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Governor KT Parnaik has extended his greetings and best wishes to the people of the State on the joyous occasion of Chindang Festival. He expressed his hope that the vibrant festival of the Sajolang Community would usher in good harvests, prosperity, and happiness to every home across the state. In his message, the Governor said that traditional festivals like Chindang are not only occasions of joy and togetherness but also vital expressions of our rich cultural heritage and deep environmental consciousness. On this auspicious occasion, I join my Sajolang brethren in offering prayers to the Almighty for the health, happiness, and welfare of all, the Governor said in his message.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today congratulated Dr Krishna Chowlu and her dedicated research team from the Botanical Survey of India on their remarkable discovery of *Impatiens rajibiana*- a new species of balsam found in the natural forests of Shergaon in West Kameng District. In a social media post, Khandu said that the scientific milestone not only enriches India's floral diversity but also highlights the unmatched biodiversity of Arunachal Pradesh, a true treasure of the Eastern Himalaya Biodiversity Hotspot. He further stressed that such achievements reaffirm the importance of continued scientific exploration and conservation of Arunachal's pristine natural heritage.

Chief Secretary Manish Kumar Gupta today delivered a lecture on "Procurement Guidelines" at the Administrative Training Institute, Naharlagun. The lecture was a part of the Induction Training Programme for newly recruited APCS officers (Entry Grade), APPS (DySP), and allied services. It aims to equip new officers with a foundational understanding of government procurement procedures and to highlight their significance in ensuring transparent and effective public administration. Emphasizing the importance of procedural integrity and fiscal discipline, the Chief Secretary urged officers to ensure compliance with established norms and ethical standards while handling procurement matters.

Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture, Gabriel D Wangsu held a meeting with the Director and Scientists of ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cattle in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh yesterday.

During the meeting, Director Dr AK Mohanty and his team highlighted their journey and cutting-edge innovations in cattle research and breed improvement. Expressing confidence over the meeting, Wangsu in a social media post, stressed that the collaboration will be mutually beneficial - bringing ICAR-CIRC's scientific expertise to strengthen Arunachal's indigenous cattle development programs while opening new avenues for research.

Under the ongoing Operation Dawn 2.0, the East Siang Police apprehended two individuals and seized approximately gross 9.28 grams of suspected heroin from 4mile, Pasighat yesterday. The operation was planned by the anti-drugs squad (ADS) of East Siang in coordination with Anti-Drugs Warriors, Pasighat. An undercover buyer was deployed to approach the peddler, following which the accused, a lady peddler and one habitual drug user were caught red-handed. Accordingly, a case has been registered under the NDPS Act at Pasighat Police Station. Investigation is currently underway. SP, East Siang commended the efforts of the ADS team and reiterated the district police's firm commitment to a zero-tolerance policy against drug-related offenses. He urged the public to report such illicit activities.

The Indian Army today commenced the "Shaurya Motorcycle Rally" from Likabali Military Station. The joint rally; a tribute to the brave hearts of the 1962 India-China War, will traverse through the rugged terrain and remote valleys of Arunachal Pradesh, retracing the historic routes taken during the 1962 war. Covering a distance of approximately 900 kilometers, a total of 20 riders comprising of serving soldiers from Indian Army and ITBP and also 12 civilians from Assam & Arunachal, will pass through key battle locations interacting with local communities and promoting - NO DRUGS & NO SCHOOL DROPOUTS, an initiative by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Department of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in collaboration with the Department of Printing & Stationery, has officially launched a two-month vocational and skill training program focused on Offset Machine Operation and Binding Works. The inauguration ceremony was held at the Directorate of Printing & Stationery, Naharlagun. A total of 35 trainees has been enrolled in this specialised program, which will cover Operation of offset printing machines, Pre-printing preparations and technical functions, Binding and finishing techniques.

The District Health Society, Lower Siang district, under the National Health Mission, launched two significant health initiatives, World Mental Health Day 2025 and the 60 Days Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 3.0 at the District Hospital, Likabali. The campaign aims to create awareness among the youth about the harmful effects of tobacco and promote a healthy, addiction-free lifestyle under the slogan "Together We Can, Say No to Tobacco, No to Addiction." Both events witnessed active participation from medical officers, healthcare workers, students, and community representatives.