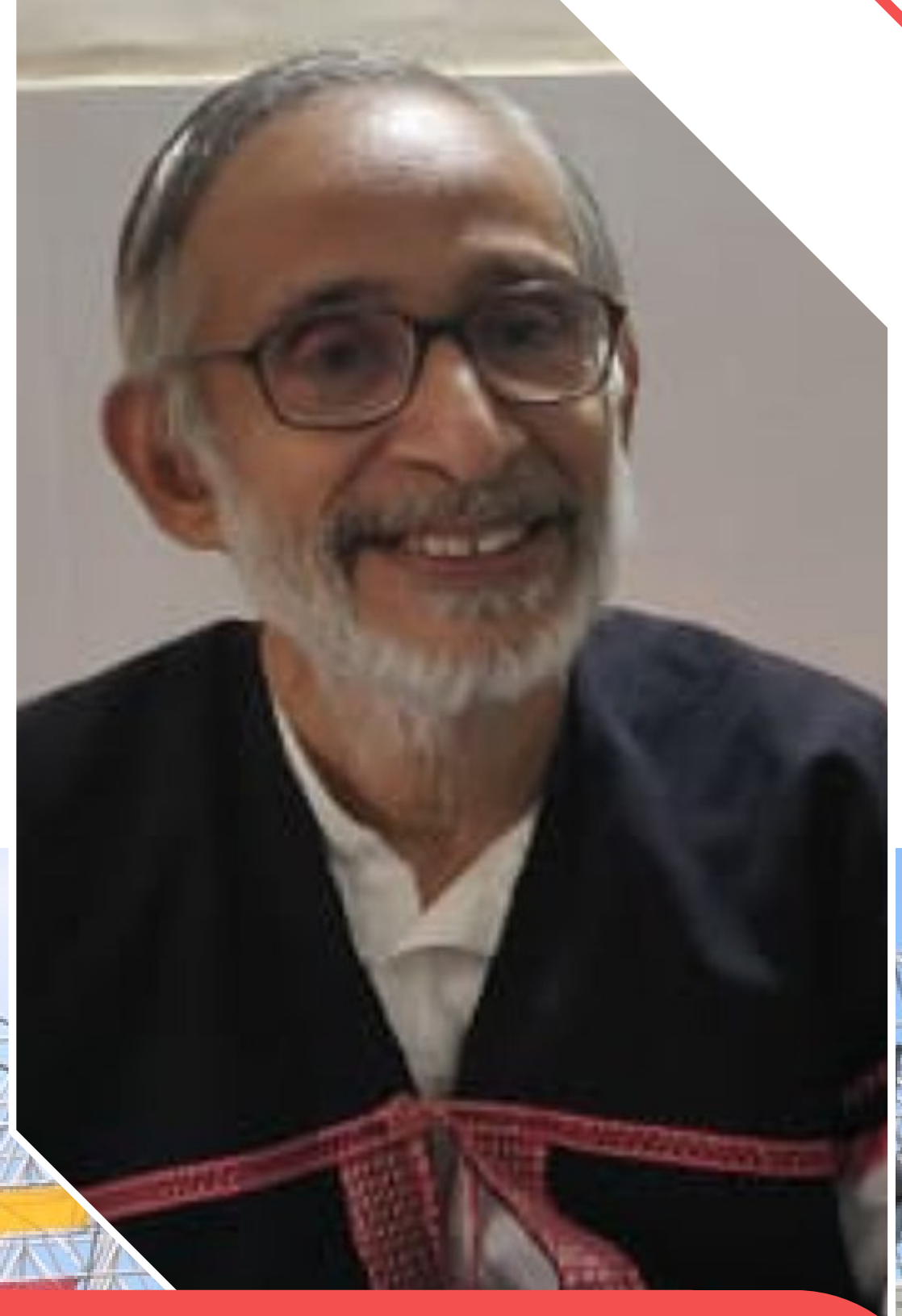


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Joy of Reading for the Reading Deprived

the journey of a youth Library Movement in
Arunachal

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About the Speaker

Fondly known as Uncle Moosa, he is an educationist and social activist working in North East India. Born in Kerala, Sathyanarayanan has been working in Arunachal Pradesh for the last 43 years. Keen to build up reading habits among children, he has been working on reading challenges in Arunachal since 1979. He would carry books in cartons using state transport buses, sumos, or trucks to reach the remote areas where tribal families live. The Lohit Youth Library Network- a voluntary Movement got started in 2007 in the town of Tezu with the active support of a group of book lovers and proactive officials, with Sathyanarayanan as its Founder-Coordinator. So far, the Library Network has 13 unit libraries in places like Wakro, Namsai, Roing, Lathaw and the hilly Anjaw. In recognition of his extraordinary efforts in promoting a joyful education in Arunachal Pradesh, he was awarded the Padma Shri in 2020.

About the session

Deeply concerned by the steep fall in the quality of educational standards in Arunachal, a group of committed book lovers started working to spread the joy of reading in the eastern Dibang and Lohit valleys of Arunachal. Thus was born the Lohit Youth Library Network in 2007. The Library Network, with a vibrant team of youth reader-activists, has won hearty appreciation from book lovers across the world. This is the inspirational story of how libraries can create readership in community.

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