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Governor, Lt Gen KT Parnaik (Retd.), Chief Minister Pema Khandu and Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein have extended warm greetings to the people of the State, particularly the Nocte community of Tirap district, on the joyous occasion of Chalo Loku. In his message, the Governor described Chalo Loku as more than a harvest festival, calling it a celebration of life, togetherness and the rich cultural heritage of the Nocte community. He expressed hope that the festival would strengthen brotherhood, promote mutual understanding among communities and inspire the preservation of cultural traditions for future generations. Chief Minister Pema Khandu offered prayers to Almighty Rang for peace, happiness, good health and prosperity in every household, while wishing continued progress for the Nocte community. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein also extended his greetings, describing Chalo Loku as a vibrant agriculture-based festival that reflects the values of unity and gratitude. He prayed for abundant harvests, happiness and lasting harmony among the people.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has appreciated the Indian Army for its efforts to empower students from remote tribal areas of Arunachal Pradesh through education and career guidance. Sharing a video on social media, the Chief Minister highlighted the Indian Army's Yuva Sashaktikaran: Mission Sainik School initiative, under which the Sela Warriors of Gajraj Corps are mentoring and preparing students from remote areas of the state for admission to Sainik Schools. He said the admission of 57 students from the first two batches to Woods Park Sainik School reflects the progress of the initiative. The Chief Minister observed that the Indian Army is not only safeguarding the nation's borders but also contributing to the future of border communities through educational support and youth empowerment. The initiative seeks to expand educational opportunities for students from remote regions and help them build a brighter future.

The Ministry of Rural Development has launched the fifth edition of its national gender campaign, Nayi Chetna 5.0, today, coinciding with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The month-long campaign will run across the country until December 23 under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission. This year's theme, "From Access to Agency: Empowering Women through Livelihoods and Equal Opportunities for a Viksit Bharat," focuses on women's economic empowerment, access to assets, safe mobility and equal sharing of unpaid care responsibilities. A key highlight will be the launch of the Violence-Free Village Initiative through an agreement involving four government institutions. Launched in 2022, Nayi Chetna aims to address gender-based violence, challenge discriminatory practices and promote women's participation in economic and community decision-making.

The Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly will celebrate the 77th Constitution Day at the DK Auditorium, Itanagar tomorrow. The celebration is being organised on the theme, "The Constitution of India: A Living Document for a Changing Nation." The programme will highlight the importance of the Indian Constitution as the foundation of democracy, justice, equality and the rule of law, while reaffirming the commitment to uphold its constitutional values and principles.

The Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) visited Pakke Kessang district to review the functioning of the district administration and identify areas requiring administrative reforms. The interaction provided an opportunity for constructive discussions on strengthening administrative efficiency, improving departmental coordination and making governance more accessible and citizen-centric.

Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad – Samvidhan Diwas Edition will be organised across Arunachal Pradesh from tomorrow, coinciding with Constitution Day. The listed venues include Jarbom Gamlin Government Law College and Arunodaya University in Papum Pare, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Anini and Seppa, MTM College in Ziro, Royal Siang Academy in Yingkiong, and Government Higher Secondary Schools in several districts. Other participating locations include Pasighat, Tezu, Khonsa, Aalo, Daporijo, Likabali, Hawai, Raga, Namsai and Yingkiong. The Samvidhan Diwas edition provides a platform under the Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad initiative to bring the Constitution Day theme into youth-focused engagement across educational institutions.

The Havildar Hangpan Dada Ashoka Chakra Memorial Football Tournament 2026 is scheduled to take place from December 6 to 16 at Ramakrishna Mission School, Deomali, in Tirap district. Eight teams representing different districts of Arunachal Pradesh will participate in the tournament. Organised under Operation Sadbhavana, the event is being conducted under the aegis of Headquarters 3 Corps, IGAR (North) and Headquarters 25 Sector Assam Rifles, in association with the Arunachal Pradesh Football Association and Ramakrishna Mission School, Deomali. The 44 Assam Rifles has been assigned the responsibility of organising the tournament. The organisers have called upon residents of Tirap and neighbouring districts, especially young people, to participate in large numbers and support the competing teams.

That is all, **in this News Bulletin**, **Namaskar**