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Chief Minister Pema Khandu chaired the 5th Governing Body Meeting of Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission today. He said focus ahead will be on improving market linkages for SHG products, promoting digital and financial literacy, encouraging youth to take up rural enterprises, and strengthening value chains in agriculture, horticulture, and forest produce. CM Khandu also said ArSRLM is an important step towards a self-reliant and confident Arunachal Pradesh. When women are empowered, families grow stronger. Strong families lead to strong villages, and strong villages build a strong state, the CM said.

Donyi Polo Airport has received the "Best Airport under RCS-UDAN" award for boosting regional connectivity in Arunachal Pradesh. Additionally, it has earned a GRIHA 4-Star Rating (Provisional) for its eco-friendly infrastructure initiatives.

A minor girl, reported missing from Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh, on 26th March 2026, was traced and rescued from Guwahati, Assam, through coordinated efforts of Naharlagun Police and Guwahati's Pan Bazaar Police. She had left home fearing parental scolding over poor academics and was tracked to Fancy Bazar. Upon reaching Guwahati, reportedly, two suspected women attempted to mislead her, raising trafficking suspicions. The minor was safely returned to her parents, while the suspects fled upon spotting police.

C.P. Namchom Government Polytechnic College in Namsai district is organising TECHXPLORE 2.0 – Inter Polytechnic College Meet 2026, from April 2nd to 4th. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and Education Minister P D Sona attended the meet. On the occasion, the Dy CM paid tribute to Late C.P. Namchom by unveiling his brass bust, and also inaugurated the newly constructed auditorium. He said events like TECHXPLORE 2.0 provide an ideal platform for innovation and collaboration. The College Meet is being organised under the aegis of Directorate of Higher and Technical Education and Department of Education.

Residents of eight villages in East Siang district's Ruksin circle have raised fresh complaints today, against the ferro-silicon factory, alleging it obtained a No-Objection Certificate illegally and the factory was installed without a public hearing. They submitted a complaint with Ruksin ADC. Gaon Burahs of Niglok and Ngrolung-Ralung villages claim the

company representatives misled them, providing false information. The villagers demand suspension of the NOC, an independent probe, and a public hearing, citing pollution concerns. They held a protest march and meeting, seeking government action to address their concerns about the factory's impact on their lives and properties, involving M/s Aether Alloys LLP.

In the past week, more than 100 Migratory birds belonging to 9 species were observed roosting at Siikhe Lake at Ziro in Lower Subansiri district. The recorded species include Mallard Duck, Northern Shoveler, Ferruginous Duck, Eurasian Wigeon, Tufted Duck, Gadwall, Northern Pintail, Garganey, and Great Crested Grebe. More species are expected to arrive in the coming weeks. Since 2019, a team from Ziro Birds Walk in support with the Siikhe Multipurpose Society has been actively monitoring bird migration and conducting waterbird population counts during the peak season from November to May.

Rajiv Gandhi University's Placement Cell and Career Counselling Cell organized an Orientation Programme under the North East Civil Services Talent Discovery & Access Mission yesterday. Done in collaboration with NEXT IAS and Helping Hands, the programme promoted the Scholarship Exam 2026-2027, among aspiring civil services candidates, which offers 5 crore rupees scholarships for over 2000 North East students, enhancing access to quality civil services coaching.

A two-day workshop on "Understanding Autism and Neurodiversity" was held at Government College Doimukh (GCD) on April 1 and 2, marking World Autism Awareness Day and Autism Awareness Month. Organized by the Department of English and IQAC (GCD), it aimed to raise awareness among students and educators. Speakers emphasized early identification, role of educators, breaking stigma, and promoting inclusivity. Over 150 attendees, including students and educators from various institutions of Itanagar capital Region and Papum Pare district participated.

A monsoon preparedness meeting was held today at Daporijo Secretariat, chaired by DC Tasso Gambo. Departments were directed to define roles and ensure disaster preparedness, and essential commodities including LPG & fuels supply and stocks were also reviewed and discussed.

Met Centre Itanagar has forecast thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain very likely at isolated places in East Kameng, Papum Pare, Lower Dibang Valley, Lohit, Anjaw, Changlang and Tirap districts of Arunachal Pradesh.