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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that this is the era of silicon diplomacy and India will take every step to become the semiconductor powerhouse. He said, government is focusing on increasing the number of chip productions in the country to equip every device with Indian-made chips. Inaugurating the SEMICON India 2024 in Greater Noida, the Prime Minister highlighted the various initiatives taken to boost the electronics and semiconductor industry in the country. He said the government has set a target to make the country's electronics sector a 500 billion dollars' worth industry by the end of this decade. He said, this will create 60 lakh jobs.

General Officer Commanding (GOC) of 4 Corps of the Indian Army, Lieutenant General Gambhir Singh called on Arunachal Pradesh Governor KT Parnaik at the Raj Bhavan on Tuesday. They discussed the strategic importance of Arunachal Pradesh, Vibrant Villages Programme, and key security issues of the state. The Governor advised the GOC, 4 Corps to strengthen the bonhomie between the local population and the Armed Forces. He suggested the GOC to conduct goodwill missions, provide assistance in the health sector, and prepare local youth in remote villages for recruitment rallies. The GOC assured the Governor of every effort to contribute towards the development and growth of Arunachal Pradesh.

Arunachal Pradesh is 'set' to experience rapid economic development with the implementation of several hydropower projects, according to Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein. Speaking about the upcoming hydropower projects, with aggregate capacity of 12,500 MW, to be taken up by CPSUs- NHPC, NEEPCO, THDC and SJVN in the region, the DyCM said that the projects will meet the power needs of the State as well as the Nation and will also foster rapid economic development in the State. He was addressing a gathering on the occasion of Solung Festival of the Adi community at Roing in Lower Dibang Valley district on Tuesday.

An environmental public hearing in respect of Oju Hydro Electric Project (2220 MW), to be executed by M/s Oju Subansiri Hydro Power Corporation Private Limited, was conducted at Reddi village under Taksing circle in Upper Subansiri district on Tuesday.

Arunachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board's Member Secretary Koj Rinya, addressing the gathering, informed that the environmental public hearing is held to solicit opinions, comments or objections of people residing at and in the adjoining areas of the project site likely to be affected by the construction of the proposed project. Upper Subansiri DC cum chairman of the public hearing, Tasso Gambo clarified on the matter of social impact assessment of the project. During open house discussion, the project affected people aired their views and concerns about the project. Later, the Project Proponent gave clarification on the issues raised in the meeting.

In a bid to raise awareness about AIDS, the State-level Red Run Marathon competition was organised by the Arunachal Pradesh State AIDS Control Society on Tuesday, drawing young participants from various colleges across the State. The 5-km Red Run Marathon organised in the capital city aimed to spread the crucial message about HIV/AIDS prevention, support for those living with HIV, and the importance of regular health check-ups. Flagging off the event from Mopin-Solung Ground in Itanagar, Commissioner Health Pawan Kumar Sain called upon the youth to remain alert and spread the message of safe practices to remain free from HIV/AIDS. The first and second place winners from both male and female's categories will represent the state in the national-level Red Run Marathon, to be held at Panaji, Goa later this year.

The Bugun community celebrated Pham-Kho-Sowai festival with great pomp and gaiety at Singchung, West Kameng district on Tuesday. Attending the festival, Minister of Industries, IPR, Labour & Employment Nyato Dukom extended his best wishes to the Bugun community for a bountiful harvest and emphasized the importance of preserving their cultural heritage. He said that festivals provide us with an opportunity to reconnect with our heritage through traditional attire, performances, rituals, and practices.

In Hockey, defending champions India qualified for the semifinal of men's Asian Champions Trophy tournament after thrashing Malaysia 8-1 in the round robin stage at Hulunbuir in China this afternoon. Rajkumar Pal scored a hat-trick while Araiyeet Singh Hundal netted a brace to help India register their third successive preliminary round win. India is currently on top of the standings with nine points from three wins. The six-team tournament is being played in a round-robin format, with the top

four teams qualifying for the semifinals on 16th of September. The final is set for 17th of September.

The India Meteorological Department has predicted heavy rainfall over Assam, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh for the next 6 days. Similar weather conditions are also expected over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, West Bengal, Sikkim and Bihar till 14th September. The IMD also forecast heavy rainfall in Chhattisgarh from 14th to 16th September. Meanwhile, several parts of Delhi received light rainfall today. According to IMD, the national capital is expected to witness a generally cloudy sky with moderate rainfall for the next six days.