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Governor Lt General (Retd) KT Parnaik said that the reach of the NCC should extend to every district and institution in Arunachal Pradesh, ensuring that the maximum number of students can benefit from it. He said that the NCC is not just an extracurricular activity but an integral part of education that nurtures unity, discipline, leadership, patriotism, and the noble spirit of 'Nation First' among young minds. The Governor said this when the Commanding Officer of 1st Arunachal Pradesh NCC Battalion, Colonel Samudra Vijay Sarma, called on him at the Raj Bhavan today. Highlighting the need to establish more NCC units across the State, the Governor said that expanding the organization's footprint will help nurture a generation of disciplined, confident, and service-minded youth dedicated to the cause of nation-building.

State Governor Lt General (Retd) KT Parnaik has urged the Arunachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission (APPEIRC) to strengthen accreditation, inspections, and performance audits to ensure that private educational institutions meet national and global standards while fostering innovation, inclusivity, and employability. The Governor made the remarks when APPEIRC Chairman Tsering Naksang called on him at the Raj Bhavan and presented the Commission's Annual Report for 2024-25, along with an update on its activities. Governor Parnaik advised the Commission to undertake projects that contribute to the State's development, particularly in the fields of education, sports, and socio-cultural activities, and emphasized strict adherence to prescribed norms to maintain the quality of education across private institutions.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Sunday inaugurated a series of key infrastructure projects in Dirang sub-division of West Kameng district, including the newly constructed Sub-Divisional Secretariat at Hing Thangkha, and the Jambey Tashi Memorial Peace Park at Chug Valley. Dedicating the new Secretariat, Khandu said the modern complex bringing all key departments under one roof will greatly enhance administrative efficiency and service delivery. He also inaugurated the newly-built 70-metre double-lane steel bridge over the Meyong River at Kharsa, replacing the old jeepable bridge, terming it a "vital step toward improved connectivity and local development."

Chief Minister Pema Khandu announced that the state government will double the number of youths sponsored for adventure training at the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS), Dirang — from 200 to 400 annually. Sharing the news on social media, Khandu described it as “good news for adventure enthusiasts,” emphasizing that the initiative aims to encourage more young Arunachalis to embrace the spirit of adventure, discipline, and leadership. During his visit to NIMAS, the Chief Minister reviewed the campus facilities and ongoing development projects with its Director Col Ranveer Singh Jamwal.

A two-day Mental Health Awareness Workshop was organized by Ahichu Self-Help Group at Anini, Dibang Valley on November 1–2. The sessions were conducted by Thanmayi N and Koj Topo, clinical psychologists and founders of Manoha Therapy, focusing on mental well-being for both adults and children. Day 1 addressed parents on identifying early signs of mental health issues in children, while Day 2 guided teachers on classroom management and understanding child behavior. Evening sessions included one-on-one counseling for parents and children.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu unveiled the Monyul Super League (MSL) Cup at Dirang — a premier football tournament aimed at promoting the sport and nurturing sportsmanship among the youth of Arunachal Pradesh. Announcing the event, Khandu said the league will kick off on November 9 at Tawang. He expressed happiness that Indian football legend Baichung Bhutia will grace the inaugural ceremony. “The MSL will foster unity, healthy competition, and provide a vibrant platform for local talent to shine,” Khandu said.

The Indian women’s cricket team created history by winning their first-ever ICC Women’s ODI World Cup, defeating South Africa by 52 runs in a thrilling final at Navi Mumbai last night. Powered by Shafali Verma’s 87 and Deepti Sharma’s all-round brilliance (5 for 39), India posted 298 for 7 before bowling out South Africa for 246. Shafali was named Player of the Match, while Deepti earned the Player of the Tournament award. President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the team for their remarkable victory, calling it a proud and inspiring moment for the nation.

The 67th edition of Akashvani Sangeet Sammelan began yesterday with concerts at Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai. The sammelan is being organised by Prasar Bharati, in collaboration with the Culture Ministry. In the National Capital at Akashvani Rang Bhawan, Flutist Pt. Rakesh Chaurasia and Marathi Folk artist Nandesh Umap and his team performed a vibrant program. Prasar Bharati Chairman Navneet Kumar Sehgal and Akashvani Director General Rajiv Kumar Jain also attended the event. Akashvani Sangeet Sammelan will be held in 24 cities across the country. During the month-long event, the sangeet sammelan will bring Hindustani, Carnatic, Light and Folk music to audiences from across the country.