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Over rupees 3 crore worth of local beads and ornaments were recovered and one accused was arrested by Doimukh Police in connection with a burglary case reported from Amba village. The burglary occurred on the intervening night of December 26 and 27, 2025, when miscreants broke into the residence of Dr Tana Jesy Tara and decamped with local beads and ornaments. The accused, identified as Sadikul Islam (26), was arrested from Kehutoli under Laluk Police Station in Assam, and stolen property worth over ₹3 crore was recovered. Two other accused are absconding; investigation continues.

The newly elected Zilla Parishad Members (ZPMs) of Papum Pare District were sworn in during a ceremony held at the Zilla Parishad Council (ZPC) Hall, Yupia. Following the oath-taking ceremony, Bamang Yayu was elected as the new Zilla Parishad Chairperson of Papum Pare District through a draw of lots. The oath of office was administered by the District Panchayat Development Officer (DPDO)-cum-Presiding Officer Tame Yajum Dare in the presence of officials and dignitaries. In Tawang district, in a unanimous decision, the newly elected ZPMs re-elected ZPM from Jang Thingbu Block, Leki Gombu, as the Zila Parishad Chairperson, Tawang, for a second consecutive term. In Siang district, Tamat Tatak was elected as the Chairperson of the Zilla Parishad. In Lower Subansiri district, 11-Niichii ZPM Hibu Dumji, has been elected as the Zilla Parishad Chairperson. In Dibang Valley district, Sadhu Mihui, ZPM from the Etalin-Maliney Block, has been elected unopposed as the Zilla Parishad Chairperson of the district. The development marks the commencement of a new chapter in local governance in all the districts.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu participated in the 50 years celebration of the Sarok Festival, celebrated by the Aka community, at Bana of Bichom district. He said indigenous faith and traditions share a common spirit- respect for nature, ancestors, and moral balance. Further adding, names and rituals may differ, but the core beliefs remain deeply connected. The CM said preserving indigenous faith means safeguarding identity, passing values to future generations, and respecting these traditions as complete and living belief systems.

Gora Lotak, Corporator of Ward No. 11 of the Itanagar Municipal Corporation, called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar. The Corporator briefed the Governor on

the challenges his sector faced, towards cleanliness, waste disposal, hygiene, and sanitation of the area, and the status of public and private structures as well as essential services in his area of responsibilities. The Governor said that since Lok Bhavan is located in Ward No. 11, the ward should set high standards in cleanliness, planning, and civic discipline, and emerge as a model for other wards of the Itanagar Municipal Corporation to emulate. The Governor further advised that the Corporators must act as social facilitators, engaging with citizens, fostering community ownership, and motivating residents to actively participate in cleanliness, conservation, and development efforts.

Preparations are underway in Anini, Dibang Valley district, for the Reh Festival 2026, scheduled to commence on 1st February 2026. In this regard, the Deputy Commissioner Bekir Nyorak, conducted an inspection of the ongoing arrangements along with members of the Reh Festival Committee to ensure smooth and well-coordinated celebrations. This year, State Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, and the entire Council of Ministers of Arunachal Pradesh will participate in the celebrations during the Cabinet Aapke Dwaar (CAD) programme. The occasion marks a historic moment, with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh actively taking part in one of the most important indigenous festivals of the Idu Mishmi community. The district administration has assured full support to the local community and the organizing committee to ensure the successful conduct of the festival.

Arunachal Pradesh Women's Beach Soccer Team won the Bronze Medal at the 2nd Khelo India Beach Games 2026, held at Ghoghla Beach, Diu from 5th to 10th January 2026, under the aegis of the Ministry of Sports, Government of India. This was the first time the state participated in Beach Soccer at the 2nd Khelo India Beach Games. Commending the players, coaches, and officials, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that their determination, resilience, and fighting spirit reflect the indomitable sporting spirit of Arunachal Pradesh.

Parasola plicatilis commonly known as Pleated Inkcap Mushroom was observed in the experimental farm of ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Longding, Arunachal Pradesh. The specimens were first noticed and collected by Dr. Tilling Tayo (ACTO, Animal Science). Dr. Deep Narayan Mishra, (Subject Matter Specialist, Plant Pathology), confirmed the identification. Although Pleated Inkcap Mushroom has been reported from various regions of India and elsewhere, the present observation is considered a first field-level record from the state based on currently

accessible information. The Mushroom species is non-edible and has no food or commercial value, however, its presence is indicative of favourable soil fertility status.