

## **REGIONAL ENGLISH NEWS BULLETIN**

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In a landmark step towards Vande Bharat Connectivity, the Harmutty-Naharlagun section has been successfully electrified. Sharing his reaction, Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media post today said that it is a new dawn for Arunachal's railways. Mr. Khandu informed that the successful electric trial on the Harmutty-Naharlagun section marks a key milestone. With this, Arunachal is now ready for Vande Bharat Express, bringing faster, greener & more efficient travel, he added. The successful electric trial is expected to significantly boost rail connectivity, enhance efficiency and sustainability in the state.

Chief Secretary Manish Gupta chaired the Monthly Departmental Review meeting at Itanagar yesterday and took up several critical issues to enhance regional development. Key topics included improving road connectivity to administrative headquarters, identifying infrastructure gaps across districts, and advancing infrastructure and institutional projects in TCL. Implementation of e-office in sub-ordinate district offices was also reviewed, alongside the inventorisation of tourism infrastructure. In the meantime, the CS has directed the Education Department to implement 100% DBT for all student-related benefits and schemes. Senior officers were additionally mandated to conduct regular visits to districts for the review and monitoring of important projects.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, during his two-day visit to Siang and Upper Siang district, addressed the people about the importance of implementing the Upper Siang Multipurpose Project (SUMP). He highlighted the growing concern regarding China's massive hydroelectric project, which is set to produce 60,000 MW of electricity over the Yarlung Tsangpo River, in the upper reaches of Siang river in China. He further said that the main objective of the project is for the safety and security of the downstream people and to address other environmental issues. Mr. Mein called upon the elite and educated section of society to create massive awareness among the villagers about the benefits and positive impact of the SUMP. He also appealed to those opposing SUMP to rethink and come forward for discussion and solution.

The Government of Arunachal Pradesh is offering fully sponsored UPSC coaching for 15 APST candidates from economically weaker section. Education Minister PD Sona in a social media post today informed that the selection will be through a written test and interview. Interested candidates can apply at <http://apdhate.nic.in> before 25th March 2025, he added. The initiative is in collaboration with SANKALP-IAS, New Delhi and will be a fully residential ten months course at its New Delhi campus.

MLA Oken Tayeng inaugurated the Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 at Ayeng village under Mebo sub-division today. Organized by the District Administration, around 405 people benefited from various government and banking services extended by 25 departments. On the occasion, MLA Tayeng and DC Tayi Taggu distributed solar lamps to 20 women weavers of Ayeng under the Small Clusters Development Programme (Weaving), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India.

In a major step towards boosting employment among the skilled youth of the State, the Arunachal Pradesh State Rural Livelihoods Mission successfully concluded the two-day DDU-GKY Job Fair 2025 at Itanagar today. As many as 110 youths were given placement opportunities at the event that saw participation of eight leading companies. The job fair was inaugurated by Teli Tada Camdir, a successful entrepreneur from the State.

The 20th Tadar Tang State Level Football Tournament continued with thrilling football action across all four zones yesterday. In Zone 1 at Namsai, the day began with Anjaw securing a dramatic 3-2 win over Tirap. Zone 2, held at Nari, Lower Siang, saw intense battle as Lower Siang and East Siang played out a 1-1 draw. At Daporijo, Upper Subansiri, the Zone 3 matches produced some exciting moments. Keyi Panyor earned a narrow 1-0 victory over Kamle. Zone 4 at Tawang continued to deliver entertaining football. Capital Complex completely outplayed West Kameng with a crushing 8-0 win.

The India Meteorological Department has issued Yellow alerts over Lower Subansiri, Papumpare, Upper Siang, East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley, Dibang Valley, Anjaw, Lohit and Tirap districts of Arunachal Pradesh. IMD has forecast rainfall with thunderstorms with lightning very likely to occur at isolated locations over the next 24 hours.

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