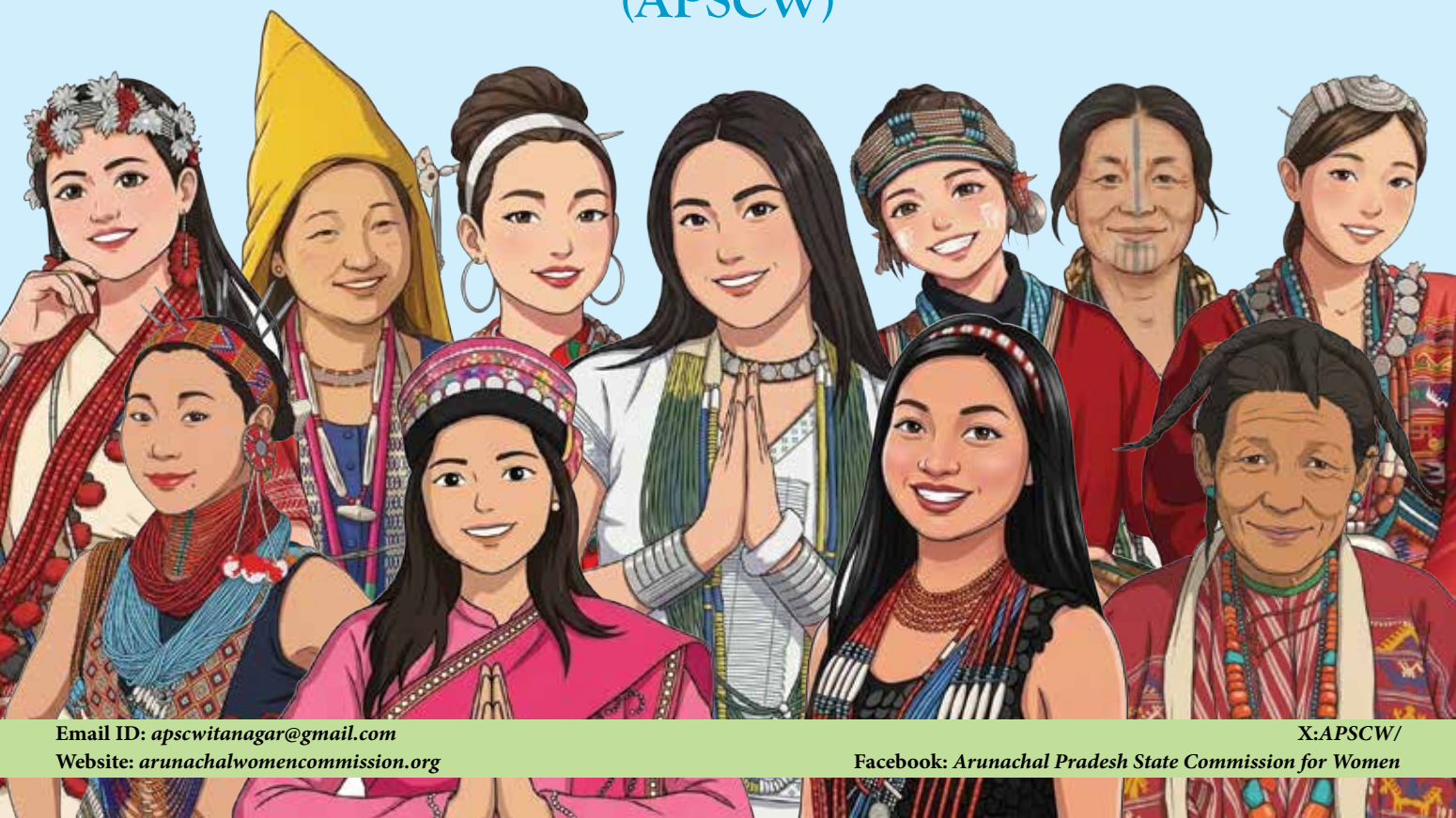




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Foreword

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Annual Report of the Women Commission for the years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026. This report reflects our continued commitment to safeguarding the rights, dignity, and empowerment of women across all sections of society.

Over the past year, the Commission has worked diligently to address issues affecting women, including gender-based violence, discrimination, and inequality. Through awareness programs, legal interventions, policy recommendations, and collaboration with various stakeholders, we have strived to create a more inclusive and just environment for women.

Significant efforts have been made to strengthen grievance redressal mechanisms, ensuring that women have access to timely support and justice. We have also focused on capacity-building initiatives, outreach activities in rural and urban areas, and advocacy for gender-sensitive policies.

While we acknowledge the progress made, we are equally aware of the challenges that remain. The journey towards gender equality requires sustained effort, collective responsibility, and a change in societal attitudes. The Commission remains steadfast in its mission to promote and protect the rights of women and to ensure their full participation in all spheres of life.

I take this opportunity to extend my thanks to Smti. Mimum Tayeng, IAS, Commissioner Women & Child Development and Smti. C Thangjang, Director, Women & Child Development Department for their advice/guidance and their team of officers and officials to guide us in need of the hour. I would like to acknowledge and extend my heartfelt gratitude to the government led by Shri. Pema Khandu, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh and present Hon'ble Minister (WCD), Smt. Dasanglu Pul and Advisor cum Hon'ble MLA Smti Tsering Lhamu in extending their help and continued support to the Commission.

Here, I would like to extend my special thanks and gratitude to Smti. Tsering Dolma (Vice Chairperson), Smti. Yakar Dawe (Member Secretary), Smti. Kipa Kaya Rughu (Member), Smti. Kotu Bui (Member), Smti. Techi Nikhi Yab (Member), and all the office staff for their tireless support and coordination.

YALEM TAGA BURANG
Chairperson
APSCW

Introduction

Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women is a statutory body constituted under provision of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women Act 2002 (APSCW) Act, (Sec 5) .

The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) was constituted by the State Government on 4th January 2005 vide Notification No. SWCD-99/2002 20(WC) dated 4th January 2005. Subsequently the first Commission started to function w.e.f 05/01/2005.

As per provisions under section 5 of the APSCW Act, 2002, the State Commission comprises of a Chairperson who is a person of eminence and has done outstanding work and knowledge in dealing with women's problem; and 5 members including VCP shall be a persons of integrity, intelligence and standing and, having adequate knowledge or experience or have shown ability in dealing problems relating to safeguarding and promoting the interests of women and protecting their rights.

The Chairperson and Members shall hold the office for a term of three years as per subsection (1) of Section 6 of the APSCW Act 2002.

The Act also provides for the State Government to appoint an officer as the Member Secretary of the State Commission by notification as per the provisions under sub-section (4) of Section 5 and section 12 of the Act.

The 7th Commission team of the APSCW was notified on 20th June 2025 Vide Govt. Order No DWCD-23011/1/2025 (232636) and accordingly the present team assumed office on 30th June 2025. After assuming office under the guidance of Member Secretary Smti. Yakar Dawe, the team in letter and spirit started the endeavour to work for the upliftment of the dignity of women folk as defined in the APSCW Act 2002 in true sense.

To carry forward the legacy of selfless service rendered by the previous Commission team, the Seventh Commission also started the journey to reach out women folk to create awareness on the better understanding of their constitutional rights, legal rights, various Govt Scheme and importance of women's health to lead a dignified life, the APSCW team has undertaken legal Awareness Programme in many district.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMISSION

The Government of Arunachal Pradesh, under the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women Act 2005 has constituted the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW). The Statutory Body commenced its office from 17th January 2005 to protect the interest of women and to guarantee their progress and development.

The first body of the commission

Sl No	Name	Designation
1	Smti Jarjum Ete	Chairperson
2	Smti Gumri Ringu	Member
3	Smti Jaya Joram	Member
4	Smti Lomte Riba	Member
5	Smti Dishu Mihu Mallo	Member Secretary
6	Smti Mamta Riba	Member Secretary

The Second body of the Commission

Sl No	Name	Designation
1	Smti Komoli Mossang	Chairperson
2	Smti Mepung Tadar	Vice Chairperson
3	Smti Kenyir Ringu	Member
4	Smti Tadar Yadir	Member
5	Smti Yater Nasi	Member
6	Smti Secha Rajkumar	Member
7	Smti Mamta Riba	Member Secretary

The Third Body of the Commission

Sl No	Name	Designation
1	Smti Gumri Ringu	Chairperson
2	Smti Radhila Chai	Vice Chairperson
3	Smti Dharmawati Mangmow	Member
4	Smti Binny Yanga	Member
5	Smti Yapi Kulo	Member
6	Smti Meyo Taku	Member
7	Smti Yabin Zirido	Member
8	Smti P.E Angu	Member secretary
9	Shri Horki Diyum	Member secretary
10	Smti Bengia Yakar	Member secretary
11	Smti Yame Higio	Member secretary

The Fourth Body of the Commission

Sl No	Name	Designation
1	Smti Mitali Thinkhatra	Chairperson
2	Smti Nabam Yabang	Member
3	Smti Hage Yassung	Member
4	Smti Oter Ering Tayeng	Member
5	Smti Duma Yekar	Member
6	Smti Yame Higio	Member Secretary

The Fifth Body of the Commission

Sl No	Name	Designation
1	Smti Radhilu Chai (Techi)	Chairperson
2	Smti Heyomai Towsik	Vice Chairperson
3	Smti Hoksum Ori	Member
4	Smti Techi Hunmai (Doyum)	Member
5	Smti Likha Joya	Member
6	Smti Yame Higio	Member Secretary
7	Smti Mabi Taipodia Jini	Member Secretary

The Sixth Body of the Commission

The Sixth body of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women was constituted Vide Order No. DWCD-23011/1/2021, Dated Itanagar, the 31st March 2022 and assumed its office on 12th April 2022.

Sl No	Name	Designation
1	Smti Kenjum Pakam	Chairperson
2	Smti Nabam Yahi Tad	Vice Chairperson
3	Smti Kago T. Yasung	Member
4	Smti Komna Moidam (Nani)	Member
5	Smti Ngurang Nama	Member
6	Smti Maya Pulu	Member
7	Smti Mabi Taipodia Jini	Member Secretary
8	Smti Sangeeta Yirang	Member Secretary

The Seventh Body of the Commission

The Seventh body of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for women was constituted Vide Order No.DWCD-23011/1/2025 (232636) ,Dated Itanagar ,the 20th June 2025 and assumed its office on 30th June 2025.

Sl No	Name	Designation
1	Smti Yalem Taga Burang	Chairperson
2	Smti Tsering Dolma	Vice Chairperson
3	Smti Kipa Kaya Rugu	Member
4	Smti Kotu Bui	Member
5	Smti Techhi Nikhi Yab	Member
6	Smti Yakar Dawe	Member Secretary

Staff Strength of the Commission

Following category of the staff provides administrative support and facilitates for smooth functioning of the office of the Commission.

Sl No	Name	Number
1	Legal Advisor (Contractual)	1
2	Head Assistant (Regular)	1
3	Personal Assistant (Contractual)	1
4	Lower Division Clerk (Contingent)	3
5	Peon (Regular)	1
6	Peon (Contingency)	6
7	Driver (Regular)	1
8	Driver (Contingency)	5
9	Night Chowkidar (Contingency)	1
10	Sweeper (Contingency)	1

MEMBER SECRETARY

Sl No	Name	From	To
1	Smti Dishi Mihu Mallo	05/01/2005	19/10/2006
2	Smti Mamta Riba	19/10/2006	04/04/2011
3	Smti P.E Angu	01/06/2011	13/02/2012
4	Shri Horki Diyum	13/02/2012	10/10/2013
5	Smti BengiaYakar	10/10/2013	03/03/2014
6	Smti Yame Higio	04/03/2014	02/03/2020
7	Smti Mabi Taipodia Jini	02/03/2020	17/10/2022
8	Smti Sangeeta Yirang	17/10/2022	16/04/2025
9	Smti Yakar Dawe	16/04/2025	Till date

ACTIVITIES: LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME:

MAIDEN ASSIGNMENT OF THE SIXTH BODY

1. The Sixth Body of Arunachal Pradesh state commission for Women (APSCW) team continue to started their journey for 2023-24 and attended many One-day legal awareness Programme, school visit programme and various social activities.

On 28th May 2023, Smti Nabam Yahi Tad, Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson, Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women had attended "One Day Awareness cum Training program on Reduce- Reuse-Recycle of the Plastic waste" as a Guest of Honour at Conference Hall Circuit House Daporijo. Resource persons namely Smti Tashi Wangmu and Choten Lhamu from Women welfare Association Tawang have shared the experience of Plastic waste uses to Daporijo Women branch for self-reliant. And earlier the program was graced by Hon'ble MLA Daporijo Constituency Shri Tania Soki as the Chief Guest.

2. On 25th May 23, Hon'ble APSCW members comprising of Smti Komna Moidam and Smti Ngurang Nama attended the Regional Level Seminar on "Women and Health-A Historic and Life Cycle Approach" organised by National Commission for Women (NCW) in collaboration with Assam State Commission for Women (ASCW) and Women and Child Development Department, Assam at Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati-22.



3. On 20th April 2023 One Day State Level Seminar on "Working of Mahila Thana (Working Efficiency and Effectiveness)" was organized by Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women at Banquet Hall, Itanagar, sponsored by National Commission for Women, New Delhi.



The seminar was graced by Mr. Tame Phassang, Hon'ble Mayor, IMC, Itanagar as the Chief Guest. Mayor stated that "Women are the harbinger of the family. If she is disturbed, family gets disbalanced. Therefore, her worth and existence are needed to be recognised and respected. He further mentioned that the safety of Women and the society is a collaborative task and a responsibility which can be achieved through coherence" Earlier, the Chairperson .Inspr. Satyajit

Roy spoke on "Function, Rules and Duties of Police in General" L/Inspr. Maloti Tayeng spoke on "How to File FIR (First Information Report) and Guidelines and Management of Women Police Station (Duties and responsibilities of Officer-in-charge). She also threw some light on cyber crime. Adv. Raknu Konya, Panel Lawyer, APSLSA spoke on the topic "Para Legal Voluntary Schemes and Working of Para Legal Volunteers in Police station" Adv. Nani Modi, Retainer Lawyer, APSLSA spoke on "Arrest of Women (Law, Legal Procedure and Rights)

4. On 21st April 2023, APSCW, Itanagar and APWWS in an urgent meeting expresses grave concern over the Arunachalee girl arrested during raid of prostitution racket in one of the spa centres in Bhilai, Chattisgarh. Both the Commission



request the concerned authority to investigate into the matter whether it is a case of trafficking or something more serious in the name to job placement conducted by various agencies. On 18th April, 2023, Vice Chairperson of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, Smt. Nabam Yahi Tad Graced the occasion on One Legal Awareness Programme at Baririjo, District Upper Subansiri, Arunachal Pradesh. Organized by Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society of Dumporijo Branch. Sponsored by Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women for the Programme.

5. On 18th March, 2023, Member of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Smti. Ngurang Nama, attended one day Legal Awareness Programme, as a Resource Person at Palin, District Kra-Daadi. Topic on: Early Marriage, Forced Marriage, Domestic Violence, Livelihood and Gender Equality, Organized by Kuj Dakrap Nyato Welfare Society Palin, in Collaboration with District Administration & Child development Project of ICDS, Kra-Daadi Palin, District. Sponsored by Arunachal Pradesh State commission for women (APSCW). Venue: Convention Hall, Near Nyokum General Ground, Palin. On One Day Legal Awareness Programme, Member of APSCW, Smti. Ngurang Nama, took a session on topic: Important of Court Marriage and its Procedures and The Roles of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women.

6. Come one and all to make Programme Successful one. Invite one and all to participate in the state Level Seminar. One Day State Level Seminar on "Rights of Differently abled Women" Organized by Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW). Sponsored by



National Commission for Women (NCW) New Delhi, on 10th March, 2023. Honourable Shri Alo Libang Sir (Minister of Health and Family Welfare, CD and Social Justice Empowerment and Tribal Affairs) has Graced the occasion as a Chief Guest. More than



500 Participants attended the Programme, Students from Hearing impaired- Donyi Polo school, took active participations. Also from different colleges, NGO, APWWS, staffs from different departments and other Organisation attended the Seminar. During Technical session:

1. Ms Yatu Bui, Rehabilitation officer, SJETA, gave speech on Rights of PWD Act 2016.
2. Dr. Mind (SNO) Person with Disability Branch gave speech on Disability and Health (Healthy living and well being).
3. Advocate Nani Modi, APSLSA, Gave speech on, Provision of Legal Services/ Aid to Differently abled Women.
4. Ms. Maya Pulu, Member of APSCW, presented a paper on Mental and Psychological stress faced by Differently Abled Women.
5. Ms. Yatu Bui, Rehabilitation officer, SJETA gave speech on Government Programme and Welfare schemes for Differently abled Women.

Venue: Pare Hall, DK Convention Hall. IG Park Itanagar.

7. On 18th January' 2024, Smti. Komna Moidam Member APSCW attended and participated actively in the Regional Level Conference with Women & Child Development Departments



and States Commissions For Women of North East Region Organized by #National Commission For Women in collaboration with #Assam State Commission For Women at Assam Administrative Staff College Khanapara Guwahati.

8. On 13th January' 2024, One Day Legal Awareness Programme was organised by Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society (APWWS) at Liromoba, West Siang District Arunachal Pradesh.

Smti. Kenjum Pakam, Chairperson APSCW and Chief Guest of the program spoke on overall Women issues. She spoke on compulsory registration of Marriage and get the certificate.

She spoke on compulsory education of girl child and emphasis on intervention of women group in dealing with the women practicing gambling and other unlawful activities that creates tension in the family and society at large. She further stated that if anybody finds any helpless destitute girl / women or mentally retarded women in any corner of the state one can refer it to MOTHER'S HOME Ziro. Learned Resource Persons spoke on various topics:

Adv. Dege Kamki CDPO (ICDS) Aalo spoke on "POCSO ACT".

Adv. Tapang Tabin spoke on "Women's rights (Domestic Violence and Polygamy)

Dr. Lukka Jelem spoke on "Drugs & Substances Abuse".

Smti Hoksum Ori former Member APSCW and Advisor APWWS spoke on "Socio-economic empowerment of women".

9. On 21st April 2023, One Day Legal Awareness Programme was organised by Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society (APWWS) in collaboration with District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) Women & Child Development Department (WCD) and District Administration Upper Siang District, sponsored by Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) at Ponging Village.



10. On 20th April 2023, One Day Legal Awareness Programme was organised by Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society (APWWS) in collaboration with District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) Women & Child Development Department (WCD) and District Administration Upper Siang District, sponsored by Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) at Katan Village.



Smti. Kenjum Pakam, Chairperson APSCW and Chief Guest of the program spoke on overall Women issues. She spoke on compulsory registration of Marriage and get the certificate.

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Learned Resource Persons spoke on various topics:

Shri Mongol Koyu, OC PS, Yingkiong spoke on "POCSO ACT".

Smti. Tupi Bagra, CDPO Tuting spoke on "Schemes for the Welfare of Girl Child & Women "

Adv. Tapang Tabing spoke on "Women's rights (Domestic Violence and Polygamy)

Shri Kaling Kingkong DDAC Yingkiong spoke on "Drugs & Substances Abuse".

Nikmem Padun CDPO spoke on "Socio-economic-economic empowerment of women"

Smti. Kasimang Jopir Vice President APWWS delivered the Keynote Address.

Vote of thanks was delivered by Otung Taying and earlier Mingkang Taku, HJB delivered welcome address.

11. On 19th April 2023, One Day Legal Awareness Programme was organised by Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society (APWWS) in collaboration with District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) Women & Child Development Department (WCD) and District Administration Upper Siang District, sponsored by Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) at Sibuk Village.



Smti. Kenjum Pakam, Chairperson APSCW and Chief Guest of the program spoke on overall Women issues. She spoke on compulsory registration of Marriage and get the certificate. She spoke on compulsory education of girlchild and emphasis on intervention of women group in dealing with the women practicing gambling and other unlawful activities that creates tension in the family and society at large. She further stated that if anybody finds any helpless destitute girl /women or mentally restarted women in any corner of the state one can refer it to MOTHER'S HOME Ziro.

Smti. Radhilu Chai Tech, Former Chairperson APSCW spoke on Socio-economic empowerment of women".

Learned Resource Persons spoke on various topics:

Shri Mongol Koyu, OC PS, Yingkiong spoke on "POCSO ACT".

Smti. Tupi Bagra, CDPO Tuting spoke on "Schemes for the Welfare of Girl Child & Women "

Ms. Damiani Tali, Psychological Assistant, DDAC, Yingkiong spoke on "Drugs & Substances Abuse".

Smti Kasimang Jopir Vice President APWWS delivered the Keynote Address.

Vote of thanks was delivered by Yatok Tabo.

12. On 18th April 2023, One Day Legal Awareness Programme was organised by Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society (APWWS) in collaboration with District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) Women & Child Development Department (WCD) and District Administration Upper Siang District, sponsored by Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Itanagar at Likor Village.

Smti Kenjum Pakam, Chairperson APSCW and Chief Guest of the program spoke on overall Women issues. She spoke on compulsory registration of Marriage and get the certificate. She spoke on compulsory education of girlchild and emphasis on intervention of women group in dealing with the women practicing gambling and other unlawful activities that creates tension in the family and society at large. She further stated that if anybody finds any helpless destitute girl /women or mentally restarted women in any corner of the state one can refer it to MOTHER'S HOME Ziro.

Smti Komna Moidam Member APSCW spoke on the Power and Function of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW).

Learned Resource Persons spoke on various topics:

Shri Mongol Koyu, OC PS, Yingkiong spoke on "POCSO ACT".

Smti Tupi Bagra, CDPO Tuting spoke on "Schemes for the Welfare of Girl Child & Women "

Smti. Damiani Tali, Psychological Assistant, DDAC, Yingkiong spoke on "Drugs & Substances Abuse".

Smti. Kasimang Jopir Vice President APWWS delivered the Keynote Address.

13. On 9th December' 2023, One day legal awareness program was conducted by FRIENDS FOR LIFE (NGO) sponsored by APSCW. Smti Nabam Yahia Tad, Vice Chairperson APSCW graced the program.

Recourse Person Smti Takhe Rinio, Tax & Excise Dept. spoke on "Psychological empowerment of women "

Former Chairperson Smti Radhilu Chai Tech and Smti Nabam Yazar, ZPM Mengio was also present in the programme.

14. The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Itanagar Vice Chairperson Adv. Nabam Yahia Tad and Adv. Member Ngurang Nama attended the One Day Legal



Awareness Programme “Know your rights and fight your rights” organized by Kuj Leporiang Den Ajin PLF under ArSRLM and collaborated with APSCW, Itanagar at Leporiang on 27/02/2024.

The Resource Person, CDPO, Sagalee spoke on the provision

of government schemes and facilities especially for women and girl child. Another Resource Person Adv. Nabam Tatum Hina, elaborated on legal rights of women's. Whereas, Vice Chairperson Adv. Nabam Yahia Tad briefed the participants regarding self-reliant and encouraged local production, prevention of



drug abuse, important of education of girls and society as a whole, preservation of tradition and customs and also importance of 125 CRPC Maintenance. Member Adv Ngurang Nama briefed regarding the function of Women Commission and the importance of Marriage Registration.

15. On 8th March 2024, Smti Komna Moidam, Member, APSCW attended as a Special Guest during the Celebration of International Women's Day function at hotel Obsidian Blue, Chandannagar, Itanagar organised by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited. Government of Indian Enterprise.

While addressing the event, she stated that gender equality is a human right but our world faces a persistent gap in access to opportunities and decision-making power for women and men.

Women empowerment and gender equality is like a two side of the coin. It is interdependent. Women Empowerment can alone be achieved through gender equality.

Women empowerment includes increasing a women's sense of self-worth, her decision-making power, her access to



opportunities and resources, her power and control over her own life inside and outside the home, and her ability to effect change.

16. On 26th November' 2023, APSCW Team comprising Smti Nabam Yahi Tad Vice Chairperson APSCW & Ngurang Nama Member APSCW attended the Constitution Day 2023 in Celebration of passing of Women Reservation Bill, 2023. (Nari Shakti Vandhan Adhinoyam) to mark the Pink Constitution Day at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly.



17. On 24th November' 2023, APSCW Team attended the Workshop on "Enabling Women Led Development Reaching the Last Mile" organised by WOMEN ENTREPRENEURIAL PLATFORM NITI AAYOG in partnership with Govt. Of Arunachal Pradesh. at DK Convention Centre Itanagar AP.



18. One Day Legal Awareness was organised by Tayeng Welfare Society Women Wing, Pasighat East Siang in collaboration with District Administration Pasighat, East Siang District sponsored by Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) Itanagar at Govt. Hr. Sec. School Mebo on 27/10/2023.

Smti. Kenjum Pakam, Chairperson APSCW and Chief Guest of the programme delivered the keynote address touching various social issues. She said that "such dissemination of the various rights and provisions for protection of women and children at the grassroots level will truly empower them by creating an enabling and supportive environment for them to seek redressal and support system." She added that "the APSCW is committed to such outreach efforts by stakeholders."

Smti. Joya Tasung Moyong, General Secretary WASE, E.Siang, Smti. Yamik Dulong, President WASE, East Siang District & Smti. Onam Darang Pertin, President ABAK spoke on the occasion as a Special Guests.

Dr. Kaling Jerang, Senior Pathologist, Bakin Pertin Hospital & President Sena Bharti (A.P.) spoke elaborately on "Drugs & Substances Abuse"



Adv. Nyame Dabi spoke on "Legal matters, Domestic Violence Act, Marriage Violence Act., Marriage Registration and Narcotic Act".

Smti. Sangeeta Yirang, Member Secretary APSCW highlighted the roles, responsibilities and functions of the APSCW “in empowering and uplifting the status of the women of the state.”

19. On 29th September 2023, the new office building of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women was inaugurated in Papu Hill, Naharlagun. The programme was graced by the Chief Guest, Shri Alo Libang, HM of Health and Family Welfare, WCD and SJETA along with Shri Techi Kaso, HMLA 13-Itanagar and Smti. Dasanglu Pul, HMLA 45 Hayuliang cum Advisor to Minister, WCD Deptt. in presence of Officers of WCD and APSCW.

Shri Alo Libang, Hon'ble Chief Guest of the program applause the 5th Commission with whose efforts and sheer hard work has made the dream come true. He said, owning an office of own in itself is a success and will enhance the performance of the APSCW team towards



women's rights and developmen Smti Jarjum Ete, the pioneer of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women elaborately spoke on women's empowerment and mention on urgent need to work in cohesion with the Stakeholders of the society to eradicate the unnecessary social evils. She further suggested the present Commission to also sensitise the public on women's health issues and Gender equality.

Shri Techi Kaso, Hon'ble Guest of Honor and Smti Dasanglu Pul, Hon'ble Special Guest of the program also spoke and appreciated the work of the Commission.

In this auspicious occasion Commission has successfully released a Book Report on "Survey Research Work on Gender Audit of Government Schools of Papum Pare District of Arunachal Pradesh"

The former Members & Legal Advisors of APSCW were also invited and felicitated for their contributions.

20. On 19th September' 2023 a virtual meeting was conducted by NCW, Delhi to discuss on the way forward to involve the women fraternity in the field of herbal medicinal plants.

Ms. Komna Moidam, Member, APSCW attended and participated in virtual meet.

1. After threadbare discussion it was decided that a Regional Workshop will be conducted in Shillong on appropriate date to be fixed by NCW.
2. All State Commissions will attend the workshop.



3. Stakeholders from Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram and Manipur also to attend the workshop.
4. Stakeholders like farmers, traders, healers and etc. involved in medicine from Arunachal Pradesh may be a part of it.
5. Preliminary meeting is needed to be conducted in respective States to create a road map on how to go about in involvement of Women Stakeholders in the initiative taken up by NCW on Medicinal plants.

21. On 27th July, 2023, Member of APSCW, Smti. Ngurang Nama and Member secretary of APSCW, Smti. Sangeeta Yirang attended One Day Regional Level Seminar on Safety for Domestic Employees and others at Mizoram. Organized by National Commission for Women (NCW).

In Collaboration with Mizoram State Commission for Women (MSCW) and Women & Child Development, Mizoram, at Aizawl.



22. On 3rd June 2023, The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, has organised one day state level awareness cum training programme on Reduce, Reuse and Recycle (RRR) on plastic waste management at Banquet Hall, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

Smti. Kenjum Pakam, Chairperson, APSCW, has delivered welcome speech along with keynote address to the gatherings. And she strongly called for environmentally sound management of plastics and appealed to adopt the RRR for cleanliness without compromising and proposed IMC to set up a recycling plant in Itanagar as early as possible.

Shri Mama Natung Hon'ble minister, Environment and Forest has graced the programme as Chief Guest, said that development should not be at the cost of harming and expressing concern that plastics are everywhere and it should be taken care soon and while concluding his speech, he appreciated the APSCW for organising such type of programmes and he requested to organise more programmes in all districts of our state and assured to help from his end.



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Shri Gora Tallang, IMC Corporator ward no.3 as Guest of Honour, said the IMC is working to ensure that the management plants at Chimpu and Karsingsa are functional soon and appealed the people to cooperate with them to keep the city clean and safe.

In the technical sessions, Smti Tashi Wangmu and Smti Chotten Lhamu spoke on reduce, reuse and recycle of plastics and on practical experience on plastics waste management respectively and Shri Rajeev Kimsing spoke on adverse effect of plastics waste on human and animal life.

Smti Tadar Yadir, former member of APSCW, Smti Aniya Ratan, chairperson Oju Welfare Association, president APWWS with her team, Smti Choten Lhamu, Smti Tashi Wangmu and Shri Rajeev Kimsing as resource persons, NGOs, political Karyakatas, social workers, vendors and students from various colleges and universities witnessed the programme.

23. On 19th May 2023, The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission Women (APSCW), Itanagar has organized a one-day state level seminar on women's health at Zomthang Hall, Tawang. The programme was sponsored by National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi.



The Chairperson APSCW, Smti. Kenjum Pakam highlighted the objective of the programme and complemented the people of Tawang for being a peaceful District. She stated that from many decades Tawang is not yet registered any Domestic Violence and various women torture Cases so far. Taking the opportunity, she also emphasized the Women of Tawang to take the benefit of the seminar and make one self be aware of health-related issues. During the programme, the Chairperson felicitated the Trainees of Skill Development on cake baking with certificate. As resource person Dr. Tenzing Kungma highlighted and stressed on various women health issues faced by women such as cervical cancer, breast cancer and Maternal Health Issues. Resource person Dr. Tashi Sangmo briefed on the mental depression and anxiety.

The programme was attended by DC Tawang Shri Kesang Ngurup Damo as Chief Guest and ZPC Shri Leki Gombu as special guest. The programme was participated by all the HoD's of Tawang District, various NGOs, stock holders, students, GBs and especially the Women Welfare Association (WWA) of Tawang.

24. On 5th May 2023, the Members of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women headed by Smti. Kenjum Pakam Chairperson felicitated Ms. Asha Malviya, the Brave Single Cyclist and the National Sportsman & Mountaineer (a Book of Record Holder) at Cygnet Hotel, Itanagar.

Her whole journey was quite encouraging and learning for the women folks who are living life with the believe that woman alone can't step out in the widely man's world. Breaking this shackle Ms. Asha Malviya has started her journey from Madhya Pradesh way back in 1st Nov.2022 and has already covered sixteen States. She planned to cover 28 States and informed

us that in her journey She met and interacted with 13 Governors, 9 Chief Ministers, 8 DGPs, 210 IAS officers, 210 IPS officers, 20,000 other officers and nearly 160 programs done with school children and NGOs.

25. On 23rd April 2023 Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women attended the Inaugural Ceremony of Pro Bono Club & Mega Legal Service Camp & Sewa Apke Dwaar at Jarbom Gamlin Govt. Law College, Jote, Arunachal Pradesh.



Inaugural was done by Shri Kiren Rijiju, Honourable Union Minister of Law and Justice, Govt of India in the August presence of Mr Justice Suman Shyam, Hon'ble Judge & Chairman, Guwahati High Court Legal Service Commission. Mr. Justice Nani Tagia, Hon'ble Judge Guwahati High Court & Executive Chairman Arunachal Pradesh SLISA. Mr. Justice A.D. Chaudhary Hon'ble Judge Guwahati High Court, Shri Kento Jini, Hon'ble MLA & Advisor to the Ministry of Law & Justice, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh.

26. On 27th April 2023, Smti Kenjum Pakam Hon'ble Chairperson APSCW attended the National Seminar on 'Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness' program organised by National Commission for Women in collaboration with Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir and J&K Police at Kashmir International Convention Centre, Srinagar.

Shri Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of J&K consented as a Chief Guest of the program.

Shri Justice N.Kotiswar Singh Hon'ble Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has grace the Seminar as Guest of Honour.

Dignitaries like IGs, AIGs, DIGs and Eminent personalities like Ms. Sunita Kar, Survival leader and General Secretary ILFAT, Ms Hasina Kharbhib ,Founder Impuls NGO, Meghalaya and Ms. Neha Sharma Documentary Film Maker spoke on various topics related to Anti-Human Trafficking.



27. On 22nd April 2023, Smti. Komna Moidam Hon'ble Member, Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women attended C-20 Consultative Conference" which was organized by Vivekananda Kendra Institute of Culture Arunachal Pradesh Chapter (VKIC-APC) at Banquet Hall, Itanagar.

28. On 26th October 2024, One Day Awareness Programme "Understanding Domestic Violence in Arunachal Pradesh" (Legal Provision and Government Initiatives) was conducted by Opu Aama Society at Potin Village, Yazali circle, District Lower Subansiri Arunachal Pradesh, in Collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh State commission for women.



Sponsored by Arunachal Pradesh State commission for women.

Smti. Kenjum Pakam, Chairperson of APSCW Graced the occasion as a chief Guest and delivered her speech on Empowerment and on Role and Functions of APSCW.

Smt. Advocate Tame Achum as a Resource Person spoke on Topic " Domestic Violence" Govt. Initiatives and Govt. Bodies working for Women in Domestic Violence in Arunachal Pradesh.

Special Guest Dr. Maya Pulu, Member of APSCW, delivered her speech on topic "Psychological and Emotional aspects of Domestic Violence in Arunachal Pradesh

29. One day skill development program was organised at Bandu Dere, Yingkiong.

It was sponsored by Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women and in collaboration with "NGO" Sikiing Koje Charitable society Yingkiong.

The Programme started with wonderful well come speech by Dr. Mity Apang, Chairperson of SKCS.

She also briefed the aims and objectives of the programme.

Smti. Kenjum Pakam, chairperson APSCW graced the programme as chief guest and

Shri Ojing Talom, CDPO as Guest of Honour.

Smti. Ngurang Nama, member APSCW as special guest.

We, The APSCW team hope that the today's skill development programme would be very helpful in the future development of all the participants.



30. On 20th September' 2024, Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) has conducted One day Skill development programme to ensure the POSHAN MAH ABHIYAN at Chug Village in collaboration with Franglaye Self Help Group (SHG) and Administration, West Kameng District, Dirang.

The programme started with welcome speech by Dorji Chhojom, Head of Franglaye



SHG which was followed by an inspection of the products made during the one-day training programme. Smti Dechen Paldin, President Namdrolling PLF, Sanction Village has provided the training to the participants on Bread Making and Cookies baking.

Smti. Kenjum Pakam Chairperson APSCW as Chief Guest of the program encouraged the participants to work hard persistently. She suggested them not to limit their work/ product making at their home but they should try to commercialized it and earn some revenue. She further cited an example of Litat papad how these community women had successfully come up with the product and now earning in millions.

31. On 7th August 2024, Smti. Komna Moidam, Member APSCW participated as a Resource Person and spoke on "Understanding Relevant Laws, Policies and Rights of Women in Community Participation " in two days State Level Workshop on Bal-Balika Sabha and Mahila Sabha for elected Panchayat Raj Members and Official Functionaries at SIRD & PR Conference Hall, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.
32. On 30th and 31st day of July 2024, Ms Nabam Yahli Tad, Vice chairperson and Ms Ngurang Nama, Member APSCW are attending National consultation on "Building Resilient Communities:

Women and sustainable ecosystems” organised by National Commission for Women in collaboration with MoEFCC, MoRD-NRLM, NDMA & UN Women at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

33. On 2nd December 2024, Vice-Chairperson of Arunachal Pradesh State commission for women - Smti. Nabam Yahi Tad attended National Seminar as a Guest of honour at Rajiv Gandhi University.

Seminar theme was on topic " Tribal Women in Unorganized Sector of Arunachal Pradesh"

Sponsored by National Commission for Women. Organized by Arunachal Institute of Tribal studies, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh.



During the Programme schedule Vice-Chairperson Smti. Nabam Yahi Tad delivered her speech on topic: "Challenges to Economic Empowerment of Tribal women in Arunachal Pradesh"

34. On 5th December 2024, APSCW Team comprising Smti. Kenjum Pakam Chairperson APSCW and Smti. Komna Moidam Member APSCW attended and participated in the Interactive Meeting organised by National Commission for Women with State Women Commissions at NCW office New Delhi.

The event featured a lamp-lighting ceremony and floral tributes to iconic women who shaped the nation.



Discussions on Day 1 focused on strengthening cooperation between NCW and State Commissions, addressing grassroots challenges, and advancing women's welfare through joint action and improved policies.

Discussion on Day 2 focused on the Local challenges and Needs, Action Points, Priority and Way Forward. Which was followed by a brief lecture on Digital Literacy.

35. On 10th December 2024, Dr. Maya Pulu Member of APSCW, attended as a Resource Person on international Human Rights Day (Theme on: Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now) at Himalayan University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

Organized by Department of Political Science, Bob Khathing school of Social Science, Himalayan University, Itanagar.

During the Programme Schedule Dr. Maya Pulu delivered her Speech on Gender Equality and Gender Inequality



36. On 22nd January' 2025, Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) during their visit at Changlang visited Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Maganton under Raja Nagar and interacted with the young girls. Smti. Kenjum Pakam, Chairperson, APSCW while interacting with the young girls explained the power and functions of the Women Commission. She briefed about the one stop centres and women helpline in the districts. She also shared the marriageable age of both girls and boys to be 21 years old. Until then every student has to be vigilant and focus on their studies to become success in life.



The team also visited Sudhar Ghar, De-addiction Centre at Bordumsa. The centre is consisted of a doctor, counsellor, three nurses and staff. Both the school and centre are under the supervision of RK Mossang Memorial Society.

The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) reached Changlang District on 20th Jan 2025 and visited RK Mossang Memorial Society Jairampur run by Former Chairperson Smti. Komoli Mossang.

The team visited the main officer of RK Mossang Memorial Society which is consist of different departments of the society like library, clinic, different offices under the society.

The former Chairperson Mossang highlighted the work and activities of her society which includes Special adoption agency, skill activities and elementary residential housing for 100 girls student's.

The APSCW team also visited CCI child care institution jairampur during their tour to Jai Rampur.

37. The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Itanagar attended a one-day Skilled Development Training on "Soap Making" organized by H.O.P.E. Foundation, Deomali at H.O.P.E. Foundation Conference Hall, Deomali, Tirap District on 19th January 2025.



The resource person was Rima Devi from Marigaon, Assam on 19th Jan 2025.

The valedictory function was on 20th January 2025 were Smti. Kenjum Pakam, Chairperson APSCW as a Chief Guest encouraged the participants to take advantage of such training and use it instead of staying ideally. One can learn and teach other family members to start from small business.

As a Guest of Honour Badonlum Tawsik, ADC Deomali suggested the participants not to lose hope while trying something new, as business takes time. While appreciating the APSCW and H.O.P.E. Foundation for organising such programme, he encouraged the participants to participate in such skilled development programmes in the future.

38. On 20th December 2024, One Day State Level Seminar on Theme " Empowering Women Combating, Substance Abuse in North East India" Organized by Arunachal Pradesh State commission for women at Sagalee ,Sponsored by National Commission for Women, (NCW) New Delhi.



Smt. Higio Yami (ADC Sagalee) cum (Former Member secretary of APSCW for six years) Graced the occasion as a Chief Guest and Shri Techu Sarbang ZPM of Sagalee attended the Programme as a Guest of Honour.

In addition, during Technical Session, Dr. Maya Pulu, Member of APSCW, as a Resource Person- She spoke on Topic " Substance Abuse and its impact on Health, Family and Society.

Dr. Techu Jama Medical Officer (Ayush) as a Resource she spoke on Topic " Mental Health and its impact on carrier, Family and Society".

Dr. Subham Singh from TRIHMS as a Resource Person spoke on Topic " life Skill and Drug Addiction" and Vice-Chairperson Smt. Nabam Yahi Tad spoke on Topic - Substance Abuse and its impact on State as a Whole. Vote of Thanks Given by Kudra Murtem, staffs of APSCW.

39. On 13th December 2024, Honourable Dr. Mohesh Chai (MLA, 44 - Tezu Assembly constituency cum Advisor to HM & FW commerce and Industry) Graced the occasion of 2 days free screening camp for Detection of congenital heart disease at RK.Mission conference Hall, Itanagar. Organized by Oniya Hope Foundation in Collaboration with Arunachal life's Saving Foundation & Arunachal Pradesh State commission for women, sponsored by Arunachal Pradesh State commission for women.



During inaugural Programme Honourable Dr. Mohesh chai, delivered his speech by appreciating owner of Oniya Hope Foundation Smt. Nabam Yahi Tad for doing such a tremendous work and contribution to the society. In addition also said, in Arunachal Pradesh we are in need of Doctors of Paediatric Cardiology and he is ready to support in future.

Chairperson of APSCW, Smti. Kenjum Pakam, attended the Programme as a special Guest of Honour and delivered her speech beginning with her prayers and appreciated hope Foundation and motivated to do more such good works in future.

Smti. Nabam Yahi Tad Vice-Chairperson of APSCW cum Founder of Oniya Foundation felicitated all the Guest arrived during the Programme and Welcomed all the parents who have come for the screening test from different districts and nearby of

Dr. Edwin Fransis (Director and Senior consultant, paediatric Cardiology) and Dr. Bijesh V. V (paediatric Cardiology) came from hospital Aster Mendicity Kochi, Kerela, to detect the congenital heart diseases during the 2 days Screening test, at RK. Mission Conference Hall, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

40. On 18th February' 2025, Dr. Maya Pulu, Member of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women visited Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya School at Gumto Circle, Papum Pare District,



Arunachal Pradesh. While interacting with the Girl children's, Explained about Role and Functions of Women Commission. She briefs about what is Sexual Harassment and why there is important to have Sexual Harassment cell in each Schools and Institutions and where to complain for the help. She also shared about no to early marriage and student should be vigilant and focus on their studies to become

success in life. Also shared why there is need of good communication with parents and make your parents as a good friend.

41. On 3rd March 2025, the APSCW team, led by Smti. Kenjum Pakam, Chairperson attended a One Day Legal Awareness Programme at Vijaynagar, organized by the All-Tangsa Women Welfare Society (ATWWS) in collaboration with the Yobin Welfare



Society Vijaynagar (Women wing) at the Community Hall Gandhi Nagar. As the Chief Guest, Smti. Kenjum Pakam stated that the government is bringing every possible development to the doorstep, promoting the importance of SHG and economic sustainability. She emphasized that establishing an enterprise not only helps oneself but also provides job opportunities, uplifting people and society. Smti. Pakam stressed the need to improve the road condition of Vijaynagar, as communication is crucial for developmental work.

Smti. Nabam Yahitad, Vice Chairperson of APSCW, expressed her contentment in learning that the Yobin society does not practice polygamy and domestic violence. She encouraged them to connect with other parts of the state while preserving their tradition and culture for future generations. Smti. Nabam Yahitad also emphasized the need for administrative presence during legal awareness programs, especially in remote areas like Vijaynagar.

Smti. Kago T Yasung, Member of APSCW, spoke on menstrual health and hygiene, highlighting the importance of hygienic living during menstruation to avoid Endometritis and endometriosis.

Smti. Komna Moidam, Member of APSCW, spoke on women empowerment and sustainability, emphasizing the fundamental rights of women and the urgency to be aware of their

rights. She stated that women are the real architects of society and that aware women have the confidence, decision-making power, and the power to sustain their lives and others.

Smti. Ngurang Nama, Member of APSCW, spoke on the importance of court marriage and urged married couples and those seeking to get married to register their marriages and stay legally protected under the Special Marriage Act. She also highlighted women's basic legal rights.

Smti. Yomanu Yobin, President of the Yobin Welfare Society Women Wing, delivered the vote of thanks, while Smt. Ngiyonu Ngwazah, G.S. YWSWW, gave the welcome speech. Smti. Nayobo Ngwazah anchored the entire program.

42. On 1st July 2025, newly constituted 7th body of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), led by Chairperson Smt. Yalem Taga Burang, made a maiden visit to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. The commission discussed with Hon'ble CM Pema Khandu on various women related issues in the state. He also suggested Commission to take a lead in doing away all the social and traditional practices in our society by bringing bill or being part of the policy making. He assured the Commission to assisting in all possible way to work for the Upliftment of Women.



43. On 24th July 2025, Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang, along with Vice Chairperson Tsering Dolma, Members, and Member Secretary, visited the machete attack victim Smti Yajik Hui Pegmir in Kamle district and extended support-Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang personally donated her first salary as ex-gratia relief. APSCW strongly condemns the brutal machete attack incident. Taking suo motu cognizance, the Commission has urged the concerned SP of the district for swift and fair action.



44. On 24th July 2025, APSCW led by Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang and team visited the One Stop Centre (OSC) at Zoo Road, Itanagar, to review its functioning. The Commission expressed concern over the lack of a permanent building, security issues, and absence of professional counselors

— affecting service delivery. With 23 OSCs across the state, APSCW urges the government to strengthen infrastructure and spread awareness about vital support services like rescue, legal aid, counseling & shelter.



45. On 25th July 2025, Chairperson APSCW, Yalem Taga Burang led by team of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) on an official visit to District Jail, Jullang, where they reviewed the living conditions and interacted with women inmates.



The team appreciated the existing vocational training and urged the state government to introduce tailoring and baking to support rehabilitation.

They also visited the Women Police Station (WPS) and Ane's Home, a safe space initiative by Capital Police for women and children. The Commission reaffirmed its commitment to collaborate with authorities for the welfare, dignity, and empowerment of women and girl children across Arunachal Pradesh.

46. On 31st July 2025, The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), the Chairperson Smti. Yalem Taga Burang, along with Vice-Chairperson Smti. Tsering Dolma, Members, and Member Secretary Smt. Yakar Dawe, visited Oju Welfare Association (OWA) on an official tour. The team was warmly received by the



Chairperson and staff of OWA. They visited and reviewed key centers including the Vocational Training Centre, Special School, Legal Aid Clinic, Shakti Sadan, Children's Home, SAA, Craft and Weaving Units, and residential facilities. Heartfelt interactions with residents and staff, a touching children's presentation on 'Good Touch and Bad Touch', and a beautiful yoga performance made the visit truly memorable. The team also shared sweets, spreading joy among the children.

The APSCW lauded the selfless service and dedication of OWA in safeguarding and uplifting women and children. Together, we remain committed to strengthening support systems and creating a safe, empowered future for all women and children in Arunachal Pradesh.

47. On the auspicious occasion of India's 79th Independence Day, the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women proudly celebrated the spirit of freedom at its office in Pappu Hill, Naharlagun. The National Flag was hoisted by our Hon'ble Chairperson, Smti. Yalem Taga Burang, who reminded us that 'An empowered woman is the heartbeat of a strong nation



Reaffirming the spirit of freedom and equality. As we honor our nation, we echo the belief:
- When women rise, the nation soars.

48. Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women Joined the Two-Day's Capacity Building & Training Program for SWCs, organized by the National Commission for Women in collaboration with the Maharashtra State Commission for Women, held on 22nd –23rd August 2025 in Mumbai. Graced by: Hon'ble CM Shri Devendra Fadnavis, NCW President Smt. Vijaya Rahatkar, MSCW Chairperson Smti. Rupali Chakankar ji, Other esteemed members & dignitaries. The programme focused on Topics such as Justice, Dignity & Empowerment of Women through: Anti-Human Trafficking Best Practices, Cyber Security & AI Awareness, Women Framers of the Constitution, Menopause & Mental Health, The Care Economy & New Laws for Women Entrepreneurship and Economic Empowerment



49. On 26th September 2025, Like Goddess Kushmanda's creative energy, women are energizing society and the economy through new businesses, technology, and innovation with the directives of National Commission for Women, Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women



conducted 10 days programme on the occasion of Navratri, entrepreneurs of Arunachal – Smti. Tech Anna (Poma Bamboo Processing Industry) and Smti. Tage Kanya (CK Bliss) were invited for sharing their inspiring stories and encouragement to the womenfolk.

The APSCW honored and felicitated the young achievers viz body builder Hillang Yajik, MMA Champion Sonam Zomba & Kayaker Devi Dada, though the later two absent and were represented by their brothers. AP State Commission for Women also planted a mango tree for a greener tomorrow under the theme “ Ek Phed Maa Ke Naam”.



50. The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) held a crucial meeting with DC Capital Complex, Shri Toko Babu APCS (AG), SP Capital Complex, Shri Jummar Basar (APPS), and SP Naharlagun, Dr. Nyelam Nega (APPS) to address serious concerns regarding women's safety and the rising immoral activities in the Itanagar Capital Region (ICR). The Commission submitted a memorandum highlighting the alarming connection between drug abuse, prostitution, and the increasing spread of HIV, and urged for strict regulation of nightclub operating hours and prohibition of underage entry.



All officials appreciated the Commission's proactive step and assured full cooperation and joint efforts to ensure a safer, disciplined, and morally secure environment for women and youth in the Capital Region.

51. On 17th October 2025, The All Nabam Anyi Berme Charitable Society (ANABCS), in a concerted effort to foster legal literacy and gender equity, successfully convened a One-Day Legal Awareness Program on Polygamy on 30th October 2025, in strategic collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW).

The intellectually enriching session was graced by the esteemed presence of Smt.



Yalem Taga Burang, Hon'ble Chairperson (APSCW); Smti. Yame Higio, ADC, Sagalee Sub-Division; and Adv. Tania Kipa, who served as the Resource Person, elucidating the legal, social, and ethical dimensions of polygamy within the framework of contemporary jurisprudence. The event was meticulously orchestrated under the stewardship of Shri Nabam Amzi Tajo (Chairman, ANABCS), alongside Adv. Nabam Yahi (Vice-Chairman), Adv. Nabam Chamang Giah (General Secretary), and Nabam Yadir Tana (Convenor), whose collective leadership and organizational acumen ensured the seamless execution of the program. The Society extends its profound gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, and stakeholders whose intellectual engagement and unwavering support contributed to the success of this enlightening initiative.

52. One-Day Legal Awareness Programme at Riga Village, Siang District.

A successful Legal Awareness Programme was held on 1st November 2025 at Riga Village, the largest and one of the most picturesque villages of Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh.



Organised by the Adi Ba:ne Ane Kebang (ABAK) in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), the event aimed to create awareness under the theme -POCSO, Foundation and Elementary Levels of Education System, Safeguard and Uplift of Widowed, Destitute and Abandoned Women, Drugs Abuse and Its Impact on Society.

During the event, ABAK President Yamek Mize Taggu addressed the growing issue of gambling and its negative impact on families and society, urging the community to remain vigilant. She also highlighted the importance of supporting widowed, destitute, and abandoned women, and encouraged them to avail Sarkar Aapke Dwar, CM's Health Card Scheme, and SHG programmes for financial stability and empowerment.

APSCW Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang reaffirmed the Commission's commitment to women's empowerment and legal awareness across the state.

Eminent speakers including Taram Mize (DAEO Siang), Adv. Techhi Nikhi Yab, Joya Tasung Moyong (Gen. Secy. WASE), and Tamuk Talom (Public Representative, Riga) shared insightful views on education, social justice, and women's rights.

The programme began with ABAK Vice President Oming Jamoh Pertin outlining the objectives of the event. The event saw enthusiastic participation from women leaders, teachers, students, and villagers reflecting a shared commitment to social responsibility, education, and community empowerment.

53. On 10th November 2025, The Apatani Women Association Ziro (AWAZ) commemorated its 11th Foundation Day with a drug awareness programme in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) at Ziro, Lower Subansiri district.



AWAZ President Dr. Subu Tasso Kampu, the first woman doctor from the Apatani community, shared her inspiring journey and highlighted the association's achievements over the years. She recalled the landmark 1974 reform that banned traditional tattooing and nose piercing among Apatani women a progressive initiative achieved through the collective efforts of the Apatani Youth Association (AYA) and Apatani women. Dr. Kampu further advised against replicating nose piercing for cultural performances, noting that it undermines the community's forward progress.

TRIHMS Psychiatrist Dr. Misso Yubey conducted an interactive session on drug awareness, urging AWAZ to take the lead in transforming all educational institutions in Ziro into tobacco and drug free zones.

The Deputy Commissioner commended AWAZ for its ongoing commitment to social reform and expressed optimism that Ziro Valley will continue to make headlines for positive initiatives.

APSCW Chairperson Smti Yalem Taga Burang ji, accompanied by members M/s Kipa Kaya Rughu, M/s Kutu Bui, M/s Aben Mize, and M/s Techhi Nikhi Yab, lauded AWAZ for its contributions to women's empowerment and social progress. Highlighting the global nature of the drug menace, she urged collective vigilance and cooperation to combat it effectively.

Do not remain relaxed, thinking only others children are affected the problem can reach your own homes if ignored, she cautioned. Burang further assured full support and cooperation, including financial assistance, to strengthen AWAZ's future initiatives.

APSCW Chairperson Smti Yalem Taga Burang ji shared a heartfelt poem titled Voice of Mother and child, reflecting the deep emotional bond, love, and understanding between a mother and her child.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from AWAZ members, ASHAs, anganwadi workers, and volunteers from the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, who collectively pledged to build a drug-free Ziro and continue promoting awareness across the community.

54. On 23rd February 2026, a One Day Legal Awareness Programme organised by the Galo Welfare Society, Women Wing Leparada, in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women. The workshop focused on women's legal rights and welfare covering protection against domestic violence, upliftment of widows and destitute women, consequences



of polygamy, importance of marriage registration, and prevention of sexual harassment at workplaces. The objective was to empower women with legal knowledge and confidence to assert their rights.

Graced by MLA Nyabi Jini Dirchi, Deputy Commissioner

Himani Mina and Jarjum Gamlin Ete -First Chairperson of APSCW the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women also visited the One Stop Centre Basar to review the support services provided to women in need and to assess on-ground implementation of women protection mechanisms.

55. On the auspicious occasion of International Women's Day 2026, a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp was organised on 07th March 2026 under the theme Give to Gain.



This noble initiative was jointly organised by Arunachal Life Saving Foundation- Led by Ramesh Joke and the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, in collaboration with Miss Universe Arunachal Pradesh, at R.K. Mission Hospital, Itanagar.

The camp aimed to encourage voluntary blood donation, promote community responsibility, and highlight the spirit of compassion and service. Such initiatives not only help save lives but also spread awareness about the importance of regular blood donation for a healthier and stronger society.

56. On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) visited the female wards at Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (TRIHMS), Naharlagun to extend warm wishes and Distribute fruits, Napkin and Supplements to the women patients. The Commission Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang



and members interacted with the patients, caregivers, and hospital staff, conveying messages of encouragement, care, and solidarity. As part of the visit, the team also shared words of appreciation for the strength and resilience of women undergoing treatment and emphasized the importance of health, dignity, and compassion in healthcare services.

57. On 8th March 2026 at D.K. Convention Hall, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh International Women's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm under the theme "Give to Gain." The programme was organised by the Department of Women & Child Development, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women.



The event brought together multiple stakeholders, organisations, and community groups to honour and celebrate the strength, resilience, and achievements of women. The programme highlighted key issues concerning women's wellbeing, safety, dignity, and empowerment through cultural performances, awareness sessions, and community outreach initiatives.

The occasion was graced by the presence of Shri Pasang Dorjee Sona, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Rural Works, Parliamentary Affairs, Tourism & Libraries, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, as the Chief Guest, and Smti. Dasanglu Pul, Hon'ble Minister for Women & Child Development, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, as the Guest of Honour. The programme was also attended by Smti. Tsering Lhamu Advisor to the Hon'ble Minister, WCD & Planning, along with several distinguished dignitaries.

The celebration was further strengthened by the participation and collaboration of various organisations and groups including Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society (AWWS), Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLSA), Durex – The Birds and Bees Talk, Arunachal Pradesh, and the Itanagar Cycling Group, who collectively contributed to spreading awareness and promoting the cause of women's empowerment.

Let us continue to work together towards building a society where every woman lives with dignity, opportunity, and equal rights.

The Pamphlets of PMCC (Tere Mere Sapne) was launched by APSCW

58. Chairperson of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, Hon'ble Smt. Yalem Taga Burang, along with Vice Chairperson Smt. Tsering Dolma and Member Secretary Smt. Yakar Dawe, attended the One-Day Legal Awareness



Programme organised by NGO Friends for Life, Naharlagun, at Himalayan University, Jollang.

The programme aimed to promote legal awareness and empower citizens especially women and youth with knowledge about their rights, the justice system, and available support mechanisms. Such initiatives play a vital role in strengthening awareness, protection, and empowerment within society.

59. On 9th to 13th March' 2026, APSCW Office, Pappu Hill, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh. The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Itanagar, in collaboration with concerned stakeholder departments and NGOs, has conducted the JAN SUNVAI (Public Hearing) on 9th March 2026, to provide a platform for public grievance redressal.



This initiative aims to strengthen transparency, promote justice, and ensure that issues concerning women's rights, safety, and welfare are heard and addressed effectively.

60. On 21st March' 2026, Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), the Women Welfare Organization (WWO), East Kameng, organized One-Day Legal Awareness Programme at Donyi Jalling, Seppa. The programme brought together resource persons, including Shri Damge Niri (CJM, Seppa), Smti. Yalem Taga Burang (Chairperson, APSCW), Smti. Kipa Kaya Rughu (Member, APSCW), and Adv. Sunil Tara (EKBA), who delivered insightful sessions on women's legal rights, marriage laws, domestic violence, drug abuse, and the Arunachal Pradesh Money Lending (Regulation) Act, 2018. Key discussions emphasized the illegality of polygamy, the importance of marriage registration, protection of vulnerable women, and the urgent need to address rising drug abuse and its societal impact.



The programme witnessed active participation from various CBOs and women's groups, reflecting strong community engagement and commitment toward awareness and empowerment.

61. A sensitization programme on gender and sexual minorities (LGBTQIA+) was organized by AP Queer Station, in collaboration with the APSCW, at the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) office on 17th March' 2026.



Speaking on the occasion, APSCW chairperson Yalem Taga Burang termed the sensitization programme an important and progressive step towards inclusivity and awareness. She encouraged all participants to actively engage with and benefit from the information shared by the resource persons. She also emphasised the importance of not discriminating against or neglecting the LGBTQIA+ community, and instead urged everyone to learn, understand, and support their mental and emotional wellbeing.

Queer activist and founder of AP Queer Station, Sawang Wangchha spoke on the topic 'Understanding LGBTQIA+ identities, rights, and social challenges'. He addressed the common confusion between sex, gender and sexuality, and explained key LGBTQIA+ terminologies in a simple and accessible manner. He also shared his personal journey as a gay man, reflecting on the challenges of growing up in a heteronormative society and the pressure to conform.

He spoke about his ongoing work with AP Queer Station, where many young people reach out for guidance and support, often during moments of crisis.

Addressing the misconception that LGBTQIA+ identities are a "western concept," he highlighted indigenous perspectives, including the Mumbal identity from the Adi community. He also emphasised that diversity exists in nature, citing examples from the animal world, including clownfish, which can change sex.

Wangchha expressed gratitude to the women of APSCW, acknowledging their role as nurturers and caregivers, and encouraged them to become the first line of support for LGBTQIA+ children. He also advocated inclusion of trans women in all women's spaces, emphasising that women's movements remain incomplete without their participation. He concluded by stressing the importance of inclusivity and intersectionality in all social movements. Arunachal Pradesh State Human Rights Commission Chairperson Bamang Tago spoke on the theme 'Equality, acceptance, and mental wellbeing'. He highlighted key legal and constitutional developments related to the queer and trans community, including the landmark 2014 NALSA judgement, the Navtej Singh Johar case, and the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. He assured of continued

support for the LGBTQIA+ community in Arunachal Pradesh and emphasised the need to expand awareness and sensitisation programmes across districts by involving NGOs, CBOs, and other relevant stakeholders.

NERIST Humanities Department Assistant Psychology Professor Dr Yuma Narah Camdir presented insights and testimonials from her research, highlighting issues such as isolation, depression, and substance abuse often arising from the challenges of navigating queer identities in unsupportive environments.

She also spoke about internalised homophobia, self-hate, and bullying, which stem from societal and familial pressures.

The programme was attended also by APWWS president Jarjum Ete, along with Radhilu Chai, Mamta Riba, APSCW members, IMC corporators, representatives from the women helpline team, AP Queer Station members, and students.

62. On 14th February 2026, the Adi Ba:Ne Ane Kebang organised One Day Legal Awareness Programme at Namsai in collaboration with A.P. State Commission for women regarding the following topic:- Protection of children from sexual offences (POCSO), Foundation elementary level education system, Safe guarding and upliftment of widow and abandoned women, Drug abuse and its impact on society.



The APSCW, Chairperson, Smti. Yalem Taga Burang, spoke on Drug abuse and its impact on society and informed the participants to be aware from such menace.

The President ABAK Smt. Yamek Mije Taggu and Secretary Dr. Yamen Tamot Mije also spoke on the occasion of One Day Legal Awareness Programme.

63. On 16th April' 2026, A meaningful step towards awareness and empowerment successfully conducted a One Day Legal Awareness Programme by Anini Winter Fest Organization in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women and All Idu Mishmi Students Union.



Hon'ble Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang spoke on topic Drug Abuse and its Social & legal Consequences, member APSCW, Smti Kipa Kaya Rughu spoke on prevention of Domestic Violence & Legal remedies, Resource person Mr. Tamin Mili, Asistant Professor ,Department of Sociology, JNC Pasighat spoke on topic Parenting & Family Support System, Shri Tamin Mili Asistant professor, Department of Sociology, JNC Pasighat spoke on topic Parenting & Family Support System, Dr. Rasto Mena , Medical Officer covered on topic Mental health awareness, Vice Chairperson APSCW Tsering Dolma Spoke on awareness on Women related Government Schemes for SHGs . Small initiatives like these create big impacts in building a more informed and empowered society.

64. On 18th April' 2026, The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Itanagar and Mishmi Women Welfare Society, Dibang Valley in collaboration with District Administration Dibang Valley and other stakeholders organized one Day Legal Awareness programme at Anini. DVWWS Chairperson Akunge Miuli elaborated key note points of the



programme and welcomed the participants. Topics covered during the day long programme were on Cyber Safety for Women and Youth, Mental health awareness, Awareness on women related Government Schemes for SHG, Sexual Harassment at workplace (POSH Act), Drug abuse and its social and legal consequences, and Domestic Violence and its legal remedies. The resource person were Shri C.L Shahani S.I Anini, Aneri Mena Clinical Psychologist, and from Commission as well. Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang spoke on Drugs related issues in our Society and its implications in our social life and how it will impact our future generation. She advice all the Women and Man participants to be good parent to their children so that they are lost on their path. The students were also adviced to choose right path and focus on study and help in Nation building. The programme was attended by APSCW Vice-Chairperson Tsering Dolma, Member Kipa Kaya Rughu, Member Secretary Yakar Dawe, Officers from District Administration, Police Department, ICDS ,Teachers , various NGOs of Anini and Students from JNV school.

CASES REPORTED TO THE COMMISSION DURING THE PERIOD OF APRIL 2023 TO MARCH 2026 FROM POLICE

SL NO	DISTRICT	NATURE OF CASES	2023-24	2024- 2025	2025- 2026
1	West Siang	<i>Domestic Violence and extra marital affairs</i>	-	33	24
2	Upper Siang	<i>Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances/Forgery</i>	-	2	-
		<i>Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS)</i>	-	5	4
		<i>Explosive</i>	-	1	-
		<i>Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS)/ inmates</i>	-	-	2
3	TIRAP	<i>Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPD)</i>	-	7	4
		<i>Narcotics</i>	-	1	-
4	Lower Siang	<i>Murder</i>	-	1	-
5	West Siang	<i>Domestic Violence with Extra Marital Affair</i>	33	30	03

CASES REPORTED TO THE COMMISSION DURING THE PERIOD OF APRIL 2023 TO MARCH 2026 FROM ONE STOP CENTRE

SL NO	DISTRICT	NAME OF CASES	2024	2025	2026	IN-MATES
1	West Siang	<i>Legal Assist</i>	01	03	-	-
		<i>Shelter</i>	-	-	-	-
		<i>Hospital Assist</i>	-	-	-	-
		<i>Counselling</i>	25	28	03	-
		<i>Police Assit</i>	-	-	-	-
2	Upper Siang	<i>Domestic Violence</i>	04	02	06	-
		<i>Legal Assist</i>	01	02	05	-
		<i>Medical assistance</i>	02	-	-	-
		<i>Counselling</i>	04	02	06	-
		<i>Rescue</i>	01	-	-	-
		<i>Police Assistance</i>	-	-	-	-
		<i>Shelter</i>	01	-	-	-

3	Dibang Valley	Domestic Violence/Mental Harassment/Extra Marital Affairs	19	19	02	04
		Mental Harassment by In-Law	01	-	-	01
		Rescue/shelter/Domestic Violence	01	01	01	02
		Maintenance	02	04	-	01
		Counselling	04	01	-	-
		Seeking information	01	05	-	-
		Extra Marital	01	-	-	-
		Stalking	-	01	-	-
		Child Custody	-	02	-	-
		Rape	-	01	01	-
4	Lower Subansiri	Domestic Violence	16	08	-	07
		Rescue	05	04	-	03
		Counselling	16	06	-	-
		Medical Assistance	07	03	-	-
		Information aeking	02	03	-	-
		Forwarding cases	01	NIL	-	-
		Police Assistance	08	04	-	-
5	West Kameng	Domestic Violence	02	-	01	01
		POCSO	-	01	01	01
6	Lepa Rada	Maintenance	01	-	-	-
		Dispute	05	-	-	-
		Domestic Violence	01	12	-	-
		Sexual Abuse	-	01	-	-
		Information Seeking	-	01	-	-
		Depression /Anxiety	-	01	-	-
		Missing	-	01	-	-
		Fraud	-	01	-	-
		Shelter	-	01	01	-
Rest of the district has reported NIL						

TOTAL CASES REGISTERED UNDER APSCW FROM 2023~2026

SL NO	NAME OF CASES	2023 -2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1.	<i>Domestic Violence</i>	13	06	06
2.	<i>Illicit Relation</i>	04	03	03
3.	<i>Attempt to Murder</i>	02	01	01
4.	<i>Harassment</i>	01	03	01
5.	<i>Cyber Crime</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.	<i>Sexual Assault</i>	02	Nil	Nil
7	<i>Attempt to Murder</i>	01	Nil	Nil
8	<i>Maintenance</i>	06	05	02
9	<i>Cheating</i>	02	02s	01
10	<i>Bonded Labour</i>	02	Nil	Nil
11	<i>Sexual Harassment Work place</i>	01	Nil	Nil
12.	<i>Divorce</i>	01	Nil	Nil
13	<i>Polygamy</i>	01	03	01
14	<i>Eloping</i>	02	01	Nil
15	<i>Force Marriage</i>	01	NIL	NIL
16	<i>Harassment</i>	01	Nil	Nil
17	<i>Mutual Separation</i>	03	02	Nil
18	<i>Job Transfer</i>	01	Nil	Nil
19.	<i>Edu. support</i>	01	Nil	Nil
Total cases		45	26	15

SETTLEMENT CASE OF 6TH BODY

SL NO.	NAME OF CASES	DISTRICT	STATUS OF THE CASES
1.	Cheating	East Siang	Case registered on 27/07/2021. This case is settled at APSCW Court.
2.	Domestic Violence	Papumpare	Case registered on 15/05/2018. This case is settlement in APSCW Court
3.	Domestic Violence	Papumpare	Case registered on 30/10/2020. Settled at APSCW Court.
4.	Domestic Violence	Lower Subansiri	-
5.	Domestic Violence	Papumpare	Case is registered on 03/06/2020. This case is settled.
6	Domestic Violence	Papumpare	Case registered on 20/05/2022. This case is settled.
7.	Physical Assault	Papumpare	Case is registered on 22/07/2022. This case is settled at local level.
8.	Polygamy & Maintenance	Changlang	Case is registered on 14/06/2022. The case is settled.
9.	Domestic Violence & Polygamy	Lower Subansiri	Case is registered on 07/06/2022. Settled at APSCW Court.
10.	Cheating	Lower Subansiri	Case is registered on 24/03/2020. This case is forwarded at APSLSA with recommendation.
11.	Domestic Violence	Anjaw	Case is registered on 18/09/2020. This case case forwarded to APSLSA with Recommendation.
12	Domestic Violence	Papumpare	Case registered on 16/11/2021. This case is forwarded at APSLSA with recommendation.
13	Domestic Violence	Upper Subansiri	Case is registered on 11/11/2020. Case is forwarded at APSLSA with recommendation.
14	Mental Harassment	Papumpare	Case is registered on 23/03/2021. This case forwarded at APSLSA with recommendation.
15	Domestic Violence	Papumpare	Case is registered on 23/06/2022. This case is forwarded at APSLSA .

16	Domestic Violence	Papumpare	Case is registered on 29/01/2021. This case is forwarded at APSLSA.
17	Fraud	East Kameng	Case is registered on 03/08/2022. Case is forwarded at APSLSA.
18	Domestic Violence	East Kameng	Case is registered on 03/10/2019. Case is forwarded at APSLSA.
19	Extra Marital	Papumpare	Case is registered on 25/04/2022. Case is forwarded at APSLSA.
20	Domestic Violence	Papumpare	Case is registered on 26/12/2018. Case is forwarded at APSLSA
21	Domestic Violence	Papumpare	Case registered on 14/07/2022. Case is settled.
22	Domestic Violence	Papumpare	Case is registered on 30/10/2020. Case is settled.
23	Maintenance	Papumpare	Case is settled
24	Domestic Violence	Papumpare	Case is settled
25	Illicit Relation	Siang	Case is settled
26	Mutual Separation	Papumpare	Case is settled
27	Domestic Violence	Lower Subansiri	Case is settled
28	Polygamy	Kra Dadi	Case is settled
29	Illicit Relation	Upper Subansiri	Case is settled
30	Gratute of Nominee	Lower Dibang Velly	Case is settled
31	Domestic Violence	Papupare (ASM)	Case is settled
32	Cheating	Papumpare	Case is settled
33	Family Dispute	Papumpare	Case is settled

SETTLEMENT CASE OF 7TH BODY

SL NO.	NATURE OF CASES	DISTRICT	STATUS OF THE CASES
1.	Maintenance	Papumpre	Case id Forwarded on 04/09/2025
2.	Maintenance	Papumpare	Forwarded on 11/07/2025
3.	Domestic Violence	Kurung Kumey	Forwarded at WPS Itanaga on 23/12/2025
4	Mutual Separation	Papumpare	
5.	Polygamy	Kurung Kumey	Settled on 13/11/2025
6.	Family Dispute	Papumpare	Settled on 27/03/2025
7	Domestic Violence	Kamle	Settled on 26/08/2025
8	Domestic Violence	Anjaw	Settled on 27/07/2025
9.	Mental Harassment	East Siang	Settled on 13/11/2025
10.	Harassment	Papumpare	Settled on 15/01/2026
11	Legal Assistance	Papumpare	Forwarded on 20/01/2026
12.	Bonded Labour	East Kameng	Case is settled
13.	Maintenance	Kurung Kumey	Forwarded on 26/03/2026
14	Harassment	Papumpare	Case is settled in the Court
15.	Mental Torture	Papumpare	Case settled in Local
16	Domestic Violence	Papumpare	Case is settled
17	Domestic Violence	Papumpare	Closed by NCW
18.	Domestic Violence	Papumpare	Forwarded to Police station by NCW

CASE STUDIES

(The name of all the characters has been changed for their security and privacy.)

Case - 1

The following detail is of a woman named Smti Meena. She had come to the Commission with complaint against her husband Shri John and his mother Smti Soni regarding polygamy. Meena stated that she was married to John when they were very young; however, John got married with another girl. He has demanded Rs. 60,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Lakhs only) in order to leave the Complainant. She requested the Commission to look into her matter.

Accordingly, the Commission summoned all the parties for enquiry and to know the fact of the case. Meena in her statement stated that they got married when they were very young but as they grew up, John started having affair with another girl. So, she asked her parents to return the entire bridal price and revoke their engagement i.e. 7 mithuns and 12 pigs. However, John demanded Rs. 60,000,00/- (Rupees sixty lakhs only) as bridal price to leave Meena. Hence, she has approached the Commission to solve their problem.

Meanwhile, John stated that Meena's mother and his mother were friends. Her parents approached his parents several times for their marriage. He stated that whatever was given to her family was a credit not a bridal price. He denied that he moved in directly to her parent's house. He stayed there during his Class IX. In the year 2017, her parents called him and inquired about having any relationship with other girl to which he denied. In February 2017, her father called him to his house and informed him that he will not give his daughter for marriage. He also told John that he is willing to return whatever he has taken from them. After coming back from their house, his family sent a mediator but her family refused to continue the relationship. After that only, he started relationship with his current wife. He also informed that he never had physical relationship with Meena. After observation, the Commission directed the mediators of both the parties to submit the settlement copy in the APSCW Court within 60 days.

However, the mediators of the case informed that they could not solve the case as both the parties were adamant to their decisions. The brothers of Complainant and mediators of the case informed that the case was almost settled locally but the Respondent refused to accept the settlement. The mediator informed that the Respondent party asked for double of the settlement numbers of Mithun. The Complainant stated that she would like to pursue her bridal price case in the higher court and requested the APSCW Court to forward her case.

The APSCW observed that marriage between the Smti Meena and Shri John was an arranged child marriage and it is void ab initio. After a thread bare enquiry to the instant case, the APSCW Court came into conclusion that as the party to the void marriage as the Respondent is already married to another woman. Therefore, the APSCW Court declares Smti Meena to be free from the bondage of this void marriage.

Regarding the bridal price, it is beyond the jurisdiction of APSCW Court to settle the matter. Therefore, both the parties of the instant case have liberty to approach any competent authority according to their choice to settle the matter of bridal price. Hence, the instant case has been closed.

Case – 2

The following detail is of a woman named Smti Yami. She had come to the Commission with complaint against Miss Pinky and her mother Smti Rupa regarding abuse. Yami stated that she got married with her husband Shri Ram and have four children. The Complainant stated that her husband was involved in an extra-marital affair with Miss Pinky, supported by her mother Smti Rupa. She claimed that Pinky sent abusive messages and while uploading photos of Ram she falsely claims as his second wife. Both Pinky and her mother allegedly blackmailed her husband, threatened to file a false rape case, and pressured him into marriage, which led her husband into mental breakdown to attempt suicide. Eventually, he was hospitalized for treatment of anxiety.

Accordingly, both the parties were summoned for preliminary enquiry on the instant case, however, the respondents failed to attend. Later Miss Pinky claimed that she was misled by the complaint's husband under a false promise of marriage and requested dismissal of the complaint. Later, the Complainant submitted a withdrawal letter confirming that their case had been mutually settled outside the court. Hence, the instant -case has been closed.

Case- 3

The following detail is of a man named Shri Sunny. He had come to the Commission with complaint against his wife Smti Junu regarding torture, harassment and allegation. He stated that his wife has mentally harassed him and alleged false accusations. They have been married in 2014 and have one daughter. In January 2024, the complainant was wrongly held in police custody despite evidence of the Respondent's misconduct the complainant was fined Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) and suffered a brain stroke due to stress.

The Complainant stated that as a responsible husband he has made major sacrifices, including selling assets, taking loans, and buying her a shop worth Rs.4.8 lakhs. Accordingly, both the parties were summoned for preliminary enquiry on the instant case. Both the parties were present and their statements were recorded. The Complainant stated that he want to reconstitute his marital life with his wife for the sake of their daughter and he denied to comply with the decision of the local meeting where he was fined Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) and to divorce from his wife. The Complainant also claim Rs.1,60,000/- (Rupees one lakh sixty thousand only) from the Respondent's elder brother which he has taken as loan. The Complainant also wants his wife to take care of their daughter equally.

However, Smti Junu stated that she doesn't want to reconstitute her marital life with her husband and she also denied the fine imposed on him. The Respondent agreed to take care of their daughter equally. The Respondent also stated that she discuss the loan of his brother.

In the next hearing, both the parties appeared before the APSCW court and the Complainant agreed for mutual separation if the Respondent Smti Junu returns all the things he has demanded. However, The Respondent stated that her elder brother did not know about the loan and she will not give any money to her husband.

After the counselling, both parties agreed for mutual divorce and co- parent their daughter. They shall maintain respect for each other and not interfere in each other's lives. Hence, the instant case has been closed.

Case- 4

The following detail is of a woman named Smti Maya. She had come to the Commission with complaint against Smti Tutu regarding cruelty and family dispute. The Complainant stated that she and her husband Shri Taku have five adult children. However, 19 years ago her husband had an affair with Smti Tutu and had a son. With no other choice, the Complainant accepted their illegitimate son as her own. Despite the family acceptance, the Complainant stated that the Respondent did not fulfill her duty as a wife nor as a mother. She even left without any information. Later on, they came to learn that Smti Tutu was living her life independently. She also took huge loan and sold local ornaments of their husband.

They had a family meeting and Smti Tutu signed an undertaking that she shall not drink alcohol, gambling or speak unparliamentary words against the Complainant and their husband Shri Taku. The Complainant later observed that her husband was in stress and on enquire he informed that he has been mentally and emotionally harassed by the Respondent. Due to threatening and harassment by the Respondent, the Complainant was facing difficulties in their family life. Therefore, the Complainant requested the Commission to look into her case.

However, a withdrawal letter was received by the APSCW office from Smti Maya stating that their case has been solved amicably among themselves and submitted an affidavit that Smti Tutu shall live separately and shall have no right or authority over Shri Taku or shall institute any legal proceeding in any form. That she shall not claim any maintenance and never use their husband's title in the future and she shall be the sole liable for her all debts.

Therefore, as per the withdrawal letter submitted by the Complainant, the APSCW deems it fit to close the instant case. Hence, the instant case has been closed.

Case- 5

The following detail is of a woman named Smti Champa. She had come to the Commission with complaint against her husband Shri Sankar and Miss Kumari regarding illicit relation. The Complainant stated she was married to her husband for six years and has two daughters. She found out that her husband and Miss Kumari were exchanging romantic messages in phone. In the family meeting both denied their relationship but continued their illicit relationship for more than 3 (three) years. Therefore, Smti Champa requested the Commission to look into her matter.

Accordingly, the APSCW Court summoned both the parties for case hearing. However, the Complainant submitted withdrawal letter stating that her case has been resolved locally and she wish to close her case from the Commission. Hence, the instant case has been closed.

Case- 6

The following detail is of a woman named Smti Lina. She had come to the Commission with complaint against her father-in-law Shri Mohan regarding gratuity nominee of her late husband Rahul. Her husband was serving in Indian Army. However, her husband died in a road accident.

She stated that after the death of her husband, the in-laws constantly harassed her mentally in the pretext of customary laws. She stated that she gave the insurance and gratuity amount received from the Indian Army and compensation of NHPC to her in-laws. Meanwhile, she received the pension from the Indian Army as per the service rule of her late husband.

However, her father-in-law asked her to transfer the beneficiary name to her in-laws name. She further mentioned that she is pursuing her studies and economically unstable. Therefore, she sought assistance from the APSCW to resolve her matter. Accordingly both the parties were summoned for preliminary enquiry and the Complainant stated that she signed the deed of agreement due to pressurization by her family members and society. On the other hand, the Respondent informed that they did not pressurize his daughter-in-law for anything. She was the one who initiated to be free from all the relations of her deceased husband and all the rights which she pursues from that relation.

Another date was fixed and both the parties were summoned. After the counseling, the Complainant agreed to transfer some amount to her father-in-law Shri Mundusu Mimi as maintenance from the pension of her late husband. The Respondent also accepted the amount and agreed that he shall not put any marital or social obligation upon the Complainant in the near future. Both the parties signed an undertaking before the APSCW Court and the instant case was closed.

Case- 7

The following detail is of a woman named Smti Minu. She had come to the Commission with complaint against her husband Shri Vijay regarding Maintenance. The Complainant stated that she got married to her husband in year 2014 and has one daughter in year 2017. Her husband is a contractual worker and refused to provide financial support. She is the second wife. She came to know that her husband is having an extra marital affair since 2021. Therefore, she wants maintenance for her child's education and for herself, as she does not have any means of earning. So, she requested for commission intervention.

Accordingly, both the parties were summoned for preliminary enquiry and the Complainant stated that she is the second wife of Shri Vijay. Their daughter is seven years old studying in class one and stays in the hostel and sought maintenance from her husband.

Meanwhile, the Respondent claimed that his second wife Smti Minu does not get along with his family and she herself refused the properties he had given. He stated that the Complainant left him and their daughter in pretext of divorce. However, after six months she suddenly came and took their daughter without his knowledge and did not allowed him to see her for two whole years. He further agreed to take all responsibilities of their daughter.

After the counseling both the parties agreed to sign the undertakings with terms and conditions that both the parents shall look after their daughter and agreed to bear all the expenditure of her education, health and miscellaneous expenses. The APSCW Court gave liberty to approach any competent authority if they are not satisfied with decision of APSCW Court. Hence, the instant case has been closed.

Case- 8

The following detail is of a woman named Miss Ritu. She had come to the Commission with complaint against Shri Raja regarding cheating and false promise of marriage. The Complainant stated that the Respondent Shri Raja approached her to be in relationship with him and promised to marry her. In the year 2023, the Complainant got pregnant and when she informed the Respondent regarding her pregnancy, he started avoiding her and blocked her phone number. After few months the wife of Respondent called the Complainant and asked her to leave the Respondent. The Respondent also called her up asking for forgiveness and told her not to look for him because he cannot marry her. When the Complainant informed her family regarding the matter they approached the Respondent and his family. He accepted that he made false promise to marry the Complainant in order to fulfill his sexual desire. Therefore, Miss Ritu requested the APSCW Court to look into her matter and deliver justice to her.

Accordingly, the APSCW Court summoned both the parties for case hearing for preliminary enquiry. The Complainant informed that she gave birth to a son and the family members of the Respondent have accepted her and her son to their family. Therefore, she wants to close her case from the APSCW. Both the parties gave undertaking that they shall maintain cordial relationship with each other and look after their son. The Complainant Miss Ritu submitted her withdrawal letter and the instant case has been closed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT SHOWING RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

RECEIPT	AMOUNT IN Rs.	PAYMENT	AMOUNT IN RS.
OPENING BALANCE		1. Salary	76,34,551.00
Cash in hand	0.00	2. Honorarium	52,500.00
Cash at Bank	69,80,157.92	3. TA/DA/other Allowances etc.	7,16,682.00
Grant in Aid L-No.DWCD- 45/1/2022/3069 Dated 15th Jan,2024	2,13,92,500.00	4. Pol. Expenses	5,00,000.00
		5. Printing Expenses	32,74,313.00
		6. Repairs & Maintenance	12,37,859.00
		7. Awareness prog/Webinar/ Seminar/LAP	5,20,000.00
Bank Interest	4,57,231.00	8. Stationery Items Purchase	15,87,988.00
Misc. Income (Re- versal of outstand- ing cheques)	1,90,210.00	9. Electricity/Newspaper/Inter- net bill expenses etc.	1,27,876.00
		10. Celebration/Meeting/Coun- selling Expenses.	34,070.00
		11. Financial AID/ Help	1,46,375.00
		12. Misc. Expenses	46,250.00
		13. Skill Dev. Training	1,80,000.00
		14. Refreshment items	8,120.00
		15. Professional/Legal Charges	2,63,681.00
		16. Tour/Workshop Expenses	1,91,210.00
		17. Fixes Asset/Consumables	6,09,493.00
		18. NPS Trust	35,280.00
		19. Bank Charges	177.00
		20. Website Design Charges	10,600.00
		Total Expenditure	1,71,77,025.00
		Closing Balance	
		Cash in Hand	0.00
Total Receipt: -	2,90,20,098.92	Cash at Bank	1,18,43,073.92

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT SHOWING RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 2024-25

RECEIPT	AMOUNT IN Rs.	PAYMENT	AMOUNT IN RS.
OPENING BALANCE		1. Salary	87,13,859.00
Cash in hand	0.00	2. Honorarium	0.00
Cash at Bank	1,18,43,073.92	3. TA/DA/other Allowances etc	8,68,334.00
Grant in Aid L-No.DWCD- 45/1/2022 (e-42173 Dated 14thDec,2024	1,86,07,500.00	4. Pol. Expenses	5,00,000.00
		5. Printing Expenses	1,26,91,403.00
		6. Repairs & Maintenance	15,87,285.00
		7. Awareness prog/Webinar/ Seminar/LAP	9,10,000.00
Bank Interest	3,53,525.00	8. Videography Expenses	6,90,300.00
Reverse Amount of NPS	1,37,787.00	9. Electricity/Newspaper/In- ternet bill expenses etc.	73,711.00
		10. Celebration/Meeting/ Counselling Expenses.	1,16,228.00
		11. Financial AID/Medical Help	20,000.00
		12. Misc. Expenses	1,20,720.00
		13. Skill Dev. Training	1,80,000.00
		14. Refreshment items	33,788.00
		15. Professional/Legal Charges	2,04,681.00
		16. Tour/Workshop Expenses	3,14,858.00
		17. NPS Trust	5,48,896.00
		18. Bank Charges	188.00
		19. Advertisement Expenses	1,27,077.00
		20. Gift & Mementoes	21,935.00
		21. Purchase of Fixed Assets	23,06,225.00
		Total Expenditure	3,00,29,488.00
		Closing Balance	
		Cash in Hand	0.00
Total Receipt: -	3,09,41,885.92	Cash at Bank	9,12,397.22

RECOMMENDATIONS

As per the provisions under section 15 (e) , (i) and section 18 of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commissions for Women Act 2002 , the commissions submits the following recommendations for perusal and consideration of the State Government:

1. Maternity Benefits for Mothers

In Arunachal Pradesh, the State Government Service holders leave are protected and governed by **Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules (CCS Rules) 1972**. Under these rules, women government employees are entitled to maternity leave for only **two children**. If a woman has given birth before joining government service, those children are counted towards the two-child limit, meaning she is considered to have already availed the benefit for those children even though she was not in government service at the time.

Recommendation:

The existing policy should be revised to ensure that women government employees are eligible to avail maternity leave for **their first two living children born during their service**, irrespective of the number of children born before joining government employment. Children born prior to induction into government service should not be counted for the purpose of determining eligibility for maternity leave under the CCS Rules. This would ensure equitable treatment of in-service mothers and better align maternity benefits with the objective of promoting maternal and child welfare.

2. Qualifications of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Members of APSCW.

i. it is recommended that a clause be included in the APSCW Act. 2002, Chapter II, Section 5, as sub-section (6), providing for minimum basis minimum education to qualify for nomination on the Commission and be able to Justify its Position to serve the needy women. The team of APSCW, on the basis of their personal field experiences, recommend that to be eligible to be entrusted with the responsibility of Chairperson, Vice chairperson or a member of the APSCW, one must be atleast **graduate from a recognised institution, with sound knowledge of the constitutional provisions and other human rights instruments ratified by the country and basic knowledge of the law of the land**, to be able to hold the respective offices in the commission and also to be able to function and deliver their responsibilities as office bearers of a quasi- judicial statutory body.

ii. Section 5(1),5(2) and 5(3) says about the appointment and constitution of the Commission, the Act is silent on the procedure/well-defined qualifications of the Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson and members. Non-institutionalization of the procedures of the appointment of the Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson and members of the Commission has led to the apprehension that competent and committed persons are not always appointed as Chairperson/Members. It may lead to political interference in such appointments, concentrating the powers on women from politically connected families or higher social strata.

iii. It is recommended that a clause be included in the APSCW Act 2002 chapter II, section 6 providing for an age limit as minimum 45 years and maximum 65 years.

3. **Setting up of a forensic laboratory in the state :**

Crimes in the state are on rise so the state need to have its own forensic laboratory to fulfilled the demand of investigating agency. Arunachal Pradesh is dependent on other State for the forensic examination it takes many weeks and months for the result to reach back owing to the timing required in the transit and line up cases in the laboratory.

4. **Appointment of Protection officers (under the prevention of Domestic Violence Act, 2005):**

it is recommended that the Protection Officers are appointed to address the matter of Domestic violence in the district, as of now DD ICDS or CDPO man the post, however a regular Protection officers need to be appointed more preferably an APCS officer or Officer recruited through APPSCE having law background, as the Post sought to be sound about law .

5. **Welfare and Inclusion of the LGBTQIA+ Community**

The State Commission for Women is a statutory body established to safeguard the rights and promote the welfare of women. However, Arunachal Pradesh does not have a dedicated institutional mechanism to address the welfare, protection, and development of the LGBTQIA+ community.

The Government of Karnataka is the first State in India to implement a **1% horizontal reservation** for transgender persons in government employment. Under this policy, 1% of vacancies across all categories (General, SC, ST, and OBC) are reserved for eligible transgender candidates.

Further, in the landmark judgement of **National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) v. Union of India (2014)**, the Supreme Court of India recognized transgender persons as the "third gender" and affirmed their fundamental rights under the Constitution. The Court upheld the right of transgender persons to self-identify their gender as male, female, or third gender, and directed the Central and State Governments to take affirmative measures, including reservation in education and public employment, to ensure their social inclusion and protection.

Despite these constitutional and judicial safeguards, transgender persons in Arunachal Pradesh continue to face limited educational and employment opportunities. The lack of institutional support and livelihood opportunities has resulted in many individuals migrating to other States in search of employment and a more inclusive environment.

Recommendations:

- i. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh may introduce a separate "**Third Gender**" category in recruitment to government services, admissions to educational institutions, and other public welfare schemes, in line with the directions of the Supreme Court in the NALSA judgment and the practices adopted by progressive States.
- ii. A dedicated **LGBTQIA+ Cell** may be established under the **Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Tribal Affairs (SJETA)** to address issues relating to the wel-

fare, protection, rehabilitation, skill development, legal assistance, and social inclusion of the LGBTQIA+ community.

iii. The State Government may formulate a comprehensive policy for the welfare of transgender and other LGBTQIA+ persons, including measures for education, health-care, employment, housing, social security, and protection from discrimination.

6. Banned on social media usage below the age of 16 years:

Digital technology has rapidly penetrated households across India, including Arunachal Pradesh. While this has created opportunities for learning and connectivity, it has also exposed children to significant risks. States such as Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have already announced bans on social media use for children, recognizing the dangers of digital addiction and mental health challenges.

In Arunachal Pradesh, the situation is particularly concerning. Many parents are either illiterate or newly exposed to modern technology, limiting their ability to supervise children's online activities. As a result, children are vulnerable to early exposure to social media platforms, which has led to cases of trafficking, cybercrime, exploitation, and psychological harm.

7. Implementation of the Arunachal Pradesh Marriage and Inheritance of property bill 2021 and Compulsory registration of Marriage:

The proposed Bill could not be tabled during the relevant year due to the identification of certain flaws in its provisions. However, after incorporating the necessary corrections and amendments, the Bill may be placed before the Legislative Assembly for consideration and ratification.

The need of the hour is to eradicate the discriminatory aspects of certain tribal customary practices and ensure that women in our society are treated equally and with dignity. It is a matter of serious concern that, under certain customary practices, where there is no male heir, a female heir is denied the right to inherit the family's immovable property. Similarly, a widow is often deprived of the right to inherit her deceased husband's property. Such practices continue to deny women their rightful entitlement to property and, consequently, adversely affect their right to livelihood and a life with dignity. These discriminatory practices are inconsistent with the constitutional guarantee of equality and amount to a violation of fundamental rights.

In view of the above, it is imperative that the Government initiates the codification of customary practices, incorporating suitable modifications to ensure that such laws are consistent with the Constitution and the principles of equality, justice, and non-discrimination.

It is apprehended that persons who have already entered into marriages under the existing customary marriage system may be affected if the Bill is enacted, particularly in view of the proposed criminalization of bigamy. To avoid uncertainty and hardship, the legislation should expressly provide that its provisions shall operate prospectively and come into force only from the date of its official notification. Such a saving provision would ensure that marriages solemnized prior to the commencement of the Act are not adversely affected unless the legislation expressly provides otherwise.

Marriage is considered a sacred institution. The commission since its inception supported the need of compulsory registration of marriage. All north-eastern states (Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura) except Arunachal Pradesh have implemented compulsory registration of marriage to stop and prevent the practice of Bigamy. Arunachal Pradesh too should implement compulsory registration of marriage to stop the practice of Bigamy, forced marriage and child marriage.

8. Independent Plan head and Independent functioning and status of APSCW :

Since the inception of first team of APSCW recommended that an independent plan head should be setup at par with other Commissions viz. APPSC etc in terms of functioning is a must for the effective delivery by this commission. For better facilitation and also establishing parity with other similar bodies, the APSCW needs to have its own independent plan head. Presently the commission is dependent on Grant in Aid from the state government being received through the nodal department. This arrangement entails this commission to submit utilization certificates for even the recurring expenditures of the office like staff salary etc. The resource allocation for APSCW ought to be made under a separate plan head to facilitate the growth and effective functioning of the office. Since this commission is not only a statutory body but also a quasi judicial one with need for functioning autonomy, financial autonomy with its own plan head would be most desirable. That would also help in enhancing the status of the office of the commission to a large extent, as it ought to be.

Further, despite the ceremonial status as per with that of Minister of state for the Chairperson of the APSCW and that of Secretary to the state government for the members, there is no commensurate privilege, which is required to be provided at par. Residential accommodations to the constituent members of the APSCW require to be provided as per the entitlement as on date the Chairperson, Vice- Chairperson and Members are having to put in private/rented residences therefore necessary office space and residential accommodations need to be earmarked for the Chairperson, Vice- Chairperson and 7 Members as per their entitlements.

9. Implementation of the CCS (Conduct) Rules:

The CCS (Conduct) Rules is something every employee of the government sign at the time of joining the service of the state. These rules are also supposed to govern the conduct of each and every person holding government job. But today, many government officials are not only committing conducts contrary to their own undertaking signed on joining the services of the government, but also the law of the land for granted by violating rule 21 of the said rules besides misleading the court of law in many cases. Many complains have been received from violated spouses got deprived of their privileges as family in terms of financial and social security, sometimes causing the destitutions of their own loved ones. Yet, there is no known case where action has been taken against anyone under the CCS Conduct Rules. And the cases keep rising in total negation of such a positive legal provision.

10. Setting up of Short Stay Homes in Itanagar Capital Region:

It has been observed that there has been alarming rise in number of cases registered in women commission faced with extreme forms of violence due to forced marriage, child

marriage, polygamy and other forms of atrocities. The APSCW request the government to immediately allocate fund to set up Short Stay Homes in twin Capital cities of Itanagar and Naharlagun as there is only one shelter home at OJU Welfare Association at Naharlagun which is sponsored by the state, and also in all districts headquarters Short Stay Home (*Swadher-Greh*) may be established.

11. Establishment of Separate De-addiction Centres for Women :

Substance use disorders among women require specialized treatment and rehabilitation services that address their unique physical, psychological, and social needs. At present, the absence of dedicated de-addiction facilities for women often discourages them from seeking treatment due to concerns about privacy, safety, stigma, and the lack of gender-sensitive care.

Recommendation:

The Government should establish separate de-addiction and rehabilitation centres exclusively for women in the State. These centres should provide comprehensive, gender-responsive services, including medical treatment, psychological counselling, mental health support, vocational training, family counselling, and rehabilitation. They should also ensure a safe, confidential, and supportive environment, with trained female health-care professionals and counsellors. Dedicated facilities would improve access to treatment, encourage more women to seek help, and support their successful recovery and reintegration into society.

12. Additional Resources Allocation to the APSCW/Financial Aid for research work/Discretionary Fund/For Victims of violence against women:

The Commission has been functioning without any additional support in terms of knowledge base and expertise of Ad hoc Committees to assist the official of APSCW in special situations. Additional resources allocation by state for activating Ad hoc standing/expert committees as provided in Rule 9 of the Act is highly recommended by this commission. The Commission needs additional financial aid to undertake research works. Research work is a must for better understanding the problems in resolving it. For dealing with various cases, including immediate dispersal/relief/rehabilitation/medical treatment etc. of victims of Domestic Violence, rape, murder etc., discretionary funds may be provided to the Commission (APSCW). More rehabilitation schemes and economics packages needs to be initiated and funds at the discretion of women commission for disbursal after proper assessment.

13. Deployment of security for Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women's court premises:

The APSCW also functions as quasi-judicial court because of which incidents of unwanted activities often take place. Therefore, security is required to maintain the decorum of the court.

14. Enhancement of Grant-In-Aid to APSCW:

The Commission earnestly requests the State Govt. For enhancement of the Grant-In-Aid to APSCW to sum of 5.00 Crore (Rupees five Crore) annually for smooth functioning of the day to day programme/activities of the Commission. The commission funds

District NGOs to conduct LAP, Awareness on Mental, women health hygiene and Skill development training for the women across the state and also due to the rising cases, such as -Domestic Violence, rape, Molestation, Murder, Harassment, Polygamy, Bigamy, Drugs Addiction, Suicide, Early Marriage, Abduction etc. is necessary to conduct awareness programmes at various districts, circles and village levels to give legal knowledge/education and develop other of Information, Education and communication (IEC) materials including recurring and non-expenditure of the Commission Office.

The Grant in aid receive annually is 2.0 Cr, which is not suffice for the whole year, the APSCW is one of the oldest Commission in compare to other commission established in Arunachal Pradesh, the staff strength is higher and work load is more. Moreover due to enhancement of the salary of all contingent, casual and other staff there is extra financial burden on the Grant in aid which remain same.

15. Enhancement of Monthly Salary of Legal Advisor and Commission Members:

Presently, The Salary of LA is only 10000, No revised notification for enhancement was issued unlike the members before. The salary of Skilled and Unskilled contingent/casual staff/ALC have been enhance by the Government of A.P vide order no. Est-II-20015/211/2023-Estt-ii-FPID/268, dated Itanagar the 19th March 2025, However the LA of APSCW remain same.

Further, at present the constituent members of the commissions i.e.-Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson & Members are getting a monthly salary/honorarium of Rs.40,000/-, Rs.35000/-, and Rs. 30,000/- respectively which is very meagre. So, it is requested that the same may be enhanced at par with Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC) and Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) i.e., Rs.100,000/-, Rs.90,000/- and Rs.80,000/- Chairperson, V/Chairperson and Members respectively.

16. Age Eligibility for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Members of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) must be not more than 65 yrs and above, And for the Members not more than 55 yrs & above and not less than 45 yrs:

The 7th Body of Women Commission has jointly decided after multiple sittings regarding the up gradation of the “age eligibility” of the Members of APSCW. Being appointed as a member in APSCW itself is a very prestigious honour with high responsibilities. Viewing the responsibilities in state, there should be indispensable privilege for each member, ensuring that they have an equal voice in decision making that impacts their communities and way of life in order to challenge the social, political, economical and cultural changes in the societies for the betterment and upliftment of the women in the state. The age factor plays a crucial role in functioning of Commission, the age group need to have the ability to devote time in the commission and have that health conditions to travel Districts in the State and State in the Country. As there are instance Members unable to function due to other engagements and health issue.

NEWS CLIPPING

APSCW conducts legal awareness prog in Anini



ANINI, 19 Apr: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) and the Arunachal Women Welfare Society, in collaboration with the Dilong Valley district administration, organised a legal awareness programme here on Saturday.

Addressing the gathering, which included students, APSCW Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang spoke on the ill effects of drug abuse, its implications in social life and how it impacts the future generation. She advised all the women and men partici-

pants in the programme to be good parents to their children. The students were also advised to choose the right path, focus on studies and their nation-building.

DVWS chairperson Akhinge Mudi elaborated the purpose of the programme. The resource persons of the programme - Anni Mili, Shobin, clinical psychologist of Anni Mili, and APSCW members covered several topics, including cyber safety for women and youths, awareness on mental health, awareness on women-related government schemes for SHGs, sexual

harassment at workplace (POSH) Act, drug abuse and its social and legal consequences, and domestic violence and its legal remedies.

APSCW Vice Chairperson Tering Dikha, member Kipa Kaya Rughu, Member Secretary Yalem Taga Burang, government officials, representatives from Anni-based NGOs, teachers, and DSV students attended the programme.

Later, the commission visited the primary centre, took stock of its functioning, and interacted with the staff of the ICDS department.

Women's commission holds awareness prog on key issues



ANINI, 19 Apr: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) is collaborating with the Dilong Valley Women's Welfare Society, organized a awareness programme on key social issues affecting women and youth in Anini on Saturday.

APSCW chairperson Yalem Taga Burang addressed the gathering on the ground concern of drug abuse, its implications, and instructed with the staff of the ICDS department.

She called for collective efforts to curb the misuse and reported cases for the increasing number of liquor shops reported in various locations, such as pharmacies, hostels and more shops.

She also emphasised the importance of women representation in decision-making, such as in community meetings, and urged women to actively participate in social and political activities.

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APSCW's public hearing from 9 Mar

PAPU HILLS, 5 Mar: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) is going to conduct a five-day Jan Sunwai (public hearing) at its office here Papu Nallah from 9 to 13 March to address grievances of women.

Stakeholder departments, such as members from the state legal services authority and police personnel, will take part in the hearing.

The commission said that any woman suffering or enduring any domestic violence or atrocity can file a complaint letter at the office of the APSCW. It has encouraged the public to attend the hearing along with relevant documents related to their grievances for effective and speedy resolution.

4-day Navratri celebration concludes at APSCW premises



ITANAGAR, Sep 26: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) under the aegis of the National Commission for Women (NCW) concluded its four-day Navratri celebration at the Commission's premises here on Friday. The programme, held from September 23-26, featured interactive sessions, health awareness, leadership discussions, and the felicitation of young achievers.

On the opening day, women entrepreneurs Tia Anni Tacha, Director of Poma Lambo Processing Industry, and Taga Kaya, Chairperson and owner of Ek Bios, shared their entrepreneurial journeys, inspiring participants with their stories of perseverance and success.

The second day, Sept 24, was dedicated to the theme "Motherhood and Health." Dr Tani Jene Tara, President, CHC Domikha, conducted a health camp and highlighted the importance of hygiene in preventing illness.

He stressed handwashing, regular nail trimming, and periodic deworming for both children and adults as vital practices for good health.

On the third day, the theme "Leadership and Justice" was observed. APSCW Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang explained the objectives of the four-day programme. Nabam Yapo, GPCOM Chairperson, shared her experiences, lamenting the prevalence of proxy representation in Panchayat activities and urging women leaders to take direct responsibility.

She called on women to balance both household and public duties and to utilize government schemes for community development.

The final day carried the theme "Outdoors and Success." Young achievers Devi Dala, football and kayaking, Hilang Yajuk, (younge athlete, and Sonam Zomba (MMA fighter) were felicitated for their outstanding contributions.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang said the Commission works not for headlines but for human resource development, urging youths to stay away from substance abuse and channel their energy into positive fields like sports and education.

Sharing their experiences, Hilang Yajuk encouraged young women to balance academics with sports and prioritize physical fitness. The family members of Devi Dala and Sonam Zomba shared moving accounts of their struggles and achievements, urging support for girls excelling in diverse fields.

The celebration concluded with a tree plantation programme under the theme "Ek Pad Mao Ke Naam." APSCW chairperson Yalem Taga Burang said the Commission's work focused on strengthening human resource development rather than seeking limelight. She urged young people to stay away from substance abuse and channel their energy into sports, education, and other constructive fields.

AP QueerStation, APSCW conduct sensitisation prog on gender, sexual minorities



NAHARLAGAN, 17 Mar: A sensitisation programme on gender and sexual minorities (LGBTQIA+) was organised by AP QueerStation, in collaboration with the APSCW, at the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) office here on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, APSCW chairperson Yalem Taga Burang stressed the importance of gender equality and the need for a safe and inclusive society.

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APSCW's Navratri fest honours young achievers

ITANAGAR, Sep 26: The four-day Navratri celebration organised by the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) under the aegis of the National Commission for Women (NCW) concluded here on Friday with the felicitation of young achievers in sports.

During the closing ceremony, APSCW honoured ruffing and kayaking talent Devi Dala, physique athlete Hilang Yajuk, and MMA fighter Sonam Zomba for their accomplishments. The



achievers, along with their family members, shared their journeys and struggles, inspiring the youth to pursue their dreams with dedication.

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The Navratri programme, which began on September 23, also featured sessions on women's entrepreneurship, health and hygiene, and grassroots leadership. Experts and community leaders emphasised the importance of women's active participation in decision-making and maintaining a balance between education, livelihood, and social responsibilities.

The event concluded with a tree plantation drive under the "Ek Pad Mao Ke Naam" campaign.

APSCW, ALSF conduct blood donation camp

ITANAGAR, 7 Mar: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) and the Arunachal Life Saving Foundation (ALSF), in collaboration with Miss Universe Arunachal Pradesh, organised a voluntary blood donation camp at RK Mission Hospital here on Saturday, on the eve of the International Women's Day (IWD), with the theme "Give to Gain".

ALSF chairman Ramesh Jeke elaborated key note points of blood donation and how it can save lives. He said that donating blood can be beneficial not only for the receiver but also to the donor.

"As donating blood can develop new blood cells in the body, it reduces many health issues such as heart problem and cholesterol, and boosts immune system," Jeke said.

APSCW Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang encouraged the participants, including girls, to donate blood, as it can save many lives.

138 Battalion CRRF Deputy Commandant Dr Mudhamuchhi Manasa commended the initiative, and spoke on cervical cancer, breast cancer and free vaccine available to be received by girl children under the age of 14 years.

Miss Universe Arunachal Pradesh 2025 winner Longku Komal also spoke on blood donation and how it benefits others.

The APSCW team distributed fluids, sanitary pads and supplements at RK Mission Hospital to commemorate the IWD. (Contd on P-3)

Woman's body found buried beneath kitchen floor

Staff Reporter

ITANAGAR, Sep 24: In an unnerving incident that has stunned residents, Chimpu (Itanagar) police on Wednesday exhumed the body of an unidentified woman buried beneath the kitchen floor of a bamboo house near the Power House in Chimpu-I.

According to Itanagar SDPO Kengo Dirchi, police were first alerted around 6:20 pm on Tuesday after neighbours complained to the landlord about a foul smell emanating from the house. Upon inspection, a police team from Chimpu Police Station discovered a body hidden under the kitchen floor.

Initial investigation revealed the house belongs to Kamal Pradhan, an 80-year-old self-styled spiritual practitioner locally known as a 'baba', who has been missing for nearly a week.

Since the discovery was

made late at night, the body was exhumed on Wednesday morning in the presence of a magistrate and the family members of the suspected deceased.

"We have not yet confirmed the identity, but we suspect the body could belong to a woman who frequently visited the baba. Her family has been called to identify her through her clothing. The remains have also been sent for DNA analysis and post-mortem to determine the cause of death," SDPO Dirchi told Media.

He further emphasized that the investigation is in its early stages, and police are exploring all possible angles. "At this point, we cannot conclude the cause of death, motive, or involvement of Kamal Pradhan," he said.

A case has been registered at Chimpu Police Station under Sections 103(1) (murder) and 238(1) (causing disappearance of evidence) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

APSCW to hold Jan Sunvai

ITANAGAR, Mar 3: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) will conduct a five-day Jan Sunvai (public hearing programme) from March 9 to 13 next to address grievances of women across the State.

The hearings will be held at the APSCW office located at Papu Hill, Papunallah from 10.30 am onwards each day. Stakeholder departments, including members from the Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority and police personnel, will participate in the programme to facilitate effective redressal of complaints.

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APSCW to hold...

The Commission informed that women facing domestic violence or any form of atrocity may submit written complaints at the APSCW office. The public has been encouraged to attend the Jan Sunvai and bring relevant documents pertaining to their grievances to ensure speedy and effective resolution.

State Women Commission condemns alleged racial abuse of Arunachal women

ITANAGAR, Feb 24: The

Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) has strongly condemned the alleged racial harassment and verbal abuse faced by three young women from Arunachal Pradesh in Malviya Nagar, New Delhi.

Expressing serious concern over reports of racial abuse, harassment, and intimidation directed at the women, the Commission issued the following press statement:

and against the women from the Northeast.

While acknowledging that an FIR has been registered with the relevant police station of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, APSCW has urged authorities to ensure a fair, impartial, and thorough investigation so that justice is delivered without delay.

The Commission offered its assistance to the victims and made it clear that racial discrimination, harassment, or violence against women will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

APSCW Chairperson

Karen Tapa Bawing has also directed women in the Northeast Commission for Women (NCW), seeking immediate intervention and necessary coordination with Delhi Police to ensure protection and justice for the victims.

Appealing to citizens across the territory, the Commission called for spreading unity, mutual respect, and constitutional morality.

Racial abuse of Arunachal women shameful: Khandu

ITANAGAR, 24 Feb: Chief

Minister Pema Khandu on Tuesday condemned the "shameful incident" of racial abuse of three women from the state in the national capital, and said he has sought strict action against the culprits.

Three women from Arunachal Pradesh were allegedly subjected to racial abuse and intimidation by their neighbours in south Delhi's Malviya Nagar following a dispute over repair work at their rented

apartment, police said on Sunday.

"Strongly condemn the shameful incident of racial abuse faced by our three young sisters from Arunachal Pradesh residing in Malviya Nagar, South Delhi. Such behaviour is absolutely unacceptable and has no place in our society," Khandu said in a post on X.

"Immediately after learning about the matter yesterday, I spoke with the commissioner of police, Delhi

Police, and sought swift and strict action. The CP is personally in touch with me. The accused are currently being identified, and I have been assured that they will be apprehended at the earliest and dealt with as per law," the CM said.

According to the police, the incident took place around 3.30 pm on 21 February, when drilling and electrical installation work was being carried out in the women's fourth-floor apartment. (Contd. on P-2)

Racial abuse of...

(From P-1) "We stand firmly with our three sisters, and their safety, dignity, and justice remain our highest priority," Khandu said.

Khandu's Sikkin counterpart Pema Singh Tamang said the incident was concerning and unfortunate.

"Such instances remind us of the importance of upholding dignity and mutual respect at all times. The Northeast is an integral part of our nation, and every citizen deserves dignity, equality, and respect. Let us remain mindful of one another and continue striving for a society rooted in understanding, dignity, and mutual respect," Tamang said.

The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) also vehemently condemned the incident of racial harassment and verbal abuse faced by three young women from Arunachal in New Delhi's Malviya Nagar.

Expressing deep concern over the incident, the commission said "Such acts are a grave violation of the constitutional values of equality, dignity, and respect for women of Northeast India."

The APSCW urged the authorities concerned to ensure a fair, impartial, and time-bound investigation, so that justice is delivered without delay.

"The commission stands in solidarity with the victims and prioritises that any form of racial discrimination, harassment, or violence against women will not be tolerated," it said.

The APSCW said it has formally written to the National Commission for Women (NCW), seeking immediate intervention in the matter and necessary action with the Delhi Police to ensure protection and justice for the victims.

It also appealed to all citizens to uphold the spirit of unity, mutual respect, and constitutional morality. (With inputs from PTI)

APSCW to conduct five-day Jan Sunvai from March 9-13

ITANAGAR, Mar 03: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Itanagar will conduct a five-day Jan Sunvai (public hearing programme) from March 9-13, 2026 to address grievances of women.

"The hearings will be held at the APSCW office located at Papu Hill,

Papunallah from 10.30 am onwards. Stakeholder departments such as Member from State Legal Services Authority and Police personnel shall take part in the said Jan Sunvai," informed Yakar Dawe, Member Secretary, AP State Commission for Women.

The Commission further informed. (Cont. P.6)

APSCW to conduct five-day...

...for any woman suffering or enduring any domestic violence or atrocity can file complaint letters in the office of the APSCW. The public has been encouraged to attend the Jan Sunvai and bring relevant documents related to their grievances for effective and speedy resolution.

APSCW flags mushrooming of bars, nightclubs in Itanagar

ITANAGAR, 17 Oct: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) has urged the district administration and the police of the Itanagar Capital Region (ICR) to strictly regulate bars and nightclubs and take firm measures against alleged immoral activities involving adolescent girls.

At a meeting held here, a team led by APSCW Chairperson Taga Yalem Burang called on ICR Deputy Commissioner Toko Itibu and discussed growing concerns over the mushrooming of bars and nightclubs in the capital area.

The APSCW highlighted reports that some of these establishments operate beyond permitted hours and allegedly engage underage girls, potentially contributing to the rise in HIV/AIDS and related social issues, a communique informed here on Friday.

The APSCW referred to the DC's February 11 order, which mandates adherence to government guidelines, including bar opening hours and verification of customers' age through Aadhaar or valid ID.

The commission emphasised the need for authentic and periodic inspections to ensure compliance and to curb unregulated operations in the city.

The commission also requested for strict implementation of the Arunachal Pradesh Tenancy Act, 2022 and the NDPS Act, 1985, and sought directions to landlords and flat owners to prevent illegal or immoral activities such as drug use, illegal gatherings, and antisocial conduct in private and public premises.

It recommended periodic joint inspections by police and enforcement agencies in suspected areas.

Expressing deep concern over the involvement of underage girls in immoral activities and flesh trade, the commission observed that the interlinked issues of drugs, HIV/AIDS, and sex trafficking pose a grave threat to society.

The DC along with the SPs of Itanagar and Naharlagun shared their concerns, noting that factors such as unemployment, lack of social security, broken families, and economic disparity often drive such activities.

They informed the commission that immediate enforcement actions are underway but stressed the need for long-term policy interventions and research-based solutions to tackle the root causes.

The APSCW also urged the state government to formulate a rehabilitation and livelihood policy for rescued victims, including provisions for counselling, vocational training, skill development, and employment opportunities to help them rebuild their lives with dignity. (With PTI input)

APSCW launches 4-day session on women empowerment and wellbeing

NAHARLAGUN, Sep 23: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), under the direction of the National Commission for Women (NCW), has launched a four-day interactive session on Women Empowerment, Safe Motherhood, and Family Wellbeing, Health & Hygiene from September 23 to 26. The programme is being organised with the theme "Women Entrepreneurship, Motherhood and Health, Leadership and Justice, Guidance and Honour" in celebration of Navratri.

APSCW Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang said the sessions are aimed at uplifting the quality of life of women in the state by spreading awareness of rights, privileges, and welfare measures. "Our motto is to ensure the wellbeing of women across society—be it in cities, towns, or remote villages. We want the last woman in the farthest village to know her rights and entitlements," she stated.

"She urged all sections of society to support underprivileged women, working women, and widows in accessing various central and state government schemes. "Several initiatives have been launched for women's progress, but they will only create impact if women come forward to avail the benefits," she added.

Highlighting the significance of ongoing Navratri festivities, Burang explained that each day of the festival is dedicated to different goddesses, symbolising purity, courage, creativity, nurturing, justice, equality, and success. "In the spirit of these values, our four-day programme has been designed to inspire and empower women of the state," she noted.

On the opening day, two women entrepreneurs—Tage Kanya of CK Bliss and Techi Anna Tok of Poma Bamboo & Cane Processing—shared their experiences as resource persons. They motivated aspiring entrepreneurs, particularly Self-Help Group (SHG) members, to explore opportunities in different fields and take advantage of government schemes to build sustainable ventures.

The programme saw participation from SHG members across the Capital Complex and Papuni Pare district. APSCW Vice Chairperson Tsering Dolma, Members, and the Member Secretary also addressed the gathering, assuring continued guidance and support from the Commission in the journey of women's empowerment.

APSCW celebrates Navratri

ITANAGAR, 26 Sep: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), under the aegis of the National Commission for Women, celebrated Navratri with various programmes, including a mother and child health awareness session and felicitation of young achievers, on its premises from 23 to 26 September.

Attending the first day of the four-day programme, women entrepreneur Tok Anna Techi, director of Poma Bamboo Industry and Tage Kanya, chairperson-cum-owner of CK Bliss, highlighted their journeys from stepping into their ventures to achieving success in their respective fields.

During the second day's programme, paediatrician Dr Tansu Jese Tara highlighted the importance of maintaining good hand hygiene, stating that dirty hands are the root cause of illnesses in children. He elaborated how to maintain hygiene by both children and adults to avoid diseases.

Dr Tara advised parents to ensure that their children wash hands before meal and cut nails to prevent unseen



bacteria or diseases. He also suggested administering deworming medicines to children every 6 to 12 months.

The third day's programme was held under the theme "Leadership and justice".

The commission's member Kipo Kaya Rughu informed the participants about the Ujwal Ujala Yojana and how to avail of the benefits of the scheme, and urged the participants to share the information with their friends and family members.

Old Changpu GPC Nabam Yajo, while sharing her experience in the gram panchayat, lamented that many women leaders often do not take full responsibility for their works, with their husbands representing them in

many panchayat-related matters, which, she said, is not a good precedent.

Stating that women are capable of handling any duty assigned to them, she appealed to them to manage both family duties and their works by managing time.

On the final day of the celebration, three achievers—Devi Dada, Hillang Yajik and Sonam Zomba—were felicitated.

APSCW Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang highlighted how the commission works towards human resource development, and encouraged the young achievers to be a source of inspiration. She further urged the youths not to indulge in substance abuse.

The commission's mem-

ber Aben Mize also spoke.

Physique athlete Hillang Yajik shared her experience in bodybuilding, and encouraged sports persons to focus not only on sports but also on their education. She also encouraged everyone, especially women, to maintain physical fitness.

On behalf of Devi Dada, her elder brother Kulle Dada shared his sister's struggle and experience in her rafting and kayaking journey.

Sonam Zomba's elder brother Pem Tsoawang Zomba shared his sister's experience and journey as an MMA fighter.

The programme concluded with a plantation programme under the Tk Ped Maa Ke Naam initiative.

APSCW highlights critical social issues in Anini

ANINI, Apr 18: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), in collaboration with the Dihang Valley Women's Welfare Society (DVWWS), organised an awareness pro-

gramme on key social issues affecting women and youth in Anini.

Yalem Taga Burang, Chairperson, APSCW, addressed the gathering on the growing concern of drug abuse, high-

lighting its adverse societal impact and associated legal implications. She emphasised the need for collective efforts to curb the menace and safeguard the future of the younger generation.

State leaders, APSCW condemn racial harassment of 3 Arunachal women in Delhi; seek swift action

ITANAGAR, Feb 24: Leaders across Arunachal Pradesh, along with the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), have strongly condemned the alleged racial harassment and verbal abuse faced by three young women from the state residing in Malviya Nagar, South Delhi, and have called for strict and exemplary action against those responsible.

Chief Minister Pemba Khanda described the incident as "shameful" and "absolutely unacceptable," asserting that such behaviour has no place in society. Taking immediate cognisance of the matter, Khanda said he spoke directly with the Commissioner of Delhi Police and sought swift and stringent action.

"Immediately after learn-

ing about the matter, I spoke with the Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police. The CP is personally in touch with me. The accused are currently absconding, and I have been assured that they will be apprehended at the earliest and dealt with as per law," the Chief Minister stated.

Reaffirming the government's commitment, he added that the safety, dignity and justice of the three women remain the highest priority, and the state stands firmly with them. "We stand firmly with our three sisters, and their safety, dignity, and justice remain our highest priority."

Deputy Chief Minister Chhivra Meia also strongly denounced the incident, terming it deeply condemnable and contrary to the

spirit of unity and mutual respect that binds the nation together.

"Such demeaned behaviour has no place in a civilised society. We stand firmly with our three sisters, and every possible measure will be pursued to ensure accountability," Meia said.

Lok Sabha MP Tapir Gao also expressed deep outrage over the alleged racist abuse faced by the young Arunachal women in Delhi. Condemning the act in strong words, he said insulting and humiliating young women for being from the Northeast is not just shameful; it is an attack on the very idea of India.

"Such racism is disgraceful, unconstitutional, and absolutely intolerable," He urged the Delhi Police to take strict and exemplary

action against those responsible, and ensure that the culprits are booked under the relevant provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Joining in the condemnation, Women and Child Development Minister Duzanglu Pul expressed anguish over the racial abuse and called it disgraceful and intolerable.

"Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and proud part of India and our people deserve dignity, safety and respect wherever they live in the country. I urge the concerned authorities to take swift and exemplary action against those responsible and ensure the safety and well-being of the victims," Pul stated.

(Contd. on page-2)

APSCW concludes 4-day Navratri celebration, encourages woman participants to become inspiration for others

ITANAGAR, Jul 26: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) concluded its four-day Navratri celebration under the theme of 'Navratri: Empowerment for Women' (NWC) on its premises.



The programme commenced on Sep 23, 2023. On the first day, women participated in a 'Tik Toka Tikka' dance, followed by a group photo and a group discussion on the theme of 'Navratri: Empowerment for Women'.

On the second day, women participated in a 'Tik Toka Tikka' dance, followed by a group photo and a group discussion on the theme of 'Navratri: Empowerment for Women'. The programme also included a group discussion on the theme of 'Navratri: Empowerment for Women'.

On the third day, women participated in a 'Tik Toka Tikka' dance, followed by a group photo and a group discussion on the theme of 'Navratri: Empowerment for Women'. The programme also included a group discussion on the theme of 'Navratri: Empowerment for Women'.

On the fourth day, women participated in a 'Tik Toka Tikka' dance, followed by a group photo and a group discussion on the theme of 'Navratri: Empowerment for Women'. The programme also included a group discussion on the theme of 'Navratri: Empowerment for Women'.

During the 4-day celebration, women participated in various activities, including a 'Tik Toka Tikka' dance, a group photo, and a group discussion on the theme of 'Navratri: Empowerment for Women'. The programme also included a group discussion on the theme of 'Navratri: Empowerment for Women'.

APSCW team visit Oju Welfare



ITANAGAR, Jul 30: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) team led by Chairperson Yalem Yaga Burang, made their first official visit to the Oju Welfare Association, Nakhurung. The team took a look at the infrastructure and its functioning. They toured the shelter home (a Shakti Sahas, Shakti Ghar etc.), interacted with the women and children housed in the facility.

The Chairperson Ms. Ratan Anya briefed on the functions of the shelter home and vocational trainings such as weaving and tailoring provided to the destitute women and children. She also spoke about the legal adoption provision of the OWA. She also informed that for the last one and half year, financial support from the Ministry of WCD is yet to be received. Later in the half session, the 7th Commission of APSCW and 2nd Body of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission

for Protection of Child Rights (APSCPCR) had their first interactive and coordination meeting at Papi Hill. The APSCPCR shared their experiences with the new Women Commission team members. The teams spoke on child and women related issues faced at present. Both Commissions expressed their positivity to work on joint venture, of legal awareness programmes for the benefit of both women and children in days to come.

APSCW assesses living conditions of women inmates in district jail

ITANAGAR, 28 Jul: A team of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), led by its Chairperson Yalem Yaga Burang, on Monday visited the district jail in Jallang near here and reviewed the living conditions of women inmates and facilities provided to them.

During the visit, the team met the jail authorities and interacted with the women inmates.

In a press release, the APSCW stated that the visiting team was informed by

the jail authorities that the inmates receive legal aid counseling and vocational training on bouquet, vase and soap making.

The commission urged the state government to add tailoring and baking to the vocational training programme.

Interacting with the women inmates, the team advised them to reform, so that they can be reintegrated into society after their discharge from jail. (Contd. on P-3)

APSCW assesses living...

(From P-1) The team also visited the women police station (WPS) here and Ane's Home - an initiative of the capital police to create a children- and women-friendly environment in the police station for victims. It has a library, a legal aid clinic, and necessary support services for victims.

During the visit to the WPS, the in-charge IO briefed the team on the nature of cases they take up.

The commission said that it looks forward to working together with the authorities concerned for their common purpose is the welfare of women and girl children.

The other team members were the Commission's Vice Chairperson Tiering Dolma, members Abon Mize, Kotu Bui, Kipa Kaya Rughu and Tech Nishi Yab, and Member Secretary Yakar Dawe.

AP QueerStation-APSCW conduct LGBTQ+ sensitisation programme



PAPUHILLS, Mar 17: AP QueerStation, in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), organised a sensitisation programme on Gender and Sexual Minorities (LGBTQIA+) at the APSCW office today.

The programme began

with a keynote address by Yalem Yaga Burang, Chairperson of APSCW, who informed that this marked the first time the Commission has conducted a sensitisation programme focused on LGBTQIA+ communities, an important and progressive step towards inclusivity and

awareness. She encouraged all participants to act, engage with and benefit from the information shared by the resource persons. She also emphasised the importance of not discriminating against or neglecting the LGBTQIA+ community, and instead urged everyone (Cont. P.6)

AP QueerStation-APSCW conduct...

to learn, understand, and support their mental and emotional well-being. The programme featured three speakers - Sawang Wangchuk, queer activist and founder of AP QueerStation; Bamang Tago, Chairperson of the Arunachal Pradesh State Human Rights Commission (APSHRC); and Dr Yama Narah Candir, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Department of Humanities, NERIST. Each speaker addressed different aspects of LGBTQIA+ issues.

Sawang Wangchuk spoke on the topic 'Understanding LGBTQIA+ Identities, Rights, and Social Challenges.' He addressed the common confusion between sex, gender, and sexuality, and explained key LGBTQIA+ terminologies in a simple and accessible manner. He also shared his personal journey as a gay man, reflecting on the challenges of growing up in a heteronormative society and the pressure to conform.

He spoke about his ongoing work with AP QueerStation, where many young people reach out for guidance and support, often during moments of crisis. Addressing the misconception that LGBTQIA+ identities are a 'Western concept,' he highlighted indigenous perspectives, including the Mumbai identity from the Achi community. He also emphasised that diversity exists in nature, citing examples from the animal world, including clownfish, which can change sex.

In his address, Sawang expressed gratitude to the women of APSCW, acknowledging their role as mentors and caregivers, and encouraged them to become the first line of support for LGBTQIA+ children. He also advocated for the inclusion of trans-women in all women's spaces, emphasising that women's movements remain incomplete without their participation. He concluded by stressing the importance of inclusivity and inter-sectionality in all social movements.

Bamang Tago, Chairperson of APSHRC, spoke on the theme 'Equality, Acceptance, and Mental Well-being.' He highlighted key legal and constitutional developments related to the queer and trans community, including the landmark 2014 NALSA Judgment, the Navtej Singh Johar case, and the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. He assured continued support for the LGBTQIA+ community in Arunachal Pradesh and emphasised the need to expand awareness and sensitisation programs across districts by involving NGOs, CBOs, and other relevant stakeholders.

Dr Yama Narah Candir reflected on her doctoral research conducted at Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), sharing her experiences of interacting with LGBTQIA+ individuals during her study. She presented insights and testimonials from her research, highlighting issues such as isolation, depression, and substance abuse often arising from the challenges of navigating queer identities in unsupportive environments. She also spoke about internalised homophobia, self-hate, and bullying, which stem from societal and familial pressures. Additionally, she referenced the presence of LGBTQIA+ identities in Indian mythology to counter the misconception that queer identities are foreign or Western, citing examples such as Shikhandi from the Mahabharata and depictions of same-sex relationships in temple sculptures.

Among the invitees, Jarum Ete congratulated and thanked APSCW and AP QueerStation for successfully organising the sensitisation programme. She also shared that, as the newly appointed President of APWWS, she looks forward to collaborating with the community on similar initiatives in the near future.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by APSCW member Kipa Kaya Rughu, who expressed her appreciation to AP QueerStation for partnering with the Commission to conduct this important sensitisation programme. The programme was attended by APSCW members, TMC corporators, representatives from the Women Helpline team, AP QueerStation members, Police administration, former APSCW members, students and several influential women from Arunachal Pradesh, including Jarum Ete, Radhika Chui, Mamu Riba, among others.

APSCW organises 4-day session on women empowerment, safe motherhood, family wellbeing, health & hygiene

By Our Reporter

NAHARLAGUN, Sep 23: Along with other parts of the country, the Navratri celebration also began in Arunachal Pradesh with several programmes at the initiative of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) on the direction of the National Commission for Women (NCW).

Four-day session is being organised by the APSCW on women empowerment, safe motherhood and family wellbeing, health & hygiene.

In an effort to uplift the quality of life of the State's women community, APSCW has organised an interactive session from Sep 23-26, 2023 on women empowerment, with the theme "Women Entrepreneurship, Motherhood and Health, Leadership and Justice, Graduate and Honour" on the occasion of Navratri, under the aegis of National Commission for Women.

APSCW Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang informed about the various aspects of the interactive session, explaining the topics for the days to come, and how the programme will benefit the women community of the State.

NAVRATRI CELEBRATION



"Our Commission's main motto is to oversee the wellbeing of the womenfolk across the State and also to create mass awareness right from city, urban areas to rural areas and villages further on that the last person residing in the village also knows about the rights and privileges of the women and girl child across the State. There are several schemes and welfare schemes which need to be availed and I would like to request all sections of society that they help the underprivileged and deserving women, working women and widows, who are in need of such schemes and welfare measures of the government and departments, which ever is available," said APSCW Chairperson Burang.

"We find that the Centre and State government have taken up several initiatives for the progress and change of life in the modern world and we are here to see that these initiatives are availed by them. They need to come forward to avail the benefits of the government," added APSCW Chairperson. She explained that the nine-day Navratri celebration has significance and each day will be celebrated in the name of different goddesses and their qualities, such as Shalgrami, the goddess of purity and power of beginning, Brahmachari, the goddess of discipline and knowledge, Chandraghanta, the goddess of courage and power, Kishkinda, the goddess of creativity and giver of energy, Skandamata, the goddess of power and nurturing, Katyayani, the goddess of valor and justice, Kalashti, the destroyer of darkness and evil.

Matangari, the goddess of balance and equality and Siddhidatri, the goddess of knowledge and success.

"The Navratri is being celebrated in all the nine days, but we are organizing various programmes for four days. On the first day, two entrepreneurs, Taga Kanya from CK Billu and Toshi Anna Tik from Poma Bamboo & Cane Processing, graced the occasion as the resource persons," she added.

Both the resource persons interacted with the audience and shared their experiences with the gathering. They advised the inter-wood women to start their entrepreneurship journey, as the government has come up with lots of schemes in various disciplines which will help them in establishing their firm. About 500 women from various parts of the Capital Complex and Papum Pare district.

APSCW Vice Chairperson Tsering Dolma, Members and the Member Secretary also spoke on the occasion and urged the women community to sustain their journey assuring the State Women Commission's cooperation.

APSCW inspects One Stop Centre in Itanagar

ITANAGAR, Jul 28: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) headed by Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang, along with the Vice Chairperson, Members, and the Member Secretary, paid a visit to the One Stop Centre (OSC) located at Zoo Road Officer Colony, Itanagar.

This marked the Commission's first official inspection of the centre, aimed at assessing its infrastructure and operational status. During the visit, several pressing challenges came to light.

The team was informed that the OSC currently operates from a temporary location at a BPL quarter in Chinpo, due to the lack of a permanent building. This arrangement not only compromises the security of the centre but also violates key operational guidelines, which stipulate that OSCs must be located within a 200-metre radius of a police station and a hospital. This gap in location hampers the centre's ability to provide immediate support in emergency situations.



public awareness about the services remains low. Many beneficiaries are unaware that OSCs offer a wide range of support services, including emergency response and medical assistance, help in lodging FIR/NCDRH, legal aid, shelter, and psycho-social counselling.

In light of these issues, the APSCW has urged the State Government to take urgent steps to address the infrastructural and staffing gaps, particularly the need for a permanent OSC building in Itanagar and the appointment of counsellors. Strengthening these centres will significantly improve support systems for distressed and vulnerable women, especially those unaware of their legal rights and entitlements.

Another concern flagged by the staff was the unavailability of a qualified counsellor, which severely affects the centre's capacity to deliver crucial psycho-social support to victims of violence.

As of now, 21 One Stop Centres are operational across Arunachal Pradesh. However,

Orientation prog for APSCW members conducted



NAHARLAGUN, 9 Jul: An orientation-cum-training programme was conducted for the members of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI) here on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, ATI Director Pate Marik urged the participants to remain focused and take advantage of the training. He suggested to

the members to take steps towards amending the provisions under the APSCW Act, 2002 which are obsolete and no longer relevant.

Resource persons, including Law Officer Milo Dinsang, elaborated the powers and functions of the commission, while CDPO Bahi Koyu elaborated the role of the WCD Department in bridging the gap between the state government and the APSCW.

Advocate Nega Taying briefed on topics like victim compensation, paralegal volunteers, and free legal aid.

Treasury Officer Kaling Ratan and SP Mihlin Gambo also spoke.

The training was attended by APSCW Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang, Vice Chairperson Tsering Dolma, Member Secretary Yakar Dawe, and the APSCW staff.

Women Commission celebrates Solung, visits cleanest village

PASIGHAT, 3 Sep: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) on Monday celebrated the Solung festival, one of the most significant festivals of the Adi community, at Pasighat on invitation of its chairperson, Yalem Taga Burang.

On the auspicious occasion, traditional rituals were performed and prayers were

offered to Donyi Polo, Kine-Naane, Doying-Bote and Dadli-Bote - the revered deities believed to be the eternal guardians of the Adi faith and culture.

Speaking on the occasion, Yalem Taga Burang highlighted the importance of preserving cultural heritage while promoting values of tradition, environmental protection, and social progress. (Contd. on P-3)

Women Commission celebrates...

(From P-1) She informed that, during Solung the womenfolk take a leading role in offering prayers to Kine-Naane, the goddess of crops and prosperity, seeking her divine blessings for a bumper harvest and the well-being of every household.

As part of the celebration, the Commission also visited Siluk village, which has emerged as a shining example of transformation through collective community effort.

Once facing challenges of poor sanitation and scattered garbage, the village has remarkably reinvented itself through active participation of its residents.

Today, Siluk is proudly recognized as the "Cleanest Village" of Arunachal Pradesh, having received the prestigious Chief Minister's Award for Cleanliness three times.

Awareness prog on women's rights held

BASAR, 23 Feb: A legal awareness workshop focusing on women's rights and legal safeguards was organised here in Leparada district on Monday by the Galo Welfare Society's (GWS) women's wing, in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW).

APSCW Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang, Vice



Chairperson Tsering Dolma, and other members of the commission led the work-

shop, which was coordinated by the GWS' Leparada unit. (Contd. on P-3)

AWAZ celebrates foundation day with drug awareness prog



ZIRO, 10 Nov: The Apatani Women Association Ziro (AWAZ) celebrated its 11th foundation day with a drug awareness programme here in Lower Subansiri district on Monday.

The event was attended by Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) Chairperson Yalem Taga Burang and Lower Subansiri Deputy

Commissioner Oli Perme, among others.

During the programme, AWAZ president Dr Subu Tasso Kampu presented a brief history of the association and its formation. She recalled her childhood days when women were denied education and child marriage was prevalent in the Apatani society. (Contd. on P-3)

Backed by APSCW, ABAK holds legal awareness program at Riga

BOLING, Nov 1: A one-day legal awareness programme, organised by the Adi Bane Ane Khabang (ABAK) and sponsored by the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), was held at Riga in Sang district. The event aimed to generate awareness on key social and legal issues under the theme "POCSO, Foundation and Elementary Levels of Education System, Safeguard and Uplift of Widowed, Destitute and Abandoned Women, Drugs Abuse and its Impact on Society".

APSCW seeks NCW's intervention for fair probe Racial abuse of Arunachal women shameful: Khandu

ITANAGAR, 24 Feb: Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Tuesday condemned the "racist incident" of racial abuse of three women from the state in the national assembly, and said he has sought strict action against the culprits. "These women from Arunachal Pradesh were illegally subjected to racial abuse and humiliation by their neighbours in south Delhi's Malviya Nagar locality. Such behaviour is absolutely unacceptable and has no place in our society," Khandu said in a post on X.

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APWWS condemns rape, physical assault of woman in Roing

ROING, 14 Aug: The Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) has strongly condemned the recent report of rape and physical assault of a woman here in Lower Diding Valley District, and expressed deep concern regarding the safety and security of women.

The APWWS in a release stated that it is "deeply worried about the disturbing incident in which safety in housing, especially in the growing towns in the valley of women and children". On Monday, members of the Englemere Women's Empowerment Group, an affiliated body of the APWWS, met the Lower Diding Valley superintendent of police to express their concern and to seek an update on the case. The members requested the Roing police for their swift action in investigating the alleged assault, Tabin Tayang, and urged the Police Department to conduct a thorough investigation and ensure that a proper charge sheet is filed at the earliest.

Women & child panels unite for welfare outreach

ITANAGAR, July 26: In a move towards strengthening women and child welfare, the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) and the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Children Rights (APSCOR) have decided to collaborate on joint legal awareness programmes.

The decision was made during their first official coordination meeting held at the APSCW office in Pape Hill on Wednesday. Earlier in the day, for jointly organised, APSCW team, led by chairperson Yalem Tega Buring, and APSCOR

Lack of permanent building affects functioning of OSC: APSCW

ITANAGAR, 25 Jul: Lack of a permanent building and unavailability of counsellors have affected the smooth functioning of the one-stop centre (OSC) in Chimpu near here.

A team of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), led by its Chairperson Yalem Tega Buring, on Friday visited the centre, located at Zoo Road Officer Colony, and took stock of the functioning of the centre. The team was informed

APSCW, APWWS unit condemn assault on woman, demand fair investigation

ITANAGAR, 24 Jul: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) has condemned the "inhumane and unacceptable" assault on Yajik Hui Pegmir by her husband Pegmir Kasa with a machete in Repuri village in Kampongji circle.

Taking suo motu cognizance of the case, the commission requested the Kamle superintendent of police to take necessary action against the culprit involved

APSCW team visits district jail, WPS Itanagar

ITANAGAR, JUL 28: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) team led by its chairperson Yalem Tega Buring accompanied by vice chairperson Tsering Dolma and other members made their first official visit to the District Jail, Julliang and Women Police Station, Itanagar on Monday.

The team had a meeting with Inspector General of Police and Deputy Superintendent of Police of Jail and reviewed on the conditions of women inmates and the facilities being provided in the Jail. The APSCW team



took tour of health facilities and women inmates' house. While interacting with the women inmates, the team learned about their conditions, advised

ABAK organises social, legal awareness prog



BOLING, 1 Nov: The Adi Bane Ane Khabang (ABAK) on Saturday organised a social and legal awareness programme to raise awareness among people on key social and legal issues in Riga in Sang district. The programme, themed "POCSO, Foundation and Elementary Levels of Education System, Safeguard and Uplift of Widowed, Destitute and Abandoned Women, Drugs Abuse and its Impact on Society", included counselling, health check-up, and legal aid services. The programme was held at the Riga community hall, and was attended by a large number of people. The ABAK team, led by its chairperson Yajik Hui Pegmir, and other members, provided information and guidance to the participants. The programme was a success, and the team expressed their satisfaction with the response of the community. The team also expressed their commitment to continue such programmes in the future.

APSCW takes suo-moto cognizance of case of assault on woman by husband

NAHARLAGUN, Jul 24: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) has taken suo motu cognizance of the case of assault on a woman by her husband in Repuri village in Kampongji circle.

The commission requested the Kamle superintendent of police to take necessary action against the culprit involved in the brutal assault, and sought fair investigation to bring justice to the victim. Meanwhile, a team of the women's commission, led by its Chairperson Yalem Tega Buring, visited the victim. Buring donated her first salary to the victim as ex gratia for immediate relief. The commission also requested the general public to maintain peace and tranquillity and cooperate with the investigation by police.

APWWS Kamle team meets DySP

ITANAGAR, Jul 24: The Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) Kamle team met the District Superintendent of Police (DySP) in Kamle to discuss the case of assault on a woman by her husband in Repuri village in Kampongji circle. The team, led by its Chairperson Yajik Hui Pegmir, and other members, provided information and guidance to the DySP. The team also expressed their commitment to continue such programmes in the future.

them to reform so that they can be reintegrated into society after their discharge from the jail. The authorities also informed that the inmates provided with legal and counselling and vocational trainings such as flower bouquet and vase making and soap making.

APSCW pays first official visit to District Jail, WPS Itanagar

ITANAGAR, Jul 28: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), led by Chairperson Yalem Tega Buring, conducted its first official visit to the District Jail, Julliang, and the Women Police Station (WPS), Itanagar. The delegation included Vice Chairperson Tsering Dolma, Members Aheh Mue, Kotsu Bui, Kips Kaya Raghin, and Tetsu Nito Yeh, along with Member Secretary Yajik Dawe.

At the District Jail, the team held discussions with the Inspector General of Police and the Deputy Superintendent of Jail, focusing on the welfare of women inmates and the facilities being provided in the jail. The team visited the health centre and women inmates' house, and interacted directly with the inmates. They encouraged the inmates to adopt a path of reform and reintegrate into society upon their release.

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On the auspicious occasion of India's 79th Independence Day, the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women celebrating the spirit of freedom at its office in Pappu Hill, Naharlagun. The National Flag was hoisted by our Hon'ble Chairperson, Smti. Yalem Taga Burang, who reminded us that 'An empowered woman is the heartbeat of a strong nation