

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ARUNACHAL PRADESH
Jote – 791113, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh
North East YuvaSangam: under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
(An initiative by Ministry of Education)

VISIT OF ANDHRA PRADESH YOUTH TO ARUNACHAL PRADESH

INCEPTION

Yuva Sangam – an initiative of Hon'ble Prime Minister to build close ties between the youth of North East Region and rest of India under the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. Youths Exposure Visit under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharataims at exposure tours of youth among the North Eastern States with the other States of India to enhance the youth with a vast exposure of different lifestyle, tradition, cultural heritage, historical landmarks, latest achievements, technological growth and youth connect between the states. During their visits, the youth will have a multi-dimensional exposure under five broad areas – Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions), Pragati (Development), Prodyogik (Technology) and Paraspar Sampark (People-to-people connect). To participate Yuva Sangam, under the supervision and mentorship of Prof. Pinakeswar Mahanta Director, NIT Arunachal Pradesh and dedicated faculty team coordinated by EBSB cell organised and executed Yuva Sangam program for 50 youths pertaining to various institutes of Andhra Pradesh along with 5 faculty coordinators and staff from IIT Tirupati visited various districts (Namsai, Lohit and Anjaw) of Arunachal Pradesh to explore Kibithu, one of the vibrant villages via Hayuliang and Walong and to get enriched on tourism, development, traditional heritage, cultural aspects and people to people connect of the state of Arunachal Pradesh from 27th Feb to 4th Mar 2023.

FLAG OFF CEREMONY

Andhra Pradesh to Arunachal Pradesh visit initiated with the Flag Off Ceremony held on 24th Feb 2023 in the presence of **Shri. Wangki Lowang**, DoTCL & Information Technology Minister of the State of Arunachal Pradesh, **Shri. Y.D. Thongchi**, Padma Sri & Former Chief Information Commissioner, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, **Prof. Pinakeswar Mahanta**, Director, NIT Arunachal Pradesh, **Prof. H.S. Yadav**, Director, NERIST Arunachal Pradesh, Faculty Members from the Institutes and the esteemed youth delegates of Arunachal Pradesh. The flag off ceremony took place at Waii International at Arunachal Pradesh.



Flag Off Ceremony – 24th Feb 2023 – Waii International, Arunachal Pradesh

BRIEF ITINERARY

Day-1 (27.02.23)	Day-2 (28.02.23)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome at Dibrugarh Airport• Visit and Interaction with Monks at Golden Pakoda, Namsai• Reception Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel to Walong• Lohit River View
Day-3 (01.03.23)	Day-4 (02.03.23)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit to First View Point of China• Interaction with Indian Army in Kibithu Village• Visit to War Memorial in Kibithu Village• Visit to Govt Middle School, Kibithu Village• Interaction with Women Entrepreneurship Initiative by Indian Army, Kibithu Village• Interaction with Kaho Village People (Buddies event)• Modelling Traditional Attires• Visit to War Memorial, Wallong• Mishmi Cultural Dance at Wallong	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit to Hot Spring, Dong Village• Visit to Parshuram Kund-pilgrimage holy sites
Day-5 (03.03.23)	Day-6 (04.03.23)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interaction with Dr.Subhas Sarkar, MoS, Ministry of Education, Shri. Tapir Gao, MP, Arunachal East Constituency, Taba Tedir, Minister of Education of Arunachal Pradesh• Visit to Saraswati Vidya Niketan, Namsai• Visit to Local Entrepreneur Hub, Namsai• Visit to Local Market, Namsai• Traditional Lunch, Namsai• Closing Ceremony and Participation Certificate Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farewell and Adieu

WELCOME AT DIBRUGARH AIRPORT

50 Andhra Pradesh youth-delegates and 5 faculty members and staff of IIT Tirupati were warmly received by the host institute NIT Arunachal Pradesh in presence of IRCTC officials, ITBP Personals and tourist guides on 27th Feb 2023 at Dibrugarh Airport. All the delegates were welcomed with a traditional shawl and flower bouquet as a token of greeting.



Welcoming with a traditional shawl and flower bouquet as a greeting at Dibrugarh Airport



Group Photo at Dibrugarh Airport

PARYATAN (TOURISM)

Parshuram Kund: On Arriving at the Parshuram Kund, students were excited about when Pandit in temple explained the holy story of the place. After a brief introduction, they went to river bank for a holy-dip. There were about 100-150 steps to reach Kund. Once they reach, they viewed the sign which is in the shape of AXE located in middle of river. Water is so fresh and pure. At the entrance they visited Parshuram temple. The view of Brahmaputra as it gushes past was amazing from the bridge as well as the view point of temples. Not a trace of pollution and we felt the cold air rush to fill us with serenity.



Youths of Andhra Pradesh Visit at Parshuram Temple



Youths of Andhra Pradesh Visit at Parshuram Kund

Lohit River: On the way to Walong, lunch was arranged at the bank of Lohit River as a part of one of the practices of Arunachal Pradesh. Students were very much happy and refreshed after seeing scenic beauty of the location. Students were taken to the river side with the local people security. They played with the pure water for some times and then lunch was served. The students were happy to reach such a place of natural beauty and would not mind the travel.



Youths of Andhra Pradesh Enjoying Lohit River View



Youths of Andhra Pradesh Enjoying Lohit River View and Lunch

First View Point of China: After one-hour journey from Walong, It's First View Point of China where one can site China village through snow-covered mountains. Contingents were undoubtedly realized the moments where they are now and relished about their opportunity to visit such a wonderful place.



Niveditha from Andhra Pradesh one of the participants at the First View Point of China

War Memorial and Walong War Documentary Show: Once we reached Walong we could see the largest battalion before the LAC (McMohan Line) in Eastern Frontier. Indian army's presence was quite evident and they have an amazing camp right beside the river Lohit with a runway (which was used extensively during Indo China War). A war memorial is also marked in Walong town to commemorate the martyrs from Indo China war. Youths of Andhra Pradesh visited War Memorials in Walong and Kibithu and attended war documentary show of 45 minutes of Walong War in the evening at War Memorial, Wallong



Youths of Andhra Pradesh Visit to War Memorial, Wallong



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War Memorial Show, Wallong



Youths of Andhra Pradesh Visit to War Memory in Kibithu Village

Hot Land to Hot Spring at Dong Village: Hot Spring located just below the West bank of the Lohit River, under the foot suspension bridge. It is a small picturesque inhabited by the Meyors just 7 km away from Walong, and is situated in the left bank of Lohit River. Snow capped mountains and beautiful pine forests make the place immensely inviting. This hot spring that is heated by subterranean volcanic activity. When they walked in to the bank of the river, they found small pools of crystal-clear hot water that aren't quite big enough to take a bath in but they enjoyed dipping feet in it for some time and few took bath in hot spring. Volley Ball match was also conducted.



Youths of Andhra Pradesh Visit to Hot Spring, Dong Village



Youths of Andhra Pradesh Bathing in Hot Spring, Dong Village



Youths of Andhra Pradesh Played Volley Ball in Hot Spring, Dong Village

Golden Pagoda, Namsai: The spirited delegates made their first visit to splendid Golden Pagoda of Namsai also known as Khongmu-kham which is built in Tai/Burmese style. The students joined to worship the beautiful gilded buddha status along with the monks who were meditating and chanting with beautiful incense sticks making the environment mystical. Later they visited meditating Buddha statue, mythical lion statues, Ashoka pillar and a monastery



Youths of Andhra Pradesh at Golden Pakoda, Namsai



Youths of Andhra Pradesh at Golden Pagoda, Namsai

PARAMPARA (TRADITIONS)

Holy Dip at Parashuram Kund: On Arriving at the Parashuram Kund, students were excited about when Pandit in temple explained the holy story of the place. After a brief introduction, they went to river bank for a holy-dip.



Parshuram Kund Holy Dip



Youths of Andhra Pradesh Holy Dip at Parshuram Kund



Youths of Andhra Pradesh Interaction with priest at Parshuram Kund

Traditional Attire of Miju-Mishmi: Miju-Mishmis have very rich heritage of handlooms and handicraft, they are known for their intricate tribal motifs works. Traditional dresses of Miju-Mishmi were arranged and given to Youths of Andhra Pradesh to wear and learn the rich culture and handicraft of traditional clothes.



Youths of Andhra Pradesh in Traditional Attire of Miju-Mishmi

Buddhism is one of the religions of Arunachal Pradesh. The head monk explained about the significance of statues, architecture, lectern, practices, etc. Youths of Andhra Pradesh asked few questions about the philosophy and impressed about the knowledge sharing session.



Interaction with Monks at Golden Pakoda, Namsai

Mishmi Cultural Night at Wallong: After a very long day in Kibithu and Kaho, we reached Walong in the evening. Once we reached, the camp fire and a folk of Mishmi folk dancer were waiting for us. Two groups performed their traditional dance with song. The dance and song formats are very soft and smooth. Youths enjoyed by watching their beautiful dress, and soft voice and gentle steps. They also performed Andhra Pradesh folk dances. The cultural night not only ended with this but more. Youths of Andhra Pradesh including faculty from IIT and NIT, learned the gentle dance steps and performed along with Mishmi Tribes.



Camp Fire during Cultural Night at Wallong



Mishmi Cultural Night at Wallong



Mishmi Cultural Night at Wallong



Andhra Pradesh Folk Dance during Cultural Night at Wallong



Cross Cultural Folk Dance during Cultural Night at Wallong



Cross Cultural Folk Dance during Cultural Night at Wallong

Traditional Lunch, Namsai: Traditional lunch was arranged in Namsai at the last day of tour near a bank of river. The delicious Arunachal Pradesh cuisine was served with leafs. Green boils, elephant apple pickle, local chicken, sticky rice kichadi with fish, momos, and bamboo shoot vegetable sabji. The youths were eager about knowing the dishes and the preparation. The head chef explained about the names of the dishes and gave very detailed description on preparation. It was very healthy and yummy lunch.



Enquiring about the menu during Traditional Lunch, Namsai



Tasting the Traditional Lunch, Namsai



Head Chef Explaining about Traditional Lunch, Namsai

Local Market Visit: The youths were taken to Local Market to buy gifts and souvenirs for their family members, friends and relatives. They were very interested in buying local made things mostly like wooded carved hornbill, mithun, Buddha, traditional paddy hat, handmade clothes, sword, bags.



Youth of Andhra Pradesh Buying Sword in Local Market, Namsai



Youth of Andhra Pradesh Buying Handcraft Bags in Local Market, Namsai



Youth of Andhra Pradesh Buying Traditional Paddy Hat in Local Market, Namsai

Cross-Cultural fest was arranged for the Andhra youths and traditional Andhra Pradesh dance such as folk dances, folk songs were performed by Andhra Youths on stage. Andhra participants were excited and enjoyed the performance of the Arunachal Pradesh Local dances of Tai-Khamti. The costumes of Tai-Khamti dancers were gorgeous and gathered attention among the Andhra Pradesh contingents. The **KA-KNOK-YONG-KHAM** or **KAA KINGNARA KINGNARI (PEACOCK DANCE)** and **KAA-KONG TOU-KAI (COCK FIGHT DANCE)** were performed. The dramatic dances reflect the essence of the rich cultures of the Tai-Khamti Community. It is deeply rooted with the historical and religious traditions of Tai-Khamti community residing in various parts of South Asian countries and is also related with many other communities of countries like India, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and Myanmar etc. At the end of event, Participation Certificates were distributed by Col. Mandeep Singh, Commandant, 22 AP NCC Battalion.



Classical Dance by Deepika from Andhra Pradesh



Tai-Khamti's Kaa-Kinghara-Kinghari (Peacock Dance)



Tai-Khamti's Kaa-Kong Tou-Kai (Cock Fight Dance)



Traditional Attire Ramp Walk by Andhra Pradesh Youths



*Closing Ceremony and Participation Certificate Distribution by Col. Mandeep Singh,
Commandant, 22 AP NCC Battalion of YuvaSangam*

PARASPAR SAMPARK (PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONNECT)

Kaho (First Village of India) Village People/Buddies Event: From Walong reaching Kaho takes another 2 hours and the road to it has many remarkable spots like the first China view point, cross beautiful bridges with the gushing Lohit just beneath it and from a distant get the view of some amazing virgin unexplored heightened waterfalls. Youths were asked to talk to the locals, visit their homes to learn about Meyor culture and custom. Since we are far away from our institute students, we created this interaction as like Buddies Interaction. The people of Kaho served the local snacks and refreshment to youths of Andhra Pradesh who learned the livelihood, culture and custom of Kaho. Youths were made aware of the food and how is the living community of Kaho Village.



Youths of Andhra Pradesh visit to Kaho Village (Paraspar Sampark)

Interaction/Buddies Event with Meyor people in Kaho Village People

Interaction with Indian Army: Youths of Andhra Pradesh had interaction with Indian Army in Kibithu Village. The delegates were detailed about the interesting information about border area security, their everyday preparation for duties, etc.



Interaction with Indian Army, Kibithu



Group Photo with Indian Army, Kibithu

Govt Middle School, Kibithu Village: After an interaction with Indian Army, youths went to Govt. Middle School, Kibithu where they had interaction with students, teachers and head master. Head master narrated about their functions and introduced students to Andhra Pradesh youths. Youths visited classrooms and taught few rhymes. Students were initially hesitant to talk with but by the course of time they stated to mingle among. Youths distributed sweets and souvenirs to children.



Youths of Andhra Pradesh Interaction with students in Govt Middle School, Kibithu Village

Saraswati Vidya Niketan, Namsai: Youths of Andhra Pradesh visited and had an interaction with school students of Saraswati Vidya Niketan, Namsai. First the head-mistress explained and introduced them for interaction. Youths distributed sweets and souvenirs to children and conducted musical chair games for children. The winners were given gifts. They children were very happy.



Youths of Andhra Pradesh Interaction with children in Saraswati Vidya Niketan, Namsai



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Youths of Andhra Pradesh distributing sweets to children in Saraswati Vidya Niketan, Namsai



Musical Chair Conducted for children in Saraswati Vidya Niketan, Namsai

Delicious Lunch: With the support from the Anjaw district administration and Indian Army, lunch was arranged and served by ITBP camp in Kibithu. It was fortunate for the youths having lunch with Army personals and had enough time to share their experience with them. Youths not only just ate food but also they served-back food to solders after having food. Looking at the moment, it felt like no one get this opportunity to serve back to a troop of solders in a border area.



Lunch was served by one of the Youths of Andhra Pradesh to solders, Kibithu Village

PRODYOGIK (TECHNOLOGY)

Women Entrepreneurship Initiative: The Easternmost Bakery of India by Indian Army focusing on women's empowerment to make them self-sufficient so they can stand shoulder to shoulder with men. Shri. Nirmal Singh explained about the vocational training and the process of making various bakery items. They were using very recent technology and very advanced machineries in the bakery. Youths witnessed many modern day bridges, gadgets, household machineries in Kibithu and Kaho villages. "Arunachal Pradesh is developing all its districts and villages by connecting them by roads and also started to provide mobile networks to all the nook and corner of the state"-Sai Koteswara Rao, Phd Scholar, Sri Venkateswara University, Andhra Pradesh.



Interaction with Women Entrepreneurship Initiative by Indian Army, Kibithu Village



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Multipurpose Training Centre at Namsai: As part the exposure tour, students were taken to meet local entrepreneurs at Namsai under a service project of Arunachal Vikas Parishad. Students were given details on traditional tailoring, weaving and knitting methods in the multipurpose training centre, Namsai.



Introduction Session to Youths at Multipurpose Training Centre at Namsai



Explaining about the Weaving Process to Youths at Multipurpose Training Centre at Namsai



Explaining about the Knitting Process to Youths at Multipurpose Training Centre at Namsai

PRAGATI (DEVELOPMENT)

Kibithu Village: The developmental status of Kibithu, viewing China border through binoculars, the places where the camps are, the duties of soldiers and etc. Youths were roared “BHARATH MATHA KI JAI” and “VANDE MATARAM” at the entrance of Gen Bipin Rawat Military Garrison. Soldiers readily shared their experiences about border postings. It was a very proud moment for all of us.



Youths of Andhra Pradesh at the Entrance of Kibithu Village



Youths of Andhra Pradesh Viewing Indo-China Border via Binoculars

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Youths of Andhra Pradesh Visit to Govt Middle School, Kibithu Village



Highlight the infrastructure developmental works

Reception Event with Chau Zingnu Namchoom HMLA 47 Namsai Assembly Constituency encouraged youths giving details on the beauty of Arunachal Pradesh, Everester Tagit Sorang, Youngest Everester of Arunachal Pradesh highlighted the toughness of travel in mountains and advised about the visit to Kibithu and Kaho, Shri. Ontey Khamblai, Taekwondo Champion and Prof. D. S. Hernwal, Vice Chancellor, Arunachal University of Studies.



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Interaction with Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Minister of State for Education, Mr. Tapir Gao, Member of the Lok Sabha, Mr. TabaTedir, Minister of Education of Arunachal Pradesh where the delegates shared their experience with honorable ministers. After a special speech by Honorable Tapir Gao and Honorable TabaTedir, students asked few questions on NEP, development of North East, etc, Dr. Subhas Sarkar interacted with the students of Andhra Pradesh. At the end of the event he also distributed few participantscertificated during the event. Prof. Pinakeswar Mahanta, Director, NIT Arunachal Pradesh proposed vote of thanks.



Youths Interaction with Dr. Subhas Sarkar, MoS, Ministry of Education, Shri. Tapir Gao, MP, Arunachal East Constituency, Taba Tedir, Minister of Education of Arunachal Pradesh



Youths of Andhra Pradesh Receiving Participation Certificates from Dr. Subhas Sarkar, MoS, Ministry of Education



Felicitating of Taba Tedir, Minister of Education of Arunachal Pradesh



Felicitation of Shri. Tapir Gao, MP, Arunachal East Constituency



Felicitation of Dr. Subhas Sarkar, MoS, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India

YOUTH'S VOICE

“I want to go to Kibithu and Kaho villages as a volunteer”- Sai NikithaVaddi, Raghavendra Institute of Pharmacy Education and Research, Andhra Pradesh.

“The resources are to be utilized on sustainable manner with science and technology applications for development without any degradation of the ecology and environment in Arunachal Pradesh”- Lakshmi Srelekha, GIET, School of Pharmacy, Andhra Pradesh.

“I never thought of myself as doing anything other than telling stories of #AP to AP to my generation”- Manikanta Maddirala, Central Tribal University, Andhra Pradesh.

“Arunachal Pradesh has special and exceptional traditions of greeting and wishing each other with such love, gentleness, respect in their best possible behavior” – Gegri Neerajana Sai Niveditha, PhD Scholar, Sri Venkateswara University, Andhra Pradesh.

“I covered all five facets of Yuva Sangam, Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions), Pragati (Development), Prodyogik (Technology) and Paraspar Sampark (People-to-people connect)”- HemaSruthi, Raghavendra Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Andhra Pradesh. .

“The best part is that we have interacted with head monk in the temple and he said lot of things. There is a big statue of Buddha made of wood. I have never seen a Buddha statue in that much height”- B. Shailaja, Srinivasa Ramanujan Institute of Technology, Andhra Pradesh.

“Parsuram Kund is a spectacular destination place of worship and pilgrimage site andpristine tourist site too.. ” –Hema Sruthi, Raghavendra Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Andhra Pradesh

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