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Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that only the Central government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi can restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. Addressing a rally of BJP workers in Jammu, Shah said, he himself had assured Parliament in August 2019 that statehood would be restored at an appropriate time after the Assembly elections. The Home Minister said, for the first time since Independence, the electorate of Jammu and Kashmir will cast their votes under one flag – the Tricolour and under one Constitution drafted by Babasaheb Ambedkar. Shah accused the opposition parties of wanting to bring back the old system in Jammu and Kashmir and start talks with Pakistan. He asserted that till there is no peace, there will be no talks with Pakistan.

On the occasion of the 98th birth anniversary of legendary Singer Dr Bhupen Hazarika today, Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media post said that his contributions to art, culture, and society will forever remain timeless. Khandu also expressed his gratitude for the soulful music created by Dr Bhupen Hazarika which he said united people. He said that we are forever proud & grateful that Bhupen Hazarika penned the 'Arunachal Hamara' song, which is the state song of Arunachal Pradesh. A cultural programme was organised in Ziro today to pay tribute to the singer-composer by the Bhupen Hazarika International Foundation in collaboration with Apatani Women Association Ziro at Abotani Hall, Hapoli this evening.

The Press Information Bureau's Fact Check Unit has warned against a scam in which fraudsters are seeking 8000 rupees as registration fee under the PM Kusum Yojana. The Fact Check Unit said that counterfeit letters of approval are being sent to people claiming that their application under the scheme will be granted after paying a registration fee. The Government has denied any such claims and said that the letter is fake. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has strongly advised that people interested in the PM-KUSUM Scheme should check the authenticity of the website before providing any personal information or depositing money.

Commemorating 46 years of its establishment, Dera Natung Government College (DNGC) Itanagar on Friday felicitated 14 of its outstanding alumni achievers. The outstanding alumnis' include

Disaster Management Director Komkar Dulom, social activist Ramesh Jeke, Nyishi Elite Society vice president Safar Pao, Judicial Magistrate First Class Bompi Gapak, Everester Tagit Sorang, journalist Amar Sangno and entrepreneur Bamang Taniang. The college also felicitated the meritorious students in the field of sports who brought laurels to the state as well as the college by winning medals in international and national games.

Drinking water supply to Tawang town and surrounding areas, including Lemberdung, Changprong, and Nyukmadung, has been disrupted due to significant damage to the water supply system at the source, about 2kms ahead of the Bramadungchung ani gonpa. According to PHED Assistant Engineer Doge Kamduk, the damage was caused by severe land erosion early on Saturday morning following continuous heavy rainfall the previous evening. The PHE Department requested assistance, in response to which atleast 30 volunteers joined the PHED workers to help with the restoration works. Meanwhile, on the request of the DC, water tankers from the Tawang brigade of the Indian Army have been deployed to provide water to the residents of various colonies.

A 7-km 'Red Run' mini-marathon', themed 'Run for awareness: End HIV/AIDS in Tirap & Longding', was organised by the Red Ribbon Club of Wangcha Rajkumar Government College at Deomali on Saturday. The event, held in collaboration with the college's NSS unit, the Namsang Youth Council and the alumni association of the college, was supported by the Arunachal Pradesh State AIDS Control Society. The run saw the participation of 47 students, which was held from RK Mission Gate till the college campus. Principal Chayon Bangyang, who flagged off the marathon, commended the organisers for hosting the event and said that it not only promoted physical fitness but also raised critical awareness about HIV/AIDS.

Government Higher Secondary School Yazali, representing Arunachal, came from two-goal behind to beat Lord Krishna SSS, Haryana 4-3 in the quarterfinal of the 63rd Subroto Cup (U-17) Junior Boys' International Football Tournament in New Delhi on Saturday. Byabang Path scored a hat-trick of goals, while Tage Kobing scored the winning goal for his side. Yaman, Sonu and Sameer scored for Haryana SSS. GHSS Yazali will now face Myngken Christian Higher Secondary School, Meghalaya, in the first semi-final on Monday, while Sri Lanka Schools Football Association will lock horns with TG English School, Bishnupur, Manipur in the other semi-final.