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President Droupadi Murmu today conferred the prestigious National Geoscience Awards 2024 at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre in New Delhi. The National Geoscience Awards are among the country's oldest and most prestigious honors in the field of geosciences. Congratulating the awardees, the President said, the awards are given to honour their commitment, innovation and excellence in fields of geosciences. She also highlighted that minerals have played a pivotal role in development of human civilization and laid the cornerstone for industries. The President added that industrialization cannot be envisioned without coal and iron.

As a part of World Tourism Day 2025, Chief Secretary Manish Kr Gupta today flagged off a cycling competition from DK State Convention Centre, Itanagar. While participating in the cycling competition, the CS informed that this year's theme, "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation" highlights the need to protect our environment, empower communities, and promote healthy lifestyles. He added that Cycling reflects all these values and Arunachal Pradesh with its natural beauty and cultural richness, is the perfect backdrop for sustainable tourism. Later in the day, the CS interacted with Commissioner, Arunachal Pradesh State Election Commission, Rinchin Tashi to discuss the upcoming Panchayati Raj Elections. The CS assured full support and cooperation of the state government for a smooth and fair electoral process.

Chief Minister, Pema Khandu today paid floral tributes at the "Statue of Brotherhood," the statue of Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika at Bolung in Lower Dibang Valley district. In a social media post, Khandu termed the iconic statue as a symbol of unity and cultural harmony, reflecting Dr Hazarika's unparalleled contribution in bringing Arunachal Pradesh and Assam closer through his music and vision. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh in collaboration with the Bhupen Hazarika Cultural Trust, Guwahati is celebrating the 100th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika at Roing today. On the occasion, the CM inaugurated Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Museum and Cultural Centre and unveiled a photo gallery cum exhibition stalls dedicated to Dr Hazarika, offering glimpses of his artistic journey and cultural legacy. The inaugural 'Bhupen Hazarika

Samannay Award' was presented to Hemanta Bengia for his close association with Dr. Hazarika in promoting and preserving Arunachal's rich cultural heritage.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu will inaugurate the Craft Connect Arunachal-2025 (Handloom and Handicraft Expo) along with the newly built Smart City Artisan-cum-Exhibition Centre on Tuesday at VKV Chimpu, Itanagar. The landmark initiative, spearheaded by Itanagar Smart City Development Corporation Ltd. in collaboration with key Government Departments, aims to showcase and promote the rich handloom and handicraft traditions of Arunachal Pradesh while providing a modern platform for artisans to connect with larger markets.

The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women under the aegis of the National Commission for Women, successfully concluded a four-day session on Women Empowerment at its office premises at Naharlagun today. The programme was organized to mark the auspicious occasion of Navratri with the theme "Women Entrepreneurship, Motherhood and Health, Leadership and Justice, Guidance and Honour." The sessions brought together women achievers, entrepreneurs, and leaders who shared their experiences and inspired the participants.

The Deputy Commissioner of Siang District, Tayi Taggu visited the Industrial Training Institute Pangin, today to review its preparedness and functioning. The recently operationalised institute is scheduled to commence classes shortly with three courses, namely Digital Photography, Solar Technician and Catering & Hospitality Services. As part of the visit, the Deputy Commissioner also carried out surprise inspections at Government Primary School, Bibok, Government Secondary School, Pangin, and Government Higher Secondary School, Pangin.

The 763 BRTF, Tawang have donated skill training and essential protective gear to 9 Tibetan refugee women, employed as part of 763 Border Roads Task Force (BRTF) under Project Vartak. The initiative is a part of BRTF's acknowledgement and recognition towards their contribution in nation building.

India has been assured of at least three medals at the Para Archery World Championships in Gwangju, South Korea, as three Indian players will vie for gold in the compound open category. Paralympic bronze medallist Rakesh Kumar and newcomer Toman Kumar advanced to the gold medal match in the men's compound open individual event. Teenage sensation Sheetal Devi also stormed into the women's compound final today.

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the Government is hosting a visit of National Flag Quiz winners to the world's highest battlefield, Siachen, from the 28th of this month. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, in a statement, said that during the visit, 25 young people will get an opportunity to spend 72 hours with the Indian Army. The visit will offer students an opportunity to experience leadership, resilience, and nation-building at one of the most challenging frontiers of the country.

That's all in this news bulletin, Namaskar