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Air Officer Commanding in Chief, Eastern Air Command of IAF), Shillong, Air Marshal Surat Singh called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General K.T. Parnaik (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar today. They discussed enhancing air connectivity and the operational readiness of Advance Landing Grounds in the State. The Governor underscored the importance of activating ALGs to their full potential, ensuring their optimal utilization for both the armed forces and the civilian population, which in turn boost the tourism sector of the State. He proposed leveraging the Indian Air Force's Air Traffic Control infrastructure to facilitate civilian helicopter services, thereby improving connectivity in remote areas. The Governor further suggested the Eastern Air Command to initiate more awareness campaigns to motivate and recruit youth from Arunachal Pradesh into the Indian Air Force, thereby fostering local representation in the defence forces.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today assured the people of Siang district, particularly the residents of Rumgong assembly constituency, of overall development in the coming years. Joining the Hiyom Banggo Unying Giidi festival this morning, Khandu admitted that the Rumgong region of the district has remained underdeveloped for long and that the state government will leave no stone unturned to compensate for the developmental gap. He termed road connectivity in the region as the main concern and assured that all unconnected villages of the assembly segment will be connected in the next couple of years. Khandu informed that four roads have been proposed under PMGSY-IV in Payum circle that will boost connectivity in the region. As a festival gift, the Chief Minister announced sanction of projects worth 66 crore rupees in the area that include several roads, two circuit houses, school building and quarters for the Pessing Government H.S. School and an ADC Office building at Rumgong. He informed that the State Budget for 2025-26 will be submitted in March next and assured that the proposals forwarded by the Guardian Minister and Mentor Secretary of the district with due consultations with the local legislator and district administration will be considered positively.

Jumde Yomgam Gamlin, a social worker from West Siang district, has been selected for the Padma Shri Awards in social work (service) for spearheading drug de-addiction and rehabilitation efforts in West Siang district. She has led anti-drug campaigns with support from local women, community leaders and the district authority in Geku and Katan areas in Upper Siang district. Earlier, Gamlin was awarded with the Bharat Vibhushan Puraskar in November 2024. In the meantime, Chief Minister Pema Khandu met the Padma Shri Awardee at Aalo today, and personally congratulated her, on being conferred the prestigious award. Congratulating Gamlin, the CM in a social media post wrote that her tireless efforts over three decades in leading drug de-addiction and rehabilitation initiatives through her NGO, Mother's Vision, have transformed lives and inspired communities.

The Banderdewa Police Team under the supervision of SDPO, Naharlagun, Rishi Longdo, detained two suspects during a routine check at the Banderdewa Check Gate yesterday. Upon conducting a body search, the officers recovered and seized seven vials containing 9.46 grams of suspected heroin. Following the seizure, a case has been registered under the NDPS Act. Earlier on Saturday, four suspected drug peddlers including a husband-wife duo were arrested with contraband drugs in two separate operations at Naharlagun and Nirjuli. In the meantime, SP, Naharlagun, Mihin Gambo IPS, has reaffirmed their commitment to combating drug-related crimes and ensuring the safety of the community.

Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Nirjuli has won the maiden 'Battle of Minds 2025', an inter school interactive quiz competition. The duo from VKV, Nirjuli with a total score of 140 points, emerged victorious by defeating the fellow contestants from Good Shepherd Public School, Naharlagun, Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Seppa and VKV, Yazali.

Speaking on the occasion today, Director, Human Resource Development and Employment, North East Council, Bamin Tarang while interacting with Doordarshan informed that the idea and the execution was done by the Department of Youth Affairs, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh with support from North East Council, Govt. of India. Mr. Tarang added that NEC will be ready to support the 'Battle of Minds' in the future also.

The quiz competition was organized by the Department of Youth Affairs, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh in collaboration with the North Eastern Council (NEC), Govt of India. A total of 58 schools across the state registered for the first edition of 'Battle of Minds'.

Following the recent occurrence of a devastating fire accident at Daporijo, local MLA Taniya Soki along with the District administration inspected the various narrow roads in the colony today. Speaking on the occasion, Soki urged the dwellers to be extremely alert on the fire safety measures. In the meantime, the dwellers and stakeholders of the colony have shared their grievances, like scarcity of drinking water and failure of fire tender services, during the fire accidents and sought immediate remedial measures.

That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar