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During the second and concluding day of the Fifth Session of Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Chief Minister Pema Khandu highlighted the state government's progress toward development over the past decade. He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his leadership, noting how northeastern Arunachal Pradesh is strategically poised for development under his leadership. He noted that previously, when demarcating districts in the state, only one or two development projects were laid. However, today, numerous development projects are being rapidly completed in every district. Chief Minister also noted that the state's economic development is also rapidly progressing, with GDP growth increasing 2.6 times. Road connectivity has expanded in the state under Chief Minister's Comprehensive State Rural Development Scheme. The first batch has been completed in the last five years, and an investment of over three thousand crore rupees will be made for the second batch for 2024-29. The state government is also rapidly expanding tourism,

Three bills were passed today, which were introduced in the first day of the Fifth Session of Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly. The bills are - The Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board (Amendment) Bill 2026, The Arunachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill 2026, and The Arunachal Pradesh Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill 2026.

The Localised Sustainable Development Goal Village at Yeksi in Siang District, was inaugurated today with the theme "Enhanced Livelihood and Poverty Free Village". This marked a significant milestone in grassroots development and community led economic empowerment in the District. The LSDG Village initiative has been funded under the 3 percent LSDG component of the State Owned Resource grant for the financial year 2025 to 26. The village has been adopted by Taging Jonnom, Director, PR. As part of the LSDG activities funded under the SOR grant, livelihood promotion through piggery farming has been undertaken for six Self Help Groups of the village. Each SHG was also provided seed money of Rupees 4 lakh. This intervention aims to enhance household incomes, generate local employment, and ensure sustainable economic security for the community.

In addition, community facilities were established at the Dere, A printer cum photocopier, Reusable utensils and safe drinking water facilities have also been provided to replace single use plastic.

The Itanagar Buddhist Cultural Society, Thupten Gatseling Monastery, and Himalaya Suraksha Manch, Arunachal Pradesh, jointly celebrated the prestigious Grammy Award conferred upon His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama at Thupten Gatseling Monastery, Itanagar. He was Awarded Grammy for Best Audiobook Narration for "Meditations: The Reflections of His Holiness the Great Dalai Lama". The event was marked by prayers, reflections, and heartfelt tributes celebrating the global recognition of His Holiness's timeless message of compassion, peace, and universal harmony. His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama has so far received 151 international awards, including the Grammy Award.

PM Narendra Modi will engage with students across the country through the '**Pariksha Pe Charcha**' program, listen to their problems, and resolve them. The Program will air tomorrow at 10 am.

The Second District Task Force Committee Meeting on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was held at the DC Office, Tawang. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Commissioner, Tawang. Namgyal Angmo. During the meeting, the District Action Plan for the year 2025–26 was discussed in detail and approved by the committee.

Continuing its commitment to delivering citizen-centric government services at the doorstep of rural communities, the District Administration successfully conducted the 8th Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 outreach camp at Komkar (Buksang) Village in Upper Saing. More than 200 beneficiaries availed various services on the spot.

UPSC has introduced clearer and more detailed rules on eligibility and attempts for candidates already serving in the civil services, as outlined in the Civil Services Examination 2026 notification issued yesterday. The revised norms particularly focus on officers from the IAS, IPS, IFS and other Group A services, clarifying the stages at which such candidates are permitted or barred from appearing in the examination again. Online applications for CSE 2026 are open on upsc.gov.in and will close on February 24.

A documentary film titled "The Untold Story of Vijaynagar" was released yesterday at state Banquet Hall. The film captured unknown history of how the settlers established their lives in one of the most remote and challenging terrains, highlighting the hardships they endured and the contributions they made over the years. The programme was

graced by Chief Minister Pema Khandu as the Chief Guest and Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein as the Guest of Honour.