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Prime Minister and senior BJP leader Narendra Modi has said that the NDA government is making all efforts to make India a developed country. Addressing a rally in Jamui in Bihar, Modi said India has become the first country to successfully land a spacecraft on the moon's south pole. He said India has also become the fifth largest economy in the world. He said India also gives befitting reply to those who support and indulge in terror activities. Modi said those people can never do any good to the youth of Bihar, who asked youth to register their land for recruitment in railways.

Election Commission of India (ECI) has termed the false claim of messages being circulated on social media platform WhatsApp that Government employees cannot cast their vote through postal ballot. In a social media post, ECI said that eligible officials on election duty can cast their vote through postal ballot at designated Voter Facilitation Centre. The Commission has urged the people to beware and not pay attention to these misleading and fake messages.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Wednesday claimed that several Congress candidates left the electoral race because of BJP's popularity among people. Khandu emphasised that the people of the state have witnessed the development trajectory initiated by the BJP and asserted that only the Saffron party could lead the state towards further growth. "BJP never believed in money culture and had never allured any Congress candidate to surrender in the elections. It is because they have realised that only the BJP can bring development in the state," said Khandu while dismissing State Congress president Nabam Tuki's allegations. Tuki had on Tuesday accused the ruling BJP of luring their candidates with money to secure victory in the Assembly elections.

In the run up to ensuing general elections to the 18th Lok Sabha and 11th Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh, General Observer Sajjan R on Wednesday conducted visits to vulnerable and critical polling stations under Dirang Assembly Constituency. He visited the Dirang HQ East and West, Chugh, Lish, Ramacamp, Sappercamp, Sangti, Darbu, Dangsin polling booths to assess the availability of assured minimum facilities (AMF), booth arrangements, accessibility, route plan and things regarding adherence to electoral guidelines and procedures. The general

observer also interacted with the district election officials as well as voters to gain first hand information of election preparedness and voter awareness.

Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt General (Retd) KT Parnaik has extended his sincere greetings to the people of the State on the eve of Mopin, the annual agro-based festival of the Galo community. He expressed hope that the festivity will promote peace and communal harmony among all tribes of the State. In his message, the Governor said, Mopin is one of the most popular festivals of Arunachal Pradesh, showcasing the vibrant cultural legacy of the State. Like numerous other native celebrations in Arunachal Pradesh, it has deep roots in agricultural traditions. Devoted to the Goddess of Prosperity, Mopin serves as a communal prayer for abundance and fruitful harvests.

A Legal Aid Clinic was launched at the Women Police Station, Aalo, West Siang district on Wednesday in order to provide "speedy, easy and accessible legal aid" to the women, weaker sections of the society. It would also benefit the inmates and in cases related to missing children and offences against children. The Legal Aid Clinic, set up by Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLSA) in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority was inaugurated by APSLSA Member Secretary Yomge Ado.

Tadu Lunia of Lower Subansiri district was crowned Miss Arunachal 2024 in the grand finale held at DK Convention Hall, Itanagar on Tuesday evening. Anya Taba of Papum Pare was adjudged first runner-up, while Adam Wangsu of Longding district took home the second runner-up title. "My outlook on life is to learn and grow every single day and make a life for myself that I could look back with pride and nostalgia," 22-year-old Lunia said, after winning the title. The beauty with brains, who is aspiring to become a lecturer, holds a degree in sociology.