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Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.) interacted with representatives of the State's Small Tea Growers at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar today. They discussed strategies for promoting Arunachal Pradesh's tea industry. During the meeting, the Governor emphasized the need for organic tea cultivation, highlighting its sustainability and strong market demand. Reaffirming the State's commitment to strengthening its tea industry and positioning Arunachal Pradesh as a key player in the organic tea market, the Governor advised tea growers to develop a distinctive brand identity with an attractive logo, eco-friendly packaging, and a compelling tagline that reflects their commitment to organic and sustainable practices.

In the meantime, Governor Parnaik has extended his heartfelt greetings to the people of the State, especially the Wancho brethren on the joyous occasion of the Oriah Festival. He expressed hope that the festival will continue to celebrate and rejuvenate the vibrant legacy of their ancestors.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu met the project-affected people of the Kalai-II Hydroelectric Project proposed in Anjaw district today and assured that their grievances will be addressed with utmost sincerity. In a social media post Khandu shared his contentment to see their positive outlook and warm welcome towards the crucial project. He stressed that the project will bring infrastructure, and prosperity to the region. Additionally, Khandu informed that his Government is committed to ensuring fair compensation, employment opportunities, environmental sustainability and local development.

A massive fire broke out in the main market of Tenga in West Kameng, along the Tezpur-Tawang Highway this morning at around 4 am. However, with the prompt action of the Indian Army's Gajraj Corps in time the fire was dosed without any human casualty. The Army also provided immediate humanitarian support to the distressed residents in the vicinity later.

The Banderdewa Police has apprehended four individuals, including a woman, in two separate operations on Thursday. Acting on credible intelligence, Banderdewa Police intercepted an interstate drug peddler from Assam. In a separate operation later that day, the Banderdewa Police additionally apprehended three more suspects from Niya Colony, Banderdewa. Two separate cases under the NDPS Act have been filed at Banderdewa Police Station, and the four individuals have been arrested. In the meantime, SP Naharlagun Mihin Gambo commended the efforts of the Banderdewa Police Team for their swift action and successful dismantling of the trafficking network.

The Two day National Seminar on "Rejuvenating Ecosystem for Viksit Bharat" organized by the Department of Commerce, Rajiv Gandhi University began at the University's campus yesterday. While delivering the inaugural address, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S.K. Nayak, highlighted the multifaceted contributions of different sectors to Viksit Bharat, with a special focus on the agricultural sector as a cornerstone of national development. He stressed the importance of such seminars in generating ideas, insights, and encouraging youth participation for the nation's progress, expressing optimism about the positive outcomes of the seminar. IAS, Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Ira Singal, General Manager, NABARD RO, Itanagar and many other dignitaries attended the seminar. The aim of the seminar was to generate meaningful discussions, foster collaboration, and pave the way for actionable strategies toward a rejuvenated ecosystem for Viksit India.

The Mebo sub-divisional administration in East Siang district has issued an executive order banning the use, sale, and possession of air guns within the Mebo Sub-Division. The decision came after a Meet and Greet programme held on February 8 with all the Head Gaon Burahs, Gaon Burahs, and village secretaries of the region. In addition to the air gun ban, a collective decision was made to prohibit the use of inverters, generators, chemical poisoning, and blasting while fishing. The administration has also decided to ban the use of harmful pesticides. In its executive order, the sub-divisional magistrate has directed all village heads to ensure that air gun owners surrender their weapons by February 20th and submit them to the administration during the Statehood Day celebration. The prohibition order on air guns has been issued under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita 2023.

The India Meteorological Department has issued a Yellow Alert for Papumpare, West Siang, Siang, Upper Subansiri, Shiyomi, Leparada, Upper Siang, East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley and Dibang Valley districts of Arunachal Pradesh. IMD has issued a warning of rainfall with thunderstorms and lightning at isolated locations over the next 24 hours. Isolated rainfall/ snowfall are also forecasted at higher altitudes of Tawang, West Kameng, Kurung Kumey, Upper Subansiri, Upper Siang and Dibang Valley districts.

In Kra Daadi District, two police personnel have been suspended for allegedly consuming drugs. The duo were apprehended along with two civilians during a raid at a meat shop in Palin on Wednesday night. Kra Daadi, SP, Sepraj Perme has informed that during the operation two vials of a suspected contraband substance weighing around 2.24 gram were seized from their possession. A departmental inquiry has been initiated against them, and further investigation is underway.

That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar