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Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein today convened a meeting with Minister of Rural Works Department, PD Sona, Advisor Chau Zingnu Namchoom and senior officers from the Finance, Planning and Investment and Rural Works Departments to discuss the revised guidelines of the Chief Minister's Comprehensive State Rural Road Development Programme. In a social media post, DCM informed that the revised guidelines were approved following detailed discussions. The programme will strengthen rural connectivity, particularly by extending road infrastructure to rural areas that remain outside the coverage of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and Vibrant Village Program. Mein emphasised that better roads mean better access to education, healthcare, markets and opportunities.

Retired Arunachal Agniveers will now have 20% reservation in recruitment to the Arunachal Pradesh Police, Armed Police Battalions, IRBn, Fire & Emergency Services, Mineral Guards, Forest Guards, Special Tiger Protection Force, Foresters and Prison Wardens. Sharing the news in a social media post, Home Minister Mama Natung said that their service continues beyond the uniform bringing their discipline, training and dedication to the service of our communities. Natung added that the reservation is Team Arunachal commitment to honouring service with opportunity, ensuring that those who served the nation continue to serve the people of the state.

IndiGo has proposed enhanced air connectivity between Itanagar and Guwahati, with the new services expected to come into effect from October 10 next, subject to final confirmation by the airline. As per the tentative schedule and information shared by IndiGo's Eastern Region authorities, the proposed connectivity through Guwahati is expected to provide passengers from Itanagar with improved access to Delhi, Kolkata and several other major metropolitan and commercial centres across the country. The proposed connecting destinations include Bengaluru, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bhubaneswar, Lucknow, Jaipur and Ahmedabad, besides one additional city that is yet to be confirmed. Welcoming the proposed development, the Arunachal Chamber of Commerce & Industries (ACCI) President Dr. Tarh Nachung expressed its gratitude to Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, Lok Sabha MP Tapir Gao, Rajya Sabha MP Tai Tagak, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and

Civil Aviation Minister Balo Raja for their timely intervention, support and efforts towards strengthening air connectivity in the state. The ACCI said enhanced air connectivity would be particularly beneficial for businesspersons, entrepreneurs, students, tourists, professionals and the general public, while further strengthening Itanagar's position as an important gateway to Arunachal Pradesh.

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is all set to take over security of Donyi Polo Airport, Hollongi. CISF Deputy Inspector, General Kim called on Chief Minister Pema Khandu in Itanagar today in connection with the ongoing process for CISF deployment at Donyi Polo Airport. The formal takeover by the CISF aims to standardize and reinforce aviation security.

Deputy Commissioner, Namsai, Lobsang Tsering, inaugurated the newly established Office-cum-Micro Finance Centre of Mabira Large Sized Multipurpose Cooperative Society (Mabira LAMPS) at the Mounklang Complex, 2nd Mile, Namsai today. Welcoming the gathering and in the keynote address, Gyati Kobing, Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies (DRCS), highlighted the importance of cooperative institutions in promoting collective participation, financial inclusion and sustainable socio-economic development at the grassroots level. He also presented a brief highlight of various initiatives of the Ministry of Cooperation, GoI and their implementation in Arunachal Pradesh. The inauguration was held as part of an Office-cum-Micro Finance Centre inauguration and orientation programme, aimed at promoting cooperative development, socio-economic empowerment and collective progress among members and the local community.

The Government has announced the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards for the year 2024. The awards recognise outstanding achievements by individuals in the field of adventure and seek to promote a spirit of endurance, risk-taking, teamwork and quick and effective decision-making in challenging situations. The awards are given in four categories, which are Land Adventure, Water Adventure, Air Adventure and Lifetime Achievement. Each awardee will receive a statuette, a certificate and award money of 15 lakh rupees. The awardees are Baljeet Kaur and Skalzang Rigzin in Land Adventure category, Rimo Saha in Water Adventure category and Shiv Prasad Chamoli in the Life Time Achievement category. The selections were made following the recommendations of the National Selection Committee.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued yellow alert warning for Tawang, West Kameng, East Kameng, Kurung Kumey, Pakke Kessang, Papumpare, Anjaw and Changlang district. These districts are very likely to receive thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain at isolated places.