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Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein participated in the Power Ministerial Meet (National) on Friday at the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, on the sidelines of the Bharat Electricity Summit 2026. The meeting was chaired by Union Minister of Power and Housing Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar. During the panel discussion, Deputy CM highlighted Arunachal Pradesh's critical role in India's clean energy transition, with an estimated 58,000 MW hydropower potential, accounting for more than 38 percent of the national total. He outlined key challenges on Hydropower Project Implementation and the need to fast-track viable projects through CPSUs amid rising costs. Mr Mein further reiterated that Arunachal Pradesh remains committed to contributing significantly to India's vision of a Viksit Bharat 2047, and called for continued collaboration.

Arunachal's Para-Athlete Kipa Mero clinched the Gold Medal in Women's Javelin Throw F12 Category at the 24th National Para Athletics Championships 2026 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. She has broken her own National Record showcasing her dedication, resilience, and excellence. Meanwhile, Techi Meta won the Silver Medal in the Women's 400 metre T13 Category.

A two-day Workshop-cum-Onsite Training on Development of Monpa Handmade (Mon-Shugu) Paper commenced today at the Tsangbu Monpa Handmade Paper Center, Tawang, aiming to revitalize and modernize this unique indigenous craft. The programme is being organized by the Kumarappa National Handmade Paper Institute, Jaipur, and sponsored by the Directorate of Science & Technology and the Khadi & Village Industries Commission. It is in collaboration with Youth Action for Social Welfare, Tawang. Chief Guest of the occasion, Maling Gombu, Chairman of the Arunachal Pradesh Khadi & Village Industries Board, underlined the importance of upgrading traditional paper-making practices through scientific methods. He stressed the need to engage local youth and artisans, noting the region's abundant availability of Mon-Shugu bark. He added that eco-friendly design interventions and product innovation could open new livelihood opportunities.

Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society and Literary Activities Club, Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University, jointly celebrated the World Poetry Day -2026 today at Jawaharlal Nehru Museum, Itanagar. The celebration was marked by self composed poem recitation competition and

release of a book titled 'The Dance of the Last Leaf' authored by Dr Doyir Ete Taipodia. Earlier, YD Thongchi, President, APLS, addressed the gathering on the significance of the day. Professor Miazi Hazam, HoD, English Department, RGU, talked about the 'Reflections on Poetry'. Gumpi Nguso Lombi, Hindi Officer, RGU, delivered the key note address on the topic 'Towards a new aesthetic: The future of Arunachal Poetry'. The day was also celebrated by the Literary Club of Dera Natung Government College celebrated, at the Orchid Lawn of the college, featuring a range of literary activities.

Third North-East India Film Festival 2026 begins today at TanthaPolis Cinema Lamphel, Imphal. The two day film festival is showcasing nine films from across the North East Region including four Manipuri, four Assamese and one Meghalaya (Khasi) film. The 3rd NEIFF 2026 Manipur aims to promote the growth of a vibrant and inclusive film industry, encouraging the study and appreciation of cinemas as an art form.

H-Spring Integrated School, Pasighat under the H-Spring Foundation, today observed the World Down Syndrome Day and Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month. On this occasion, a programme on the themes "Together Against Loneliness" and "Stronger Together" was organized. The initiative aimed to promote inclusivity, spread awareness, and encourage support for individuals with developmental and neurological conditions. The day highlighted the importance of early intervention, therapy, and community awareness while working to reduce stigma and promote equal opportunities for persons with disabilities.

A flag-off ceremony was held yesterday for the Arunachal contingent comprising 77 athletes, 7 coaches, and one Chief de Mission, who will be participating in the 1st Khelo India Tribal Games 2026. The games are scheduled to be held in Chattisgarh from 25 March to 6 April 2026. The athletes will compete across disciplines including athletics, archery, football, weightlifting, and wrestling. Abu Tayeng, Secretary, Sports & Youth Affairs, highlighted the significance of the CM ACES initiative and encouraged athletes by citing the recent achievements of para-athletes Biri Takar and Tingong Wangpan. He also spoke about key state initiatives such as Mission Olympic and the government's envisioned annual state games, aimed at strengthening the sporting ecosystem.

The Indian Army organised a special outreach event on the occasion of International Day of Happiness yesterday, at a border village Monastery in Tuting, Upper Siang District. The event, themed "Compassion at the

Frontiers: Building Happiness Together,” was conducted with the motto “Caring and Sharing” and witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 83 monks. The programme aimed at promoting wellbeing, mutual understanding, and strengthening civil–military relations in the region. The event included series of engaging and interactive activities, fun games and a Buddhism-themed quiz, creating a lively and joyful atmosphere among the participants.