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Arunachal Pradesh celebrated its 39<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day today. Arunachal became a full-fledged state on February 20, 1987. The main state function was held at IG Park in Itanagar. Governor Lt. Gen. (Retd.) K.T. Parnaik participated in the function as the Chief Guest. Chief Minister Pema Khandu and his Council of Ministers, and Union Minister Kiren Rijiju along with others also attended the celebration.

Addressing the public on the occasion, the Governor said that Arunachal Pradesh is blessed with abundance of nature, a green State, which never indulged in any insurgencies, unlike other North Eastern States. He said that Arunachal Pradesh occupies a strategically important place due to sensitive and disturbed borders with Tibet-China and Myanmar. The Governor said that the transition from North East Frontier Agency (NEFA) to Union Territory to a full-fledged State has empowered Arunachal Pradesh with greater political autonomy, allowing it to chart its own path of progress and prosperity.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on the occasion said that Arunachal Pradesh is a resourceful state and has the potential to grow in every sector. He said the government is framing various policies and is implementing those on the ground. He said today the state has achieved a lot in the field of tourism when compared to the past.

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Speaking on the hydropower potential of the state Mr. Khandu said that in the coming next 10 years Arunachal Pradesh will generate 10 thousand crore rupees as revenue every year from the hydropower sector. He further informed that the central government has accepted the state government's proposal for 26 per cent equity share from all the upcoming hydropower projects in the state.

President Droupadi Murmu today extended greetings on the occasion of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram's statehood day. In a post on X, she praised both states for their extraordinary natural heritage and cultural traditions. "I wish the wonderful people of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram script new chapters of progress and excellence," President Murmu said. In the meantime, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has also extended his best wishes to the people of Arunachal Pradesh on their Statehood Day. In a social post, the Prime Minister said, the people of Arunachal Pradesh are making rich contributions to India's development. The culture of the state is also greatly admired, particularly the vibrant tribal traditions and the rich biodiversity. Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Ministers JP Nadda and Kiren Rijiju also marked the occasion, lauding the states' development and cultural vibrancy.

Prime Minister Internship Scheme has once again opened for applications with the launch of round two of the pilot phase. After more than six lakh applications in round one, the second round offers more than one lakh internship opportunities in top companies across the country. Corporate Affairs Ministry said, more than 300 companies across sectors including Oil, Gas and Energy, Banking and Financial Services, Travel and Hospitality, Automotive and many more have offered internship opportunities to the youth to enhance their employability. In round two, each applicant can apply to up to three internships application. The Prime Minister Internship Scheme is designed to harness the potential of the country's youth population by providing them with 12-month paid internships in top companies. The scheme targets individuals aged 21 to 24 who are currently not enrolled in any full-time academic program or employment. Each intern will be supported with monthly financial assistance of five thousand rupees, supplemented by one-time financial assistance of six thousand rupees.

BJP's first-time MLA Rekha Gupta has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Delhi at the iconic Ramlila Maidan in the national capital this afternoon. Delhi Lieutenant Governor V.K. Saxena administered the oath of office and secrecy to Ms Gupta. Six Cabinet

Ministers - Parvesh Sahib Singh, Ashish Sood, Manjinder Singh Sirsa, Ravinder Indraj Singh, Kapil Mishra and Pankaj Kumar Singh also took oath. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Rekha Gupta on taking oath as Delhi's Chief Minister. In a social media post, Mr Modi said, she has risen from the grassroots, being active in campus politics, state organisation, municipal administration and now MLA as well as the Chief Minister. The Prime Minister expressed confidence that Ms Gupta will work for Delhi's development with full vigour. In the meantime, Chief Minister Pema Khandu has also extended his best wishes to Delhi CM, Rekha Gupta. In a social media post, CM Khandu said that he looks forward to strengthening collaboration between the two States in pursuit of a shared vision for a Viksit Bharat.

The India Meteorological Department has issued a Yellow Alert for West Kameng, Kra Daadi, Kamle, Lower Subansiri, Papumpare, Dibang Valley and Anjaw districts of Arunachal Pradesh for the next 24 hours. IMD has predicted rainfall with thunderstorms and lightning at isolated locations. Isolated snowfall is also forecasted at higher altitudes of Tawang, Dibang Valley, East Kameng, Kurung Kumey, Upper Subansiri and Shi Yomi districts.

**That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar**