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Chief Minister Pema Khandu today said that instructions have been given to concerned authorities to restore the road connectivity along the Roing-Anini highway at the earliest. Media reports suggest that a substantial portion of the highway between Hunli and Anini has been washed away on Wednesday following heavy, incessant rains, thereby snapping the road communication along the said stretch of the highway. In a social media post, Khandu said, "Disturbed to learn the inconvenience being caused to commuters due to the extensive damage to the highway between Hunli and Anini. Instructions have been issued to restore the connectivity at the earliest as this road connects Dibang Valley to the rest of the country". Meanwhile, Dibang Valley District Magistrate has issued a traffic advisory, asking commuters to avoid travelling along the aforesaid road stretch till its restoration.

Changlang Deputy Commissioner Vishal Sah held a meeting on monsoon preparedness with the heads of departments and the administrative officers of the district on Wednesday. The DC after reviewing the preparedness asked the departments concerned to enhance measures to deal with any eventuality during monsoon. He asked the departments to keep sufficient stock of essential medicines, buffer stock of food grains, clear the clogged drains, constitute rapid response teams, identify and cut/trim old and vulnerable trees, keep all channels of communication open 24x7 and identify vulnerable areas to tackle the situation that may arise during monsoon.

Director of Health Services (DHS) Dr Riken Rina while attending the World Malaria Day celebration at Naharlagun today stressed the paramount importance of malaria prevention. On the occasion, Dr Rina led a pledge on malaria awareness, bringing together all the officers and staff of the Directorate in a unified commitment to combat this disease. Adding a creative touch to the event, former DHS Dr M Lego introduced an engaging malaria slogan. While celebrating their achievements, he sounded a note of caution, advising the program division against complacency. With an API (Annual Parasite Index) below 1 and a record of zero malaria-

related deaths over the past seven years, Dr Lego urged the team to sustain their vigilance and commitment.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has extended hearty congratulations to Duyir Ete on being crowned VogueStar Miss India 2024. He said that Duyir Ete's achievement in the pageant exemplifies the diverse talent of youth of the State. "A proud moment for Arunachal Pradesh as Duyir Ete is crowned VogueStar Miss India 2024. A lawyer by profession and hailing from Darka village in Aalo, West Siang district, Ete's achievement in the pageant show exemplifies the diverse talent of youth of our State," Khandu said. The beauty pageant was held at Jaipur in Rajasthan from April 11 to 16.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has taken cognizance of alleged model code of conduct (MCC) violations by senior BJP leader Narendra Modi and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. ECI has sent letters to BJP president JP Nadda and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge to seek response by 11 am on 29th of this month. In the letters, ECI has directed that all-star campaigners to set high standards of political discourse and observe provisions of MCC in letter and spirit. In their complaints, Congress, CPI and CPI(M) had raised objections on the speech made by Modi during his election speech in Baswara, Rajasthan. While, in their complaint, BJP had raised objection on the election speech made by Rahul Gandhi at Kottayam in Kerala.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has sought a significant increase in the number of technologically advanced forensic laboratories in the country for expeditious examination. It has also solicited that investigation and forensics examination should be part of the process, instead of being independent of each other. These were raised in a core group meeting on criminal justice system reforms organised by NHRC yesterday. The focus was on finding ways to address delay in forensic reports, areas of improvement in the prosecution system, and simplification of language used in organs of criminal justice system.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast that heat wave to severe heat wave conditions are likely to continue over East and South Peninsular India during the next five days. On the other hand, the weather office has predicted a fresh spell of rainfall over

Northwest India mainly from April 26 to 28. Light to moderate rainfall is likely over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. Heavy rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms and gusty winds is also likely over Northeast India on Saturday and Sunday.

That's all in this news bulletin, Namaskar.