

## **REGIONAL NEWS UNIT, ITANAGAR**

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Chief Minister Pema Khandu today released the "Arunachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Strategy and Action: A People's Plan" that aims to fulfil the Pakke Declaration and achieve the National Biodiversity Targets. Expressing deep appreciation to WWF, the State Biodiversity Board, and the state department of Environment & Forests and Climate Change, Khandu said that it aligns with the vision of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas"; ensuring growth that is inclusive, sustainable, and driven by collective effort. He remarked that this plan complements the Pakke Declaration and its five themes-environment, climate resilience, well-being, sustainable livelihoods, and collaborative action. It will also contribute significantly to India's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ensuring that our state remains at the forefront of conservation efforts, he added. In the meantime, the Chief Minister has assured all stakeholders that implementing the plan would be the state government's top priority.

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Information & Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw are attending an event in New Delhi today ahead of the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025. Through the event, the government aims to highlight the transformative potential of WAVES as a unified global platform for the rapidly growing media and entertainment sector. The first edition of the WAVES Summit is scheduled to be held from May 1st to May 4th in Mumbai.

The Arunachal Pradesh government, through its Animal Husbandry, Veterinary and Dairy Development Department launched the "Catch Them Young" program at the Conference Hall of the Director of AHV&DD in Nirjuli today. Minister of AHV&DD, Gabriel D. Wangsu while inaugurating the program emphasized the state government's commitment to empowering its youth. The Minister stated that, "The state government is deeply concerned for the youth of Arunachal Pradesh, and dedicated to ensuring their success upon completion of this training program." He motivated the trainees by encouraging them to "work smart, not just hard," in their pursuit of self-reliance. The "Catch Them Young" program is a comprehensive skill training initiative designed to foster self-employment among educated unemployed youth and farmers in the livestock and poultry sector.

Civil Aviation Minister Balo Raja has requested for urgent intervention to increase flight services and regulate high airfare prices at Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar. In a letter addressed to the Union Minister of Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, Mr. Balo emphasized the need for more airline operators on the route, stating that limited flight availability and excessive last-minute fares are hindering the purpose of improved air connectivity in the state. To address these challenges, he urged the Union Ministry to facilitate the induction of more airline operators on the Itanagar sector to create competition and bring down fares.

Under the initiative of Mission Arun Himveer, dozens of fruits and vegetables were supplied to the 49h BN ITBP at Tuting Headquarters today. The supply was successfully carried through the Dept. of Agriculture, Upper Siang District by Polo Yorbe SHG and the local farmers who were benefited by various schemes under the Department of Agriculture, Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana (ANKY). On 29th of November last year, a MoU was signed between the Arunachal Pradesh Agriculture Marketing Board and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police to enhance market linkages for local agricultural and horticultural products, under Mission Arun Himveer.

The India Meteorological Department has issued Yellow alerts over several districts of Arunachal Pradesh. Rainfall with thunderstorms and lightning very likely to occur at isolated locations over the next 24 hours. In the meantime, as per a Special Weather Bulletin issued today, a Cyclonic Circulation lies over East Assam & neighborhood, under its influence fairly-widespread rainfall activity with isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall/thunderstorm lightning is very likely to increase over Arunachal Pradesh from today to 17th March.

The Arunachal Adventure Tourism Conclave 2024-25 concluded successfully at the DK Convention Centre yesterday, setting the stage for the state's emergence as a premier adventure tourism destination. A key highlight of the conclave was intensive four-day training on wilderness first aid and CPR, conducted by Akshay Shah and Vipul Vashishta from the HANIFL Centre, Mussoorie. The conclave saw the participation of 53 registered adventure tourism stakeholders from across Arunachal and neighboring regions.

Leparada ADC-cum-DC in-charge Ejum Angu chaired the District Task Force for Immunization cum Performance Review Meeting of District Health Society, National Health Mission, for the financial year 2024-25 at Basar yesterday. Angu, while appreciating

the efforts put by the Health & Wellness Officer of Pagi, Dorputu and Padi to qualify for State Certification under National Quality Assurance Standards, took stock of the situation and various challenges by medical personnel of the health centers. He stressed that the performance of officers must be reflected through their hard work, sincerity and dedication, as the health sector is a focused department.

The Rajiv Gandhi University has signed a MoU with the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS) at the varsity's campus yesterday. The objective of the MoU is to promote, stimulate and facilitate the development of collaborative pursuit in the fields of capacity building consultancy and research related to adventure sports and mountaineering through professional expertise and training programs.