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The government has approved the supply of fortified rice to reduce anemia and micro-nutrient deficiency, the development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat and the construction of 2 thousand 280 kilometer roads in border areas of Rajasthan and Punjab today during a cabinet meeting held today in New Delhi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today laid the foundation stone of various development projects in Maharashtra worth over Rs 7600 crore through video conference. Speaking on the launch of these projects, Prime Minister said that various developmental projects across major sectors have been launched and completed in Maharashtra in the last few years.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister has laid the foundation stones for the up gradation of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport at Nagpur and the New Integrated Terminal Building at Shirdi Airport. Further, the Prime Minister also launched operationalization of 10 Government Medical Colleges, Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) and the Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) Mumbai.

State Governor Retired Lt. General K.T. Parnaik has extended his greetings to the people of the State on the auspicious occasion of Durga Puja and Dussehra. He hopes the festivity will usher in the spirit of righteousness, justice, virtue, and dignity amongst the people. In his message, the Governor has urged all to contribute their might to achieve the vision of a developed State.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today congratulated the team behind the declaration of Khimyong's critical water source as a protected catchment area in his social media post. He said this critical initiative, carried out under the Arunachal Pradesh Protection of Drinking Water Catchment Area Act 2023, is a major step towards safeguarding our region's precious drinking water supply for generations to come. He also urged community leaders, youth and CBOs to engage with local administration to protect water sources in their areas. Meanwhile, the Khimyong protected catchment area team was led by EAC Khimyong Rosalind Pertin with the help of the village representatives.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu in his social media post said that Arunachal Pradesh has become the first state to reach target for 'BJP Sadasyata 2024'. The BJP's national membership drive was launched last month. He has expressed his gratitude to state BJP Karyakartas. Further, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein in his social media post said that this achievement reflects Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary leadership, which has driven Arunachal's development forward. He also expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Pema Khandu and all the dedicated state BJP Karyakartas.

Arunachal Pradesh State Information Commissioner retired Major General Jarken Gamlin had an awareness cum interaction program on Right To Information (RTI) Act yesterday with Public Information Officers (PIOs), Assistant PIOs and concerned Head of the Departments of East Siang district at Siang guest house in Pasighat. During the meeting, the Information Commissioner has explained about various sections of RTI Act and highlighted the role and responsibility of appellants and on duty PIOs under RTI ACT 2005 and 2019.

In alignment with this year's <u>National Wildlife Week</u> theme, Wildlife Conservation Society-India (WCS-I) has presented a documentary 'Blurred Boundaries: The Mishmis and the Forests'. The film produced by Dusty Foot Productions for WCS-India and the Kamlang Tiger Reserve delves into the profound relationship between the Mishmi people, their forests and the majestic tigers they revere as kin. The documentary showcases how tradition and respect for nature drive meaningful conservation efforts. The film has been released on YouTube yesterday. Sharing this information in his social media post, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein has congratulated the team.

IMD has forecast heavy rainfall over some parts of Northeast and South Peninsular India today. The IMD said isolated heavy rainfall is very likely over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya till 11 of this month. Meanwhile, the Meteorological Centre Itanagar (MCI) has forecasted that except for Tawang and Lower Subansiri districts, rest of the districts will receive thunderstorm with lightning very likely at isolated places. These districts are on yellow zone alert.

The North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Folk Medicine Research (NEIAFMR) on Wednesday organized a conference at Pasighat in East Siang district. In his address, Dr. Robindra Teron, Director, NEIAFMR highlighted on the major achievements of the

Ministry of Ayush in its first 100 days. He said that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the ministry has made remarkable progress in promoting traditional Indian systems of medicine and strengthening of Ayush in the field of International cooperation. Meanwhile, the NEIAFMR institute is documenting on the gifted healers across the State with an aim to provide natural treatments to the patients.

Two drug peddlers were arrested by the Banderdewa police recently under the 'Operation Dawn' initiative. The peddlers were identified as Gem Tama (20), a resident of Keyi Panyor district and Kirtan Chetry (19) from Assam's Lakhimpur district. About 6.68 gram of suspected heroin and a syringe were seized from their possession. A criminal case was registered against the duo under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.