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Governor KT Parnaik released a book titled 'Birds are Poems; 100 Narrative Poems', at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar today. The book has been authored by Professor Tomo Riba, Vice Chancellor of Arunachal Pradesh University, Pasighat. Commending Professor Riba for his literary contribution, the Governor said that the book beautifully highlights the significance of birds, one of nature's most precious gifts, through poetic expression. He noted that the collection will raise awareness about the vital role of birds in the ecosystem and underscore the importance of every living creature in nature. The Governor expressed hope that the book will inspire readers to appreciate and protect these winged wonders. The Governor also remarked that each poem carries moral and cultural significance, helping to preserve and promote the rich heritage and traditions of Arunachal Pradesh. He suggested that the book be translated into local languages to further support the promotion of indigenous dialects.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein today congratulated the kick-boxers from the state who brought home 10 medals, including 3 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze, from the 4th Wako Indian Open International Kickboxing Tournament held in New Delhi. In a social media post, Mein mentioned Robin Deori, Tason Ekke and Chamchak Mossang for their stellar gold medal performances. A big shout out to Kishor Thapa, Jipe Lombi, Bishal Mura and Sorita Shrestha for winning silver and to Rantu Sonowal, Wangjoy Kungkho and Wanghim Ngaimong for bringing home bronze. 'Special thanks to our dedicated coach Gopal Moran ji in shaping these champions,' the Deputy CM wrote in his post.

The 10th edition of the annual Arunachal Film Festival began at TNZ Cinema, Itanagar today. The edition was formally inaugurated by Minister for Education, RD and Tourism, PD Sona. Sona commended the IPR Department, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh and the Film Federation of Arunachal for coming up with the festival. He urged the youth to harness the endless opportunities provided to them. The Minister highlighted the State Governments declaration of 2024-25 as the 'Year of Youth' and stressed the key role of youths in shaping both the nation and the state. On the occasion, a short documentary film on the life of pioneer film maker of the state, Late Taro Chatung was screened. On the first day of the festival, a film

called 'Numb', depicting the psychology of a teenager dealing with separation of parents, directed by Janet Pinggam Jamir was screened.

Women and Child Development, and Cultural Affairs minister Dasanglu Pul released 6 Pictorial Glossary Books of Meyor dialect during the 17th Lha Chhuth Festival of the Meyor tribe at Tinai Village in Anjaw district yesterday. Speaking on the occasion, Pul emphasized the significance of preserving and promoting mother tongue to protect the state's diverse and rich cultural heritage. She applauded the RIWATCH Centre for Mother Languages research team and the Meyor community for their effort. The books were published under the initiative of the RIWATCH Centre for Mother Languages (RCML) under the Theme, 'Thaichu Ning Meyor Lai Ling Chaai which means 'Let us Learn Meyor'.

The District Legal Metrology and Consumer Affairs Department, Tawang, conducted a comprehensive inspection in Lungla sub-division today. During the inspection, several traders were found violating the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and the Packaged Commodities Rules, 2011. A total of 9 offenders were booked for selling pre-packed commodities without mandatory declarations. To ensure compliance with legal standards, the department also conducted public awareness sessions, educating traders and consumers on the dos and don'ts regarding proper packaging and accurate weight measurement. The department further urged all traders to comply with the prescribed rules and regulations to protect consumer rights and maintain ethical trade practices.

A motivational and counselling session was organised by the West Kameng DC Akriti Sagar, along with SP Sudhansu Dhama at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Nafra yesterday. The session emphasized the importance of self-discipline, hard work and resilience in the face of adversity. Speaking on the occasion, the dignitaries encouraged students to set clear goals, maintain a positive mind set and remain consistent in their efforts. The objective of the session was to inspire and guide the girl students of JNV, Nafra, in achieving their goals. During the interactive session, students actively participated by asking questions and addressing their self-doubts, making the event an enriching and inspiring experience.

The India Meteorological Department has issued a Yellow Alert for fifteen districts across Arunachal Pradesh for today and tomorrow. IMD has issued warning of rainfall with thunderstorms

and lightning at isolated locations over the next 24 hours. Light snowfall is also forecasted at higher altitudes in Tawang, Dibang Valley, Upper Subansiri, Upper Siang, Shiyomi, and Tawang districts. Furthermore, shallow to moderate fog is likely to occur during the morning and night hours in isolated pockets of the state.