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The Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly today held a special session to mark the conclusion of its Golden Jubilee celebrations, commemorating 50 years of its journey since inception in 1975.

Initiating the discussion in the house, Parliamentary Affairs and Education Minister PD Sona highlighted that the House has conducted 137 sessions and 465 sittings in the past five decades, enacting several laws that paved the way for the state's development. He noted that the Assembly, now functioning digitally and paperlessly, has become a model for other states and remains unique for its disruption-free proceedings and developmental politics.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu recalled that the Assembly first began functioning on August 18, 1975, and has since undertaken many reformative and transformative legislations. He said the institution has successfully hosted major events, including the G20 meet, despite external opposition, and urged legislators to frame more inclusive policies to make Arunachal a developed state. He stressed that public awareness and participation remain crucial in addressing key challenges.

In a video message, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla congratulated the Assembly on completing 50 years. He described it as a pillar of democracy and expressed hope that it continues to meet the aspirations of the people.

Governor Lt. General (Retd.) KT Parnaik lauded the contributions of former legislators, calling their facilitation a meaningful aspect of the Golden Jubilee. He said every member had played a vital role in shaping Arunachal's trajectory through lawmaking, policy guidance, and community engagement. On the occasion, he also released the Golden Jubilee Souvenir and Journal, followed by the screening of a documentary on the Assembly's journey.

Speaker Tesam Pongte described the 50-year journey not just as a measure of time but as a testimony to the state's democratic

evolution. He recalled that the Assembly initially had 33 members, of whom 30 were elected and three nominated by the Centre.

Taking part in the discussion, Laisam Simai said that today the house has a good mixture of young and experienced members, which is a healthy sign. Honchun Ngandam said that the state has gone through various reformative stages and also political crisis but has lived through it and is thriving and are united as one. Other members namely Thangam Wangham, Ninong Ering, Oken Tayeng, Wangling Lowangdong, Toko Tatung and Congress MLA Kumar Waii also participated in the discussion.

DC Papumpare, Vishakha Yadav convened an awareness meeting on Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0 with all stakeholder departments at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Yupia today. While chairing the meeting, the DC underlined the objectives of PAI 2.0 and its alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals. She stressed that achieving the Localized SDGs through PAI 2.0 will serve as the true indicators of grassroots development. In the meantime, the DC has called for close coordination between Gram Panchayat Chairpersons and the Member Secretaries of the Gram Panchayats to ensure the submission of accurate data.

Deputy Commissioner Tawang, Namgyal Angmo convened the District-level NCORD (Narcotics Coordination) meeting at the DC's Conference Hall, Tawang today. During the meeting, Dy.SP Tawang, Tasso Kato highlighted the ongoing initiatives by Tawang Police, including awareness programmes in schools, joint drives with villagers and SSB. In the meantime, DC Tawang reiterated the Government instructions for stricter vigilance on ILP violations and stressed the need for coordination among departments.

The 1st Quarter District Task Force on Immunization meeting and orientation on the upcoming Measles-Rubella Campaign were held today at the DC Conference Hall, Yupia. While addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner Vishakha Yadav has called for intensified awareness campaigns, urging dissemination of immunization information during mass gatherings in churches, namlos, mosques, and similar venues. The meeting was attended by senior officials including the DMO, DRCHO, DDSE, ICDS Director, DPOs, and Medical Officers from CHCs and PHCs.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued a yellow alert for Tawang, West Kameng, East Kameng, Kurung Kumey, Papumpare, Upper Siang, Dibang Valley, Anjaw, Changlang and Tirap district in Arunachal Pradesh. MCI has predicted thunderstorm with lightning very likely at isolated places.

The District Administration of Upper Siang conducted the 1st Phase Re-orientation Training Programme for Head Gaon Burahs and Gaon Burahs, Buris at Yingkiong today. Altogether 61 HGSs and GBs attended the training. The initiative aimed to bring awareness among all existing HGBs/GBs regarding the legal framework governing their appointment and conduct, as well as their pivotal role in village-level administration and justice delivery.

The 2nd edition of two-day National Bodybuilding Championship - Paklu Taipodia Classic-2025 is scheduled to be held at Likabali from December 20 next. The event will feature over 25 competitive categories offering total cash prizes worth ₹20 lakh. The championship aims at promoting bodybuilding and fitness culture across the state.

That's all in this news bulletin, Namaskar