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Arunachal Pradesh finance minister Chowna Mein presented a Rs 285 crore deficit budget for the 2017-18 fiscal with major thrust on women empowerment, infrastructure development and law and order.

The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) was estimated to be Rs 21,414 crore in 2016-17.
In the budget estimate of 2017-18, the state is projecting a revenue receipt of Rs 14,599 crore and a capital receipt of Rs 1,436.75 crore.

This is an increase of over 15 per cent from the budget estimates of 2016-17.

In terms of expenditure strategy, the state had a fiscal deficit of 0.4% of GSDP in revised estimates of 2016-17, which is well within the 3% obligation as per the FRBM Act.

For the next financial year, state is projecting a fiscal deficit of 2.83% of GSDP.
The underpinning philosophy of the budget draws upon the following 15 broad themes:

Enhance transparency through governance reforms.

Empower the youth and squarely address the twin challenge of deficit in skills and jobs

Transformation of rural farm economy
Unlock the latent potential of land

Introducing policy measures which stimulates entrepreneurship Public investments to have a balanced regional spread.

Overhaul the educational system in the state.

Create an effective and affordable health services delivery model

Create a social security net for the elderly, widows and the disabled
Take measures for women empowerment k. Bridge the infrastructure deficit.

Revitalize the hydro power sector and tourism.

Augment the internal resource generation capacity.

Effective Law and Order management

Follow a Sustainable growth path in harmony with environment
Education

- Deploy independent agency for ranking schools and evaluating teaching quality in all primary and upper primary schools. (Rs. 1 crore)
- Computer aided learning smart classroom to cover 1500 classrooms. (Rs. 30 crores)
- Completion of VKV Longding and commencing classes at VKV Mukto (Rs. 12 Crore)
- RK Mission to establish a residential school at Lumdung in East Kameng District. (Rs. 15 crores corpus fund & Rs. 16 crores outlay)

Education

- State University, Pasighat. (Rs. 10 crores)
- Up grading the infrastructure, JN College, Pasighat (Rs. 10 crores)
- Girls College at Poma, Papumpare District. (Rs. 5 crores)
- Commencing work for establishing the first Engineering College, Toru, Papumpare District. (Rs. 10 crores)
- Degree College in Tawang. (Rs. 10 crores)
Social Security

- **Enhanced old age pension** to Rs. 1500 per month (60-79 years) and Rs. 2000 per month (above 80 years).
- **Disabled pension** enhanced to Rs. 2000 per month.
- **Enhanced Widow Pension** to Rs. 2000 per month.
- **Integrated Child Protection Scheme:** 6 new Juvenile Homes proposed to be constructed at Aalo, Bomdila, Changlang, Tezu, Roing and Yupia. (Rs. 22.79 crores)
- **One Stop Centers** for women in distress in Itanagar and Pasighat.

Industries & Investment

- In our endeavor to become a contributor to the “Make in India” initiative, we will take concrete measures to attract private investments and roll out a New Industrial Policy 2017.
- Development of **New Industrial Estates** in the foothill Districts with NABARD’s assistance of Rs. 15 crores.
- A **Foodpark at Tippi** to be developed with a common infrastructure facilities for investors including packaging, stotage and processing. (Rs. 10 crores)
- **Liberalization of Land Laws** - to allow long-term leases.
Agriculture & Allied Sectors

- Self sufficiency in food grains by 2020
- Land terracing in food deficit areas. (Rs.10 crores)
- Chief Minister’s Mission Organic for production of organic inputs in Government farms’ supplementing the CSS ‘Mission Organic Value Chain Development’. (Rs. 2 crores)
- Four Tea and Rubber nurseries to be under technical supervision of Agriculture Department. (Rs. 10 crores)

- 4 new Nurseries: Temperate crops at Ziro, Sub-Tropical crops at Basar, Tropical crops at Namsai and Medicinal Plants at Tawang. (Rs. 2 crores)
- Registering 8 indigenous crops under the Geographical Indication Registration. (Rs. 50 lakhs)
- A MoU signed between the State Government and The Spices Board of India to establish Auction Centers for farmers at Kimin and Namsai. (Rs. 2 crores)
- Commissioning the **600 MW Kameng Hydel Project and 110 MW Pare Hydel project** that will nearly triple the generation capacity.
- Comprehensive restructuring of Hydropower Department.
- **Electrification of 1500 villages** both on the grid mode and decentralized solar energy under Deendayal Upadhyay Gramjyoti Yojana. (Rs. 300 crores)
- Improvement of urban electrification infrastructure covering 9 towns under IPDS Program. (Rs. 150 crores)

- **Chief Minister’s Energy Conservation Scheme** by APEDA providing subsidy for installation of LED bulbs. (Rs. 1.5 crores)
- Execution comprehensive transmission scheme by The Power Grid Corporation of India. (Rs. 3200 crores)
- A **Separate Transmission Company** to function as state transmission utility.
- Commissioning of Aalo-Pasighat transmission line and Itanagar-Hoj transmission line.
- **Street lighting facility** within the capital complex on a PPP. (Rs. 60 crores)
Transport

• **Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana** covering 1000 kilometers of rural roads. (Rs. 980 crores)
• Under the Highway program of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, GOI, total length of 2570.82 kilometers of National Highways/State Roads is implemented of which PWD is executing 16 packages. (Rs. 50,000 crores)
• **Alignment of Arunachal Frontier Highway** from Dirang to Vijaynagar adjacent to the international border with China.

Transport

• **Revival of the East-West Industrial Corridor** from Bhairabkund to Ruksin, 431km, by PWD. (Rs. 18 crores)
• **Union Sanction of Survey** for 300 kilometers new Railway lines.
• **Chief Minister’s Air Connectivity Scheme**. (Rs. 5 crores)
• **Interstate Bus Terminus** at Lekhi Village. (Rs. 10 crores).
• **Construction of Civilian Terminus**. (Rs 5 crores)
Tourism & Culture

- Swadesh Darshan Scheme, GOI. (Rs. 97 crores)
- State Tourism Society for launching a National Branding Campaign across all mediums-electronic, digital and print to reach out to the eclectic traveler and aware them of the opportunities for investment, eco-tourism and adventure. (Rs. 30 crores)
- Eco-Tourism Resort at Tawang and Ziro. (Rs. 2 crores)
- National Branding Campaign for tourism

Tourism & Culture

- Development of Mechuka as a model tourist town on a pilot basis by hiring world-class urban planners. (Rs. 5 crores)
- Carrying out audio visual and documentary research of the living heritage of the tribes of Arunachal Pradesh and capture the oral traditions, customary laws and unique socio-culture practices by the Research Department. (Rs. 5 crores)
- Establishing a Heritage Village at Itanagar. (Rs. 10 crores)
- Chief Minister’s Tribal Development Advisory Council.
- Promotion of Hindi language. (Rs 1 crore)
Law & Order

- Modernization of Police Force including communication equipment, security equipment, traffic equipment, weapons and forensic equipment.
- 21 Women Police Stations in all District Headquarters with a toll free number 1091.
- Toll Free Women Helpline 181 run by the Department of Women and Child Development.
- Enhancement of Ration Money for Police Personnel from Rs.300 to Rs. 1000.
- 56 new posts for traffic police.

Empowering Farmers

- Zero interest crop loans.
- A State level Agriculture Information Hub cum Farmer’s Hostel in Naharlagun.
- A MoU signed between the State Government and The Spices Board of India to establish Auction Centers for Farmers at Kimin and Namsai.
  (Rs. 2 crores)
- 37 ATMs installation by the Apex Bank in partnership with NABARD and RBI.
Empowering Farmers

- Distribution of 10,000 Kisan Credit Cards and 40,000 RuPay cards to the Jandhan account holders. (Rs. 3 crores)
- Weaning away the poppy growers to alternative cash crops. (Rs. 20 crores)
- 11,000 hectares to be covered under irrigation by the Water Resources Department availing the CSS-PMKSY. (Rs. 280 crores)
- For various livestock and dairy activities, apart from the 33% subsidy by the GOI, the State Government to provide back ended capital subsidy of 25%.

Empowering Students

- Smart classrooms in each Secondary and Higher Secondary classrooms.
- Operationalization of State University, Pasighat.
- Commencing establishment of the first Engineering College at Toru, Papumpare District.
- Degree College in Tawang.
- Operation of Law College, Jote.
- Introducing Science stream and construction of Science block at DP College, Kamki.
Arunachal signs MoU with NDDB to promote dairy development.

With a view to promoting the dairy sector and rural livelihoods in Arunachal Pradesh, the border state has signed a MoU with National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) during the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2017.

NDDB will conduct a study related to milk production and consumption to identify areas of intervention, based on which it will prepare a road map in consultation with the State Government. A breeding policy will be prepared to enhance milch animal productivity.

NDDB will help strengthen dairying and make it more meaningful and sustainable occupation for the milk producers of Arunachal Pradesh.
National Dairy Development Board

The National Dairy Development Board is an institution of national importance set up by an Act of Parliament of India.

The main office is in Anand, Gujarat with regional offices throughout the country.

NDDB's subsidiaries include IDMC Limited-Anand, Mother Dairy, Delhi, NDDB Dairy Services, Delhi and Indian Immunologicals Ltd.

It was founded by Dr. Verghese Kurien.

Chairman NDDB : DILIP RATH
Arunachal launches Dulari Kanya scheme to check infant mortality

Arunachal Pradesh launched 'Dulari Kanya', a special scheme to check infant mortality in the state, on the occasion of the 68th Republic Day.

Under this the government will deposit Rs 20,000 in the bank account of a girl child, born in any government hospital.

It would be paid along with the accrued interest after she attains 18 years of her age.

It would not only arrest infant mortality but also keep a track of all pregnant mothers so that they avail of pre-natal and ante-natal care in the government health centres and go for institutional deliveries.
Arunachal first NE state to implement e-Cabinet solution

Using this system, the cabinet members can access the cabinet notes before the meeting.

The entire business of the Cabinet can be conducted using the e-Cabinet solution.

e-Cabinet is a powerful tool that the Arunachal Pradesh government plans to use to streamline its decision-making process.

The e-Cabinet solution will give remote access to the Ministers to view Cabinet notes and the same will be circulated well in advance for proper analysis and feedback.
The system is a multi-user secure solution that keeps relevant information organised and updated in real time, giving ministers a clear overview of each item under discussion.

Once Arunachal Pradesh adopts the e-Cabinet system fully, the average length of the cabinet meetings will go down from 4-5 hours to just 30-90 minutes and the government can also eliminate the need to print and deliver thousands of pages of documents.

e-Cabinet uses web-based software

The Department of IT and Communication also distributed one secured tablet to each member of the Cabinet through which the ministers can access the e-Cabinet solution
Arunachal tribals oppose 10,000-MW hydro-electric dam on Siang River

Three weeks after NITI Aayog had come out with a proposal to construct a single multi-purpose river valley project on the Siang river in Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh, the Siang Indigenous Farmers’ Forum (SIFF) has opposed it and asked the government to stop it in the larger interest of the tribal communities of the area.

They have opposed the earlier proposed Siang Stage I and Siang Stage II hydel projects on the ground that those would displace hundreds of indigenous tribal families in the larger Siang region.
The NITI Aayog had on September 26 made a presentation before Arunachal Pradesh chief minister Pema Khandu and several of his senior cabinet colleagues in New Delhi on the **Siang single multi-purpose river valley project** which would replace the earlier proposed Siang Stage I and Stage II projects.

To be constructed at the proposed **Siang Stage II location as a single storage project** instead of two separate projects as earlier scheduled, it would submerge over 300 tribal villages and produce 10,000 MW of hydro-electric power.

The project is proposed at Siang Stage-II location, which will be built as a single storage project instead of earlier proposed two separate projects Stage-I and Stage-II on Siang river, thereby reducing the **cost of project by 25 per cent** and increasing the storage capacity of the dam.
Benefits of proposed project

The state will benefit through its **12 per cent free power** share that comes to about Rs 2400 crore per annum as revenue.

Another Rs 200 crore per annum will be added through its **1 per cent free power share**, which will be used exclusively for local area development.

Besides Rs 4500 crore proposed for relief and rehabilitation package, the project will attract an investment of about **Rs 80,000 crore** with huge employment generation and creation of several economic opportunities.
Arunachal Pradesh Launches Arunachal Civil Service Awards.

The Arunachal Pradesh government has introduced the Arunachal Civil Service Awards as part of its efforts to encourage good governance in the state.

The award consists of a medal, a scroll and cash awards of Rs 1 lakh for an individual and Rs 5 lakh for an organization or a group.

The recipients will be selected on the basis of implementation of innovative schemes or projects, adaptation to meet the stakeholders' requirement, and building up perceptible system changes and institutions.

The award will also honour civil servants and government employees who make public service delivery systems efficient and corruption free, including speedy and judicious execution of work.
Arunachal Pradesh Launches Adarsh Gram Yojana for Rural Poor

The Arunachal Pradesh government launched a new scheme “Adarsh Gram Yojana” that is in accordance with the basic philosophy of the Prime Minister “Sabka Saath Sabka Vikaas (Collective Efforts Inclusive Growth).

The scheme aims to reach the poor people in rural areas of the state to serve them better.

Under the scheme, 123 villages (comprising one village per circle) will be developed as Model Villages during the fiscal year 2017-18.

The state government has allocated an amount of Rs.93 crore in the Budget 2017-18 for infrastructure development and for creating employment opportunities and community assets for the people of those villages.
ARUNACHAL PRADESH SIGNS UDAY MOU, 25TH STATE TO JOIN SCHEME

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Under the scheme, the states are to repay 75 per cent of debt by issuing bonds while for remaining 25 per cent loans, discoms are required to raise funds through issuance of securities.
Arunachal Teen Develops Goggles to Help Visually Impaired

Anang Tadar, a Class XI student of New Galaxy Academy, Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh has invented a unique pair of goggles that uses ultrasound and infrared sensors to help the visually impaired detect obstacles on their path.

He was awarded the Dinanath Pandey Smart Idea Innovation Award for inventing the gadget named Goggle for Blind (G4B).

Impressed by his innovation and keen to launch it in the market, the National Innovation Foundation, set up by the Department of Science and Technology, has asked Anang to create a few prototypes for the visually impaired to test.
The goggles could be used to detect any obstacles on all sides \textit{within a distance of two metres}.

He used the \textit{principle of echolocation} as used by bats at night.

There \textit{are two ultrasound sensors} on the left and right of the goggles to detect obstacles.

There is also \textit{an infrared sensor} in the middle of the gadget to detect obstacles in case both the ultrasound sensors fail.

When \textit{an obstacle is detected}, a beep sound is heard through the audio output along with vibration to alert the person.
Former Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu flagged off the Naharlagun-Guwahati Shatabdi Express.

He also laid the foundation of the Murkongselek-Pasighat broad gauge line in Arunachal Pradesh.
Out of the 26.15 km railway track from Murkongselek in Dhemaji district of Assam to Pasighat in East Siang district of Arunachal, 23.55 km line falls in the state with three railway stations – Sille, Rani and Pasighat.

The seven new lines in the state for which reconnaissance engineering cum traffic survey commenced are

- Lekhapani-Kharsang (25 km), Itakhola-Seijosa (18 km)
- Doomdooma-Namsai-Wakro (96 km), Dangri-Roing (60 km)
- Deomali-Naharkatia (20 km), Lekhpani-Miao-Deban (75 km)
- And Tinsukia-Pasighat via Simaluguri and Kanubari (300 km).
Arunachal Pradesh celebrates Dree festival with traditional pomp & gaiety

The Dree Festival of Arunachal Pradesh is an agricultural festival celebrated with the traditional pomp & gaiety.

It is the biggest festival of the Apatanis and celebrated with zest marked by sacrificial offerings and prayers.

The festival is marked by grand ritual and community feasts served with delicious rice/millet beer.

The Dree Festival of Arunachal Pradesh is celebrated on 5th July
Kiren Rijiju inaugurates RIWATCH Museum and Chimari Bridge in Arunachal Pradesh

Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the Research Institution of World Ancient, Traditional, Culture & Heritage (RIWATCH) Museum at Roing in Arunachal Pradesh.

He also inaugurated the 235-meter long Chimari Bridge serve as a life line between the National Highway 52 of Roing-Tezu.

The bridge has been constructed by Border Roads Organisation (BRO).
5th North East Connectivity Summit- 2018 to be held in Arunachal Pradesh

Chairman, North East Advisory Council of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Ranjit Barthakur informed that Arunachal has been chosen to host the 5th North East Connectivity Summit in 2018.

The **4th North East Connectivity Summit** was held in **Nagaland** in the month of September 2017.

The summit organised by the FICCI is one of the most important forums for action oriented contemplations on sub-regional economic integration and connectivity between North East India and South East Asia.
Five states, Puducherry to ink MoU with GeM

Five states and a union territory including Arunachal Pradesh inked an MoU with Government e-Market (GeM) for smart procurement of goods and services.

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) would also ensure timely payment by state departments to the vendors registered on the GeM portal.

It has been made mandatory on GeM to make payment to the vendors within 10 days of receipt of goods and services.

The other states inked the agreement are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Telangana and union territory - Puducherry.
Wi-fi LAN launched in Arunachal Pradesh civil secretariat

Wi-Fi Local Area Network (LAN) was launched at the Arunachal Pradesh secretariat making it the first secretariat in the country to be fully under wireless coverage.

The state capital complex (Itanagar-Naharlagun) will have specific wi-fi zones where people would get free accesses.

The wireless LAN project comprises state-of-the-art wireless access points with 1 Gbps bandwidth in each of its four blocks powered by 10 Gbps NIC backbone link.
The secured network can offer connections to up to 6000 employees and 500 visitors can access it at one go.

Officials can get access through their official (NIC) email ids, while visitors have to access through the SWAGAT mode that generates an OTP for login in.

The 157 access points installed across the secretariat premises would allow round the clock wifi access to officials and 8 hours per day to visitors.
India, China hold border meet in Arunachal Pradesh

India and China on Monday held a Border Personnel Meeting at Bumla near Arunachal Pradesh’s Tawang and a “thaw” in relations was evident at the meet.

The meet that comes months after a stand-off along the Sikkim sector which ended on August 28.

Located at an altitude of 15,134 feet and situated 42 km north of Tawang town, Bumla is one of the five designated BPM venues, between Indian and Chinese troops.

The Indian delegation was led by Brig MP Singh, and the Chinese by Senior Col Liu Jiang Xun.
New Arunachal Pradesh chief secretary

Delhi principal home secretary Satya Gopal has been transferred to Arunachal Pradesh as the chief secretary.
With Recent Resolution, Arunachal Joins Goa, Mizoram in Demand for Separate IAS, IPS, IFS Cadre

The Arunachal Pradesh assembly adopted a resolution to urge the Narendra Modi government to form a separate cadre of Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS) and Indian Forest Service (IFS) for the northeastern state, like most other states.

Presently, Arunachal Pradesh comes under the All India Services (AIS) grouping of Arunachal, Goa, Mizoram and other union territories (AGMUT).

Because of the absence of separate cadres the Central scheme could not be implemented and executed properly in the state as AGMUT officers come to the state for a short period and are not able to understand the tribal culture and sentiments.
As per a news report this past August, those selected for the AIS would be asked to choose cadres from “a set of zones instead of states.”

The existing 26 cadres (as per states) have been divided into five zones in the new policy proposed by the ministry of personnel, public grievances and pensions.

AGMUT will be included in zone 1 along with states like Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Rajasthan and Haryana
Agriculture Minister Wangki Lowang introduced the Arunachal Pradesh Agriculture Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill 2017 which aimed to provide for geographically restricted trade transaction of agriculture produces including livestock across the state and the country.

It also aimed to enhance transparency in trade operations and price settlement mechanism, adoption of electronic and other innovative form of technology, to promote emergence of multiple channels for competitive marking, agri processing and agriculture export.
Parliamentary Affairs Minister Bamang Felix introduced three bills:

- The Arunachal Pradesh Speaker and Deputy Speaker Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill 2017.
- The Arunachal Pradesh Salaries, Allowances of the Ministers (Amendment) Bill 2017
- The Arunachal Pradesh Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill 2017.
Arunachal to take up small tea growers' plight with Centre

The Arunachal Pradesh Assembly adopted a resolution to pursue the long pending issue of small tea growers of the state with the Centre.

The Supreme Court order of December 12, 1996 banning timber operation to check deforestation, had affected the tea growers to cultivate tea even in their own land.

The Assembly also resolved to urge the Centre to constitute a joint committee comprising officials from the union government, state government and Tea Board of India which would recommend measures to address the issues of registration of the small tea growers in a time bound manner, preferably within three months.
Arunachal is the second largest tea producer among the northeastern states after Assam.

To encourage tea and rubber cultivation, the state government had made budgetary provision of **Rs 10 crore each** to the sectors by giving the farmers subsidized loans.
Four-Day Tawang Festival begins in Arunachal Pradesh

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu declared open the fifth edition of Tawang festival.

He inaugurated the exhibition stalls where products and materials from various government departments, NGOs and local community bodies were showcased.

Local organisations showcased their traditional handlooms, traditional papermaking technique and local ornaments.

There are food stalls from different communities of the state selling tribal delicacies.
Local archery, weightlifting, shotput, tug of war, Thepi, Glangnyuri and Lei, competitions will be held at the event.

On the first day, Yak dance from different villages of Khirmu, Mukto, Gyankhar, Bomdir, Gonkhar was displayed.

**Tawang** is the smallest of the 16 administrative districts of Arunachal Pradesh

It is inhabited by the Monpa people.

Tawang district was formed in 1989, when it was split from West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh.
The Arunachal Pradesh Assembly passed the Kameng Professional and Technical University Arunachal Pradesh Bill 2017 (Amended) which paved the way for establishment of a private university at Bhalukpong in West Kameng district.

The bill was tabled by Education Minister Honchun Ngandam during the Budget session in March this year.
NGT suspends forest clearance for Arunachal hydropower project

In a decision being hailed as rare and exceptional, the southern bench of the National Green Tribunal has suspended the Forest Clearance of the Demwe Lower Hydroelectric Project in Lohit District of Arunachal Pradesh on October 24.

The Demwe Lower Hydroelectric Project, with a proposed capacity of 1,750 MW, requires construction of 163.12 metre-high dam across River Lohit.

For this project, the state’s Department of Environment and Forest had granted permission to divert 1415.92 hectares (1408.30 ha surface land + 7.62 ha underground land) of forest land on August 26, 2013.
In appeal against the Stage I forest clearance (FC) of the project was disposed by the NGT, while granting the appellants to make another appeal after the Stage II FC was given.

According to a Supreme Court order, all projects within 10 kms of national parks and sanctuaries need clearance from the standing committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL).

The appellants also drew the court’s attention towards violation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA) in this clearance.
The NGT doesn’t usually cancel FCs of projects, so this case is more of an exception than a norm as per experts.

“Suspensions of forest and environment clearances are not frequent.

It happens in cases where the NGT is pushed to take a position on very persuasive evidence.

The Kashang hydro power plant or the PEKB (Parsa East and Kante Basan) coal mine other such instances.
Arunachal to implement rehabilitation policy for Tibetans

Arunachal Pradesh resolved to take steps to implement the Tibetan Rehabilitation Policy 2014 of the Centre after due consultation with all the stakeholders.

The Union Home Ministry on October 20, 2014 framed the policy to provide basic facilities to the Tibetans residing in 45 settlements in ten states across the country.

Tenzingaon in West Kameng district, Tezu in Lohit and Miao in Changlang district with a population of 7,530.

The Tibetan settlement at Miao is the oldest which was established in 1962 followed by the Tezu settlement (1964) and Tenzingaon in 1972.
"The initial population of the Tibetans was more but now it has decreased as most of the refugees have shifted to Western countries in search of jobs.

The policy will not only benefit the Tibetans but also safeguard the rights of the tribal people of the state as it will demarcate their status as a result of which they cannot encroach upon the rights of the indigenous people in the future."
CAG flays Arunachal govt over RTE implementation

Arunachal Pradesh has failed to achieve the target of providing free and compulsory education to every eligible child even after six years of implementation of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) observed in its report.

The report, which was tabled in the assembly on Saturday by finance minister Chowna Mein, highlighted several lapses while implementing the Act, which came into effect in the state in 2010.

The report alleged that school mapping and household survey for identification of children eligible for elementary education was not carried out.
The report also highlighted 42% shortfall in science and mathematics teachers till March 2016.

Despite excess procurement of text books by the director of elementary education during 2010-11 and 2012-13, there was shortfall in receipt of text books in test checked schools in the sampled districts.

Workbooks worth Rs 123.02 lakh were not received from the state project director of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), the main vehicle for implementing the provision of the RTE Act.

The RTE Act 2009 provides for free and compulsory education to all children in the age group of 6-14 years, by ensuring compulsory admission and completion of elementary education by every eligible child.
The programme also provides for creating infrastructure, adequate classrooms, playground, library and learning equipment and kitchen shed for mid-day meal.

The CAG report suggested that the state government should conduct household survey and school mapping for identification of eligible children and to ensure providing compulsory education to them.

It also suggested ensuring timely release of funds to the implementing agencies for smooth implementation of the scheme, besides streamlining the procurement of text books and uniforms and to distribute them to the targeted schools and student
Arunachal Pradesh Assembly approves Kamle as 23rd district

The Arunachal Assembly passed a bill Arunachal Pradesh (Re-Organisation of Districts) (Amendment) Bill paving way for creation of a new district to be named Kamle, bifurcating the present Upper and Lower Subansiri districts.

With the official creation of the new district, the total number of districts in the state shot up to 23.

Kamle district, constituting the eastern part of Lower Subansiri district and western part of Upper Subansiri district, would have a population of 22,256 of homogeneous people.

It consists of six administrative units, three under Lower Subansiri and three under Upper Subansiri.
Balipara-Charduar-Tawang road project to be completed by 2021

A senior Border Roads Organization (BRO) official said that the Balipara-Charduar-Tawang (BCT) Road project in Arunachal Pradesh will be completed by 2021.

The BCT road project includes three bypasses – Bomdila bypass, Dirang bypass and Jung bypass.

While the works are on for construction of the Bomdila bypass, the other two bypasses are still at the survey stage.
The BCT road with a total length 317.52 km in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh is under improvement to National Highway Double Lane (NHDL) specifications.

As of date, 56.21 per cent progress has been made on the road.
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