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Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt. General (Retd.) KT Parnaik, has extended greetings to the people of the State, particularly to the Puroik community on the joyous occasion of Gumkum Gumpa. In his message, the Governor said that Gumkum-Gumpa stands as a symbol of joy, harmony and togetherness, marking a significant moment in the journey of the Puroik community as they come together in reunion and collective resettlement after years of living in scattered habitations. Governor Parnaik has also extended his warm greetings on the joyous occasion of Moh Mol. The Governor said for generations, the Tangsa community of Changlang district has preserved and celebrated this festival with great devotion, joy and cultural pride. Further, he expressed hope that the cultural legacy continues to flourish, inspiring the younger generation.

The National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC), under the Department of Health Services, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, observed World Malaria Day 2026 today at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Health Services Office, Naharlagun. The programme was organized in alignment with the National theme, "Driven to End Malaria: Now we can. Now we must." During the programme Dr. K.T. Mulung, Deputy Director of Health Services-cum-State Programme Officer, NCVBDC, shared that 19 out of the 27 districts of Arunachal Pradesh have been declared malaria-free, reflecting remarkable progress in public health interventions across the state. Furthermore, he noted that the state has now reached a low malaria burden, with only 32 reported cases in 2025, underscoring the effectiveness of ongoing control measures.

The Department of Commerce, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, successfully organised a Focused Group Discussion (FGD) on Friday. Discussion was on the theme "Status of Investment by Private Sectors in respect of Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh" — a research project sponsored by the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi). The FGD served as a meaningful platform for open, in-depth deliberation on the NEDFi project — its objectives, scope, implementation strategies, and broader relevance to the socio-economic advancement of Northeast India. The programme was met with an overwhelmingly positive response. Discussions were lively, thought-provoking, and productive, yielding insights that are expected to make a tangible contribution to the department's research goals.

Galo staff members of Akashvani Itanagar and Doordarshan Kendra Itanagar collaborating for the first time celebrated Mopin festival at the Mopin-Solung ground in Itanagar, today. The Chief Guest of the occasion was Nyakar Rakshap, General Secretary Galo Welfare Society and Guest of Honour was Er. Kenjom Ete, former Chief Engineer, PWD.

Assam Rifles Public School, Khonsa in Tirap district has been upgraded to include Classes IX and X and has secured CBSE affiliation this year. This milestone enhances access to quality, standardized education in the region. The achievement is the result of sustained efforts by Assam Rifles authorities, the school administration, teaching staff, and all stakeholders. With the affiliation, the school now fully follows the CBSE curriculum, offering improved academic opportunities and better preparation for higher education and competitive examinations. Local residents and parents have welcomed the development, appreciating Assam Rifles' role in strengthening educational infrastructure in this remote area.

In a bid to raise awareness against the growing drug menace in society, the Student Union of Daporijo Model Degree College organized a mini marathon today. The event aimed to encourage youth to adopt healthy lifestyles and stay away from substance abuse through sports and physical activities. Attending the programme as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour were Reri Mai Dasi and Binje Nirin. Addressing the students, the dignitaries stressed the importance of engaging in physical activities, sports and constructive pursuits as effective means to keep young people away from the clutches of drugs. They urged the student community to become ambassadors of awareness in society and contribute towards combating drug abuse through collective efforts.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> "Captain KK Venkatraman Memorial Patriotic Group-song Competition" was organised by the NSS & NCC Units of Indira Gandhi Govt College, Tezu jointly with Bamboosa Library at the IGG, College, Tezu on Friday. Chief Guest of the occasion Radhilu Chai Techu, former Chairperson, Arunachal State Commission for Women, said as the Secretary of the VKVs in Arunachal from 1983 to 1993, Captain Venkatraman introduced the first girls' military band into Arunachal schools and relentlessly demanded the best from students. Remembering him, she said that he remained a local guardian and parent to almost 50 Arunachal girls in Chennai for 3 decades.

The Met Centre Itanagar has forecast thunderstorm and lightning with heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places in Papumpare, Lower Subansiri, Lower Siang, East Siang, Upper Siang, Lohit, Namsai, Changlang and Tirap districts of Arunachal Pradesh. Additionally, it forecast heavy rain very likely at isolated places for Lower Dibang Valley districts.

**That is all in this News Bulletin, Namaskar.**