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India today signed a defence deal with France to procure 26 Rafale Marine fighter aircrafts. The Inter-Governmental Agreement was signed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Minister of Armed Forces of France Sebastien Lecornu in New Delhi. Out of 26 Rafale Marine aircrafts, 22 will be single seater and four double seater and these will be designed and prepared as per the requirement of the Indian Navy. The delivery of these aircraft would be completed by 2030. The deal is expected to generate thousands of jobs and revenue for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

Governor Lt. General (Retd.) KT Parnaik participated in the 'Awareness and Observation of Autism Month' at the State Banquet Hall, Itanagar today. Inaugurating the two-day programme, the Governor along with Minister for Social Justice, Kento Jini distributed teaching and learning kits, aids and appliances to children with special needs. They also interacted with the parents and their autistic children, educators and medical specialists, and caretakers of rehabilitation and special centers. The Governor assured the parents that the State government will address their challenges and will go beyond the normal means. As Chancellor of the Universities in the State, he assured to initiate a PhD course on autism for meaningful research, which will be useful in addressing this neuro-diversity challenge. In the meantime, the Governor called for an in-depth review and mapping of the Children with Special Needs (CWSNs) in the State to bring out an impactful policy for them.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media post today informed that APCS officers Komkar Dulom, B.J. Duia and Kanto Danggen have been promoted to Super Time Scale. The CM added that the promotion was made by the Governor Lt. General K.T. Parnaik based on the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) held on 23rd April last. Khandu emphasized that their dedication, hard work, and commitment to public service have been truly inspiring. The Super Time Scale is a grade assigned to officers after they've completed 17 to 20 years of service.

Guardian Minister for East Kameng District, Gabriel D. Wangsu convened a Coordination Meeting at the District Secretariat, Seppa today. The meeting focused on strengthening inter-departmental coordination for better governance and efficient service delivery. Addressing the gathering, Wangsu emphasized on improving infrastructure, boosting welfare schemes, and addressing local issues promptly to ensure the overall development of East Kameng District. The meeting witnessed the active participation of MLAs of East Kameng district and district officials.

In the ongoing fight against the drug menace under Operation Dawn 2.0, a police team led by OC PS Naharlagun, Inspector Krishnendu Dev, under the close supervision of SP Naharlagun Mihin Gambo and SDPO Naharlagun apprehended a drug addict near Kangkar Nallah Bridge, Naharlagun yesterday. Upon his disclosure, a swift follow up raid conducted at Lower Model Village, resulted in the apprehension of two drug peddlers. During the search, 16 vials of suspected heroin, 11 empty vials, packaging materials and cash amounting to 7060 rupees were seized as per the provisions of the NDPS Act, stated a press statement. Accordingly, a case has been registered at Naharlagun Police Station under the NDPS Act.

In a major boost to Arunachal Pradesh's rich biodiversity and conservation efforts, Scientists from C.S.I.R - Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology, Palampur have discovered a new orchid species, *Hemipilia himalayensis* in Dibang Valley. The orchid species can thrive at 4000 meters in the State's alpine meadows, informed the Scientists. In response to the news, Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein in a social media post has lauded the team of scientists from CSIR-IHBT, Palampur on discovering the new orchid species. Mein said that this discovery not only enriches the State's incredible biodiversity but also highlights the importance of continued research and conservation efforts.

A group of 66 enthusiastic participants along with 10 officials from Meghalaya are currently participating in the National Youth Exposure Programme 2025 held in Tawang from 27th to 30th of April. The programme is being organized by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Meghalaya, in collaboration with the Department of Youth Affairs, Government of Arunachal Pradesh. The inaugural session took place this morning at Zomkhang Hall, Tawang.

Boxer Kangku Baja has clinched the bronze medal in the 70-75 kg category at the 7th Youth U-19 National Boxing Championship held in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein has extended his congratulations to Baja in a social media post today. Mein stated that her success is an inspiration to the youth of the state, and expressed hopes for her continued growth and future accomplishments in the sport.

The India Meteorological Department has issued a Yellow alert over twenty districts in the state. 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