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Chief Minister Pema Khandu has announced the formation of four high powered committees to examine and recommend measures on matters related to Re-verification of APST Certificates, Non-APST offspring issue, Strengthening the ILP framework and review of ILP Guidelines 2026 and Illegal infiltration. The Committees were formed today following discussions with Arunachal Indigenous Tribes Forum, CBOs, AAPSU, ST Bachao Andolan Committee, Government officials and legal experts. Sharing more details, Khandu in a social media post informed that each committee will be led by Cabinet Minister rank leadership and will include representatives from AITF, AAPSU, ST Bachao Andolan Committee, legal experts, research scholars and women representatives to ensure a balanced, inclusive and action-oriented process. Khandu further added that the official notification constituting the committees will be issued by Monday.

The Golden Jubilee Celebration commemorating 50 glorious years of Arunachal Pradesh State Transport Services (APSTS) commenced today at Khonsa. As a part of the ongoing celebrations, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein flagged off the State's one-of-its-kind Restaurant Bus, the Road Safety Awareness Bus and a new fleet of Luxury Buses at Khonsa today. A landmark initiative aimed at redefining public transportation, promoting road safety consciousness and enhancing passenger experience across Arunachal Pradesh. The three-day celebration marks a historic milestone in the journey of APSTS, which began its operations from Khonsa in 1975 with just two buses and has since evolved into a vital transport lifeline connecting communities across Arunachal Pradesh and beyond.

Marking the commencement of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Arunachal Pradesh State Transport Services, Minister for Transport, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Ojing Tasing, in the presence of Khonsa West MLA-cum-Advisor to Home & Transport, Chakat Aboh, today flagged off the "Run for Road Safety" Marathon at Khonsa. Organised as a key event of the APSTS Golden Jubilee celebrations, the marathon sought to promote road safety awareness, healthy living, and community participation. The event witnessed an overwhelming response from

athletes, students, youths, and members of the public from across the district, creating an atmosphere of enthusiasm and sporting spirit.

Chief Electoral Officer of Arunachal Pradesh Pawan Kumar Sain convened a coordination meeting with officers of the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, the Information and Public Relations Department and Doordarshan Kendra at Nirvachan Bhawan, Itanagar today. The Chief Electoral Officer apprised the participants of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls, aimed at ensuring inclusion of all eligible electors while eliminating ineligible entries from the rolls. Emphasizing the vital role of media and public communication in the electoral process, the CEO described the IPR Department, Doordarshan and AIR as key institutional partners in promoting transparency, voter awareness, and public confidence.

Chairperson of the National Commission for Women, Vijaya Rahatkar, today stressed the urgent need for greater awareness, sensitivity, and inter-departmental coordination among stakeholders working for women's safety and justice. Addressing a training and capacity building programme at Itanagar for Protection Officers, One Stop Centre personnel, counsellors, and other officials, she highlighted the crucial role played by frontline institutions in ensuring timely support and justice for women. In her address, Mrs. Rahatkar underlined that several women continue to suffer in silence due to social pressure, financial dependency, and lack of awareness about their rights. Expressing gratitude to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, district administration, supporting organisations, and all stakeholders involved in organising the programme, she called upon all departments and institutions to work collectively towards building a society where every woman feels safe, respected, and empowered.

A District Development Review (DDR) cum District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, East Siang, Sonalika Jiwani to review the District Development Report for April 2026 and assess the progress of various Centrally Sponsored and State Sponsored Schemes being implemented in the district. During the meeting, the DC reviewed the overall developmental activities, infrastructure progress and implementation status of welfare schemes across the district. Discussions were also held on law and order, ILP enforcement, public service delivery, transport safety and revenue generation. The meeting also reviewed the progress of major infrastructure projects being executed in the district, including

roads, convention halls, hospital upgradation works, district secretariat buildings and tourism infrastructure projects. The DC directed the concerned departments to ensure timely completion and maintain quality standards in all ongoing works.

In a continued effort to strengthen regional understanding of the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP), a two-day public awareness and community engagement programme was successfully conducted across the villages of Pangkang. The program facilitated open interaction sessions, providing multiple villagers with the opportunity to directly raise queries and share local insights. To ensure transparent communication and sustained understanding, comprehensive SUMP information booklets were distributed among the villagers. The initiative witnessed active participation from multiple villagers and households.

That is all in this News Bulletin, Namaskar.