

## **REGIONAL NEWS UNIT, ITANAGAR**

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The Central Government today appointed 1992 batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre Chanchal Kumar as Secretary in Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Incumbent Secretary in I&B Ministry Sanjay Jaju has been appointed as Secretary in Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER), Bhuvnesh Kumar as Secretary Tourism, Srivatsa Krishna as Secretary Minority Affairs and Rohit Kansal as Secretary, Department of Rural Development.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu chaired the 6th Governing Body Meeting of State CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority) today in Itanagar. In a social media post, he said, "The state government has reaffirmed its commitment to ensure that development and conservation go hand in hand, in the true spirit of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016." He reaffirmed full support of the State Government to the State CAMPA Authority.

On this day, Tibetan spiritual leader His Holiness 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama came to India through Kenzamani in 1959. Marking this legacy, the second edition of Freedom Trail was flagged off, retracing this sacred path through a six-day foot march from Kenzamani to Tawang, and culminating at Pungteng Tse on 5<sup>th</sup> April this year. The Freedom Trail stands as a tribute to resilience, unity, and spiritual heritage. In a social media post today, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said, "Arunachal Pradesh, particularly Tawang and Bomdila, became a sacred passage in this historic journey, a moment that continues to hold deep spiritual and historical significance for the people." He added this day is remembered with reverence, reflecting on the values of compassion, resilience and peace that His Holiness has shared with the world.

The Arunachal Pradesh University Outreach Cell conducted a field visit on Tuesday to assess the progress of its adopted five tuberculosis (TB) patients and three Anganwadi Centres in East Siang district. With all five adopted patients now recovered, APU will request allocation of five new TB patients for similar support to District Health Society under National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP). Later, the outreach team visited three adopted Anganwadi Centres located in Mirbuk, Mongku, and Boying villages. Anganwadi workers and helpers informed, the support provided by the University including nutritional items, play-based learning

materials and stationery has resulted in visible improvements in both attendance and concentration among children of 0–5 age group.

The District Magistrate Papum Pare district, Yupia issued a 'Dry Day' order in Papum Pare district, in view of Assam Legislative Assembly election on its polling day on 9<sup>th</sup> of next month and counting day on 4<sup>th</sup> May this year. All liquor warehouses, bonders, shops, hotels, restaurants of Papum Pare district will not be permitted to sell or serve on these specified days. Action will be taken against violators as per Arunachal Pradesh excise Act 1993.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar (MCI) forecasts West Kameng, Lower Subansiri, Papum Pare, East Siang, Lower Siang, Tirap, Changlang, Namsai, Lohit and Lower Dibang Valley districts will receive thunderstorm with lightning very likely at isolated places today.

The Spearhead Gunners under Spearhead Division conducted a 'Know Your Army' event to inspire youth and strengthen the civil-military connect, at Sigar Military Station as part of Project NAVBHARAT in Pasighat in East Siang district today. The students from College of Horticulture and Forestry and College of Agriculture were provided with glimpses into the ethos, capabilities and operational framework of the Indian Army. The outreach also featured a series of 'Join Indian Army' information to inspire participants about the diverse career avenues in Armed Forces.

A 12-member expert team from Karnataka arrived in Deomali yesterday to track and relocate a rogue elephant responsible for multiple human casualties in Tirap district over past two years in Tirap district. Led by Senior Veterinary Officer and elephant specialist Dr. Ramesha H., the team comprises experts in tranquilization, wildlife monitoring and trained mahouts from Karnataka's elephant camps. Range Forest Officer (RFO) Deomali Diwang Lowang appealed all residents to remain vigilant and immediately report any sightings of rogue elephant to Forest Department. RFO also appreciated State Forest & Environment Minister Wangki Lowang for his initiative.

The Khonsa Battalion of Assam Rifles organized a solemn wreath-laying ceremony today to pay tributes to Late HAV (GD) MB Chhetri, SC and Late HAV (GD) DK Doley, SM. The ceremony was conducted at Battalion War Memorial in Tirap district.

The three-day 9th Edition of the District Level Hangpan Dada Memorial Trophy for Under-16 boys and girls in Football and Volleyball has concluded today at General Ground, Yingkiong in Upper Siang district. In the final football match, Yingkiong emerged as winners in both boys' and girls' categories. In Volley Ball, Tuting Block and Yingkiong Block won in both boys' and girls' categories. Individual awards were also presented to outstanding players.

India takes on Tajikistan in the final of U-23 Tri-Nation Championship 2026 at Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium in Yupia tonight.