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The State Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Pema Khandu, today approved multiple policy measures aimed at youth development, social welfare, education, and administrative reform. The Cabinet approved the Arunachal Pradesh State Youth Policy 2025, which outlines 9 youth Development Goals. The policy adopts an action-oriented and collaborative approach involving government departments, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, and youth organizations. Under the Chief Minister Social Security Scheme, the Cabinet approved changes to the Chief Minister Disability Pension component. The minimum age restriction has been removed, and the disability eligibility threshold has been revised from 70% to 40%. To enhance the higher education sector, the Cabinet approved the creation of new posts in the education department for strengthening higher education infrastructure across the state. The Cabinet also approved the Arunachal Pradesh Arun Parivar Patra Authority Rules 2025, aimed at ensuring uniform operational procedures, data protection, and consent norms. The rules are intended to promote transparency and procedural clarity among stakeholders.

China has welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in Tianjin from August 31 to September 1. Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Guo Jiakun said the summit will be a gathering of solidarity and friendship, with participation from over 20 countries.

Proceedings of both the Houses of the Parliament today disturbed by the opposition parties' protest over the issue of Special Intensive Revision exercise in Bihar, leading to adjournment of the House for the day. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman moved the motion to withdraw the Income-Tax Bill, 2025 which was approved by the House.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu virtually inaugurated the Arunachal Pradesh Patients' Guest House in Vellore today. Sharing the news in a social media post, Khandu emphasised that the building is a testimony of the state government's commitment to stand with its people during difficult times. He informed that the

Guest house located 4 km from the CMC Vellore, offers 28 clean and affordable rooms along with self-cooking facilities for patients and their attendants.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein has urged the people of the state to come together this Independence Day and celebrate the spirit of the nation. The DCM has appealed to join the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign by registering as a Tiranga Volunteer and encourage one's family, friends and neighbours to hoist the National Flag at home until 15 August.

The Arunachal Pradesh Handloom and Handicrafts Policy-2025 was formally launched at Amik Rinya Hall, Tezu yesterday. The policy was launched as part of the 11th National Handloom Day celebrations, marking a major milestone in the state's efforts to empower weavers and artisans while preserving its rich tribal heritage. The new Policy provides a comprehensive framework to address longstanding challenges in the handloom and handicrafts sector and unlock its immense economic and cultural potential.

To mark the historic success of India's National Space Programme, the preliminary National Space Day was observed at Kalawangpo Hall, Tawang today. While addressing the gathering, Tawang DC Namgyal Angmo emphasized the importance of science and scientific thinking in daily life and urged students to take a keen interest in science subjects. On the occasion, Project Director of Chandrayaan-5, ISRO Bengaluru, Dr Jayasimha delivered an engaging and informative lecture highlighting ISRO's legacy and achievements. The final celebration of National Space Day is scheduled to be held in New Delhi, marking the culmination of nationwide events celebrating India's space milestones.

The District-Level NCORD Committee met at the DC Conference Hall, Yupia today to review the action taken after their last meeting on 13 June and address the emerging challenges in the fight against drugs. The meeting deliberated on the alarming rising cases of HIV and hepatitis among arrested drug addicts. Other Key issues discussed during the meeting included monitoring illicit cultivation of poppy and cannabis crops, promoting anti-drug awareness programmes in affected regions, supervising de-addiction and rehabilitation centres.

The East Siang Police has intensified Inner Line Permit checking across all jurisdictions, with targeted operations at PS

Pasighat, PS Sille-Oyan, PS Mebo, and PS Ruksin. Specially dedicated police teams have been deployed to conduct surprise inspections. In the meantime, the district police have urged all citizens, contractors, and landlords to ensure that individuals under their employment or tenancy possess valid and up-to-date ILPs to avoid any inconvenience. The authority further cautioned that any non-compliance will attract strict legal action.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued an orange alert for East Kameng, Kurung Kumey, Lower Subansiri, Papumpare, Lohit, Namsai, Changlang, Tirap and Longding district in Arunachal Pradesh. MCI has predicted thunderstorm with lightning and very heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places. Additionally, a yellow alert has also been issued for the remaining districts.