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The State Cabinet today passed a resolution approving the constitution of an Empowered High-Level Committee to guide and coordinate the Pre-Feasibility Report (PFR) Survey and associated activities for the proposed Upper Siang Multipurpose Project (SUMP) in Siang and Upper Siang districts. The Cabinet took note of concerns raised by some sections of people in these districts regarding misinformation and disinformation being spread by certain vested interests and further resolved that PFR's peaceful conduct depends on sustained, meaningful engagement with residents of the two districts. It emphasized that the voices, welfare and aspirations of likely Project Affected Families and local communities have always been, and will always remain, central to the process. The Cabinet further reaffirmed its commitment to development that respects local traditions and community interests, expressing confidence that dialogue will help the PFR Survey proceed peacefully, in the larger interest of the Siang region and the nation.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today inaugurated a newly added Conference Hall at the office premises of the Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board (APSSB), Itanagar. Speaking at the inaugural programme, Khandu said the establishment of APSSB was conceived to create a transparent and equitable recruitment mechanism for Group C and D posts, replacing the earlier system under which departments themselves undertook recruitment to such positions. The Chief Minister said that while individual departments had their own requirements and processes, a decentralized recruitment system could leave room for inconsistencies and concerns regarding fairness and external influence. He said the objective behind creating a dedicated recruitment institution was to ensure an equal playing field for all candidates, irrespective of their social or political background.

The first ever 10 days AI Boot Camp and Hackathon of Arunachal AI Centre of Excellence (AI-CoE) commenced at IIT Guwahati today. The objective is to promote AI awareness, capacity building and innovation among the college students, youths, AI enthusiasts of the State.

The Boot Camp will provide participants with hands-on exposure to Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Python programming and Natural Language Processing, supported by expert-led sessions, practical exercises and mentoring. A total of 40 candidates, selected from among 97 applications received, will undergo the 10-day event at IIT Guwahati. The camp is being organised as part of the initiatives of the Arunachal Pradesh AI-CoE, an IndiaAI MeitY initiative, under State Council of IT and eGovernance, Department of IT and Communication, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh in collaboration with IIT Guwahati and NIT Arunachal Pradesh.

Minister for Education, PD Sona today said that as libraries continue to evolve, the role of librarians is also becoming more dynamic. Beyond managing books and collections, they are increasingly expected to support digital access, community engagement, knowledge services and modern library systems. Inaugurating the two-day Capacity Building Training Programme held at the State Central Library, Itanagar, the Minister said that the training covers important areas including library automation and digital resources, the role of librarians in community engagement, service rules, personality development and mental well-being.

Former member of the Bihar Legislative Council, Devesh Kumar has been appointed as the new BJP State In-Charge for Arunachal Pradesh. BJP president Nitin Nabin today appointed the party's in-charges and co-in-charges for all 36 states and union territories.

An estimated 5.6 tonnes of garbage was cleared from the Sibbo Korong riverbank at Giidi Notko today during a mass river cleanliness drive themed "Swachh Nadi, Swachh Bharat". The drive was organised by the Department of Mass Communication, Arunachal Pradesh University (APU), to commemorate the 150th anniversary of "Vande Mataram". The initiative, held as a prelude to the grand celebration scheduled from October 7-9, is part of the month-long 'Vande Mataram' programme sponsored by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

India's men's badminton team settled for bronze medal after a 3-1 defeat to China in the semi-final in Aichi, Japan today. Indian player Lakshya Sen lost the opening match 21-16, 21-18 to Shi Yuqi before Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty levelled the tie with a 21-11, 22-20 win over reigning world champions Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang.

Ayush Shetty then lost 21-19, 21-13 to defending Asian Games champion Li Shifeng, while Hariharan Amsakarunan and MR Arjun went down fighting 21-16, 17-21, 21-9 to China's He Ji Ting and Liu Yi in the fourth match. The bronze medal takes India's overall tally to 12 medals – 1 gold, 5 silver and 6 bronze.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar (MCI) has forecast a yellow alert for sixteen districts in Arunachal Pradesh including Papumpare. These districts are very likely to receive thunderstorm with lightning at isolated places.

That is all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar.