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Unying Aran festival of Adi Community Celebrated today in Arunachal Pradesh. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt General (Retd.) KT Parnaik, has extended his warm greetings to the people of the State, especially to the Adi community. In his message, the Governor said that Unying Aran, celebrated every March, marks the Adi New Year and the beginning of a new agricultural cycle. The festival, rooted in traditional practices such as rodent trapping, reflects the community's deep understanding of nature and sustainable farming. These age-old practices help protect crops while maintaining ecological balance before the sowing of the main rice crop. The Governor expressed confidence that the elders will continue to guide the younger generation to cherish indigenous wisdom, promote responsible farming, and remain committed to the protection and conservation of our precious flora and fauna.

The August Women's Clinic & IVF Center at Naharlagun was inaugurated by Chief Minister Pema Khandu. He said facilities like these play a crucial role in providing advanced fertility care and hope to many families. Mr Khandu also appreciated Dr. Jomson Bagra, Managing Director, for taking the initiative that strengthens healthcare services while also generating employment opportunities.

In the second day of the 11th Arunachal Film Festival six shortlisted participants of the Short Film Grant Pitch, presented their project ideas before a distinguished jury comprising Biplab Goswami, writer of the acclaimed film *Laapataa Ladies*, Sunny Joseph, National Award-winning director, and Kaushik Das. The session offered an encouraging platform for emerging filmmakers to present their visions and receive thoughtful insights from seasoned professionals. The screening sessions opened with 1999 – *Hiraeth* by Raymond Colney, followed by an engaging interaction with the director. One of the main highlights of the day was the panel discussion titled "Rewriting the Narrative: Women Shaping the Future of Cinema".

Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) yesterday declared the final result of the Civil Services Examination, 2025. Arunachal's Dr Zing Messar successfully cleared the Civil Services Examination, 2025 for the second time.

The Department of Women and Child Development hosted a massive marathon in the state capital today, as a precursor to International Women's Day. The event had two categories- a competitive 10-km marathon and a 5-km fun run. Leading by example, Nyali Ete, Commissioner of WCD, Home, and IPR, joined the run alongside Chadan Tangjang, Director of the WCD Department. The event also served as a platform for Mission Shakti, the government's flagship initiative for women's safety and empowerment. The WCD Department also announced that the upcoming International Women's Day celebrations would include the Women Achievers Award Scheme, a ceremony dedicated to honoring local pioneers who have broken barriers in their respective fields.

The 6th Edition of the Ziro Literary Festival is going to be organised on 20 and 21 March at Saint claret College. It is being organised by Pinewood Organisation of Literature in association with the District Administration Lower Subansiri. The literary festival will feature Talks and Panel Discussions, Poetry, Literature, Live Performances, Filmmaking, Gaming & AI, Podcast Production & Media. It also includes lineup of writers, Aditi Banerjee, Dr Tage Kanno, Radhika Viswanathan, Samudra Kajal Saikia, Zac O'Yeah, Subi Taba and many more artists & creators.

The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, Itanagar and Arunachal Life Saving Foundation organised Voluntary Blood Donation Camp on the occasion of International Women's Day 2026 with the theme "Give to Gain" at RK Mission Hospital. It was in collaboration with Miss Universe Arunachal Pradesh. ALSF Chairman Ramesh Jeke elaborated key note points of Blood donation and how it can save lifes. He elaborated the honourable work of donating blood can be beneficial not only for receiver but also to the doner. As donating blood can develop new blood cells in one body, it reduces many health issues such as heart problem, cholestrol and boost immune system.

To commemorate the 51st International Women's Day, a week-long programme is being organized under the Women Research Studies Centre, Rajiv Gandhi University. It is being conducted by the Department of Education, RGU. The programme seeks to recognize and celebrate the achievements and contributions of women while fostering greater awareness regarding issues of gender equality, women's empowerment, health, and social responsibility.

In the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, India will face New Zealand in the Final Clash at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad tomorrow. The match will start at 7 PM Indian time. While India leads the overall T20 head-to-head record with 18 wins to New Zealand's 11, the Black Caps have won all three of their previous T20 World Cup meetings.

That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar