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The State Cabinet, in its first meeting of 2026 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Pema Khandu, approved a series of important policy decisions. The Cabinet approved creation of 58 various posts in Education department. Further, 12 Assistant Professor posts were approved for introduction of Sociology, Commerce, and Mass Communication courses in select Government Colleges. The Cabinet approved Special Grade promotions for Fire & Emergency Services personnel on completion of 15, 20, and 30 years of service. The Cabinet further approved creation of 91 posts for Sub-Jails of seven districts. Cabinet approved a one-time relaxation of residency requirements under the Arunachal Pradesh Forest Service Rules, 2019. The Cabinet accorded approval for the creation of a Directorate of Urban Local Bodies under the Department of Urban Affairs, in alignment with the 74th Constitutional Amendment. The Cabinet also approved the Recruitment Rules for the Special Tiger Protection Force for Pakke, Namdapha, and Kamlang Tiger Reserves. In Healthcare, HLL Lifecare Ltd, a Government of India Enterprise under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare was approved to Create Diagnostic infrastructure (Laboratories) in 427 Health Centers and Units, including implementation of the Laboratory Management Information system in all the Health facilities of the state. The Cabinet also approved the procurement of 40 Mobile Medical Units under the Vibrant Villages Programme. the Cabinet approved the proposal for enactment of the Arunachal Pradesh Fire and Emergency Services Bill, 2025, replacing the existing 1991 Act. The Bill will go to Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly for passage to become an Act.

A group of students from Arunachal Pradesh called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The students visited Rashtrapati Bhavan as part of a National Integration Tour. The group of students and teachers of Government Higher Secondary School, Mechukha, of Shi Yomi district, Arunachal Pradesh are on a National Integration Tour from 5 January to 16 January 2026. The National Integration Tours are educational and motivational tours for youth with an aim to provide an insight into the rich heritage of the country.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein on called the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) a historic, reformative, visionary, and transformative initiative of PM Narendra Modi. Mr Mein said the mission underscores the PM's commitment to strengthening rural livelihoods and creating sustainable grassroots employment opportunities. Earlier on Tuesday CM Pema Khandu said the newly introduced VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 will hugely benefit rural households.

Achom Degio of Bichom district, Arunachal Pradesh was selected in the Indian Futsal Team for the SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) Women's Futsal Championship 2026. Previously, she represented India at the U-18 and U-19 levels. Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that this remarkable milestone brings immense pride to Arunachal Pradesh and stands as a powerful motivation for young sportspersons to dream big and pursue excellence in sports. SAFF Women's Futsal Championship will take place from January 13 to 25.

The master plan for development of the proposed tourist and heritage centre around the Chakzam Bridge at Mogto, in Tawang district, envisioned as a community-first heritage model, was reviewed by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu. The historic Chakzam Bridge at Mogto, traditionally attributed to a Buddhist Monk Thangtong Gyalpo and constructed in the 15th century, stands as an important example of indigenous engineering and community-oriented infrastructure, the CM said.

Arunachal Pradesh Minister of Commerce & Industries Nyato Dukam participated in the National Textiles Ministers' Conference at Guwahati. He called the conference constructive discussions on strengthening Centre-State partnership, investment, innovation and market access—aligned with India's shared ambition to emerge as a globally competitive textiles hub.

The District Administration, Daporijo conducted a surprise inspection of all pharmacies operating within Daporijo Town, Upper Subansiri, Arunachal Pradesh. During the inspection, several irregularities were detected, including the stocking of expired medicines, operation without valid trading licences, and failure to produce mandatory certificates. The District Administration has taken serious note of these violations. Necessary legal action will be initiated. All seized expired medicines were immediately disposed. The District Administration, Daporijo, appeals to all

pharmacy owners and traders to strictly adhere to licensing norms and regulatory.

District Health Society, Lower Siang is going to organise a Mega Health Camp at Government Higher Secondary School Playground, Likabali, on 16 January 2026. It is being organised in association with 56 Infantry Division Likabali Military Station and supported by Bogum Ao Foundation and Northeast Foundation for Health Education and Livelihood Skills. Free screening for TB, NCD, Orthology, Consultation for Gynaecology, ENT, Dental check-up, and medicine specialist will be available for all.

That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar