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The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana will be completing its 10 years tomorrow since its launch on April 8, 2015. Over 52 crore loans worth more than 32 lakh crore rupees have been sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana till date. The scheme was launched to provide collateral-free loans of up to ten lakh rupees to non-corporate, non-farm small and micro enterprises, aiming to facilitate financial inclusion and empower entrepreneurs. Under the scheme, three categories of loans are being provided. This includes Shishu of loans up to 50 thousand rupees, Kishor up to five lakh rupees and Tarun up to ten lakh rupees. Nearly 70 per cent of Mudra loans have been availed by women entrepreneurs, enhancing their financial independence and contributing to gender equality. The scheme has fostered a sense of self-reliance among marginalized groups by enabling them to sustain their livelihoods through entrepreneurship.

Union Minister of Food Processing Industries, Chirag Paswan has assured that the Central Government will collaborate with the Arunachal Pradesh government to resolve any obstacles hindering the successful implementation of the Rongoge Mega Food Park. The Union Minister said this during the site visit of the under-construction Rongoge Mega Food Park in Banderdewa yesterday. Speaking after a review meeting, Paswan emphasized the importance of cooperation between the central and state governments for developmental initiatives. He pledged full central support for the food park, given the BJP's governance in the state. Once functional, the Rongoge Mega Food Park will mark a significant step for agro-industrial growth in the Northeast. Spread over 75 acres, the park will focus on fruit processing, rubber and lemon cultivation, integrated livestock farming, and waste-to-wealth initiatives. The Union Minister was accompanied by promoter Likha Maaj and senior officials from the state and Central Government.

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Governor Lt. General K.T. Parnaik (Retd.) interacted with Sainik School aspirants from Sarli in Kurung Kumey District, Taksing and Daporijo in Upper Subansiri District, and Kampurijo in Kamle District at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar today. These young aspirants have been a part of a dedicated coaching initiative conducted by the troops of Spear Corps, aimed at preparing children from remote

border villages for the All India Sainik School Entrance Examination. While interacting with the students, the Governor encouraged them to cultivate a spirit of participation, inquisitiveness, hard work, and the essential habits of reading and writing. The Spear Corps initiative aims to identify, educate, and motivate eligible students. Out of 65 screened students, 32 (including 21 girls and 11 boys) were selected for the comprehensive training.

In a Cabinet meeting today, Chief Minister Pema Khandu has approved the 'One Time Relaxation' of the prescribed upper age limit for direct recruitment. The 'One Time Relaxation' enables candidates to be eligible and to apply for those categories of posts where the previous vacancy notifications (issued prior to 2024) has been or will be cancelled by the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission, subject to prescribed conditions. In the meantime, the Cabinet also approved the proposal for framing of a Common Examination Scheme for conducting Direct Recruitment to the posts of Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers under Government of Arunachal Pradesh. Additionally notification of the Arunachal Pradesh Police Service (4th Amendment) Rules, 2025, amending the APPS Rules, 1989 was also approved in today's Cabinet meeting.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated the 13th Inter College youth festival at the Rajiv Gandhi University today. On his arrival at the campus, the Chief Minister was received with a Guard of Honour by the NCC, RGU Unit. Khandu offered a floral tribute at the Wall of Heroes-a solemn and inspiring memorial at the varsity's campus. The 13th Inter-College Youth Festival 2025 is taking place at the Rajiv Gandhi University from today till April 9 next, among students from various affiliated colleges of RGU. Over 500 delegates from affiliated colleges will compete in three different competitive events, namely Games and Sports, Cultural and Literary.

In a significant step toward promoting sustainable horticulture and enhancing the livelihood of local farmers, Deputy Commissioner, Tawang, Kanki Darrang, today handed over high-yielding exotic vegetable seeds to the Chairperson of Tawang Green Farmer Producer Company Ltd, Nawang Chonzom. The initiative, aimed at supporting local farmers, included free distribution of seeds of exotic vegetables. The seeds were procured by District Horticulture Officer, Tawang as part of a collaborative effort to boost organic and scientific farming practices in the district. The move is expected to contribute significantly to improving food security and

raising the income of farmers by diversifying their produce and encouraging market-oriented cultivation.

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

The second edition of the much-anticipated Spring Futsal Cup 2.0 was inaugurated at My Futsal Arena, Khremethang yesterday with an exhibition futsal match between Team MLA Tawang and Team DC Tawang. The Spring Futsal Cup 2.0 will see 16 teams battling it out over the coming days, promising high-energy games and showcasing local talent. The occasion also witnessed colourful cultural performances by the Ketchenga Cultural Troupe and the students of LD School, reflecting the rich cultural heritage and youthful vibrancy of the region.