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Chief Minister Pema Khandu today congratulated Donwang Kamhua of Tirap district for clearing the National Defence Academy (NDA) Examination with an impressive All India Rank 71. Sharing the news in a social media post, Khandu lauded Donwang's journey of academic excellence. He informed that Donwang was a Class 12 topper from Ramakrishna Mission School in 2024 and a recipient of the IDBI Bank Golden Jubilee Scholarship. May your dedication, discipline, and hard work set an example for every young aspirant across Arunachal Pradesh, Khandu added.

In a joint press briefing held at Itanagar yesterday, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) Tapir Gao announced the upcoming Sardar 150 Unity March, commemorating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Themed 'Unity March: Ek Bharat, Aatmanirbhar Bharat', the event will be organised across the State and all districts from October 31 to November 25. During the briefing, the dignitaries appealed to the youth and citizens of Arunachal Pradesh to actively participate in the Unity March and contribute towards building a stronger, united, and self-reliant Bharat. The Sardar 150 Unity March aims to celebrate and propagate the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's first Home Minister, whose vision and leadership were instrumental in uniting the nation.

The State Horticulture Research and Development Institute (SHRDI) from Basar in Leparada District has discovered a new species of Begonia. The research team was led by Egam Basar, along with experts Dr. Dipoo Dipankar Borah, Dr. Momang Taram, and Dr. Krishna Chowlu. Following the discovery, researchers have named the new species 'Chowna Buku Chulu (Aryarakta)', meaning "Noble Red", in honour of Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein. Expressing his gratitude, Dy CM Chowna Mein said he was "humbled by the gesture" and extended heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated research team for their remarkable work in documenting and promoting the State's rich biodiversity through indigenous nomenclature.

The inaugural state-level kayaking competition, "The Mechukha Kayaking Challenge 2025," concluded successfully at Mechukha yesterday. Organised by the Department of Tourism, Government of

Arunachal Pradesh, in collaboration with the Arunachal Kayak, Canoe and Rafting Association, the two-day event witnessed enthusiastic participation from across the state. A total of 19 kayakers; 6 females and 13 males competed for top honours. The successful conclusion of The Mechukha Kayaking Challenge 2025 marks a significant milestone in promoting adventure sports and harnessing Arunachal Pradesh's immense potential for adventure tourism.

The Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society, Itanagar under the chairmanship of its President, Padmashri Y. D. Thongchi today convened its 146th Monthly Literary Sitting at Itanagar. The literary sitting was initiated in December, 2008 aimed to provide a literary platform to the budding literary aspirants. The platform has ever since motivated several writers in the state who have attained national and international recognition and won many prestigious literary awards.

The Spearhead Division of Spear corps conducted a significant Military-Civil Fusion event at Sigar Military Station, Likhabali yesterday. The event aimed at fostering synergy, understanding and cooperation between the Indian Army and the civil administration of Arunachal Pradesh. Collaborative activities in diverse fields of Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Operations, Integrated Development in Border Areas, Border Tourism and Socio-Cultural Development were discussed during the event. A display of high-end military Equipment and advanced technology was also organised. Meanwhile, civil dignitaries commended the Armed Forces in ensuring security, while also supporting communities and developmental initiatives.

The Talo Women Welfare Society in coordination with the Gaon Burahs and Buris conducted a successful drive yesterday to seize illegal liquor being sold at Talo Market under Keyi Panyor district. The drive was carried out to raise awareness among the local populace and discourage alcohol consumption, particularly among the youth. In the meantime, the society has appealed all residents to continue cooperating in setting an example of social responsibility and unity for other communities across the district.

Lohit Artistes Behelti Ama and Sareng Rangmang from Wakro in Lohit district have won accolades for Arunachal Pradesh at the 4th edition of the art exhibition "Silent Conversation: From Margins to the Centre" held at New Delhi. Their artworks beautifully highlighted the close association of Tigers with the Mishmi community. Over 50

tribal artists from across 17 states (that host tiger reserves) participated in the exhibition. The exhibition was inaugurated by the former President of India, Ram Nath Kovind. It aimed to spread awareness about the conservation ethos of tribal communities and other forest-dwellers, particularly India's tiger reserves.

The Department of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University, yesterday organised a Community Awareness Programme on the theme "My Planet, My Responsibility" at Oju Welfare Association, Naharlagun. The event was led by the M.A. Education Third Semester students of the department as part of their community engagement initiative aimed at spreading awareness about environmental issues. In a gesture of compassion and community support, the M.A. students also donated a day's ration to the children's home.