

## **REGIONAL ENGLISH NEWS BULLETIN**

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The Ministry of Home Affairs announced the extension of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) for another six months in parts of Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, and Nagaland, starting tomorrow. In Arunachal Pradesh, AFSPA applies to Tirap, Changlang, Longding districts, and certain areas in Namsai district. In Manipur, AFSPA will continue in all districts except for those under the jurisdiction of 13 police stations in five districts – Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Bishnupur, and Kakching. The state has been grappling with ethnic violence since May 2023. The law has also been extended in eight districts of Nagaland and parts of five others.

Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.) held the maiden episode of the cultural presentation, titled 'Arunachal Pradesh Sanskriti, Parampara aur Kala Tayohar' at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar yesterday. The tayohar has been conceptualized by the Governor to celebrate the State's rich cultural heritage. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor reaffirmed Raj Bhavan's commitment to promoting local artists and cultural groups through initiatives under the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' program. Troupes, representing various tribes, including Monpa, Adi, Puroik, Wancho, and Nyishi, participated in the event, showcasing the vibrant traditions of Arunachal Pradesh.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein has said that, As Team Arunachal, we remain committed to driving positive change through impactful welfare projects. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Reform, Perform, and Transform," we are dedicated to creating a cleaner, healthier and more prosperous future for the people of our State. The DCM said this while inaugurating the Septage Management and Treatment Plan for the cluster towns of Namsai, Chongkham, Tezu, Roing, and Rural areas of the urban periphery at Chongkham today. Mein in a social media post informed that, this project, funded under the Budget Announcement of 2021-22, marks an important milestone in improving sanitation and public health in our region. This plant, covering Namsai, Chongkham, Roing and Tezu, will support the national sanitation goals, he added. Mein in his post commended the Department of Urban Affairs, Namsai Division, and M/s ACE Alliance

Private Ltd for their hard work in bringing the project to reality. He also appreciated the villagers of Alu Bari, Naupotia, and the land donors for their cooperation and generosity.

In a significant initiative to promote legal awareness, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Justice B.R. Gavai, along with Justice V. Bishnoi and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, visited Manjushree Vidyapith, Tawang yesterday, to attend the Legal Awareness Camp. The camp was organised by the Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority in collaboration with the National Legal Services Authority. Addressing the gathering, Justice B.R. Gavai expressed his appreciation for the humanitarian services being rendered by Manjushree Vidyapith. Interacting with the students, he emphasized their crucial role in nation-building and encouraged them to carry forward the institution's noble mission.

The six-day trekking programme on the Freedom Trail, retracing the route taken by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama in 1959, commenced from Kenzamani, Jemeithang this afternoon. The trekking event will conclude at Pungteng, Tawang, on the 5th of April, commemorating the day when His Holiness the Dalai Lama arrived in Tawang in 1959. A total of 300 participants joined today's first day of the trekking programme which included GBs, PRI members, Jawans from border guarding forces, monks and tourists. The event is being organized by the District Administration, Tawang, under the initiative of Deputy Commissioner, Tawang.

The Wildlife Trust of India, in partnership with Garung Thuk NGO, initiated a three-day naturalist training program with local homestay owners, naturalists and youth from the Sherdukpen community in Shergaon. The workshop is a part of WTI's 'Forgotten Cats of Shergaon Project' supported by the Royal Enfield Social Mission and Felis. Held between March 26-28, the workshop aims to equip participants with the skills to identify and document the regional biodiversity, understand potential ecotourism models and develop strategies to promote sustainable tourism and link it to the local economy. 30 participants from Shergaon and neighbouring villages including Chug, Morshing, Tenzing, Jigaon and Thonglei took part in the workshop.

The Arunachal Youth Parliament is all set to roll out its second edition, Arunachal Youth Parliament 2.0, a two-day event slated for

April 3 and 4 next, at the D.K. Hall, Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly. Organized under the aegis of the Department of Youth Affairs, this vibrant forum, themed “Youths Ignited, State United,” is designed to empower state’s young minds by giving them a stage to debate, discuss, and dream up solutions for their state’s future. Following the success of its first edition, AYP 2.0 is stepping up as a movement to harness the potential of Arunachal’s youth—seen as both the keepers of its rich cultural legacy and the builders of its tomorrow.

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