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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today laid the foundation stone of development projects worth more than 26 thousand crore rupees in Jagdalpur, the divisional headquarters of tribal Bastar division in Chhattisgarh. Meanwhile, the Prime Minister also laid foundation stones of various developmental programs worth eight thousand crore rupees in Telangana while dedicating it to the nation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has introduced PM Vishwakarma Yojana on 15th August this year and the Yojana was formally launched on 17th of last month to support traditional craftsmen and local artisans throughout the nation. A budget of Rs 13000 to 15000 crore for five years has been allocated to the project for local craftsmen. Around 30 lakh households of artisans and craftspeople are expected to profit from the program. Under the PM Vishwakarma scheme, the artisans and craftspeople will be provided recognition through a PM Vishwakarma certificate and ID card, Credit Support up to Rs One lakh in its first phase and Rs Two lakh in the second phase with a concessional interest rate of five percent.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman today distributed 3500 Crore rupees worth of credit assistance to the beneficiaries at Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu today. Speaking at the function, the Minister said that aspirational districts are prioritized for all types of Government assistance. The loans were distributed under the Credit Outreach Program. The Finance Minister said that the Government is creating awareness and is ensuring that rural farmers and entrepreneurs become aware of the subsidy and credit loans given to small entrepreneurs and businessmen.

Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj Kapil Moreshwar Patil today called on Arunachal Pradesh Governor retired Lieutenant General KT Parnaik at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. They discussed strengthening of Panchayati Raj institutions in the State through participatory local self-government. The Governor said the State Government has empowered the institute and given responsibilities to make democracy functional at the local level, and driven by citizens' needs and participation.

Meanwhile, the Union Minister of State assured the Governor to provide all assistance to the State Government to make Panchayati Raj Institutions in the State vibrant and effective.

Tara Gandhi, the 94 year old granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi yesterday unveiled the life-sized bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi and inaugurated an exhibition on the 'life and works' of Mahatma Gandhi by the National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi at Mahatma Gandhi Centre in Hong village in Ziro during the Gandhi Jayanti celebration in Lower Subansiri district. On the occasion, the 'Pride of Ziro' gold medals with certificates were also awarded to nine distinguished Apatani individuals who excelled in their chosen fields of expertise and contribution to society.

The Regional Meteorological Centre, Guwahati has issued both orange and yellow alert at five districts in Arunachal Pradesh. Kra Dadi, Upper Siang, Lower Dibang Valley, Dibang Valley and Lohit districts will receive thunderstorms with lightning very likely at isolated places. Further, rest of the districts is in yellow alert and will receive both thunderstorms with lightning and heavy rain very likely at isolated places respectively.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences today awarded the 2023 Physics Nobel Prize to Pierre Agostini from USA, Ferenc Krausz from Germany and Anne L'Huillier from Sweden for experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electron dynamics in matter. According to the academy, the trio are being recognised for their experiments, which have given humanity new tools for exploring the world of electrons inside atoms and molecules.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu yesterday celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with jawans of Indian Army and ITBP at Mago vaillage, India's first village along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Tawang. Khandu paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 154th birth anniversary. Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, MP Tapir Gao and actor Randeep Hooda were also present on the occasion. Later, Khandu also held a series of meetings on developmental issues in various villages nearby Mago village.

Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated yesterday at Gandhi Chowk in Pasighat in East Siang district. On this occasion, Safai Karamcharis of Pasighat Municipal Council were felicitated by MLA Kaling Moyong and Deputy Commissioner East Siang Tayi Taggu for their dedicated efforts and tireless services to keep the city clean. Meanwhile, as part of Swachh Bharat Diwas, a Cyclothon from Silluk- Ngopok-

Mebo-Raneghat was flagged off by DC Taggu. Furthermore, Gandhi Jayanti was also celebrated at Ruksin and Mebo sub-division.