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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik, (Retd.), today participated in the second edition of 'Mithun Day', at the Dorjee Khandu Convention Centre, Itanagar. He inaugurated a National Seminar on 'Integrated Mithun Farming for Enhancing Farmers' Income in the North Eastern Region' and released various publications on Mithun. Awards were presented to progressive Mithun farmers during the event. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor highlighted Mithun's cultural, economic, and ecological significance in Arunachal Pradesh, which holds 89% of the global Mithun population. He called for better policy support and conservation efforts, proposing the creation of community Mithun rearing centers and research initiatives. He also suggested using Mithun milk, hides, and horns for commercial purposes. The event, organized by the Arunachal Mithun and Yak Conservation Mission in collaboration with the ICAR National Research Centre on Mithun, aimed to address the challenges and prospects of Mithun farming in the region.

Union Minister of State of Heavy Industries and Steel, Bhupathi Raju Srinivasa Varma called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar today. During the meeting, they discussed developmental initiatives like, the Vibrant Border Village project, and various welfare schemes in the state. Interacting with the union minister, the Governor emphasized Arunachal Pradesh's vast potential in hydropower, with over 58,000 MW, and its opportunities for eco-tourism, religious tourism, and adventure tourism. Meanwhile, the Union Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Steel, who is currently on a three-day visit to Arunachal Pradesh, assured the Governor of full support to the state.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media post today extended warm greetings to the Adi community on the occasion of the Solung festival, celebrated after sowing seeds to ensure prosperity and a good harvest. On the occasion, Mr. Khandu expressed his prayers to Kine Nane, Dadi Bote, Doying Bote, Gumin-Soyin, and all benevolent deities for their blessings on Arunachal Pradesh and its people. Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein also conveyed his heartfelt wishes for the Solung Festival, celebrating with traditional fervor and gaiety. He expressed

his joy at joining the Adi community in observing their significant agricultural festival.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media post has congratulated Damu's Heritage Dine for winning the International Responsible Tourism Award 2024 in the category of 'Employing and Up skilling Local Communities.' Located in Chug Valley and housed in a traditional Monpa home, this fine-dining initiative exemplifies how conservation and culture can enhance local livelihoods. Khandu praised the women-led SHG, WWF (World Wildlife Fund) India, and all contributors to biodiversity and economic sustainability in Arunachal Pradesh, extending his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.

Women & Child Development Minister Dasanglu Pul yesterday launched the 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024 (National Nutrition Month) in Arunachal Pradesh which will celebrated throughout September. Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. Pul emphasized the government's commitment to a malnutrition-free nation under the guidance of Chief Minister Pema Khandu, aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision. The event also witnessed a statewide plantation drive under the theme 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam,' symbolizing the commitment to nurturing both the environment and future generations. Poshan Abhiyaan, launched by the Government of India, aims to improve nutritional outcomes for pregnant women, lactating mothers, adolescent girls, and children under 6 years. The 7th Poshan Maah focuses on raising awareness of nutrition across life stages, with the theme "Suposhit Bharat, Sakshar Bharat, Sashakt Bharat" (Nutrition-rich India, Educated India, Empowered India).

Arunachal Pradesh mourns the loss of former Cabinet Minister Shri Medi Ram Dodum, who passed away on September 1, 2024 (today). Born on August 5, 1955, in Mlorang village, Former Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet Minister Dodum was known for his extensive public service and contributions to the development. He began his political career in 1984 and later became the first Cabinet Minister from the Bameng Assembly Constituency, serving as Horticulture & Fisheries Minister from 1996 to 1999. He was also instrumental in framing the bye-laws of the Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society in 1979 and helped establish the All Nyishi Youth Association (ANYA). He is survived by his children and grandchildren. His

Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh released the Biotechnology for Economy, Environment, and Employment (BioE3) Policy 2024 in New Delhi yesterday. Speaking to the Media, Dr. Singh said that this policy will foster high-performance bio-manufacturing in the country. He also added that it will have a significant impact on various sectors such as food, energy, and health. Mr. Singh highlighted the role of Public-Private Partnerships in implementing the policy and incentivizing industry to promote employment generation. He also mentioned that biomanufacturing and bio-foundry will drive the country's future bioeconomy and promote Green Growth.

An anti-drug awareness campaign was organized today at the Government Higher Secondary School in Daporijo, drawing over 500 students from various schools. The event was conducted by the Arunachal Youth Organisation, Upper Subansiri District Unit. Speaking on the occasion, Superintendent of Police, Upper Subansiri, Thutan Jampa highlighted the growing issue of drug-related incidents in the town, while Wangsa and Giba also addressed the impact of drug abuse on society.