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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today held talks with Admiral Dong Jun, the Defence Minister of China, on the sidelines of the SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting in Qingdao, China. In a social media post, Mr. Singh said that they had a constructive and forward-looking exchange of views on issues about bilateral relations, and he also expressed his happiness over the resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra after a gap of nearly six years. He said that it is incumbent on both sides to maintain this positive momentum and avoid adding new complexities to the bilateral relationship. He stressed to have a permanent solution to border demarcation with China by rejuvenating the established mechanism and called for bridging the trust deficit created between the two nations after the 2020 border standoff.

The two-day Orientation Programme for the Members of the Eight Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh concluded today. It was held at Nokmey Namati Hall in the state Assembly premises. Speaking at the valedictory function today, State's Education Minister PD Sona emphasised the importance of continuous learning, informed lawmaking, and ethical public service in shaping a strong, people-centric legislature. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein said that the sessions offered valuable insights into legislative procedures, parliamentary practices, and tech integration in governance. The two-day orientation Programme on Rules, Procedures, and Conduct of Business was organized by the Parliamentary Research & Training Institute for Democracies, Lok Sabha Secretariat, and Arunachal Pradesh Assembly.

Arunachal Pradesh is set to achieve a major infrastructure milestone with the construction of its first stay cable bridge over the River Tawang Chu on the Lhou-Mukto Road in Tawang district. Chief Minister Pema Khandu shared the development on social media, highlighting the project as a symbol of modern engineering reaching the state's remote frontiers. The 65-meter-long steel composite bridge, being executed by the Public Works Department (PWD), promises to significantly boost all-weather connectivity in the strategically important region. Once completed, the bridge will

enhance mobility for local residents and support defence logistics in the high-altitude border district.

To assess on-ground conditions and engage directly with frontline staff, Itanagar Municipal Corporation Mayor, Tamme Phassang yesterday undertook a comprehensive inspection of various municipal wards. During the inspection he also interacted with IMC ground workers to understand their challenges and day-to-day operational issues. Sanitation workers shared their grievances with the Mayor, highlighting issues such as extremely low wages despite their demanding work. Earlier in the day, the Mayor also visited the Ganga Daily Market and stressed the need for coordinated efforts to improve infrastructure and hygiene in market zones.

In a step toward strengthening rural entrepreneurship and promoting self-reliant communities, Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ArSRLM) organized the Udhyami Panjikan Mela on at Pasighat, East Siang District today. During the program, ADC Tatling Pertin emphasized the importance of unity and collaboration among various departments and community members. Participants were informed about collaborative opportunities under schemes such as Atmanirbhar Bagwani Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises scheme, critical importance of branding and advertising, FSSAI licensing, and MUDRA loan application process. On the occasion various SHG members showcased their locally-made products.

Eleven athletes from Arunachal Pradesh have been selected to represent India at the Kudo World Championship scheduled to be held in Bulgaria from July 1 to 11, 2025. Chief Minister Pema Khandu, in a social media post, extended his best wishes to the team, called them a shining example of rising talent, grit, and determination in the state. He wished the athletes success as they represent the country on the global stage. The athletes will join the national squad for the international event, which will feature participants from multiple countries.

As a part of nationwide one month Enforcement Drive, the District Tobacco Control Cell, District Health Society has conducted a tobacco raid shops near educational institutions at Yingkiong town in Upper Sinag District on Thursday. The COTPA act 2003 prohibits the

of sale of tobacco products within 100 yards of educational institution both private and public. During Surprise seizer approx 08 Kg of different types of tobacco were seized and 12 shopkeepers were fined for violation of the Act.

India Meteorological Department has also issued a yellow alert for 20 districts in Arunachal Pradesh. It has predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated in these districts in the next 24 hours.

The Government has authorised the use of Aadhaar authentication for candidate verification in examinations conducted by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection - IBPS. In a notification issued by the Department of Financial Services under the Ministry of Finance, IBPS can now use Aadhaar authentication on voluntary basis, for verifying the identity of candidates during examinations and recruitment processes conducted by it.

That's all in this news bulletin, Namaskar