



## LOHIT YOUTH LIBRARY NETWORK

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### ANNUAL REPORT - 2023-24

Sep 30, 2024

*Esteemed Patrons, well-wishers, friends and book-lovers,*

Very glad to present you this Annual Report of another active and deeply fulfilling year of achievements. The year saw the youth library movement stabilising with several new programmes to promote “loud Reading skills” in school students in Eastern Arunachal. Our senior volunteers and the Coordinator could also attend and speak at prestigious platforms, highlighting the importance of reading habits in empowering communities with minor and script-less languages.

It was a great honour to the Library Movement to be invited to the prestigious Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, when the Coordinator addressed the trainee officers of the 98<sup>th</sup> Foundation Course. on reading challenges and the youth library movement. <https://tinyurl.com/4hcw3f9b>

Teaming up with different agencies and NGOs was another efforts that showed excellent results. The Tezu Dist. Library actively joined hands to celebrate library functions, while the District Library Namsai, honoured our reader-activists & volunteers by facilitating conducting a 10 days’ reading promotion activities for school students of Namsai in Feb 2024. District Adult Education Officer, Tezu, CDPO, Tezu and NGOs Wildlife Institute of India, Anjaw; Aaranyak, Guwahati & AMEYA, Roing also enabled us to hold different programmes. The read Aloud training sessions for Tezu students RASA-2 was another success.

A great honour for the Library movement was when our volunteer Ms Behelti Ama, a fine-arts student at Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai, was selected to present her painting in a Wildlife Art exhibition by MoEF, GOI at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in Oct 2023. Earlier she had held an art exhibition series “Art Miscellany” in May 2023 at Tezu, Roing & Dibrugarh. The Carnatic music recital by Wakro Sisters (Ashapmai Dellang & Behelti Ama), at AIR, Tezu & Itanagar & at Roing and Dibrugarh was another landmark. The Library also hosted a Theatre workshop by trainer Ms Ashadevi, Kerala, a Kaman Mishmi language translation workshop, and a pre-CBSE exam learning enrichment workshop for class X students at Yealiang Govt Sec School in rural Sunpura. Visits and interactions by eminent guests was a remarkable feature of the year 2023-24.

Of great happiness to the Library Movement was the substantial increase in the number of reader-visitors to the HQ Bamboosa Library. With an average increase of 35% in visitors. It reinforced our conviction that a Library should be a platform with a variety of activities strengthening reading habits.

We record our profound gratitude to all Govt agencies, state leaders, NGOs, patrons and guests, media, parents of our readers and volunteers as well as our donors for supporting the youth library movement whole-heartedly, that energised and motivated our volunteers to reach to the reading-deprived in our region. We look forward to your continued patronage in the coming year also. Here is this year’s Annual Report 2023-24 , with the following annexures: The pictorial Joy of Reading Newsletter 2024 in preparation, will be released separately.

1. ‘Library Activities at a Glance’ – 2023-24
2. Round up of News & Activities -2023-24.
3. Guests to Libraries 2023-24
4. List of Patrons & Volunteers 2023-24

**S. Mundayoor**

**Coordinator**

**For Managing Committee, Lohit Youth Library Network.**



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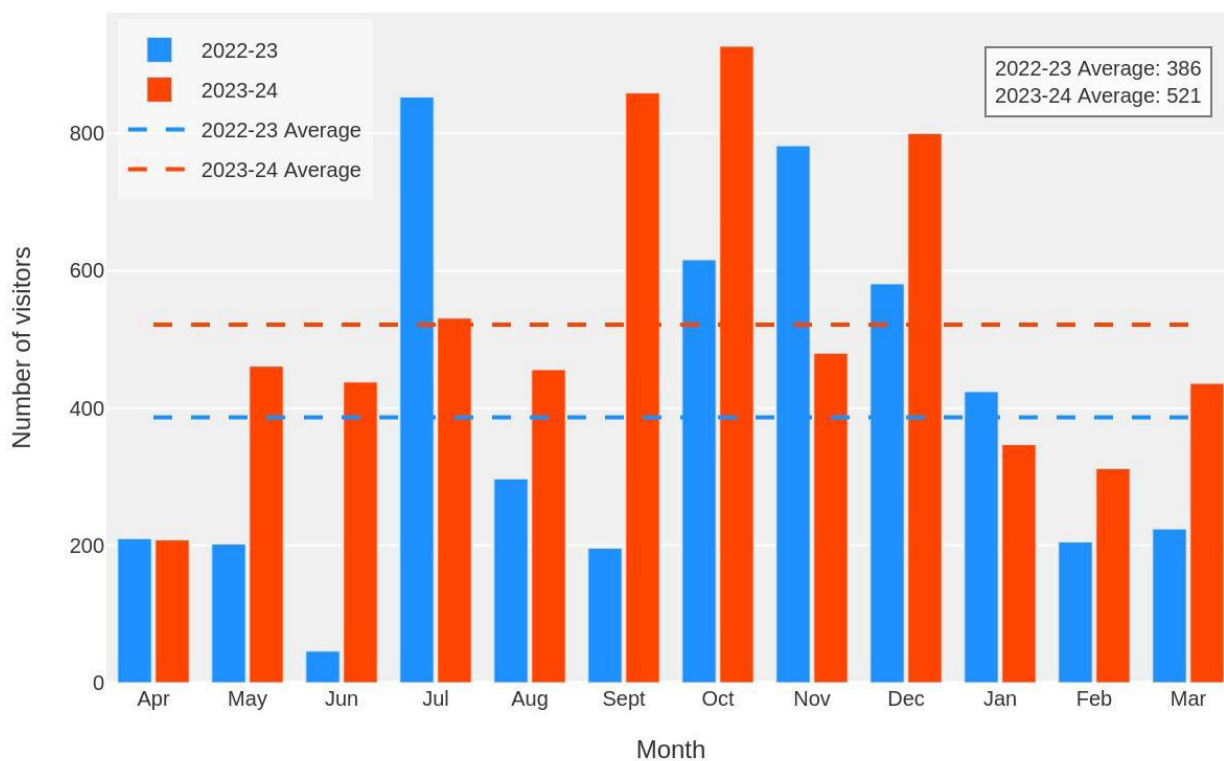
### Activities at a Glance 2023-24

Activities	No.	Districts Covered	Venues	Target Audience
<b>1. Reading promotion activities</b>	18	3	Tezu, Roing, Medo, Sunpura and Namsai	600
<b>2. Talks arranged by Bamboosa Library, Tezu</b>	8	1	Tezu	200
<b>3. Awards and Honours received by Library members</b>	5	-	Delhi, Mussoorie and IIT Gandhinagar	NA
<b>4. Book Exhibitions conducted</b>	5	2	Tezu and Roing	400
<b>5. Art Exhibitions - of Artist volunteer Behelti Ama</b>	3	3	Lohit, Roing and Dibrugarh	800
<b>6. Published Articles by Library members</b>	1	NA	Itanagar	NA
<b>7. Creative items of readers published in Children's magazines</b>	5	1	Tezu	all India
<b>8. Talks outside by Library team</b>	10	3	Lohit, Delhi and Gandhinagar	2000
<b>9. Important guests at Bamboosa Library</b>	40	NA	NA	NA
<b>10. Visit outside Arunachal &amp; Meetings with Patrons</b>	9	NA	Delhi, Bangalore, Mussoorie, Chandigarh, Guwahati, Shillong, Itanagar, Namsai	NA
<b>11. Activities by FORUM</b>	18	3	Tezu, Roing, Namsai and Medo	600
<b>12. NGOs and Department Agencies associated</b>	5	3	Tezu Roing, Itanagar Delhi,	NA
<b>13. Awards presented by Library Movement</b>	3	1	Lohit, Roing - prizes awarded to 35 others	NA
<b>14. Audio-Visual - AIR, DD &amp; Yuva Vani etc &amp; Carnatic recitals</b>	12	2	Tezu and Itanagar	all India
<b>15. Number of Reader-visitors in Bamboosa Library</b>	6255	NA	NA	NA
<b>16. Monthly average visitors in Bamboosa Library</b>	521	NA	NA	NA
<b>Increase in % over 2022-23</b>	35%	NA	NA	NA

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## Monthly Visitors/ Readers at Bamboosa Library during 2023-24 & 2022-23

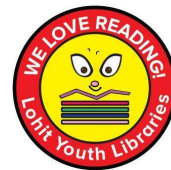
Monthly Visitors Comparison: 2022-23 vs 2023-24



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## News Round up from Libraries & Reading Promotion Activities 2023 -24

### Honours for Youth Library Movement

Aug 24, 2023: Library activist Ms. Laxmie Ngadong is selected as an air-hostess in Indigo Airlines. She is the first Mishmi lady from Arunachal to join the aviation industry. <https://tinyurl.com/3e6cysvr>

Aug 23, 2023: Senior Library volunteer Ms Bethem Marai gave a talk in the Anamaya Conclave of the Piramal Foundation, New Delhi on the Lohit Youth Library Movement . <https://tinyurl.com/any3c7a4>

Oct 17, 2023: The Coordinator, Lohit Youth Libraries gave a talk at the LBS National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie to the trainee officers of the 98<sup>th</sup> Foundation Course. on reading challenges and the youth library movement. <https://tinyurl.com/4hcw3f9b>

Jt. Sec Home Sri Prashant Lokhande IAS, on twitter re: IAS Academy visit - dt Oct 22, 2023 <https://tinyurl.com/3zhbywcf>

Nov 3 -5, 2023: Ms Behelti Ama, senior volunteer & fine Arts student presented her art work at a Project Tiger exhibition by Ministry of Env., Forests & Wildlife, GOI, & inaugurated by the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu at the India Habitat Centre. dt. Nov 5, 2023. <https://shorturl.at/ruHTW>

Mar 2024: The Coordinator, Lohit Youth Libraries was a Scholar in Residence at IIT Gandhinagar for 1 month from Mar 18 to Apr 16, 2024, giving a series of talks on reading challenges of marginalised language groups and doing Joy of Reading demonstrations. He was joined in presentations by senior library volunteer Ms Nishanlu Kri, an MA student at Gandhinagar. <https://tinyurl.com/4pz4c8z8>

### Reading Promotion activities:

Bamboosa Library, daily open throughout the year, served a large number of primary school students with creative activities during the annual school vacation ( Apr -May). After schools reopened, it conducted a series of reading training sessions for senior students of schools & college. Dibang Youth Library, Roing organised several activities in and around Roing & Hunli region, as also APNE Library Wakro & Medo Youth Library.

Apr 23, 2023: Bamboosa Library organised World Book Day Exhibition at Tezu <https://tinyurl.com/4fd5254t>

May 7, 2023: Sri Vinay Lande, science educator, Jnana Prabodhini, Pune conducted a workshop on the use of Drones, enthusiastically attended by several readers at Bamboosa Library.

May 19-21, 2023: Foundation Day by Bamboosa Library. “Art Miscellany”, a painting exhibition by Ms Behelti Ama, library volunteer was inaugurated by DC Sri Shashvat Saurabh IAS. Her exhibition was also held at DC office, Roing & Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh. <https://tinyurl.com/3k47mf2v>.

May 19, 2023: Founder-Patron of Bamboosa Library, Sri Prashant Lokhande IAS sent a touching X (twitter) message on the 17<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day.

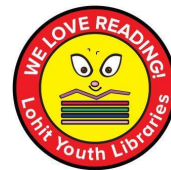
Jun 7, 2023: World Environment Day celebrated jointly with Wildlife Institute of India by Bamboosa Library, Tezu <https://tinyurl.com/n88wsm7u>

June 2023: Ms Siwani Pul, M. Lib., took over as the Library I/c of Bamboosa Library Tezu, succeeding Ms Rinya Dellang who had completed 1 year of dedicated voluntary service as I/c from Apr 2022.

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Jun 19, 2023: National Reading Day was celebrated by Bamboosa Library. At Roing, DC Ms Soumya Saurabh, IAS was the chief guest at the celebrations by Dibang Youth Library. On July 10, 2023, District Library, Tezu organised National Reading Day celebrations with Forum of Library Activists & the Bamboosa Library. The Coordinator addressed the event.

July 6-7, 2023: Forum of Library Activists conducted a session on Reading skills for Anganwadi workers organised by CDPO, Tezu.

Jul 23, 2023: Annual Awards of Library Network declared. Ms. Mimmi Linggi, Asst Prof., Denning College for Teacher Education, Tezu nominated for the Sister Nivedita Award for Dedicated Library Volunteer. Ms. Rinya Dellang ( Bamboosa Library) & Sri Manoj Kumar Giri (Dibang Library) were selected for the Ranganatha Award. 42 readers were also nominated for Annual prizes. <https://tinyurl.com/595hnttv>

Jul 28, 2023 : Forum of Library Activists conducts a 3 days Reading workshop for cl 9 -10 students at Medo Youth Library , Medo. <https://tinyurl.com/yepkxtmv>

July 30, 2023: A session “Improving Handwriting” for school students was conducted by the Coordinator.

Aug 12, 2023: Forum of Library Activists & Bamboosa Library volunteers with the Coordinator took part in the National Librarian’s Day at District Library, Tezu.

Sep 2, 2023: Dibang Youth Library conducted a Joy of Reading campaign at 2 Govt residential schools at Jumupani & New Elope in Hunli Sub Division, 100 kms off Roing town. <https://tinyurl.com/2pfhnmkf>

Sept 4, 2023: “Primates of Arunachal” -a video-talk by Aaranyak, a Guwahati NGO held at Bamboosa Library. <https://tinyurl.com/35h2pvkr>

Sept 8, 2023: Forum of Library Activists conducted reading sessions for neo-literate women in the International Literacy Day celebrations by District Adult Education Officer, Tezu

Sept 09 : Lohit Youth Library Network held its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Day at Bamboosa Library, Tezu. Ms Y Doji, Suptd Engineer, Power was the Chief Guest, & gave away Annual Awards. <https://tinyurl.com/vepxndjx>

Sept 10 -12 : Theatre Workshop by Ms Ashadevi, well -known Theatre educator from Kochi, Kerala at Bamboosa Library <https://shorturl.at/eKV24> & at Dibang Youth Library <https://tinyurl.com/4y39jn6m>

Sept 16 -Dec 4, 2023: RASA -2023, a Read aloud training programme for middle schools of Tezu was conducted by Bamboosa Library & the Denning College for Teacher Education. Forum of Library Activists & the Coordinator Lohit Youth Libraries acted as mentors to the B. Ed trainee volunteers.

Nov 19- 23 : Bamboosa Library organised a series of talks & interactions by eminent Malayalam writers Prof K. P Mohanan & team with school & college students at Tezu & Walong <https://tinyurl.com/y2tt7p5z>

December 26-28, 2023: A translation workshop for children’s books into Kaman Mishmi language was conducted by Er Akhilesh K R, research scholar, Germany jointly with Bamboosa Library & Forum of Library Activists. <https://tinyurl.com/2s3fwn9v>

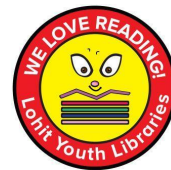
Dec 30, 2023: Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS) Lohit Unit conducted a literary meet at Bamboosa Library

Jan 3-5, 2024 : Forum of Library Activists conducted a learning enrichment workshop “Read Better Score better” for CBSE class X students of Yealiang Govt Sec School at Sunpura in Lohit dist. <https://tinyurl.com/382ux36b>

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Jan 13, 2024: A mini-Library was opened at the Govt Middle School, Tafrogam village, about 8 kms off Tezu town.

Feb 21 -Mar 3, 2024: Bamboosa Library volunteers conducted Reading sessions in the 11 day Reading Awareness Campaign by Namsai District Library from Feb 21 to Mar 3, 2024 <https://tinyurl.com/yb2u987d>

Mar 21, 2024: Bamboosa Library & Roing NGO AMYAA, led by WIPRO Earthian Ms Bethem Marai, conducted a Nature Trail for school students in Tezu on the World Forestry Day. Around 30 students participated.

## Saturday/ Weekend talks in Bamboosa Library

Apr - May, 2023: “Saturday Story Time with Didis” held at Bamboosa Library always drew large crowd of students.

Jun- July 2023: Saturday Reading Sessions continued by the Coordinator & talks on Environment & Geography by Sri Sedanso Yun, a volunteer.

Aug 26, 2023 : “Life & Education in Eastern Europe”: a talk by Er. Ms. Queenchilu Tayang, M. Tech scholar.

Sep 2, 2023 : Ms Deepthi Kurup, a patron, conducted a 2 day session for senior students on ‘Art, Creativity & Logical Thinking’ at Bamboosa Library.

Dec. 3, 2023: Talk cum video film show on wildlife & environment by Dr. Aditya Ponkshe, and Ms Mrinmayi Vaishampayan, educational activist, Jnana Prabodhini, Pune

Dec 7, 2023: Read Better, Write Better – session for youth by Ms Parul Parihar at Bamboosa Library

Feb.17, 2024: “ Sports and NCC for youth” by Sri. Ontey Khamblai, senior Under Officer, NCC, Tezu

Feb. 24, 2024: “Good & bad touch education” by Ms. Kasuman Pertin, Lit Asst. Secretary, IG Govt. College, Tezu.

## Talks & Articles by Coordinator & articles on Library Movement

May 2, 2023: Coordinator addressed college & senior school students on “Reading Skills” at the talk series “Team Up for a Better Future” organised by DC Lohit at Tezu.

Jun 22, 2023: A reading presentation at VKV Sunpura during their National Reading Day celebrations.

Sept 8, 2023: A Talk “Aspects of Reading” at the Denning College for Teacher Education, Tezu

Apr -Sept 2023 & Nov ’23 - Jan 2024: Participated in the reading workshops at Govt school students in Lohit, Anjaw & Roing

Jun 24, 2023: “ From National Reading Week to CBSE Results”- Arunachal Times dt Jun 24, 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/5fkW6jen>

Jul 2023: “Books go far and wide the moosa way in Arunachal” - Civil Society monthly, Delhi carried an article on Library Movement in the July 2023 issue.

<https://bit.ly/3PEovmM>

## AIR Tezu /DD Itanagar /Carnatic vocal recitals by Library volunteers/ Youtu.be links / docu-films:

Apr 2024: An interview on Spreading the Joy of Reading @ the KPIT Industries Ltd Pune Dec 2022 ( 60 mts)

<https://youtu.be/xovXsHtPTyA>

April 24, 2023: Yuva Vani AIR programme of World Book Day

<https://youtu.be/h-eI8KkiYiY>

Jun 25, 2023: Wakro Sisters Ashapmai Dellang & Behelti Ama render a Carnatic music recital on Doordarshan Itanagar DD Arun Prabha.

[https://youtu.be/deYB5q\\_t3Ug](https://youtu.be/deYB5q_t3Ug)

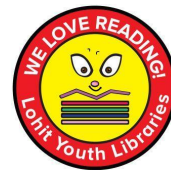
Jul 19, 2023: AIR Tezu, Bal Jagat by Bamboosa Library readers

<https://youtu.be/euK7LLRdA5w>

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Sep 12, 2023: An unstructured play “Ants & Grasshoppers” by Bamboosa Library readers under Theatre educator Ms Ashadevi, Kerala <https://tinyurl.com/6d4cwpn9>

Sep 14 & 21, 2023 -AIR Tezu interview of Ms V. M Deepa, environmental journalist -by Ms. Bethem Marai : <https://tinyurl.com/2rdv257t> & <https://tinyurl.com/mvy8ndm9>

Nov 14, 2023: AIR Tezu ‘Bal Jagat’ Children's Day by Readers of Bamboosa & Dibang Youth Libraries <https://tinyurl.com/3t7r6v9e>

Nov 19, 2023: AIR Itanagar: Children's Literature for Arunachal - a discussion (Dr A Venugopalan, Prof K P Mohanan, author Sri Ashtamoorthi & Uncle Moosa – moderator: Sri Gopal Rai <https://tinyurl.com/5n6r2yfd>

Jan 12, 2024: National Youth Day talk- AIR Tezu Yuva Vani: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMDlab49KqU>

Feb 21, 2024: International Mother Language Day, AIR Tezu - Bal Jagat: <https://tinyurl.com/352cc37c>

Mar 8, 2024: International Women's Day: AIR Tezu – Yuva Vani : <https://youtu.be/XIJts5vKD2g>

Mar 28, 2024 : Interview of Dr Ambika Aiyadurai - Yuva Vani: <https://tinyurl.com/53cchf2w>

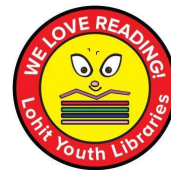
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## Guests at the Libraries 2023 -24

Guests from across India - patrons, ardent well-wishers and mentors - visited the libraries and interacted with volunteers, readers and local patrons. These visits were very joyful occasions for both and very educative for the library members present that day. Here's a list of some important visitors.

Sri Shashvat Saurabh IAS, DC Lohit and Asstt Commissioners, Tezu Sri Himanshu Nigam, IAS, and Sri Kamleshwar Rao, IAS, Asstt Commissioner, Tezu, DDSE Sri Eto Ete, Ms Ing Raatan, Dist Library & Information Officer (DLIO), Tezu, Sri S. Mukherjee, DLIO, Namsai and other officers have been visiting Bamboosa Library. Dibang Youth Library, Roing was privileged to have Asstt Commissioner Sri Srinivas Sadi, IAS as regular visitor and a warm mentor during the year. A team of Army officers from Lohitpur Brigade & Anjaw visited Bamboosa Library on different days.

Apr 23, 2023: Sri Sokhep Kri, Director, Dept of Indigenous Affairs & State Gazetteers, Itanagar

Apr 25, 2023: A team of postgraduate students from AUS University, Namsai

Apr 30, 2023: Sri Onkar Pradhan, library mentor & member Jnana Prabodhini, Pune.

May 7, 2023: Sri Vinay Lande, science educator, Jnana Prabodhini, Pune.

Jun 4- 8, 2023: Smt Asha Rajan & family, Thiruvananthapuram visited Bamboosa & Dibang Libraries.

Jun 7, 2023 : Dr Pushpa, scientist, FRLHT, Bangalore

Jun 11, 2023: Smt Nabanita & Sri Bappu Deshmukh, teacher-educators & patrons, Pondicherry.

Jun 29, 2023: Brig Arun Awasthy, Lohitpur Brigade Commander with Col Sandeep Kurup.

Jul 2, 2023 : Er. Ms Leelalu Chai, Founder Patron, Bamboosa Library at Delhi

Aug 15, 2023: Ms Y Doji, Supt Engineer, Power, Tezu.

Sri. Kamaleswar Rao, IAS., Asstt. Commissioner, Tezu

Sep 6 -14 : Env journalist & docu-film maker Ms V. M Deepa, Theatre educator Ms Ashadevi & bankers Ms Minija & Ms. Sona from Kerala visited Bamboosa & Dibang Libraries.

Sept 8, 2023: Sri Vijay Swami, Executive Director, RIWATCH, Roing

Sep 18, 2023: Col. M S Arun Kumar, Hayuliang

Sep 20, 2023: Ms Ranjana, educator, Jnana Prabodhini, Pune.

Sep 22, 2023: Ms Mana Linggi, Founder Patron & DDSE Itanagar

Oct 7, 2023 : Sri Pawan Kr Sain, IAS, State Election Commissioner, Itanagar & Library patron

: Sri Hano Takka, Director, Urban Development, Itanagar

: Sri.Tarin Darrang, Chief Engineer, Urban Development, Itanagar

Nov 19, 2023 : Prof K P Mohanan, Dr A Venugopalan & Sri Ashtamurthy, literary figures from Kerala.

Dec 26-28, 2023: Er Akhilesh K. R, Linguistics research scholar, Germany & mentor, Library Network

Dec 30, 2023 : APLS Tezu Unit members conducted a Literary Meet at Bamboosa Library.

Feb ... : students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Namsai

Mar 28, 2024: Dr Ambika Aiyadurai, Assoc. Prof., IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat

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- \* Sri. Karikho Kri, former MLA, Tezu
- \* (Late) Capt. K K Venkatraman, Chennai

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