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## SNIPPETS

### Gambling seized

**Nirjuli, 16 Nov:** Gambling activity was reported by the vendors in and around the Nirjuli main market. Acting upon the information Nirjuli police raided the area, and seized all the gambling equipment including dice cubes, gambling mat and a gambling bucket, while the offender fled the scene. Surendra Singh, SI Nirjuli, informed that a case no. PS No. 107/22 under section 4 of Arunachal Pradesh GPA (Gambling Provisional Act) 2012 has been registered at Nirjuli police station. Investigation is under process.

### Seminar and workshop on Cooperative society

**NERIST, 16 Nov:** A state level seminar and workshop is being organised by the Arunachal Pradesh State Cooperative Union on the occasion of celebration of the 69th All India Co-operative week dating from 14th to 20th November 2022.

The main topic of the workshop is Main streaming cooperative education, professional management and reorienting training and Financial inclusion, digitization of PACS/LAMPS and strengthening co-operative database.

An expo is also being organized by the cooperative Union at the workshop cum seminar. Many of the Co-operative societies from all over the state is presenting their products and works in the program.

Professor Utpal Bhattacharjee, HOD, Computer Science and engineering, NERIST spoke about inclusion of the economically backward class of society and how it is a social responsibility of each and every member of the co-operative society to encourage and uplift them.

### Publisher's Note

3 days just went by. We believe this year's issue of The Dikrong-Express has been a learning experience for you as it was for us, and we hope it was worth reading for you. Please do write in your feedback to masscomm.rgu@gmail.com. We will await your words as you will, hopefully, ours. Till next year we bid adieu and promise to get better every year!

## Department of Mass Communication RGU celebrated National Press Day along with the rest of the Nation

Arunachal Press Club inaugurated its new building on the auspicious day



collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi University. The program was in a blended mode, whereby Department of Multimedia and Mass Communication, Patkai Christian College and Department of Mass Communication, RGU attended physically and virtually respectively.

The main speaker Dr. Dakter-

Esse Jamir, HoD Multimedia and Mass Communication talked about the role of media in Nation Building. She said "In the era of information age, one cannot stay aloof of information as such the role of media becomes more important, for it has always been used as a powerful tool to generate information."

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## Donyi Polo Airport all set to be inaugurated by Prime Minister CM Pema Khandu dedicated road to the airport

**Hollongi, 16 Nov:** Hon'ble Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated the newly Constructed road of Hollongi to Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar of Arunachal Pradesh. This day is a historic day for each and every Arunachalee. It is so because now every Arunachalee can smoothly travel by flight from Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar to mostpart of the country. The programme was attended by large numbers of Intellectuals, general publics, VIPs and VVIPs. The road is being constructed very smoothly. On 19th of November, 2022, our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will visit the Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar for a formal inauguration. The security arrangement is in place so that no untoward incidents took place.

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## RONGHUAN KUHWA: Millet FESTIVAL OF the NOCTE

### NOKWANG SUMPA

**R**onghuanKuhwa [festival] is celebrated by the Nocte tribe of Arunachal Pradesh every year with great pomp and show in the Nocte villages in the month of August. Its original name was called Ramhuan (Offering to Almighty), Ronghuan literally means Rituals and celebrated after harvesting of millet's crop with great

enthusiasm.

The festival last for three days, the first day is called Phamlamja where all are busy with collection of articles and entertainment, domestic animals like Buffalo and Pigs are sacrificed for the celebration of festival's meat and rice beer are being made for the festival. On the second day, which is referred as Thanbua ja where the

entire youths of the villages gear up themselves and wore the traditional ornaments like, 1)Khasi (Human's hair to show that he won a human head in the past) indirectly describing himself as head hunter, 2) Wohmih,

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**EDITORIAL****Maximum Retail Price- A STRIKING ISSUE**

If any shopkeepers are found selling above MRP, the department will take immediate action including the cancellation of trading license,"stated AchuBagang. This statement was made two years back by the president of Consumer Rights Organisations, Arunachal Pradesh (CRO-AP) .The issue still prevails today even after the organisation's willingness to assist. This is all due to people not exercising their consumer rights. They aren't even aware that they possess such rights. People aren't concerned when a retailer sells products at a shockingly inflated prices as they overlook the issue due to their immediate needs. They don't understand the value of money and avoid taking back the change which are low in denominations say Rs. 1. This has, unfortunately, become a sickening trend. Because of this ignorance, sellers illegally infiltrate the market for their own personal profits and thereby indulge in malpractices to dupe the mass of naive and helpless customers. When enquired about the coin issue, consumers say that the shopkeepers give excuses that they don't have change. Shopkeepers, on the other hand strongly disagree to this and in fact, say that consumers refuse to take the change. And when asked the reason why, they are unable to provide with one plausible answer. Some insane examples of inflated price are seen in fast moving consumer products like soft drinks. The price is increased by Rs 10, if one has to buy them cold saying as cooling charge. This is absolutely unfair on every level. This leaves one to wonder how can we possibly put an end to this concerning and perplexing matter. A thorough survey should be conducted on both the consumers as well as retailers/wholesalers in order to find the root causes of the issue with real evidences to make amends upon the same. Various media platforms can be powerful outlets in disseminating awareness to consumers. We should all keep an ardent attempt to make our readers and fellow consumers to fully comprehend this serious issue and act upon it wisely by exercising their consumer rights.

Unemployment is a term referring to the individuals who are employable and actively seeking a job but are unable to find a job. It is one of the reasons for poverty in our state. Every year more than 20,000 students graduate from different colleges and more than 6,000 post-graduated. In the recent years the unemployment rate has been increasing. Many Youths of the state of Arunachal Pradesh too are also deprived and mainly unemployed. Even though most of them are qualified graduates and many diploma holders. Some of the main cause behind this unemployment is due to lack of skills and job availability. Although, the state is developing in different aspects such as Education, Urbanization, Transportation and Infrastructure. But still there is a lack in creation of job opportunities. Here, the job sectors available are mostly government and private sector. Therefore, most of the students after completion of their studies, they have no other choices rather than to compete in entrance exam for the job. The best example of Unemployment in Youths are seen in the aspiring students of APSSB and APPSC .Every year more than Lakhs of

Earlier, the Indian education system was based on the Gurukul system where students stayed with the teacher i.e., the Guru-Shishya parampara. The students had to do their work by themselves and get educated. They were allowed to visit homes only a few times. The oldest known Gurukuls of India are Takshila and Nalanda. Later on, it got influenced by the Mughal Empire and British Empire. It significantly changed the system of education in India. New subjects like Persian and English were also introduced.

Article 21(A) of the Indian Constitution Act, 2002 gives the right to get educated but our Indian Education system faces lots of problems. One of the biggest problems is the poor grading system. It judges the intelligence of a student on the basis of their marks. That is very unfair to students who are good in their overall performance but not good in one or two specific subjects. Researchers have found that Indian Education system focuses more on theory. Only a little percentage is given for practical. Though India have produced prominent figures like A.R Rehman, Mary Kom and Sachin Tendulkar but our Indian education does not emphasize enough on the impor-

In a patriarchal society, men are assumed to be dominating in nature, they are expected to be strong, responsible and act with decisiveness. Yet many people fail to realize that any soul can be a prey to abuse. A son of a warrior can be many things besides a warrior but realizing this is still a challenge in our society.

Domestic violence against men is not new, it exists in our society but in shadows. A world where males are regarded with a preconceived notion of superiority, knowingly or unknowingly, sets a level or a bar of which one must be par with. For a man being expressive is not hard but a challenge enacted by a stereotype society.

There are so many cases and incidents of domestic violence against men but out of such only few are registered, the main reason for this is the mentality of an autocratic society where a man reporting against domestic violence upon himself is seen as a denigration of his masculinity. This is not a problem only associated to the society or social group but also

**Youth and unemployment**

students appear for the entrance exam. But only few hundred seats are allocated which results in the rapid accumulation of Unemployed Youths. However, the greatest concern for the state is, how to control and generate employment? There is a need for skill development. The upcoming Youths need to be monitored and oriented about skill development rather than usual mainstream studies. This will provide an opportunity to choose a carrier in different subjects of interest. Apart from government sector and small scale industries, certain skills development is required to be generated in our state such as, Development in Science and Technology, Engineering, Entertainment, Crafting, Architecture and Industries etc. Through this the Youths will get an opportunity to expand their skills and engage themselves in various activities.

Lastly, the skills development starts from home itself. Therefore, the parents should encourage their children to participate different subject of interest rather than obliged to become Doctors and Engineers alone.

**Rakhe Joseph****Indian education system**

tance of Sports and Arts.

The responsibility of higher education lies on the parents and children. Most students in India stop education after Higher secondary because of no proper facilities for getting higher education.

Indian Education system compared to Western Education

Indian education largely depends on a theoretical knowledge of any subject to understand the thing deeply. It focuses on knowledge gain by routine

**Dagam Padung**

learning rather than skills. In this system scopes are limited. So, one cannot switch from one stream to another. The colleges are very expensive and less options for scholarship. Here, only top universities promise jobs.

Western education system follows a practical knowledge system. It focuses on practical knowledge rather than theoretical. There are higher scopes in this system of education. Though, colleges are expensive, but they provide scholarships. Western certification is high in demand both abroad and in India.

Warren Buffet started investing in his early ages and started earning

**Invisible Victim**

to the men themselves, for its a dark thinking where a man outcast another man when they are seen unfit to their ordeals. This leads to alienation of a person and in some cases, it can lead to many homicide cases as well.

In a tribal community, where men are recognized by their capabilities confined to physical strength and power, the source of domestic violence is mainly stereotypes. Where

**LIKHA BAI**

men are expected to be brave hunters and dominating, there is literally no place for a man driven by emotions. One must comprehend that not all men are created equal, though it's a natural phenomenon that men are made more muscular than women, presuming that men are stronger should be considered wrong.

Domestic violence and domestic abuse are not just about physical abuse, it also includes emotional, psychological. Most people live in a denial for they think that domestic violence can only happen to a woman,

money in his 20's but many Indians fails to earn after graduation. They mostly depend on their parents. In India after taking so many degrees people doesnot get job because of its formal teaching. In India topics like Investing, Graphic Designing, public speaking, personality development and computer learning etc. are considered as waste of money and time. In India people study for getting government jobs. They spend money blindly and send their children to coaching centers for competitive exams. In today's world skill is given more preference as compared to knowledge. Students studying in the Western system are more in demand because they are given skills rather than knowledge to do work.

With the new education policy (NEP) of India, things are changing, and we can see a huge transformational changes. Our country is trying to channelize a new form of education which is specific to its populations. Uses of indigenous languages in early education, encouraging tinkering labs, supporting entrepreneurial and start ups is some of the new outlook for the new education system. It's we as a citizen of this country should try to open up to the new system and lead a good future for our coming generation.

and even when such incidents occur, the fear of being socially discarded halts the victim to take appropriate steps against it.

Men often feel discriminated against or feel uneasy in opening and speaking freely about the violence that they face. They think their struggle against violence will go in vain because of gender-specific laws and provisions that are given in the Indian Constitution.

In the body of "everyone is equal before the law", laws against domestic violence against men are still under debate even after 70 years of its enactment, is a concerning issue.

**A Teacher for all season**

A teacher is like Spring,  
Who nurtures new green  
sprouts,

Encourages and leads them,  
Whenever they have doubts.

A teacher is like Summer,  
Whose sunny temperament  
Makes studying a pleasure,  
Preventing discontent.  
A teacher is like Fall,

With methods crisp and clear,  
Lessons of bright colors  
And a happy atmosphere.  
A teacher is like Winter,  
While it's snowing hard outside,  
Keeping students comfortable,

As a warm and helpful guide.  
Teacher, you do all these  
things,  
With a pleasant attitude.

You're a teacher for all seasons,  
And you have my gratitude.

-YuraTaja

**Department...**

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Dr.Uttam Kr. Pegu, HoD of Mass Communication, RGU spoke about the importance of journalists and praised them their untiring and relentless sacrifice they made in showcasing the democracy of the country in all its applaudable wholeness and for making it even more vibrant.

Prof. KhKabi, Dean Information Technology, RGU also shared his ideas and shared to the students about the contribution of media during the freedom fight and even now.

Meanwhile, in Itanagar, the Arunachal Press Club (APC) with the state press fraternity comprising of both Print and electronic media, also celebrated and observed the day by inaugurating their new office building. The new building was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister Pema Khandu accompanied by Home Minister Bamang Felix and MLA&BJP spokesperson LaisamSimai.

The CM stressed the importance and role of the media amidst the abrupt rise of digital technology and social media.He appealed to the media to work as a partner with the state government for the nation building. "Partner is one who works for the nation and its integrity" he added. MLA LaisamSimai also stressed that the press should work on ethics while delivering news to society.

Home Minister Bamang Felix applauded the press fraternity for coming this far and standing as the fourth pillar of democracy. He said "The role of the press/media is not just to give information but also to help transform the Nation and Society as a whole".

The event witnessed a screening of the journey of the Arunachal Press Club.

**DONYI.....**

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Airport is very essential for each and every one of our life. As now we will have an Airport, we can travel with flight to our destinations. All the people of Arunachal are very happy for this new airport called Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar. Along with the Chief Minister, Pema Khandu several ministers, MLA's, Officers, Police Officers etc. witnessed the program. As a part of the programme the CM also inaugurated a magnificent statue of a Mithun which is our state animal.

**RONGHUWAN.....**

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,3)Meshukkhaphok(wild boar teeth), 4) Vantong(Bag for keeping bullets and shali(Betel nut), 5)kotakhadri, 6) Ridiit(belt made up of cane tree), 9) Pokpa (Elephant's teeth), 10) Pahsong and lastly 11)Vantho(gun) and they are being led by its lead singer also referred as Khappasei-wa perform Ronghuandance from house to house on full swing and by starting blank fire from their guns, and on the last day i.e third day of the festival which is also referred as Nongriam ja where all the boys and girls are being led by their sei-wa and perform at the premises of the Chief (lowang) till evening and the three day long festival is being concluded till next year. This Ronghuanfestival is celebrated since the time immemorial.

# Yupia car fire accident



**Yupia, 16 Nov:** A Ford fiesta classic bearing no. AR O1E3074, met with a fire accident at 11:00 am, near the DC office and sessional court,Yupia. According to the report, the car owner, Nabam Amas said that it was an unfortunate accident. Onlookers and police personnel collectively tried to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher which was unfortunately a failed attempt. KokirAmo,Station Fire Officer, Naharlagun, was informedwhile he was attending a meeting for Disaster management at DC Office, Yupia. Along with Leading Fireman (LFM)Tommo Nomuk, the SFO took immediate action and used the first aids fire tender to cut off the fire.Heexpressed that it would be good if fire stations were installed in every major town to help every fire disaster, lives, or properties.He also appealed to every driver to carry portable fire extinguisher in their own vehicles to cut off fire as an initial step.

## The plight of the animals in Itanagar zoo

**Itanagar, 16 Nov:** ITANAGAR ZOO, a biological part which is the pride of Itanagar established in 1987 is in a very shabby condition. Some of the condition of animals in the zoo is not well maintained. Many of enclosures were in bad conditions while few of the animals were looking stressed. One of the major reason may be because of the visitors which were shouting and teasing the animals. The visitors mistook it for being playful while the animals were stressed out. The Gharial enclosure seems not ideal for its stature, pond was barely knee deep and there wasn't enough room in pond for animal to move freely. The vulture's cages were also too small for the all the three birds to accommodate and were longing for a larger space.

It is also observed that the many of the visitors of the zoo were lacking awareness about the behaviour of animals enclosed in the zoo, and hence causing unintended discomfort to the animals. It is also high time that we as visitors should also learn some behaviour in interacting with the animals in the zoo. A proper media awareness programme may be initiated for a win-win situation for both the zoo official and the public.

## Water crisis due to road maintenance

**Nirjuli, 16 Nov:** The PHE water supply in the Nirjuli Police Station and surrounding area has been cut-off since the beginning of road construction in the area. The Police Station is facing extreme hardships due to the scarcity of water. According to Surendra Singh, Sub Inspector, Nirjuli.P.S , due to lack of water the prisoners have to be shifted to the Naharlagun Police station.

Meanwhile, the officers and the constables are currently using nearby gas stations and public washrooms which is hampering the daily duties of the station. The staffs expressed that they have been complaining to the PHE department but there has been no response from the concerned authorities yet.

Additionally, a staff from HDFC bank, Nirjuli branch Mr. Sultan Ahmed also told that they are also facing the same problem of water crisis since 15-20 days.

# The issue of traffic in Naharlagun



**Tajum Garam**

**P**eople face a ton of problems while travelling through the roads of Naharlagun every day. Daily commuters, students and people who seek emergency medical aid know exactly how awful the situation is.

The roads are dilapidated- filled with pot holes which in monsoon

become puddle of marine life. However, this phenomenon is only minor compared to that of the following. The narrow congested road with terribly parked vehicles makes it impossible to move even to the nearest distance with a vehicle. The situation worsens during the rush hour where it takes about 1-2 hours

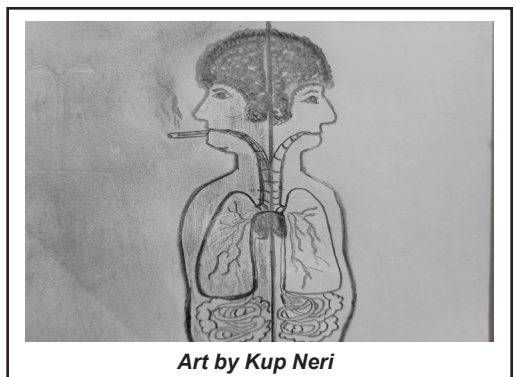
to reach Itanagar which would otherwise usually take 10-15 minutes. Despite being the highest literate region of Arunachal Pradesh, people here are ignorant of parking regulations despite repeated reminders and punishments carried out by the governing body. This has resulted the concerned department to become weary and indifferent of this state of affair.

Authorities have to come to senses now so they can take up essential actions to tackle this condition. Long commuting time is not just a waste of time but also waste of fuel energy, which means more pollution, money and capital potentially lost during the travel time and lastly, the potential of losing life by delayed travelling time either by the patient seeking medical aid failing to reach before he/she could be saved or by the medical specialist failing to reach on time during emergency which may also result in death of the patient.

## Masks during air travel not mandatory now

**New Delhi, 16 Nov:** Wearing masks during air travel is no longer mandatory, and the government has asked the airlines not to impose fines.

According to the guidelines on COVID-19 protocol issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in March 2021, the airlines could declare passengers as unruly and bar them from flying for three months to two years, and airports could impose a fine if passengers refused to comply with the social distancing norms or did not wear masks. The guidelines came after a Delhi High Court observed that the COVID-19 norms were being violated by passengers.



Art by Kup Neri

## 1st Gold medal in boxing for the state

**Rono Hills, 16 Nov:** TaliTaba bagged gold medal in boxing in the 48-kg weight category at the ongoing 2nd Northeast Olympic Games 2022, held at MawlaiMawroh, Shillong, Meghalaya. He is the son of Lt. FemaTaba from Fengche village, Seppa. He was training under his Head coach, Dr. Tadang Minu, Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Education, RGU and Ramesh Sharma, Boxing Coach, RGU as his 2nd coach.

Tali's journey kick-started in his school days, when he won bronze medal in the sub-junior boys' school national games, 2017. His first major participation was in the 3rd Khelo India Youth Games, 2020, which was held at Guwahati. After which, he got the opportunity to consistently take part in several big events such as 4th khelo india youth games 2021-2022 (Panchukla, Haryana), All India Inter University Boxing championship 2021-2022 (Jalandhar, Punjab), 75th Independence



Day Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Northeast Games (Khuman Lampak, Imphal, Manipur, 2022) where he clinched a bronze medal for Arunachal Pradesh, and 40th Golden Groves (Subotica, Serbia 2022). He said that he will give his best in further state and national games to make his own state proud.

## Floor jam

Floor jam is Arunachal Pradesh's biggest dancing event, which started in 2014 and is organized every year. Originally it was made for hip-hop dance artists to showcase their dancing abilities, organize choreography, and rap competition. This year, the show also welcomed different genres of dance, it does not limit its participants to Arunachal Pradesh. The participants are from different places which also includes the neighboring country, Nepal. Floor jam is known as the hometown hip-hop.

"If you have a hobby or passion for something, protect it and nurture it and try to level up every day without competition with anyone, try to work for the betterment of your art and craft" quoted Takam Nikum, the founder and Managing Director of floor jam, who is a dancer, a choreographer and also the member of the oldest dance crew of Arunachal Pradesh known as the 'Dancing Devil' by profession, he also represented B-boying, hip-hop breaking in different states of India.

Nikum also speaks about why he came up with the idea of floor Jam. He told Dikrong Express that prior to 2014 there were no events for dance lovers of Arunachal Pradesh to showcase their talent.



He wanted to create a place for all the Arunachal Pradesh dancers where they don't have to stand behind the VIPs or must listen to the organizer, an event that they can proudly say it's theirs. He was not ambitious about making the event a calendar event, so he struggled a lot during the initial stage of the event and is still struggling, but now it is a lot better as many people are aware of the event. This year, they were handsomely sponsored by 20 patrons for the event. He also expressed his gratitude towards his colleagues for contributing and accepting the event as their own, lastly, he suggested all his dancer mates to associate with other genres as well so that they can stay and be connected to one another.

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## PARIMAL KHANJI: A solo rider



Parimal Khanji, a 55-year-old cyclist, from Kolkata, West Bengal. He travels across the borders of India on bicycle. He left his city on his trusted bicycle to quench his thirst for travel. He has a dream to go around India to explore different parts of the nation and connect with people across and learn their culture but never had money to fulfill it. So, he decided to set out on his bicycle on own.

Meanwhile, the Dikrong Express team happened to meet him on his venture and had an interesting interview with Parimal Khanji, where he shared his journey so far.

**D.E:** Why did you start this journey?

**P.K:** I wanted to go out and explore my country.

**D.E:** When did you start your journey?

**P.K:** On 1st April 2022, I started my journey.

**D.E:** How many places have you visited?

**P.K:** I had visited 26 capitals.

**D.E:** Can you name few places that you have visited?

**P.K:** I have visited places like Ranchi, Raipur, Hyderabad, Dispur, Bangalore, Bhopal, Mumbai, Itanagar and many more.

**D.E:** How much time it takes you to cover all this places?

**P.K:** It takes 6 months and 16 days.

**D.E:** How much money did you carry when you started your journey?

**P.K:** I did not bring a penny when I had started my journey.

**D.E:** So, how did you manage your food supplies?

**P.K:** I don't have to think much about it, it is managed somehow as I travel.

**D.E:** Where do you sleep at night?

**P.K:** Any Dhaba, Mandir and in someone's house if they receive me.

**D.E:** Is there any health issue that you had or have while travelling?

**P.K:** No. I am fit and fine.

**D.E:** How did you feel after visiting Itanagar?

**P.K:** I feel amazing; the people of Itanagar are very welcoming and helpful.

**D.E:** What is your next destination?

**P.K:** My next destination is Kohima.

**D.E:** What is your motto?

**P.K:** My motto is to "Ride for peace and save soil".

Dikrong Express acknowledges Mr. Parimal Khanji, to give us his valuable time and share his experiences, we wish him good luck for his future.

**Rinchin Jangmu**



Photo By Takam Takar

## Under 25 cricket team prepping up

**Rono Hills, 16 Nov:** Under 25 cricket team of the state had their first practice session at Delhi today.

The team is preparing for upcoming BCCI men's under 25 state Trophy 2022-23 to be played at Lahit, Haryana from 20th Nov. to 1st Dec. 2023.

Arunachal Pradesh Cricket Association (ARCA) announced that

Mr Tsering Thapkey will be leading the under 25 team as captain.

He already has led U19 state cricket team as captain in national level, so this is his second time as captain.

Meanwhile the team will play against Haryana, in Alur cricket stadium, Haryana on 17th November. All the live matches will be broadcasted on Starsports.