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## APSCW conducts legal awareness prog in Anini



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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 Akting Mudi elaborated the purpose of the programme. The resource persons of the programme - Anni MCI, Shobin, clinical psychologist of Anni Mena, 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 Dilang Valley Women's Welfare Society, in collaboration with the Dilang Valley district administration, organised a legal awareness programme on key issues affecting women and youth in Anini on Saturday.

APSCW chairperson Yalem Taga Burang addressed the gathering on the ground, stating that the programme was aimed at creating awareness on key issues affecting women and youth in Anini on Saturday.

She called for collective efforts to curb the misuse and reported cases of sexual violence, including sexual harassment in the workplace, and urged women to report such incidents to the police.

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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 joint survey (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 Anu 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 (fencing and kayaking), Hilang Yajuk (yoga and fitness), and Sonam Zomba (MMA fighter) shared their journeys and struggles, inspiring the youth to pursue their dreams with dedication.

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

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## 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 urged women to report such incidents to the police.

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## 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 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)

## 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 fencing 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.

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.

The programme was attended by APSCW president Jaganjit, along with Nabam Chir, Member Kipa Kaya Rughu, APSCW members, NGO representatives from the women helpline, AP QueerStation members, and students.

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 Ma Ke Naam" campaign.

## APSCW leads blood donation initiative

ITANAGAR, Mar 7: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Itanagar, in collaboration with the Arunachal Life Saving Foundation (ALSF) and Miss Universe Arunachal Pradesh, organised a voluntary blood donation camp on the occasion of International Women's Day 2025 under the theme "Give to Gain". The camp was held at the conference hall of Kamakhya Mission Hospital.

Speaking on the occasion, ALSF chairman Ramnath Joke highlighted the importance of voluntary blood donation and its life-saving potential. He explained that donating blood is a noble act that benefits not only the recipient but

also the donor. According to him, regular blood donation helps stimulate the production of new blood cells and may reduce certain health risks, including heart-related issues and high cholesterol, while also boosting the immune system.

APSCW chairperson Yalem Tago Burang, who attended the programme as the chief guest, encouraged participants to donate blood and contribute to saving lives. She also motivated women and young girls present at the camp to actively participate in such humanitarian initiatives.

138 Battalion Central Reserve Police Force deputy commander Dr Madhanshu Manasa appreciated the initiative.

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the ALSF for organising the voluntary blood donation drive. She also delivered an awareness talk on cervical and breast cancer, highlighting the availability of free vaccination for girls below the age of 14.

Dr Manasa further explained that a single unit of donated blood can save up to three lives when separated into platelets, plasma, and packed red blood cells (PRBC). She invited that the CRPF remains ready to extend support to citizens through blood donation and other forms of assistance whenever required. She also expressed her privilege in serving in Arunachal Pradesh, noting that women in the state enjoy comparatively greater social participation and empowerment than in many other parts of India.

Miss Universe Arunachal Pradesh 2025 winner Longka Kemei also spoke about the significance of blood donation and pledged continued involvement in similar humanitarian initiatives in the future.

In commemoration of International Women's Day, the commission team also distributed fruit, sanitary pads, and nutritional supplements to patients at the hospital. A similar distribution drive is scheduled to be carried out at the Tongo Khe (Jorhat) Health and Medical Sciences on Sunday.

The programme was attended by APSCW vice-chairperson Tiering Dolma, members Koni Bui and Kipsa Kaya Raghu, member secretary Yakari Dawe. APSCW staff, members of the 138 Battalion CRPF, Miss Universe Arunachal Pradesh 2025 first runner-up Tokmen Merga and fourth runner-up Pema Droma, students from Raju Gadhi University, Jorhat; Gamin Government Law College; and Dera Nung Government College, along with volunteers of ALSF.

## THE ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN ITANAGAR, (A.P.)

The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women was established in the year 2002 under the Arunachal Pradesh Commission for Women Act, 2002. It is an autonomous body for the promotion of a better and more equitable status for women in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. The Commission is headed by a Chairperson and is supported by six members.

- Empowering and awareness activities.
- Counseling and advisory of any required nature.
- Representing any public interest or any person or any public office, etc.

Any proceedings before the Commission shall be deemed to be a judicial proceeding within the meaning of section 192 and 228 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and shall be deemed to be a suit for the purpose of section 193, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Section 193 of Cr.P.C.).

The 7th Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) has been constituted as follows:



Below is a listing of office in APSCW, Itanagar. The Commission has been working tirelessly to protect the interest of women and guarantee their progress in development.

| Sl. No. | Activities from July 2023 to 31st June 2024 | Number |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1.      | National Level Programme Attended           | 10     |
| 2.      | Regional Level Programme Attended           | 10     |
| 3.      | Legal Assistance Provided by APSCW          | 10     |
| 4.      | Regional Level Programme Attended           | 10     |
| 5.      | Other Cases                                 | 10     |
| 6.      | Other Cases                                 | 10     |

The Commission has also held several public hearings, conducted research, and other activities in order to protect the rights of women in the state. The Commission has also been working to promote the interest of women and guarantee their progress in development.

For more information, please contact the Commission at: 138 Battalion Central Reserve Police Force, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. Phone: 0370-2511111. Email: apscw@apscw.org

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## APSCW promotes social awareness, women empowerment initiatives

ANINI, APR 18:

The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), in collaboration with the Dibang Valley Women's Welfare Society (DWWWS), organised an awareness programme on key social issues affecting women and youth in Anini.

Addressing the gathering, APSCW Chairperson Yalem Tago Burang highlighted the growing menace of drug abuse and its adverse social and legal consequences. She called for collective community efforts to tackle the issue and

safeguard the future of the younger generation.

Burang also expressed concern over the rising number of liquor outlets compared to essential services such as pharmacies, bookstores and ration shops, stressing the need for balanced development.

APSCW Vice-Chairperson Tiering Dolma spoke on women empowerment initiatives and government schemes, with emphasis on strengthening Self-Help Groups (SHGs) as vehicles of socio-economic progress.

APSCW Member

Kipsa Kaya Raghu motivated participants on domestic violence and informed them about legal remedies and support systems available to victims.

Dibang Valley District Cooperative Gender Specialist Dops Tacho delivered a session on workplace sexual harassment, outlining legal safeguards and institutional mechanisms.

Respective sessions on cyber safety and mental

health awareness respectively highlighting responsible digital behaviour and the importance of psychological well-being among youth.

The event witnessed participation from officials, officers, students and members of the public, fostering informed dialogue on pressing social concerns.

Among others, APSCW Member Secretary Yakari Dawe, Member Kipsa Kaya Raghu, Member Secretary Tiering Dolma, and Members of Departments concerned for the programme.

## APSCW initiative: Voluntary blood donation camp organised at RK Mission Hospital

ITANAGAR, Mar 07: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Itanagar, and Arunachal Life Saving Foundation (ALSF) in collaboration with Miss Universe Arunachal Pradesh organised a voluntary blood donation camp on the occasion of International Women's Day 2025 with the theme "Give to Gain" at RK Mission Hospital Conference Hall.

ALSF Chairman Ramnath Joke elaborated on the key points of blood donation and how it can save lives. He elaborated the importance of donating blood as a life-saving measure, not only for the recipient but also for the donor. As donating blood can develop new blood cells in one's body, it reduces many health issues such as heart problems, cholesterol and boosts the immune system.

The Chief Guest, APSCW Chairperson Yalem Tago Burang, encouraged the participants to give blood that can save many



lives. She also encouraged girl participants to give blood.

Guest of Honour, 138 Battalion CRPF Deputy Commander, Dr Madhanshu Manasa appreciated the initiative of voluntary blood donation by ALSF.

She spoke on cervical cancer, breast cancer and free vaccine available to be received by young girls children under the age of 14 years.

She shared how 1 unit of blood can save three lives divided into platelets, plasma and PRBC (Packed Cell). She also informed that the CRPF is

always ready to volunteer in donating blood or any kind of help all the citizens. She spoke on being privileged to serve in Arunachal Pradesh and said the women here are much privileged and heading up or with the people compared to the rest of India.

Special Guest, Miss Universe Arunachal Pradesh 2025 winner, Longka Kemei also spoke on blood donation and how it benefits others and they have extended their will to volunteer into more such noble works in future.

The Commission team also distributed fruit, sanitary

pads and supplements at RK Mission Hospital today to commemorate IWD, and distribute the same at TRBSS tomorrow.

The programme was attended by APSCW Vice-Chairperson Tiering Dolma, Members Koni Bui and Kipsa Kaya Raghu, Member Secretary Yakari Dawe, APSCW staff, 138 Battalion CRPF Jawans, Miss Universe Arunachal Pradesh 2025 1st Runner-up Tokmen Merga, 4th Runner-up Pema Droma, students of Raju Gadhi University, Jorhat; Gamin Govt. Law College, Dera Nung Govt. College and volunteers of ALSF.

## APSCW writes to NCW over alleged harassment of Arunachal women

ITANAGAR, FEB 24:

The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) has written to the National Commission for Women (NCW) seeking immediate intervention in connection with the alleged racial harassment and verbal abuse of three women from Arunachal Pradesh in Malviya Nagar, New Delhi.

In a statement, APSCW Chairperson Yalem Tago Burang expressed

serious concern over reports that the women were subjected to racial slurs, intimidation and humiliation. She termed the incident a grave violation of constitutional values of equality, dignity and respect, particularly towards women from the Northeast.

The Commission noted that a First Information Report (FIR) has reportedly been registered under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya

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

Reiterating its zero-tolerance stance against racial discrimination and violence against women, the Commission affirmed that it stands in solidarity with the victims and called for strict action against those responsible.

# 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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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 a press statement condemning the heinous racial abuse of women.

While acknowledging that an FIR has been registered with the relevant police station, the Commission 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, Khen Tapa Bawing, has also directed members of the National Commission for Women (NCW), seeking immediate intervention and necessary coordination with Delhi Police to ensure protection and justice for the victims.

Appearing 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.

"I 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

and sought swift and strict action. 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 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-3)

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

Khandu's Sikken counterpart Preet Singh Tanning 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," Tanning 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)

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## 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 Toku 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 communication 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 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 Techil, director of Poma Bamboo Industry and Taga 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 'Ek 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.

## 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—Taga Kanya of CK Bliss and Techil 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 Papum 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.

## 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.

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## 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 Empowerment, Motherhood and Health, Leadership 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 Yalem Taga 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, Kalash, the destroyer of darkness and evil.

Matangini, 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 initiate 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 Mihin 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 Dilling Valley District, and expressed deep concern regarding the safety and security of women. "The APWWS is a women's group that 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 Englemann Women's Empowerment Group (EWEG) held a meeting with the local police station and urged the Police Department to conduct a thorough investigation and ensure that a proper charge sheet is filed in the court.



The members also discussed recent rape cases involving women, and submitted a representation to the SP in this regard. (Contd. on P-3)

## 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 by the staff of the OSC that the centre doesn't have its permanent building, which at times hampers its functioning. The centre is currently accommodated in a BPL quarters, the commission said in a release. It further stated that the centre faces security issues due to lack of a permanent building. As per the guidelines, the centre should be located within a 200-metre radius of a police station and hospital, the commission said. (Contd. on P-5)

## 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 Repari village in Kampongji circle. Taking suo moto cognizance of the case, 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. (Contd. on P-5)

## 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 meet 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.

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## APWWS Kamle team meets DySP

**ITANAGAR, Jul 24:** The Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) Kamle team met the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) of Kamle district on Tuesday to discuss the safety and security of women in the district. The team was led by the Vice Chairperson Yajik Hui Pegmir and other members of the society. They discussed the recent cases of assault on women and the need for a thorough investigation and proper charge sheet to be filed in the court.

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provided with legal and counselling and vocational trainings such as flower bouquet and vase making and soap making. The authorities also informed that the inmates

## Women & child panels unite for welfare outreach

**ITANAGAR, July 26:** A team 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 joined 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 coordinated, APSCW team, led by chairperson Yalem Tega Buring, and APSCOR team, led by vice chairperson Tsering Dolma, members of the Kamle district team, including key officials, met at the District Jail, Julliang, and the Women Police Station, Itanagar. The team reviewed the infrastructure and functioning of the institution, including key facilities such as health and inmates' house. They interacted with the women inmates and the facilities being provided in the Jail. The APSCW team

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took tour of health facilities and women inmates' house. While interacting with the women inmates, the team learned about their conditions, advised them to reform so that they can be reintegrated into society after their discharge from the jail. The authorities also informed that the inmates