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The State Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Pema Khandu, was convened today at Anini, the district headquarters of Dibang Valley. The Cabinet approved replacing the Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 with a Bill. The amendment allows appointment of a retired officer, meeting prescribed eligibility criteria, as Chairperson of APSSB in addition to serving officers. The cabinet also approved the remedial measures recommended by the One-Man Inquiry Commission to strengthen and streamline the functioning of APPSC. Additionally, major approvals of the cabinet include, 150 teaching posts in Special Education, 99 JE posts and 99 posts of UDC in Zilla Parishads, along with additional posts under the Directorate of Panchayati Raj, including LDC and Data Entry Operators. Cabinet approved talent programmes such as *Battle of Minds*, *Spelling Wizard*, and *Maths and Science Olympiads* as annual calendar events. the Cabinet also approved SGST reimbursement concessions for the Kalai II Hydroelectric Project (1,200 MW) being developed by THDC India Limited and the Attunli Hydroelectric Project (680 MW) being developed by SJVN Limited. The CM also announced a series of major development initiatives exclusively for Dibang Valley district.

Arunachal Pradesh will host the Tri-Nation U-23 International Football Championship 2026 from 25 to 31 March at the Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium, Yupia. It will feature India, Bhutan, and Tajikistan. Meanwhile, Arunachal Pradesh Football Association announced the launch of the Football Players' Welfare Fund to support former and senior players. Eligible beneficiaries include players who have represented the state at least three times in Senior National Championships (men and women), with special provisions for international players and members of the 1993 Santosh Trophy state team. APFA will also introduce an accreditation card system for players, coaches, and referees at the Yupia stadium. The registration fee will go to the FPWF. Additionally, annual and monthly membership cards will be issued to the public for access to the stadium track for fitness activities.

A healthy baby was delivered inside 108 Ambulance enroute Seppa, East Kameng District Hospital to TRIHMS Naharlagun, with the help of Emergency Medical Technician of EMRI Green Health Services. 108 free emergency ambulance services were launched by EMRI Green Health

Services, formerly GVK EMRI in the state on 21 June 2021 by chief minister Pema Khandu. Since then, the service has served more than thirty-five thousand beneficiaries across the state.

To improve accessibility and inclusion through Indian Sign Language, a Sign Language Training Workshop is going to be organised from 3 to 5 February at State Banquet Hall, Itanagar. It is being organised by the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment and Tribal Affairs, Government of Arunachal Pradesh. The workshop is intended for parents/guardians of children with hearing or speech impairments, along with the government officials and NGOs who support them. The registration is ongoing.

Basar MLA Nyabi Jini Dirchi, in collaboration with M/s Infoway IT Solutions, is providing Free Government-Certified Computer Diploma Courses exclusively for students and unemployed youth of the district. Registration for the course will begin from 5 to 15 February. Training locations are in Itanagar and Naharlagun. The MLA has urged the youth residing in the Capital Complex to seize this opportunity to build a more secure and brighter future. She said that her vision is to see the youth of Leparada district stand tall and confident in any career they choose.

To strengthen career guidance and skill development in government schools across Keyi Panyor District, a one-day training programme was organised at the Conference Hall of the DC Office. District Administration in collaboration with the Wadhwani Foundation organised the programme. It introduced an AI-based Career Awareness and Guidance App, a joint initiative of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, NCERT-PSSCIVE, and the Wadhwani Foundation. 100 teachers, Headmasters/Principals from government schools of Keyi Panyor District, including Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Yachuli, participated.

The pilot project Prime Minister's National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme for North Eastern Region awareness workshop-cum-mobilization drive for West Kameng District was conducted at Government Industrial Training Institute. Representatives of empanelled third-party aggregators briefed participants on available job roles, vacancies, and training locations.

In the second day of 25th Bharat Rang Mahotsav, International Theatre Festival of India 2026 at DK Convention Centre, Itanagar, tonight,

the play "Sakaljaani He Naath" is underway. It will be followed by the timeless classic "Tasher Desh" tomorrow. Plays start at 5pm.

The 11th Arunachal Film Festival, will be held from 6th to 8th March 2026 at TNZ Cinemas, Itanagar. The festival will have Film competitions in various categories, screenings, master classes and interactive sessions.