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The Nyokum Yullo festival of Nyishi Community of Arunachal Pradesh is being celebrated today in various district of the state. The Word Nyokum has been derived from the combination of two words – Nyok means land (earth) and Kum means collectiveness or togetherness. The main prayer structure is made of bamboo, called the Yugwng (Altar). The festival has a close link with cultivation. During the festival, the Nyokum goddess, the goddess of prosperity is invoked for her blessings. Rituals are performed by Nyub, the priest, and traditional offerings are made to seek divine blessings for the well-being of the community. Nyokum Yullo is not only a religious celebration but also a symbol of harmony, gratitude, and togetherness. People wear traditional attire, perform folk dances, and celebrate with joy and pride.

Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu inaugurated Foundational Literacy & Numeracy Center at Doimukh, Papumpare district. An initiative of Deputy Commissioner Papum Pare Vishakha Yadav the FLN center is funded under Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives of HDFC, NHPC, untied funds and Local Area Development Fund from Pare Hydro Project. Aligned with NEP 2020 & NIPUN Bharat Mission, it's a transformative step towards strengthening early education, the FLN Center aims to ensure that every child achieves essential reading, writing, and numeracy skills by the end of Grade 3, while staying connected to local Arunachal culture and heritage. On the occasion, Rajya Sabha MP Nabam Rebia and MLA Doimukh Nabam Vivek were also present.

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein inaugurated the 84 metre Steel Truss Permanent Bridge over River Kamala Kumei between Jha and Ruhi Village and the Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at Tali in Kra Daadi district. The bridge ensures all-weather connectivity for residents, and the stadium will promote sports, community events, and youth development opportunities.

Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Dairy Development Minister Gabriel D. Wangsu inaugurated the Central Vaccine Depot-cum-Disease Investigation Laboratory at Nirjuli in presence of senior officers of AHV&DD. The laboratory will enable timely and accurate disease detection, reduce livestock mortality, enhance productivity and farmers' income, and

ensure faster outbreak response while minimizing dependence on out-of-state testing.

Under the ongoing Operation Dawn 2.0, East Siang Police successfully apprehended two individuals in separate operations conducted under Pasighat Police Station and Ruksin Police Station, recovering 9 grams of Heroin and 20 grams Ganja. the ADS team led by IC Anti-Drugs Squad Ayup Boko in co-ordination with Nini Tamin his Anti-Drug Warriors team. The accused persons have been apprehended, and all seized items have been handed over to the respective Police Stations for further legal proceedings.

128 out of 144 families from Simong and 9 out of 9 families from Halleng villages of Upper Siang district have formally extended their consent for Siang Upper Multipurpose Project Pre-Feasibility Report for activities, by signing MoUs with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh at Yingkiang. On behalf of the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, DC, Upper Siang, Talo Jerang, signed the MoU, while Genom Tekseng and Koshang Nopi signed on behalf of the residents of Simong and Halleng villages. Speaking on the occasion, Advisor to the Chief Minister and local MLA, Alo Libang, stressed that the interests and welfare of local communities must remain at the forefront throughout the project's planning and implementation.

The Inter State Youth Exchange Programme concluded today at Don Bosco Youth Centre. A total of 37 youth was participating. Deputy Director Gopesh Pandey, MY Bharat, highlighted that the Inter State Youth Exchange Programme provide a platform for young minds to understand the diversity, culture, traditions, and democratic institutions of different states, fostering mutual respect and lifelong friendships. The ceremony featured vibrant cultural performances by the participants, reflecting the rich traditions of their home state along with the cultural essence of Arunachal Pradesh. Participants also celebrated an advance Holi together, spreading colors of friendship and unity.

The Research Institute of World's Ancient Traditions, Cultures and Heritage (RIWATCH) organised the International Mother Language Day Celebration 2026 at Central Reh-Ko, Roing, under the theme "Youth Voices on Multilingual Education." 200 students representing various educational institutions from Roing took part in an Awareness Rally about the importance of mother languages and the preservation of linguistic diversity.

In the ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup, India is taking on Zimbabwe in the Super 8 Group '1' match at MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

Winning the toss, Zimbabwe elected to bowl first. India were ____ in ____ for ____ in ____ overs. Hosts India face a 'must win' situation today and in their final group match against the West Indies on Sunday to keep their semi-final hopes alive.

That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar