## **REGIONAL NEWS UNIT, ITANAGAR**

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The Arunachal Assembly has successfully passed the Arunachal Pradesh Goods & Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 on the fourth day of the on-going session of the 8th Legislative Assembly today. Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media post informed, this reform will boost revenue generation while reducing the compliance burden on small businesses, and it aligns Arunachal Pradesh's tax framework with national policies, paving the way for sustained economic growth. Khandu further informed, the key provisions include; Improved ITC verification, Simplified return filing and Stricter measures to curb tax evasion. In the meantime, the CM has extended his gratitude to all members of the House for their unanimous support in passing the legislation. Additionally he also thanked all legislators for supporting the Motion of Thanks on Governor Lt. Gen. K.T. Parnaik (Retd.) speech during the first day of the Assembly. The motion was moved by MLA Dr. Mohesh Chai and seconded by MLA Jikke Tako.

In a historic milestone, the first batch of students at the Film and Television Institute, Jote began its journey yesterday. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in a social media post shared that this marks a significant milestone for the cinematic future of the North Eastern Region and a ground-breaking opportunity for aspiring filmmakers. In response to the news, Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein has sent across good wishes and success to the students in their cinematic pursuits. In a social media post today, Mein said that this is a landmark moment for Arunachal Pradesh as the inaugural batch of students embarks on their journey at the Film and Television Institute. This institute stands as a tribute to our dedication to fostering creative talent and cultivating a thriving film culture in the state, he added.

The Administrative Training Institute, Arunachal Pradesh in collaboration with the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis, IIM Shillong has commenced a three-day training program for Deputy Commissioners from across the state at Naharlagun yesterday. The program, scheduled from March 10-12, aims to equip senior officers with advanced management skills and strategic governance insights. The interactive training modules aim to enhance strategic decision-making, leadership capabilities, and governance efficiency, empowering Deputy Commissioners to

implement progressive administrative reforms in their districts. The program reflects the state government's commitment to capacity building and continuous professional development for senior officers.

A team from Naharlagun Police led by OC Insp. K. Dev has arrested three burglars from different locations for their involvement in multiple theft and burglary cases in the capital region. The arrests were made as part of intensified efforts to curb criminal activities in the area. In the meantime, Superintendent of Police, Naharlagun, Mihin Gambo has urged citizens not to purchase second-hand items such as cars, bikes, mobile phones, televisions, gas cylinders, local ornaments, and other valuables without proper verification of their authenticity, as they could be stolen property. Receiving stolen property is also a punishable offense under the law, informed Gambo. Citizens are further advised to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the police. Further investigation is underway, stated a release.

IMD has issued a Yellow alert over West Kameng, East Kameng, Kamle, Lower Subansiri, Papum Pare, West Siang, Lepa Rada, Upper Siang, East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley, Dibang Valley, Anjaw and Tirap districts of Arunachal Pradesh for the next five days. IMD has issued a warning for rainfall with thunderstorms and lightning very likely to occur at isolated locations over the next 24 hours. Orange alert has also been issued over Anjaw and Lohit district. These places are very likely to receive thunderstorms with lightning and very heavy rainfall at isolated areas over the next 24 hours.

The Election Commission of India has invited suggestions from all national and State political parties by April 20<sup>th</sup> next for any unresolved issues at the level of ERO, DEO or the CEO. In an individual letter issued to political parties today, the Commission also envisaged an interaction with the Party Presidents and senior members of the party at a mutually convenient time to further strengthen electoral processes. Earlier, the Chief Election Commissioner had instructed CEOs, DEOs and EROs of all States/UTs to hold regular interactions with political parties.