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The Arunachal Fashion Week, 2026 commenced on Saturday at Interior Park, Naharlagun, with a vibrant display of indigenous textiles and contemporary design. Inaugurating the eight-day event, Chief Minister Pema Khandu announced the establishment of a Creative Economy Cell within the CMO to institutionalize support for local artists and artisans. The new cell aims to provide a dedicated platform for showcasing Arunachal crafts globally. The "Night of Opulence" opener showcased a fusion of traditional tribal weaves and modern silhouettes. The event will continue till 21 March, featuring designer-artisan collaborations and public exhibitions.

BAIC Exhibition & Events successfully organized BAIC Connect Itanagar, a knowledge-sharing and networking platform bringing together architects, engineers, government officials, builders, and industry leaders to discuss the future of architecture, urban planning, and infrastructure development in Arunachal Pradesh. The event was organized in collaboration with the Architects Association of Arunachal Pradesh. The success of BAIC Connect Itanagar highlighted the strong commitment of the professional and government community in Arunachal Pradesh towards building a sustainable, resilient and future-ready built environment.

In a significant step towards advancing the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project 57 families from Pugging village, alongside residents from Ramsing and Janbo villages, have signed the MoU for the pre-feasibility report towards the construction of the dam with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh. This progress builds upon earlier support extended by other villages, where 297 out of 302 families in Komkar and 105 out of 120 families in Karko had previously signed MoUs. At Simong village, 194 out of 240 families previously signed the MoU.

The 9th edition of the Hangpan Dada Tournament (Under-16) for boys and girls is underway at Jubilee Ground, Tezu, bringing together young athletes from across the district to compete in volleyball and football events. A total of 26 teams are participating in the

tournament. The tournament is being organised by the Department of Sports in collaboration with the District Administration, Lohit district. From the tournament, two football teams and two volleyball teams will be selected to represent Lohit district at the upcoming state-level competition, where a total of 55 delegates, including players and team officials, will represent the district.

The Department of Legal Metrology & Consumer Affairs, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, in collaboration with the Consumer Rights Organization, Papum Pare District Unit, today observed World Consumer Rights Day at the premises of the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Yupia. The theme of this year is "Safe Products, Confident Consumers". On the occasion, Dr. Debia Tana, Assistant Controller-cum-District Consumer Protection Officer, informed that the District Consumer Commission at Yupia has disposed of 26 cases during the current year, while 12 consumer cases are presently under process. Participants were also informed about filing complaints through the National Consumer Helpline and the E-Daakhil Portal.

A training programme for Community Resource Persons, popularly known as Krishi Sakhis, on Natural Farming under the National Mission on Natural Farming was conducted by the Agriculture Department at Tawang. The programme witnessed the participation of 72 CRPs representing 36 clusters, along with entrepreneurs from Bio-Resource Centres and officials from the Agriculture Department. Pema Dechhen, District Agriculture Officer, Tawang, highlighted the growing importance of natural farming as a sustainable agricultural approach. During the technical session, Entomologist K.B. Kayastha delivered an informative lecture on the principles and practices of Natural Farming.

The Itanagar Municipal Corporation under the guidance of Mayor Likha Nari is on a mission to revamp ICR. The Corporation this time has initiated numerous multimedia campaigns across the region, to instill civic sense amongst its residents. Some of the eye-catching campaigns with interesting captions includes the "IMC Teesri Aankh", "Wall of Oops", the "IMC Cleanest Colony Award" and the "IMC Shubh Chintak initiative" urging residents to "Click", "Capture" and "Report" any defaulters.

A mass social service drive was carried out at two major garbage dumping black spots in Doimukh under the initiative by B-Sector Women Welfare Committee. It was in collaboration with SDO Doimukh and Urban Development & Housing Department. The programme saw active participation from the Doimukh Students' Union executive members, Self Help Groups of Amba, and support from the GPC and GPM of Doimukh and Amba. The joint effort highlighted strong community participation and commitment towards maintaining cleanliness and improving the local environment.

That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar