



**DONYI POLO CULTURAL AND
CHARITABLE TRUST**

ANNUAL REPORT

2024- 2025





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CARRYING TRADITIONS,
CREATING TOMORROW.

THE ESSENCE *of our* TRUST

VISION

At DPCCT, we envision a society in Arunachal Pradesh where indigenous communities thrive—rooted in their culture while engaging with a changing world. We believe that when traditions are respected and passed on with care, they help shape a future that is more just, mindful, and sustainable—for the region and the planet alike.

MISSION

Our work is rooted in the life and wisdom of Arunachal Pradesh's indigenous communities. We run Gurukuls that integrate traditional knowledge with formal education, organise cultural festivals, document native languages, and raise awareness among both locals and external world. Our aim is not only to preserve these cultures but also to give them room to grow—shaping a future where heritage and modern life move together, enriching a more inclusive and culturally diverse India.

Er. Katung Wahge is the founder and chairman of the Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust. He established the Trust to support indigenous cultural preservation and community-based education in Arunachal Pradesh.

Chairman's Note



"It is with quiet pride and heartfelt gratitude that we share this annual report, capturing the Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust's journey between April 2024 and March 2025. What you will find in these pages is not just an account of activities, but a reflection of the spirit that binds everyone involved—elders and children, team members and volunteers, supporters and well-wishers. Every small step we took this year was made possible because many chose to walk together."

"Over the past months, the Trust remained active across areas of education, health, culture, and environment. With the support of RITES Limited, we organised health outreach efforts, including 10 Mega Health Camps in partnership with DB Healthcare and Homespital. Educational needs were strengthened through the support of local and even international donors, making a real difference in our gurukuls. A special experience was the two-day nature exposure trek for the students of Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Rang, helping them reconnect with their surroundings in a meaningful way. The year also brought a moment of collective joy, when the Trust was honoured by Arunachal Govt. with the prestigious Gold Medal on Independence Day 2024—a gesture that recognises the enduring efforts to safeguard the cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh. These and many other quiet but significant moments have shaped this year and continue to guide the path ahead.

We remain deeply thankful to everyone who stood with us in this journey."

GURUKULS

At DPCCT, education is seen as a vital force for meaningful transformation. In response to the growing gap in the transmission of traditional values among younger generations of indigenous communities in Arunachal Pradesh, the Trust established Gurukul-style residential schools to safeguard cultural heritage while integrating modern education. These Gurukuls serve as centres for both indigenous wisdom and contemporary learning, where culturally aware teachers guide students in native rituals, traditions, and sports. Simultaneously, collaboration with Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya (VKV) ensures the delivery of CBSE-based education through experienced staff. This balanced approach aims to nurture future-ready individuals who remain rooted in their culture and conscious of environmental concerns. As of the 2024–2025 academic session, four DPCCT Gurukuls together recorded an enrollment of 310 students.

**Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko – Rang,
East Kameng District
(Nyishi Community)**



**Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko – Mwya,
Keyi Panyor District
(Nyishi Community)**

**Menjwk Meqkok Rwgau –
Basar, Leparada District
(Galo Community)**



**Nilung Tungko Pabo
Siang District
(Adi Community)**

CURRICULUM

At our Gurukuls, education extends beyond academics to include co-curricular activities that nurture both the mind and body. Students actively participate in traditional games, craft-making, and hands-on cultural practices, fostering creativity, patience, and respect for indigenous knowledge. These activities not only preserve cultural heritage but also instill discipline, teamwork, and a sense of responsibility, helping students develop practical life skills alongside their academic growth. By engaging directly with materials and traditions, children gain a tangible connection to their roots, making learning a holistic and immersive experience.



Drama and performing arts are an integral part of the curriculum, giving students a platform to explore emotions, express themselves, and build confidence. Workshops encourage storytelling, improvisation, and collaboration, helping them communicate effectively while connecting with their culture. Through these initiatives, DPCCT's Gurukuls cultivate well-rounded individuals grounded in their heritage and equipped for the modern world.



Key Milestones

2024-2025

Presenting the significant moments that shaped DPCCT's journey over the year. We bring together highlights from our work in education, cultural preservation, health outreach, and community engagement, offering a glimpse into the progress made across different fronts. From meaningful collaborations and recognitions to important activities in our Gurukuls, these milestones reflect the steady steps taken towards strengthening indigenous communities and sustaining their cultural heritage.



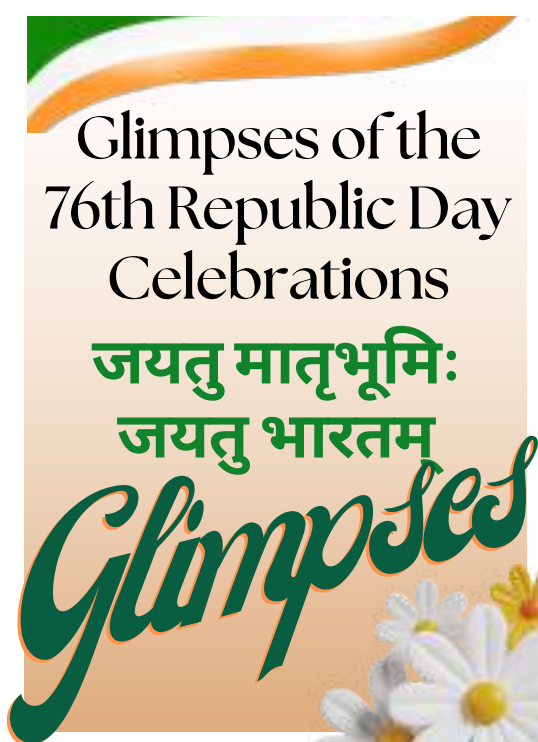
DPCCT Honoured with Gold Medal on Independence Day 2024



ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE AWARD
GOLD MEDAL
Lt. General Kalwalya Trankrami Pamiel
(Retd.) Governor of Arunachal Pradesh

In recognition of its commitment to preserving the indigenous culture of Arunachal Pradesh, DPCCT was honoured with the prestigious Gold Medal by Arunachal Govt., investitures on 21st February 2025 at Raj Bhawan, Itanagar. We thank our Gurukuls team members, donors and well-wishers for their unwavering support. May Ane Donyi continue to guide our efforts ahead.

"Guided by ancestral wisdom and community spirit, our efforts to protect and celebrate indigenous culture have only deepened with time."





EDEN

Gratitude to Our Esteemed Donors

DPCCT conveys its sincere gratitude to **Shri Ashok Modi** of **Bansidhar Badridass Modi Pvt. Ltd.** for his generous donation of laptops that has strengthened digital learning for our Gurukul students. We also extend heartfelt thanks to **Shri Harsha Vardhan Himatsingka** for his kind contribution of laptops, and to **Goseva Parivar** for providing essential kitchen items that have supported smooth and efficient meal preparation across our residential schools. Each of these contributions has reinforced our work and brought valuable encouragement to our efforts in creating a nurturing learning environment rooted in indigenous values.



HWLO YERLWK YERNAM (INITIATION INTO PRIESTHOOD) CEREMONY HELD

On 21st September 2024, DPCCT Gurukul Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko, Seppa, held the sacred Hwlo Yerlwk Yernam ceremony — initiating students into the path of priesthood under the guidance of experienced Nyubus. By learning about their ancient heritage, rituals, culture, these students would form a bond in the community to keep their culture alive and thriving amidst the homogenization rush. Dr. Nabam Tata honoured the occasion as special guest, joined by Byangne Hago Tallo, President of the East Kameng Indigenous Priest Society, alongside parents, guests, and the DPCCT team — celebrating a living tradition of the Nyishi heritage.



JUNGLE TREK BY GURUKUL STUDENTS

Nature has always been at the heart of Arunachal Pradesh's indigenous way of life, where harmony, respect, and coexistence guide the relationship with the land. To help the younger generation rediscover this timeless bond, DPCCT's Gurukuls are creating experiential learning opportunities that go beyond classroom teachings.

As part of this initiative, students of **Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko, Seppa (Rang)** undertook a two-day jungle trek through the dense forests of East Kameng district. Walking the same trails once used by their forefathers, the children immersed themselves in the natural surroundings—lush forests, streams, and diverse wildlife—gaining first-hand insight into the indigenous way of living in harmony with nature. Using forest produce like bamboo, leaves, wood, wild plants, kids prepared their own food, created pitchers and plates, and even built their own shelter. This experience was more than an outdoor activity; it was a meaningful step toward reconnecting with ancestral wisdom and reinforcing the traditions that continue to shape the community's identity.





Reliving the **TIMELESS BOND WITH NATURE**



A Glimpse into the Two-Day Nature-Living Experience of Class V Students of Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko, a Unique Indigenous Gurukul in Seppa (Arunachal Pradesh) in January, 2025



FREE MEGA HEALTH CAMP INITIATIVE 2024-25

The DPCCT Free Mega Health Camp Initiative 2024-25, supported by **RITES Ltd.** under its CSR program and conducted in collaboration with DB Healthcare and Diagnostic Centre and Homespital, successfully extended essential healthcare services to remote indigenous communities across Arunachal Pradesh. Beginning in October 2024 in East Kameng district and later covering villages in Keyi Panyor, Papum Pare, and Kra Daadi districts, the camps provided free consultations, diagnostic tests, and medicines, with special focus on the elderly and children vulnerable to seasonal illnesses. By the end of March 2025, the initiative had benefitted over 1,000 patients in 10 Mega Health Camps, helping bridge critical healthcare gaps in these far-flung areas.

**"Healthcare
Where It's Needed
Most - 1,000+
Beneficiaries"**



YEAR IN REVIEW



DPCCT Annual Orientation Camp 2024 Held in Collaboration with Vivekananda Kendra

The DPCCT Annual Orientation Camp 2024 was conducted from June 16 to 19 at the Vivekananda Kendra Centre for Human Excellence, Tigdo, Itanagar. A total of 41 teaching and non-teaching staff from all DPCCT gurukuls participated in the programme. The camp included sessions on institutional roles, conduct, and responsibilities, aimed at strengthening internal coordination and alignment with the Trust's values. Cultural performances based on traditional practices such as housewarming, marriage, and funeral customs were also presented as part of the camp activities. The event served to reinforce collective purpose and improve staff engagement across gurukul centres.

Government Health Camp Conducted at Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko, Seppa

On July 4, 2024, a one-day medical camp was conducted at Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko, Seppa (Rang) under the initiative of the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram and the National Health Mission, Arunachal Pradesh, led by the District Medical Officer, Seppa. Hosted at the gurukul premises, the camp provided students with routine health check-ups, including height and weight assessments, necessary referrals, and free distribution of medicines. The initiative focused on promoting preventive healthcare and early intervention among school-aged children.





Van Mahotsav 2024 Activities Conducted Across Gurukuls

From July 1 to 7, 2024, DPCCT gurukuls observed Van Mahotsav 2024 with a range of activities that encouraged students to engage meaningfully with the theme of environmental conservation. Through interactive discussions, they explored the role of trees and the broader importance of ecological balance in everyday life. Drawing competitions gave students an opportunity to express their understanding of environmental issues creatively. These activities served not only to raise awareness but also to strengthen the connection between young learners and the natural world.





Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Awareness Program Held at NNY Rang

An awareness programme on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was held at Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko(NNY), Seppa (Rang) on July 24, 2024, organised by the Department of Urban Development and Housing, Seppa Division, East Kameng District. Officials interacted with students to highlight the importance of cleanliness, hygiene, and responsible waste management. As part of the event, comic books themed around Swachh Bharat were released, helping convey key messages in an engaging and age-appropriate format.





Kargil Vijay Diwas Commemorated by Gurukul Students

DPCCT gurukuls marked Kargil Vijay Diwas on July 26, 2024 to honour the courage and sacrifice of the Indian armed forces during the Kargil War of 1999. Students paid tribute through a drawing competition and chanted patriotic slogans, reflecting on the significance of the day and expressing their respect for the nation's defenders. The observance aimed to instil a sense of gratitude and national pride among the young learners.





Independence Day Celebrations Across DPCCT Gurukuls

Gurukuls under Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust (DPCCT) observed India's 78th Independence Day with a blend of patriotic and cultural activities. Prabhat Pheris were followed by march-past participation, where Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Rang secured third place at Seppa. Cultural events included Galo and Adi folk dances and a patriotic song, reinforcing national pride and respect for indigenous heritage among the students across all campuses.





2nd Foundation Day Celebration – Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Mwya

Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Mwya celebrated its 2nd Foundation Day on 1st September 2024 with vibrant cultural festivities. The event was attended by representatives from DPCCT, VKV, SMC, faculty, and parents. Shri Ha Tatu, MD of Kenge Construction Company Ltd., was Chief Guest, and Shri Likha Maaj served as Guest of Honour. Students presented engaging performances, warmly received by the audience. Guest speeches offered encouragement and reinforced the importance of preserving cultural identity through education.





Teachers' Day Celebration Across DPCCT Gurukuls

Teachers' Day was celebrated with joy and heartfelt appreciation across all DPCCT Gurukuls on 5th September 2024. Students enthusiastically took part in activities like poem reading, speeches, songs, and short dramas—each a tribute to their beloved teachers. Simple yet meaningful felicitation ceremonies were held, where students and school committees expressed their gratitude. The day served as a reminder of the special role teachers play in shaping young minds with knowledge, values, and cultural understanding.





Gurukul Students Performed in Nyishi Language Convention at RGU

On 28th September 2024, students from Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Rang and Mwya performed in the Nyishi Language Convention organised by Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, at Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh. The event provided a platform for students to engage with structured discussions on Nyishi language and oral traditions. Their participation aligned with the Yerko model's focus on formal indigenous language education, offering exposure to broader academic and linguistic efforts aimed at documentation and preservation of Nyishi language.





Gandhi Jayanti Observed Across DPCCT Gurukuls

On 2nd October 2024, DPCCT Gurukuls observed Gandhi Jayanti with enthusiasm and respect, commemorating the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi. As part of the day's activities, students and faculty participated in a mass social service drive under the Swachhta Hi Seva campaign. The initiative aimed to instil values of cleanliness, collective responsibility, and public service among students, while reflecting on Bapu's principles of simplicity, non-violence, and community well-being.





National Unity Day Celebrated with Drawing Competition

On the occasion of National Unity Day on 31 October 2024, a drawing competition was organised at Nilung Tungko Pabo, Komsing, Siang district. The event marks the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, honouring his role in unifying the nation. Children from the Gurukul participated enthusiastically, expressing their creativity through drawings, while the celebration was further enlivened with patriotic songs and spirited slogans, creating an atmosphere of pride and unity.





Children's Day Observed at DPCCT Gurukuls

DPCCT Gurukuls observed Children's Day to mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on 14 November 2024. The programme included prayers and floral offerings, followed by sports activities such as races, frog jumps, sweet races, and other games. Drawing competitions were also held on the themes of a rose and a portrait of Jawaharlal Nehru. The activities aimed at engaging students in both physical and creative tasks as part of the day's schedule.





Traditional Dance and Drama Competition Showcasing Cultural Heritage

A Traditional Dance and Drama Competition was organised by Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari, Arunachal Prant on 17 January 2025 at the Tribal Culture Centre, Leparada district. The event featured performances reflecting the region's cultural heritage. Students of Menjwk Meqkok Rwggu, Basar opened the programme with an indigenous prayer, presented with precision and discipline, which was well received by the audience. The competition provided a structured platform for showcasing traditional art forms to a wider community.





Official Visit to Gurukuls and Upcoming Site at Daporijo

A DPCCT team, including Chairman Er. Katung Wahge and senior members, visited the four Gurukuls—Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Rang, Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko Mwa, Menjwk Meqkok Rwgau Basar, and Nilung Tungko Pabo—along with the upcoming Gurukul site at Daporijo on 28 February – 3 March 2025. The visit involved detailed infrastructure inspections and interactive sessions with GMCs, Principals, staff, and stakeholders to review progress, address challenges, and discuss immediate requirements for the development of the Gurukuls.



Trust Board Meetings

The Trust Board of DPCCT met at regular intervals during the year to review progress, discuss key administrative and financial matters, and guide the ongoing work of the Gurukuls in line with the Trust's vision.



Trust Board Meeting on Indigenous Education and Gurukul Support

On October 19, 2024, the inaugural meeting of the DPCCT Language Development Board was held at HIM International School, Jollang, Itanagar, with members representing the Adi, Nyishi, Galo, and Tagin communities. The meeting set key objectives and discussed integrating indigenous languages into Gurukul syllabuses to strengthen cultural learning and language preservation.



Trust Board Meeting on Gurukul Infrastructure Development

On November 9, 2024, DPCCT held a Trust Board Meeting at HIM International School, Jollang, Itanagar, with representatives from Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and School Management Committees. The meeting focused on addressing infrastructure needs in all four Gurukuls to improve residential and learning conditions and ensure a better environment for students.



DPCCT Trust Board Meeting Reviews Gurukul Preparedness

On March 5, 2025, DPCCT held a Trust Board Meeting at HIM International School, Jollang, Itanagar, with representatives from all four Gurukuls, the upcoming Tagin Gurukul, CBOs, and Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya. The meeting reviewed academic and infrastructure readiness, discussed fundraising and operational strategies, and presented State Gold Medal replicas to the Gurukuls.

Other Special Meetings

The Trust held several special meetings during the year to strengthen Gurukul management and academic planning, with valuable inputs from mentors, donors, and committee members supporting their continued growth.

Inaugural Meeting of the DPCCT Language Development Board

On July 14, 2024, DPCCT held a Trust Board Meeting at HIM International School, Jollang, to discuss strengthening indigenous education and continued support for the Gurukuls. The meeting, chaired by Er. Katung Wahge, was attended by Hon'ble MLA Shri Tapi Darang, DPCCT members, CBO representatives, and Gurukul committees who shared progress and future plans.



First Session of DPCCT Language Development Committee

On March 16, 2025, the first working session of the DPCCT Language Development Committee was held at HIM International School, Jollang, Itanagar. Members discussed developing indigenous syllabi for DPCCT Gurukuls, identifying resources for language preservation, and integrating traditional knowledge into classroom learning to strengthen cultural and linguistic understanding among students.



Mentor and Donor Meeting on Gurukul Development

On December 8, 2024, DPCCT held a meeting with its mentor and donor, Shri Ashok Modi, a long-time supporter of the Gurukul initiative. Representatives from established and upcoming Gurukuls and Trust Board members attended. The meeting addressed key challenges and included valuable suggestions on improving management, infrastructure, and overall functioning of the Gurukuls.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

2024-25 Account Details

Donyi Polo Cultural & Charitable Trust
HIM Guest House, Bank Tinali, Itanagar, Papum Pare
Arunachal Pradesh

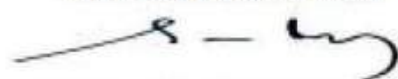
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH'2025

Particulars	Amount (Rs)		Amount (Rs)
To <u>Establishment & Operational Exp.</u>		By CSR Fund	47,55,500.00
" Bank Charges	1,246.45	" Donation Received	1,68,00,000.00
" Consultancy Charges	3,00,881.00	" Bank Interest	6,64,562.00
" Fuel Charges	1,31,202.00	" Grant-in-Aid Utilized	39,45,230.00
" Printing & Stationery	2,55,127.00		
" Renewal & Registration	67,519.00		
" Repairs & Maintenance	3,72,244.00		
" <u>Salary</u>			
Incurred 70,97,660.00			
Outstanding <u>6,53,271.00</u>	77,50,931.00		
" Transportation Charges	29,350.00		
" Travelling Charges	2,28,888.00		
" Building and Infrastructure	75,26,036.00		
" General Charges	7,28,117.00		
" Food Expenses	16,41,740.00		
" <u>Medical Camping Expenses</u>			
Incurred 37,50,028.16			
Outstanding <u>1,03,008.84</u>	38,53,037.00		
" Donation	1,00,000.00		
" Celebration Expenses	4,53,000.00		
" Audit Fees	45,000.00		
" Depreciation	6,24,685.00		
" Excess of Income over expenditure	20,56,288.55		
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Place: Papum Pare
Date: 07/11/2025
UDIN: 25066040BMJBCV7643



For Supratim Roychowdhury
Chartered Accountants



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Membership No. 066040

MEDIA

COVERAGE



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Arunachal Times Daily



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Voice Now



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Arunachal News 24x7



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The Forefront

Notable Contributions



On 4th August 2024, a Bolero Camper was donated by Er. Tana Nekam Tara, Chairman of Jungle Resort, Papum Pare Eco Agro Group, to Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko, Mwya for institutional use.

On 12th August 2024, Mrs. Yapu Lishi Wahge, wife of Shri Biyuram Wahge, Minister of H&FW and WRD, visited Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko, Rang, donating Rs.2.00 lakhs and snacks for children.



On 25th September 2024, a High Mast Tower was installed at Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko, Rang, through the active initiation of Shri Tallang Ealing, Hon'ble MLA of 10th East Seppa Constituency.

Notable Contributions



On 5th August 2024, Mr. Mohan Dolo and Mrs. Mone Rieng Dolo celebrated their son Lolam Dolo's birthday by donating seven juice cases, a bag of potatoes, and cake to Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko, Seppa.

On 9th August 2024, Miss Kenbi Bam, celebrated her appointment as PGT in Central School by donating a washing machine from her first salary to Menjwk Meqkok Rwgau, Basar.



On 8th October 2024, Shri Talo Panor, SMC Chairman of Nilung Tungko Pabo Gurukul donated a washing machine for the students, extending valuable support to the Gurukul's daily needs.

On 10th January 2025, Shri Tana Topu & Shri Taw Pukum, President and General Secretary of NEPMU, donated rice, moong dal, cooking oil, potatoes, and other items to Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko, Mwya.



On 18th January 2025, Goseva Parivar donated utensils, cookware, and storage containers to the Gurukuls, enhancing kitchen facilities and supporting daily meal preparation for the children.



Acknowledgements

We at DPCCT warmly thank everyone who has been part of our journey this year. Our work would not have been possible without the support of our staff, volunteers, partners, and generous donors.

We are especially grateful to the families and communities connected to our Gurukuls for their trust and encouragement, which inspire us every day.

Every act of support, big or small, helps us continue our efforts to preserve and share the rich indigenous traditions and culture of Arunachal Pradesh. For this, we are truly thankful.



Thank You



Our Credentials

BANK DETAILS

Account Name : Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust

Account Number : 14820110028940

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Branch : Bank Tinali, Itanagar

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MICR : 791028002

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