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Presenting the 9th consecutive budget in the Lok Sabha Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman termed the budget Yuva Shakiti driven. Minister Sitharaman highlighted substantial strides in poverty reduction and improvement in the lives of country's people. Finance Minister has announced to launch a Scheme for Development of Buddhist Circuits in Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. Finance Minister Sitharaman said focus will be given on preserving temples and monasteries and establishing new ones in the northeast to promote cultural heritage and tourism. The Finance Minister highlighted the government's vision for increasing farmers' income, empowering Divyangjans, and the vulnerable to access mental health and trauma care and focus on the Purvodaya States and the North-East Region to accelerate development and employment opportunities.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General (Retd.) K.T. Parnaik, extended his warm greetings to the people of the State, especially to the Idu Mishmi brethren on the auspicious occasion of Reh. The Governor said the festival, one of the most significant festivals of the Idu Mishmi community, beautifully reflects the vibrant spirit, enduring traditions, and joyful cultural heritage of the State. He urged elders of the Idu Mishmi community, as well as people from other tribes, especially the youth, to remain rooted in their cultural values and to carry this precious legacy forward with pride, responsibility, and purpose, Governor Parnaik said.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today inaugurated multiple projects in Dibang Valley district. The projects include Sky Walk (Glass Bridge), Roller Coaster, near Matu Waterfall, Tourism Complex at Dambuen village, The Panchayat Guest House cum Idu Mishmi Heritage Museum, New Circuit House and Panchayat Rural Mart. These multiple projects are executed by RD and WRD Anini Division with the estimated cost around Eight Hundred Eight lakhs, funded by various agencies including North East Council, Govt of India. With some formalities remaining, these projects will soon be fully functional. It will be a major tourism attraction in the coming days. MP Tapir Gao, Deputy CM Chowna Mein along with all the other cabinet ministers were present. Yesterday, the State Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Pema Khandu, was convened at Anini, the district headquarters of Dibang Valley, under the Government of Arunachal Pradesh's flagship Cabinet Aapke Dwar initiative.

In a major step towards strengthening local community safety and regional development, nearly 65 per cent of households (76 out of 120) of Karko village in Upper Siang District, extending their support for the preparation of the Pre-Feasibility Report for the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project a project of national importance. Addressing the gathering, Ninnong Ering, Advisor to the Minister (Hydro Power)-cum- MLA, 37-Pasighat West Assembly Constituency, emphasised that the preparation of a detailed PFR is a critical first step to comprehensively assess technical feasibility, environmental impact and social implications, while safeguarding national security and long-term strategic interests.

Minister for Food & Civil Supplies Garbriel D Wangsu paid an inspection visit to the Arunachal Agriculture Transit Camp and Arunachal Bhawan at Tinsukia, Assam and the Arunachal Bhawan, Dibrugarh. He assessed their operational status and proper maintenance. Minister Wangsu said that these utilities are crucial touchpoints for Arunachalee people traveling through Assam and play a significant role in supporting agricultural and other operations across state lines. He issued necessary instructions based on the observations, for timely improvements to enhance efficiency and service delivery.

Arunachal Pradesh University has achieved a significant academic milestone. Professor Prakash Chandra Jena, Dean of Academic Affairs, has been awarded a Certificate of Registration of Design by the Patent Office, Government of India, for his innovation titled "Interactive Literacy Pen for Adult Learners." Speaking about the innovation, Professor Jena said the Interactive Literacy Pen has been designed keeping in mind India's goal of achieving 100 percent literacy, especially among adults in rural areas who lack basic reading and writing skills. The pen provides direction and assistance in developing basic skills such as reading, writing, and even speaking.

The Indian Army and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police successfully conducted Phase-II of the joint Four-day firing Exercise 'AGNI PARIKSHA' from recently at Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh. It aimed at enhancing inter-force combat synergy and operational preparedness. The key focus of the exercise was to familiarise non-gunner personnel with artillery procedures and the execution of various firing missions.

In the third day of the ongoing 25th Bharat Rang Mahotsav, International Theatre Festival of India 2026 at D.K. Convention Centre,

Itanagar, the play "Tasher Desh" is being showcased. The festival will end tomorrow with the grand finale play "Kamrupa".