, @ErTabaTedir ji, HMLA @nyamarkarbak ji and others.



Source: [Official Twitter Handle of HDCM Chowna Mein](#)



Source: [Shiva Tells](#)



Source: [Pai Dawe](#)



MEGA HEALTH CAMP WAS ORGANISED AT WESSANG, EAST KAMENG DIST...

Source: [Arunachal News 24X7](#)

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