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Indian Mountaineer from Arunachal Pradesh, Kabak Yano successfully summited Mount Aconcagua in Argentina, the highest peak in South America, as part of her ambitious 7-Summit Mountaineering Expedition. Mount Aconcagua is towered at twenty-thousand 831 feet above sea level and it is the highest peak in the Western Hemisphere. Arunachal Governor Lieutenant General K.T. Parnaik (Retd.) congratulated 27-year-old Kabak Yano on her outstanding mountaineering accomplishment. Lauding her indomitable spirit and unwavering focus, the Governor said that Yano's journey is a personal triumph and at the same time a powerful source of inspiration for the youth of Arunachal Pradesh. Governor Parnaik had formally flagged off Yano's 7-Summit Mountaineering Expedition from Lok Bhavan at Itanagar on 28th of July last year.

To promote accessibility and inclusive communication for persons with hearing and speech impairment, the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment and Tribal Affairs, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, is organising a three-day Sign Language Training Workshop, from today. It is in collaboration with the Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Guwahati, under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. Minister Kento Jini, Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, attended the programme as the Chief Guest. Addressing the participants, the Minister emphasised the importance of sign language in bridging communication gaps and ensuring equal opportunities for persons with disabilities. He highlighted the need to build trained human resources in sign language to meet the growing demand in the state.

The Entrepreneurship Development Institute Jote inaugurated its first batch of the Six Days Residential Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme. During his address, Minister of Labour & Employment Nyato Dukam emphasized the numerous skill development initiatives launched by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh aimed at empowering the youth of the state. He encouraged the participants to complete the training, highlighting its importance in their entrepreneurial journeys.

Wangjong Wangsu, a cadre of NSCN-K (Niki Sumi), surrendered before the Tirap Police, 44 Assam Rifles, and 36 Battalion CRPF at the SP Office, Khonsa, Arunachal Pradesh on Monday. The surrender is being viewed as a positive step towards strengthening peace initiatives and

encouraging other misguided youth to shun violence and join the mainstream of society. Security forces reiterated their commitment to maintaining law and order and to supporting rehabilitation measures for those who voluntarily surrender. The district administration and security agencies have appealed to all stakeholders to cooperate in sustaining peace and development in Tirap and adjoining areas.

A Five-day AI training programme for school students titled "AI Explorer Program" is underway at PM SHRI Higher Secondary School, Doimukh, in Papum Pare District, under the aegis of the Department of IT & Communication, Government of Arunachal Pradesh. The programme is being conducted in collaboration with Rancho Labs, with technical support from the Technology Innovation Hub, IIT Delhi. The boot camp, is designed for students of Classes VI to XII, with 50 students participating in the current batch.

A one-day Workshop on Plant Genetic Resources Awareness Programme was held at Zomkhang Hall, in Tawang. It was conducted under the NEH Programme of the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi, in collaboration with KVK Tawang. 250 farmers from across the district participated. Agricultural Development Officer, Tashi Lungtan, expressed concern over the disappearance of several local crop varieties and requested officials from NBPGR, New Delhi, to provide seeds of lost indigenous crops, if available, for their revival.

The pilot project Prime Minister's National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme- NER awareness workshop-cum-mobilization drive for Longding District was conducted at Govt. Industrial Training Institute. Representatives of empanelled third-party aggregators briefed participants on available job roles, vacancies, and training locations. Dedicated stalls were also set up at the venue to provide on-the-spot counselling and registration for interested candidates.

Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0 was organised at the Multi-Purpose Cultural Hall, Namsai. The event was converged with an orientation for newly elected Gram Panchayat Chairpersons and Zilla Parishad Members regarding government schemes being implemented by various departments in the district. During the formal launch, the DC C.R. Khampa, highlighted that Namsai has improved its rank from 96 in 2018 to 13 today among Aspirational Districts. He urged that all KPIs be fulfilled so the district can achieve a gold medal this time. He further emphasized that the goal is not only to achieve these targets but to sustain them

through the support of GPCs, HODs, SHGs, and frontline workers so that Namsai can transform from "aspirational" to "inspirational."

The 25th Bharat Rang Mahotsav, International Theatre Festival of India 2026 is concluding today in Itanagar. The festival began on 30 January with the play- "Money Money Money Brighter Than Sun Shine, Sweeter Than Honey".