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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has arrived in Bandar Seri Begawan on an official visit today at the invitation of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah. This is the first-ever bilateral visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Brunei. The historic visit of Prime Minister coincides with the 40th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic ties between India and Brunei. Brunei is an important partner in India's 'Act East' Policy and Indo-Pacific Vision.

The Labour and Employment Ministry has initiated a move to extend the benefits of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) to disadvantaged workers. A letter has been issued by the Ministry of Labour and Employment to all State Governments, urging the inclusion of migrant workers, building workers, beedi workers, cine workers, non-coal mine workers, contract labourers, and other unorganised workers. The decision was taken in view of the Union Cabinet's approval to extend the implementation of PMAY for an additional five years, from financial year 2024-25 to 2028-29, with the aim to provide two crore additional houses to eligible beneficiaries.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today reviewed the status of hydropower projects in Arunachal Pradesh, focusing on forest clearance, techno-economic clearance, land acquisition and environmental clearance in a meeting held at Itanagar. He assessed the progress of 13 power projects with key Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). He further directed all concerned departments and Deputy Commissioners to ensure no delays from the state government in expediting the necessary tasks required for clearances. In his social media post, he said that Hydropower is vital for the state's revenue, employment and economic opportunities. It must be ensured that all projects move forward swiftly and efficiently.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu in his social media handle today urged all stake holders to come together and create mass awareness on the importance of nutritious diets in daily life during the ongoing National Nutrition Week. Khandu urged all to accelerate efforts to educate parents, communities about the importance of proper nutrition and locally available nutritious food sources.

West Bengal Legislative Assembly today has passed the Anti-Rape Bill- 'The Aparajita Woman & Child (West Bengal Criminal Laws Amendment) Bill 2024'. The Bill proposes death penalty to the convict if a rape victim dies or is left in a vegetative state. The bill also includes time bound investigations and trials, establishment of special Fast Track court, protection of victim's identity, penalty on delaying justice, stricter penalties for repeated offenders and creation of Aparajita Task force.

Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has said that the safety of citizens on roads is paramount. Addressing the 2nd edition of Tunneling India in New Delhi today, Mr Gadkari highlighted the need for cost-effective permanent solutions on roads against rainfall, landslides and floods. He stressed on proven technology, economic viability, availability of raw materials and marketing of the finished product for success in projects.

A general co-ordination meeting on major public issues was held today by Deputy Commissioner Capital Itanagar Talo Potom at DK Convention Centre in Itanagar. The meeting discussed on parking issues, highway road conditions, garbage dumping, electricity and water crisis, encroachment of government quarters, unauthorized constructions, resto-bars, stray animals, drugs and unregulated butcher shops. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner urged all stakeholders to share their views and suggestions on to curb and solve these pressing issues. Further, he said that all the suggestions will be forwarded to the state government.

The Tawang Police today conducted a Narcotics Coordination Committee (NCORD) meeting in the conference hall of the Deputy Commissioner's office in Tawang. During the meeting, SP Tawang DW Thongon expressed concern over the presence of wild cannabis in the region and called for cooperation from the villagers and paramilitary forces in eradicating it. He also directed the Bazaar Secretaries and Gaon Burahs to actively share information with the police to identify and apprehend any drug peddlers operating in the district. Further, the Intelligence Bureau (IB) representatives have urged for strict monitoring of Indo-Bhutan border check gates.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecasted that fairly widespread light/moderate rainfall is very likely over North East India. Isolated heavy rainfall is very likely over Arunachal Pradesh from 3rd to 5th of this month.

A transformative workshop was jointly organized today to mark the National Small Industry Day by the Indian Army from Sigar Military Station and the District Industry Centre at Motum village in East Siang district. The workshop was aimed to empower the local population by educating them about various Central Government schemes designed to boost entrepreneurship and self-reliance.

The 2024 Edition of the Chief Science Advisers' Roundtable (CSAR) will be held at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at Paris in France on 6th of this month.