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Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu today handed over land compensation cheques worth ₹26.31 crore to 300 beneficiaries from Lhou and Shyaro villages under 3-Mukto Assembly Constituency, during his visit to Lhou circle, Tawang District. Earlier, The CM also inspected the construction progress of the 40-bedded Boys' Hostel at Govt. Higher Secondary School, Lhou. While sharing the news on a social media post CM Khandu said the 20-bedded Girls' Hostel has already been completed, while the Boys' Hostel construction is in progress.

Deputy Minister Chowna Mein yesterday chaired a meeting to review preparations for the grand celebration of 150 years of National Song, 'Vande Mataram', at Namsai. In a social media post the Deputy Chief Minister shared that, based on the Union Cabinet's decision on 1st October 2025 to commemorate the milestone nationwide, the discussion focused on proposed programs, departmental roles, and strategies to ensure active public participation, and along with rest of the Nation, the milestone will be celebrated in a grand manner at the District Secretariat, Namsai on 7th November 2025.

A Farmers' Training-cum-Awareness Programme on Seed Quality Control was conducted yesterday at Tawang by the State Seed Testing Laboratory, Naharlagun, in coordination with the District Agriculture Office, Tawang. Pema Dechhen, District Agriculture Officer, Tawang, urged farmers to test their seeds before sowing and to use only certified quality seeds for better results. During the technical session, Dyu Tadu, Junior Scientific Assistant, explained the Seed Act in detail, while Mudo Rinya, Agriculture Development Officer, elaborated on various seed testing methods and their practical applications, followed with interactive session.

East Siang Deputy Commissioner Sonalika Jiwani today inaugurated a Design & Technology Development Workshop on Cane and Bamboo Crafts, under the comprehensive handicraft cluster development initiative Scheme at ADTH Office. The workshop aims to upgrade skills of artisans, promote innovative designers and align handicraft products with national & international demands. DC urged the trainee artisans to take up self-employment ventures in the handicraft sector, for their economic empowerment and also advised for identifying market demands and market gap, while

stressing on local products with global quality. In this two-month long training, 20 artisans of East Siang will be imparted training by designer Shanat K Pegu and master craftsman, Pokrim Mitkong.

The District Tobacco Control Cell (DTCC) Likabali, Lower Siang District, under the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 3.0, yesterday conducted an Intensive Education and Communication activity at the historic Malinithan Temple and surrounding areas. The campaign aimed to raise awareness about the ill effects of tobacco use among the public, shopkeepers, and visitors in and around the temple premises. As part of the program, DTCC officials visited shops located within a 100-yard radius of Malinithan Temple and Government Upper Primary School Maa Malini. The program was well-received by the local community, with active cooperation from residents and shopkeepers.

In Longding District, Minister Legal Metrology and Consumer Affairs Gabriel D Wangsu yesterday inaugurated the Office-cum-Store Room at Government Higher Secondary School at Kanubari, equipped with band instruments, uniforms and other essential materials to support the cadets' training and activities. Additionally, Minister Wangsu also inaugurated the newly renovated Gandhi Park and 40 new Decorative LED Street Lights installed along NH-215 in Kanubari. He was joined by Longding Deputy Commissioner Kunal Yadav and Additional Deputy Commissioner Kanubari Yashwant Meena.

The third phase of ongoing search operation to locate 29-year-old porter Jamok Pansa, had to be called off due to extreme weather conditions. The porter Jamok Pansa went missing from 22 September 2025 in the high-altitude Kangri Camp area of Dibang Valley. Earlier, the second phase of the operation on October 26 had also been abandoned after incessant rain, snow, and difficult terrain. However, The Dibang Valley district administration has reaffirmed its commitment to continue efforts to locate the missing individual whenever conditions allows. The rescue efforts have been jointly carried out by the District Administration, Indian Army, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Arunachal Pradesh Police, local porters, and volunteers.

The fifth edition of MONDURO 5.0 – the World's Highest Enduro Race – concluded today at the Drekhong grassland near Tawang Monastery. Nepal's Nirav Shreshta clinched the first place in Men's Elite Category, whereas, Hossien Zanzanian of Iran won the second place and Megahalaya's Aaron Kharpuri secured the third place.

Remarkably, Miho Kikuchi from Japan, the only female rider in this year's competition, honored for her inspiring participation and perseverance. Over two days of the race event, 25 riders from India and abroad took part in the competition.

Saint Claret College (Autonomous), Ziro, today organised an interactive session on 'Startup Outreach and Collaboration Opportunities with Arunachal Pradesh Innovation and Investment Park- 'APIIP' at the college auditorium. The programme aimed to promote entrepreneurship among students and strengthen collaboration with the APIIP. The resource persons for the session were Sutanu Sen, Project Head APIIP, Manish Mall, Consultant and Tamo Rilla, Research Officer, Planning & Investment.