

2nd batch FTII Itanagar students sensitised on LGBTQ+ in orientation week

JOTE (ITANAGAR), Aug 26: As part of the Orientation Week for the second batch at FTII Itanagar, the Gender Awareness Committee organised a session on gender sensitisation with Sawang Wangchha, LGBTQ+ activist and founder of AP QueerStation, and Liyom of AP QueerStation.

Sawang Wangchha is the founder of AP QueerStation, an active LGBTQIA+ collective in Arunachal Pradesh. Along with Liyom, he facilitated a conversation that brought together questions of gender, sexuality, identity, lived experiences, and their representation in cinema.

The session began with a discussion on films and the representations students had encountered as audiences. Rather than approaching representation simply as a question of whether certain identities are visible on screen, the conversation explored how people are represented, the kinds of narratives through which they are understood, and the assumptions that often accompany such portrayals.

This led to a discussion on the LGBTQIA+ acronym and the diverse identities and experiences it encompasses. At the same time, the facilitators situated the conversation within the context of Arunachal Pradesh and its many communities, highlighting that



understandings of gender and identity do not emerge from a single cultural framework.

The discussion also touched upon identities and social spaces within the tribal communities of Arunachal Pradesh, including Mumbur, Mumbal, and others, opening up a broader conversation about how local histories, cultures, and social structures may offer their own ways of understanding identity.

For students beginning their journey at FTII Itanagar, this context was particularly relevant. Wangchha encouraged the students to travel, observe, and engage with different communities across Arunachal Pradesh. The emphasis was not on viewing communities merely as subjects waiting to be represented, but on the importance of spending time with people, listening to their experiences, and understanding the contexts from which stories emerge.

Liyom shared her lived experience as a trans woman, bringing a personal

and immediate dimension to the conversation. Her experiences opened up discussions around trans identities, the challenges faced by transgender people, and everyday realities that are often overlooked when these identities are discussed only in abstract terms. Students engaged with these questions through an interactive Q&A, creating space for curiosity, clarification, and dialogue.

The conversation also turned to cinema and the long-standing stereotypes associated with queer characters, particularly within the Hindi film industry. Over the years, LGBTQIA+ characters have often been portrayed through familiar tropes that reduce them to objects of ridicule, comic relief, tragedy, spectacle, or convenient narrative devices. The session encouraged students to critically examine these patterns and reflect on the responsibility they will carry as future filmmakers in shaping stories, characters, and visual representations.

Wangchha reminded the

film students that they have the creative power to tell authentic and diverse stories and to move beyond conventional representations. He emphasised that inclusive storytelling should not be limited to sexual and gender minorities, but should also create space for the lived experiences and stories of Indigenous communities of Arunachal Pradesh and other underrepresented communities across India.

The discussion highlighted the importance of authentic and inclusive representation in a culturally, socially, and linguistically diverse country like India. Students were encouraged to consider cinema not only as a medium of storytelling, but also as a means of bringing lesser-heard voices, histories, and experiences to wider audiences.

A central concern throughout the session was the importance of avoiding generalisations. Representation cannot be approached through assumptions, and no community can be understood

through a single experience or identity. Students were encouraged to research, engage with people and contexts, and remain conscious of the difference between genuinely representing a community and merely reproducing existing ideas about it.

The session was not intended to be a definitive lesson on gender or sexuality, but rather an introduction to a process of learning, questioning, and unlearning. For the incoming batch, it offered a starting point for this practice. As the students begin their education and eventually move into filmmaking, the hope is that these conversations will continue beyond the classroom - in the ways they travel, research, collaborate, listen, and choose to represent people and communities.

The session concluded with a reflection that responsible representation begins not with having all the answers, but with being willing to ask better questions and remain open to learning.

East Siang DC chairs DDR-cum-DLMC meeting, stresses inter-departmental coordination

PASIGHAT, Aug 26: East Siang Deputy Commissioner Sonalika Jiwani, chaired the monthly DDR-cum-District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) meeting at the DC's Conference Hall, Pasighat, today.

The meeting reviewed the District Development Report for July 2026, along with the progress and status of developmental works being implemented by various departments and executing agencies.

Emphasising the need for better coordination among departments, the Deputy Commissioner said the DDR-cum-DLMC platform should be effectively utilised to discuss inter-departmental issues and resolve bottlenecks affecting the execution of government infrastructure projects. She urged all HoDs to attend such meetings with proper grip of the progress and status of



works under their respective departments.

The DC also directed the concerned authorities to expedite the handing-over and taking-over process of administrative areas affected by the creation of Lower Siang district, so that administrative jurisdiction and responsibilities are clearly established.

She further directed all executing agencies to ensure timely coordination with the Power Department upon completion of government buildings and infrastructure for necessary electrification and commissioning.

The Deputy Commis-

sioner also instructed executing agencies to take appropriate action against contractors who consistently underperform or fail to complete assigned work within the stipulated time, including termination of contracts as per applicable rules and procedures.

The meeting concluded with discussions on other developmental and administrative matters, with the Deputy Commissioner calling upon all departments and agencies to work in close coordination and synergy for timely completion of projects and effective delivery of public services.

Blackout mock drill at Daporijo simulates air raid, bomb blast scenarios

DAPORIJO, Aug 26: A Civil Defence blackout mock drill was conducted by the Upper Subansiri district administration at Daporijo to strengthen disaster preparedness and emergency response mechanisms on Tuesday.

The district witnessed complete blackout from 8 pm to 8:15 pm.

The drill simulated air raid and bomb blast sce-

narios at two separate incident sites in Daporijo, involving evacuation, search and rescue, first aid, casualty management and emergency response.

The exercise also witnessed active participation from the public, who observed a blackout by switching off emergency and inverter lights, demonstrating community preparedness and coopera-

tion during an emergency situation.

Various line departments, police, Fire & Emergency Services, medical teams, Yuva aapda mitras, NCC cadets and other stakeholders participated in the drill, which helped assess preparedness, coordination and the roles and responsibilities of the Incident Response Team (IRT).

ABGPMA calls for ban on single-use plastics in Itanagar



By Our Reporter

ITANAGAR, Aug 26: The Arunachal Bio-Green Products Manufacturer Association (ABGPMA), a newly-formed organization on Wednesday, called for strict enforcement of ban order on single-use plastic carry bags in Itanagar in particular and the State as a whole.

Addressing a press conference at Arunachal Press Club (APC), Itanagar, ABGPMA Director Sharma Singh informed the media fraternity that the district administrations and the State government issues ban orders on single-use plastic bags from time to time in the interest of maintaining a clean environ-

ment. Even recently, the Itanagar Municipal Corporation (IMC) issued such an order. There is the need to strictly implement such orders banning single-use plastic bags in letter and spirit, said Singh.

“Our association highlights concerns related to plastic products, their use, and the impact of restric-

tions on local manufacturers,” Singh added.

The NGO asserted the need to stop circulation of single-use plastic bags which have a massive impact on the environment. Singh said the stocks of single-use plastic bags should be immediately disposed of.

Singh said they will start inspecting the selling of the single-use plastic bags in Itanagar and appealed to use other forms of bags, which have no impact on the environment.

The association urged the concerned authorities to look into the matter and take appropriate steps in the interest of both environmental protection and local manufacturers.

APMTWA holds its 1st central executive, district executive, block executive members’ meeting

By Our Reporter

BOMDILA, Aug 26: The Arunachal Pradesh Motor Transportation Welfare Association (APMTWA) organised its 1st central executive, district executive and block executive members at the Circuit House, Bomdila in West Kameng district on Tuesday.

The organisation launched its bye-laws and memorandum to work for future activities. The day-long function was witnessed by several trade union and transport welfare leaders of various districts and participated in the deliberation on the issues related to the transport workers of the State.

The 1st state level meeting and coordination meeting was organised to pursue the objective of strengthening the organisational structure of the association across the State and ensuring better



coordination among members at the central, district and block levels.

Dirang ZPM Lobsang Trapke attended the programme as the Chief Guest, while Bichom District Development Vigilance Forum Chairman Deru Zongliju was present as the Guest of Honour. West Kameng District Transport Officer (DTO) was present as the Special Guest.

APMTWA founder and State president Gena Sidisow spoke on the objective and agenda of the function.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, APMTWA president Gena Sidisow said the newly-formed executive bodies are expected to play an important role in strengthening the association's functioning. The organization will deal with the concerning the motor transport community and improve coordination among transport stakeholders across different levels.

He said the APMTWA will work for creating mass awareness among the transportation workers community, provide assistance, ambulance arrangement and medical admis-

sion support and legal aids to the affected workers and owners. It will educate drivers, helpers and staff on the mandatory enrolments on personal accidental insurance, health insurance and Employment Provident Fund (EPF) and legal administrative backings, he said.

Speaking to the media, State president Sidisow said, “We will not allow any check gate to collect fees from the vehicles. We will work against substance abuse & traffic safety, accident and medical support, social security awareness.”

The association will also work for welfare of the weaker section, fund generation and infrastructure development, disaster and emergency relief for farmers, he said.

Organising chairman Ranjy Sapon, general secretary Barun Khadaju among others also addressed the function.

1st Arunachal Scouts conducts first Agniveer recruitment rally at Pasighat



By Mingkeng Osik

PASIGHAT, Aug 26: The 1st Arunachal Scouts conducted its first Agniveer (General Duty) Recruitment Rally for the 2026-27 recruitment cycle at Pasighat Stadium, providing an important opportunity for young aspirants from Arunachal Pradesh to join the Indian Army.

The recruitment rally aims to encourage eligible youth to pursue a career in the armed forces and serve the nation with discipline, courage and dedication.

Under the Agniveer scheme, selected candidates are offered a monthly salary in the range of approximately Rs 21,000 to Rs 30,000, along with applicable allowances.

Agniveers are also entitled to a Seva Nidhi package of

around Rs 12 lakh upon completion of four years of service, subject to applicable rules. An insurance cover of up to Rs 48 lakh and risk and hardship allowances of approximately Rs 7,469 per month are also among the benefits.

After completing four years of service, up to 25 per cent of Agniveers, based on performance and organisational requirements, may be selected for permanent service in the Indian Army.

Transport Minister Ojing Tasing, who visited the recruitment rally at Pasighat Stadium after returning from the District Interaction Programme, interacted with the enthusiastic young aspirants.

Tasing commended the Indian Army for bringing the recruitment opportunity to

Arunachal Pradesh and said it would enable many young people in the state to aspire to a life of discipline, honour and service to the nation.

He appealed to the youth to remain physically fit, disciplined and prepared to make use of opportunities to serve the country.

The Minister also expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Pema Khandu for approving 20 per cent reservation for Agniveers in state uniformed services recruitment in forthcoming recruitment processes.

He said the decision would provide Agniveers with continued avenues of service after completing their tenure in the armed forces.

The recruitment rally marks an important step in expanding opportunities for Arunachal Pradesh's

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