



Three Arunachalee girls to be bestowed with Fellowships 2025-26

ITANAGAR, Apr 3: Two Arunachalee girls - Jeenamsi Ngadong and Behelti Ama - will be bestowed with Fellowships for 2025-26, informed the Reading Promotion Endowment Trust for Arunachal (RPETA), New Delhi.

The 'Mandakini Khandekar Memorial Fellowship for Educational & Professional Advancement' 2025 will be awarded to Jeenamsi Ngadong, senior youth library volunteer, Wakro. The Fellowship of Rs 35,000 will support her to pursue the 1 year residential post-MA Diploma in Teaching of English (PGDTE) at the reputed English & Foreign Languages University, (EFLU), Hyderabad during 2025-26.

On the other hand, Behelti Ama of Wakro, a gifted Fine Arts student at Kalakshetra Chennai, will get the first 'Capt KK Venkatraman Memorial Fellowship for Professional Enhancement', as fellowship of Rs 30,000 could be utilized by Behelti to pursue any advanced or specialized training in fine arts. The award will be presented to her by July 2025 on confirmation of her selection to the programme. She is also widely popular as a Carnatic music student, as one of the 'Wakro Sisters'.

Khandekar, who passed away in Pune in March 2023 at 94, was an enthusiastic patron of RPETA and generously supported the reading promotion activities & youth library movement in Arunachal. She was also keenly interested in the educational advancement of bright deserving Arunachal youth.

Late Capt Venkatraman, a pioneer educational administrator of VKVs in Arunachal, was also a dedicated patron of RPETA.

Meanwhile, the family of late Capt KK Venkatraman, a founder-patron of the Lohit Youth library movement and an early pioneer of VKVs in Arunachal, has announced the 'First Capt KK Venkatraman Memorial Fellowship' Ashapmai Dellang, the leading member of the 'Wakro Sisters', who will be the first Arunachalee youth to qualify as a professional student of Carnatic Music in June this year.

The fellowship of Rs 40,000 this year is to enable her to pursue advanced studies in Carnatic music during 2025-26. The Award certificate will be presented to her by the family on the first Anniversary of late Capt Venkatraman (widely known as 'Capt Ji' in Arunachal) on May 27, 2025 and the award amount, on her confirming her admission to the selected course of studies.

Reacting to the announcement, Director Indigenous Affairs (GoAP) Sokhep Kri, who is also the Convenor of Lohit Youth Libraries, has congratulated Ashapmai for this unique honour and also conveyed his heartfelt gratitude to the family of late Capt Venkatraman for such generous patronage of Arunachalee youth.