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The government has convened an all-party meeting on Sunday ahead of the Budget Session of Parliament. During the meeting, the government will seek cooperation from all political parties to ensure the smooth functioning of both the Houses of Parliament. The Budget session will be held from the 22nd of this month to the 12th of next month. The Union Budget will be presented on the 23rd of July. It will be the first Budget of the Narendra Modi Government in its third term. Last month, while addressing the joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament, President Droupadi Murmu asserted that the budget will be an effective document of the government's far-reaching policies and futuristic vision.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has completed 8 years in office today. Extending his heartiest congratulations to Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein said, Khandu's visionary leadership has been instrumental in driving our state's progress forward. "Today, Arunachal Pradesh is well on its way to achieving the goals of Viksit Bharat and Viksit Arunachal. May you continue to serve with the same dedication and commitment, guiding our State toward an even brighter future," Mein said in his congratulatory message.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has called upon state's community-based organizations (CBOs) to suggest, cooperate and assist the state government in realizing the goal for self-sustenance, to multiply state-owned resources and turn resources into revenue. Addressing the pre-Budget consultative meeting with the CBOs at the CMO on Tuesday, Khandu said that CBOs representing all the communities of the state have in the past put in valuable suggestions, especially in health and education sectors, which the government considered and incorporated in the state's annual budgets. He also said that pre-budget consultative meetings form the core around which the state budget is prepared. To convert resources into revenue, Khandu said two sectors – hydropower and tourism can be tapped systemically to enhance the pool of state-owned resources. He, however, said that all hydropower projects in

consideration will be implemented only with the consent of the local communities.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has requested the Union Civil Aviation Ministry to increase flight connectivity to and from Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar for improvement of quality of life of citizens, tourism and commerce in the state. In a letter to Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, Khandu pointed out that as of now, one flight each is being operated to and from Donyi Polo Airport to Kolkata (6 times a week) and New Delhi (4 times a week). These flights, he said, are regularly operating at complete capacity, often leading to immense surges in travel fares and unavailability of tickets for prospective passengers, including in cases of medical and other exigencies. He appealed the Union Minister to increase flight services from Itanagar to New Delhi and Kolkata, preferably including an additional morning departure from Itanagar to New Delhi, daily operations of flights from Itanagar to New Delhi, direct flight connectivity to other major metros such as Bengaluru, Chennai, Mumbai, Hyderabad, etc, and reinstating flight services between Itanagar and Guwahati under the RCS-UDAN scheme.

The Banderdewa Police on Sunday seized over 115 grams of suspected heroin and three critically endangered species (Geckos), and arrested four individuals, including a woman involved in alleged drug and wildlife trafficking. Naharlagun SP Mihin Gambo said, a night-long operation at Sonajuli village under Banderdewa Police Station led to recovery of 10 soap cases containing orangish-colored powder suspected to be heroin, weighing 115.36 grams. Additionally, three critically endangered lizards (Gecko) were recovered from the possession of the arrestees. A case under Section 21(b) of Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act read with Section 51(1) of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 was registered at the Banderdewa PS.

The 1st Arunachal Pradesh Battalion NCC Naharlagun, under the aegis of NCC Group HQ Tezpur, has initiated a significant environmental drive, "One Cadet - One Tree" campaign, during the Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC-58) at NERIST, Nirjuli. This campaign aligns with the Government of India's initiatives "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" and #Plant4Mother, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on World Environment Day. About 200 NCC cadets

participated in the campaign, each planting a tree and taking a solemn pledge to nurture and care for the tree throughout their tenure in NCC. This act symbolizes their commitment to environmental sustainability and their role in creating a greener and healthier planet.

**That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar**