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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today met Foreign Ministers attending the BRICS Foreign Ministers' meeting in New Delhi. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, South African Foreign Minister Ronald Lamola and Brazilian Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira among others today called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The meetings took place on the sidelines of the BRICS Foreign Ministers' meeting which is underway in New Delhi. Earlier, in his opening remarks, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar said that peace and security remain central to the global order. He said that the recent conflicts only underline the importance of dialogue and diplomacy.

Governor KT Parnaik has extended his warm greetings to the people of the State, particularly Adi community on the occasion of Etor Gidi. He expressed his hope that the age-old tradition would preserve indigenous customs and wisdom and also strengthen social harmony and cultural identity among the younger generations. In his message, the Governor said that Etor Gidi, one of the most cherished agricultural festivals of the Adi tribe, reflects the deep bond between humanity, nature, and community life. Celebrated at the beginning of the farming season, the festival symbolizes unity, collective responsibility, and the spirit of cooperation. May this vibrant festival bring happiness, prosperity, good health, and abundant harvests to every household, the Governor wished in his message.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today chaired the State Cabinet meeting deliberating on a series of important policy, administrative, governance and developmental matters concerning various departments. One of the significant decisions taken by the Cabinet was approval of the proposal of the Department of Administrative Reforms & Training for framing of the "Arunachal Pradesh Public Examination (Measures for Prevention of Unfair Means in Recruitment) Rules, 2026." The Rules are aimed at strengthening safeguards against question paper leakages and other unfair practices in recruitment examinations conducted by various recruiting agencies in the State. Other key decisions includes approval for amendment and modification of Recruitment Rules relating to Administrative Officers and Chief Engineers in various departments and approval of the Arunachal Pradesh Tenancy Rules, 2026 aimed at operationalising provisions of the Arunachal Pradesh Tenancy Act, 2022 for creating a transparent, accountable and inclusive rental housing ecosystem in the State. The

Rules provide for establishment and functioning of Rent Authorities, Rent Courts and Rent Tribunals, besides laying down procedures concerning tenancy agreements, security deposits, registration, eviction, dispute resolution and regulation of residential and commercial rental properties.

In view of the appeal made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the State Cabinet today issued austerity measures for compliance of all. Some of the key measures include prohibition of Foreign Travels by Ministers and Government Officials for next 1 year, 50 percent reduction of convoys of HCM, DCM and Ministers, "Virtual First" policy for all meetings. Tickets for unavoidable official travels be booked 15 days in advance and LTC travel 45 days in advance. 100% adoption of e-office/ paperless desk by all subordinate offices, circle offices, SDO headquarters by March 2027 and encourage carpooling and use of public transport for all officers and school and college students. The measures also include encouraging "Buy Swadeshi, Buy Local: Strengthening our Nation and Empowering our Communities.

Veer Nari Koiman Wangpan, wife of Late Sepoy Agoi Wangsa, Shaurya Chakra (Posthumous), today called on Governor KT Parnaik at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar. The Governor enquired about the well-being of her family and appreciated her courage, resilience, and strength in the face of adversity. Describing her as an inspiration for society, the Governor encouraged Wangpan to move forward with confidence and dignity. He said that her determination and spirit reflect the true values of sacrifice and patriotism. He advised her to actively participate in community service, women empowerment initiatives, and youth guidance programmes so that her journey can motivate many others. The Governor encouraged her to make full use of welfare schemes and support systems available for Veer Naris to build a secure and empowered future for her family.

The State Government today announced new guidelines for strengthening and modernizing the existing ILP system. Under the new ILP guidelines fully digital eILP system to come into force with QR code verification at all check gates to eliminate fake permits. Aadhaar-based authentication, mandatory police verification, and strict sponsor accountability for work ILPs to ensure complete traceability. Enhanced penalties for overstay and other ILP violations with provisions to bar violators for upto 2 years. Directives has also been issued to District Task Forces and surprise checks by SPs/SDPOs at entry gates, markets, worksites and other routes to ensure strict compliance.

The State Cabinet today approved notification of the Pineapple Expo at Bagra in West Siang district as an annual Business event under the Department of Horticulture. The initiative aims to promote the State's horticultural potential, strengthen market access, encourage value addition and food processing, and enhance branding of "Bagra Pineapple" at regional and national levels. The Expo is also expected to generate livelihood opportunities, encourage youth entrepreneurship and promote agro-tourism and cultural tourism in the State.