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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General, Retd. K.T. Parnaik extended his warm greetings to the media fraternity of the State on the occasion of National Press Day, today. The Governor said that the press is truly the Fourth Pillar of our democratic system and a vital contributor to the vision of Viksit Bharat. He further said that in Arunachal Pradesh, the media continues to demonstrate commendable responsibility and integrity while keeping pace with a rapidly evolving information landscape. The shift toward more progressive, inclusive, and technologically adept journalism is both visible and heartening. The Governor encouraged the state media professionals to stay steadfast in their pursuit of truth, fairness, and public service.

In Anjaw district, Commemorating the 63rd anniversary of the Battle of Walong, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein yesterday visited the Helmet Top War Memorial and offered floral tribute to all the brave soldiers who fought during the 1962 Battle of Walong and sacrificed their lives for the country. He also interacted with the Indian Army war and Army veterans. Mr. Mein also inaugurated the High Flag Post with the National Flag and the new tourist infrastructure at Bara Kundun under Kibithoo Circle. In a social media post Mr. Mein said that this project marks another step towards strengthening border tourism, improving connectivity, and creating new opportunities for the local community.

The State Election Commissioner Rinchin Tashi, called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General Retd. K.T. Parnaik, at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar, yesterday. During the meeting, the SEC briefed the Governor on the preparations and arrangements for the forthcoming Panchayati Raj and Local Body Elections. Underscoring the importance of free and fair conduct of the elections, the Governor advised the State Election Commission to uphold transparency, impartiality, and adherence to democratic principles at every stage. He stressed the need for robust security measures to prevent intimidation or violence and called for strict vigilance to curb the misuse of money, muscle power, and official influence.

In the National Press Day celebrated today at Arunachal Pradesh University, Pasighat, Vice Chancellor Prof. Tomo Riba, Chief Guest of the occasion describing the media as the "mouthpiece of society", urged journalists to uphold sincerity and integrity in their work. Guest of Honour Sonalika Jiwani, Deputy Commissioner of East Siang, drawing from her own experiences, cautioned against the growing trend of sensationalism in reporting, stressing that credibility must come from fact-checking and sensitivity. She also appealed to the Pasighat Press Club to consider welfare measures such as group insurance schemes for media persons, noting the risks associated with the profession. The program was jointly organized by the Pasighat Press Club, the Department of Mass Communication, and the DIPRO Office.

The 4th Khangri Glacier Scientific Expedition 2025 was successfully conducted from 8th to 14th November at the Khangri Glacier, located in the Mago Basin of Tawang District. The expedition is a flagship initiative jointly undertaken by the Centre for Earth Sciences & Himalayan Studies (CESHS), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, and the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Goa. Since its inception in 2023, It aims to advance scientific understanding of glacier dynamics, climate change impacts, and water resource sustainability in the Eastern Himalaya. The team comprised 11 scientists and engineers from CESHS, NCPOR (Goa), Nagaland University, and NERIST, Nirjuli. The mission was led by Dr. Parmanand Sharma, Scientist F, one of India's leading glaciologists, and coordinated under the leadership of Er. Nyelam Sunil, Technical Officer and Head, Cryosphere Division, CESHS.

Deputy Commissioner Upper Siang, Talo Jerang, yesterday inspected the ongoing construction of the 82 km Panggo–Jorging Defence Road, being executed by NHIDCL through an EPC contractor. The road aims to provide vital last-mile connectivity to Tango-1 & Tango-2 Army and ITBP BOP locations along the border. The project was formally commenced on 26 January 2025. The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the satisfactory progress made so far. He also instructed the engineering team to strictly maintain quality standards at every stage of construction.

Nishanlu Kri, a senior volunteer of Lohit Youth Library Network and a first-generation learner from Kathan village of Wakro Circle, Lohit district has won laurels to Arunachal, by winning the gold medal and first rank in MA Sociology at the Central University of Gujarat, Vadodara. Sokhep Kri, Chairman of the Cultural and Literary Society of Mishmi and Convenor of the Lohit Youth Library Network and several library patrons have congratulated Nishanlu Kri for her stellar educational achievement.

In continuation of the observance of the World Diabetes Day 2025, the District Health Society (DHS), Yupia will be conducting the screening for Non-Communicable Diseases tomorrow in the Deputy Commissioner's Office compound from 10.30 a.m onwards for the individuals of 30 yrs and above. DHS invited all the Officers and staff of the Yupia Headquareter to avail the opportunity.

That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar