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Prime Minister and senior BJP leader Narendra Modi said that under the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision, the aim is to promote indigenous talent and increase employability. In an interview to a news agency, Mr. Modi said, over 38 lakh crore rupees have been transferred to people through the Direct Benefit Transfer. Highlighting on the investigations by state machineries, he said that the aim of the government is based on 'zero tolerance' and ensuring evidence-based action and not on perception. The Prime Minister emphasized that 'nation first' is at the centre of government's every decision.

The severe cyclonic storm Remal has weakened into a cyclonic storm and is slowly going towards North and North East. It had converted into a cyclonic storm this morning and it is centred around 24 kilometres from Bangladesh's Mangla in the forenoon. Impact of the landfall of Ramel Cyclone is predicted in the North-East and Meteorology Department has issued alerts for Arunachal Pradesh till 29th May. West Kameng, Papum Pare, East Kameng and Pakke Kessang districts may witness thunderstorms with lightning and extremely heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places. The Met department has issued a red alert for these Districts from 8:30 am of 28th May to 8:30 am of 29th May. In a weather alert the department appealed to the people to avoid going to areas that face landslides or land slips problems often and also appealed to avoid staying in vulnerable structures. Occasional reduction in visibility due to heavy rainfall may occur and possibility of landslide and flash flood is high during this period. Apart from the aforesaid four districts, Kurung Kumey, West Siang, Lower Dibang Valley, Lohit, Longding, Tirap, Changlang and Shi-Yomi districts are also under the yellow alert for 28th and 29th May.

On the 8th death anniversary of the braveheart, the people of Arunachal Pradesh paid tribute to Havildar Hangpan Dada at different places in the state. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein in a social media post paid tribute to the brave soldier and said that the legacy of Hangpan Dada's bravery will remain deeply engraved in our memories. On this day, Hangpan Dada bravely sacrificed his life combating the treacherous terrorists to uphold the dignity of Mother India. His courageous battle embodies our nation's ethos of selfless service. Hangpan Dada was conferred Ashok Chakra posthumously.

Captain K K Venkatraman, popularly known as Captji in Arunachal Pradesh, who was a Life patron of the Lohit Youth Library Movement ever since its inception in 2007, passed away this morning, shortly after he concluded his routine yoga class for the children of his building in Chennai. He was 76. He was cremated this evening with full military honours. He was a former Secretary of VKVs in Arunachal in 1980s and early 90s and was responsible for introducing military band training for both boys and girls in VKVs.

Koj Rinya, IFS, from Ziro in Arunachal Pradesh, is representing the Indian delegation at the International Convention on Biodiversity. Terming her achievement a moment of great pride, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that Rinya's achievement symbolises the remarkable strides made by women of our State, who are excelling in diverse fields. Khandu also urged Rinya to highlight the initiatives of Arunachal in conservation of biodiversity.

In Dibang Valley district, where Takins, also known as gnu goats, are often sighted, were sighted for the first time in Zemithang in Tawang district recently. In the local Monpa language, Takins are known as Kemya. A group of Takins was seen in Taksang village. The locals who spotted them took pictures and videos which have now gone viral on social media. Sharing a photo of Takin taken by Tsering Lhamu, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein in his social media post said that recent sightings of Takin near Taksang village and Lake Chhamling Tso serve as a poignant reminder of our duty to preserve and appreciate the diverse wonders of our natural world. Lumla MLA Tsering Lhamu also expressed joy over the report of the sighting of Takins in her constituency.

The motorcycle rider display team of the Corps of Signals, popularly known as the DARE DEVILS, recently performed for the troops of Gajraj Corps at the Gyaptong regional stadium, Rupa in West Kameng district. The event saw a large turnout of locals, who were enthralled by the death-defying stunts of the team. The occasion was graced by senior officers from the Indian Army, the Border Roads Organisation, and the civil administration. Internationally recognized for their prowess, the DARE DEVILS have set and broken 31 world records, which are documented in the GUINESS, LIMCA, ASIA and INDIA Book of Records.

That's all in this news bulletin, Namaskar.