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Chief Minister, Pema Khandu today convened the Phase-I of the district-wise review exercise with an intensive four-hour meeting to comprehensively assess the ground situation and functional status of the newly created districts of Kamle, Lower Siang, Pakke Kessang, Lepa Rada, Shi Yomi, Keyi Panyor and Bichom. Sharing details of the meeting in a social media post, Khandu informed that the review focused on manpower gaps, department-wise vacancies, administrative infrastructure, issues requiring policy intervention at the State level, and overall district preparedness to ensure efficient governance and better public service delivery. Valuable discussions were held with respective elected legislators, Deputy Commissioners and Heads of Departments, CM added. The district-wise review exercise will continue up to Phase-IV covering all districts of Arunachal Pradesh, with the objective of building a stronger, more responsive and people-centric administration.

Arunachal State Transport Services and RedBus today signed an MoU for the introduction of e-ticketing services, marking a significant step towards modernising public transport in Arunachal Pradesh. The MoU was signed in presence of Minister for Transport, Ojing Tasing. Sharing details of the meeting, the Minister informed that the collaboration is poised to make travel more seamless, efficient, and commuter-friendly, while strengthening transparency and ease of access in service delivery. He further added that the signing of MoU is a progressive move towards smarter governance and building a smarter, digitally empowered Arunachal Pradesh.

A successful training program on the Atmanirbhar Bagwani Yojana and practical cultivation techniques of oyster & shiitake mushrooms was conducted today at Pharmey village under Lungla circle. The hands-on practical training on oyster and shiitake mushroom cultivation witnessed enthusiastic participation from the farmers, reflecting the growing interest in scientific and income-generating horticultural practices in the region. Over 60 farmers, including members from seven Self-Help Groups, actively participated in the program.

In an effort to curb child labour and forced labour, a joint inspection was carried out today by the Labour Department, the Police Department, and the District Administration of East Siang District. The team conducted an intensified inspection under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation)

Act, the Contract Labour Act, and the Inter-State Migrant Workmen Act, among other relevant laws, in various vulnerable areas under Ruksin circle. While addressing the gathering, SDO (HQ) Sanjay Taram advised the public not to engage children in any form of labour activities. He warned that repeated offenders would face strict legal action under the Child Labour Act. He further advised migrant workers to be aware of their own rights and to report any instances of wage theft or bonded labour immediately to the local police or the labour helpline. The primary aim of the inspection drive was to create awareness about child rights and unfair labour practices at establishments and work sites.

Researchers have documented the first-ever camera-trap image of a musk deer (*Moschus sp*) from Yordi Rabe Supse (YRS) Wildlife Sanctuary in West Siang district. Lauding the dedicated efforts of the researchers, forest officials, and all stakeholders involved in documenting and protecting our precious wildlife heritage, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein in a social media post termed the discovery a reflection of the rich biodiversity of Arunachal's high-altitude forests and highlights the importance of continued conservation and scientific research in the eastern Himalayas.

The second edition of Kongkurayo Festival, an annual event of ancestral tribal practices of Adi tribe was organized yesterday at Tigra Mirbuk community hall near Pasighat. The main objective of the festival was to preserve ancestral practices including living traditions and nature-friendly livelihood, which is considered as root of the identity of the Adi community. The festive event was organized by Mam Ke - a social organization dedicated to promotion of Adi cultures, in collaboration with Siang Trust (NGO) and Tigra- Mirbuk Bane Kebang.

The All-Tagin Youth Organisation yesterday convened a crucial meeting with all Tagin clan-based youth organisations and unanimously resolved to work collectively for the social welfare and overall development of the society. During the meeting, members discussed various issues concerning unity, cooperation, and strengthening coordination among the youth bodies. The gathering also resolved to introduce a rotational system for the key posts of President and General Secretary of the apex youth body, ATYO, among the four constituencies to ensure equal representation and participation.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecast Yellow Alert for nineteen districts of Arunachal Pradesh. Thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain is very likely at isolated places.

In Thailand Open Badminton, India begins with a positive start today, with P V Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth advancing to the pre-quarterfinals in Bangkok. Two-time Olympic medallist P V Sindhu defeated Chinese Taipei's Tung Ciou-Tong in straight games, 21-9, 21-12, in just 33 minutes. The sixth-seeded Indian will next face Denmark's Amalie Schulz in the round of 16.