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India and Italy have agreed to further develop the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) to strengthen trade, investment and supply-chain resilience. In a joint statement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Italian counterpart Giorgia Meloni reaffirmed their commitment to cooperate on the IMEC, recognising its transformational potential in reshaping and promoting global trade, connectivity and prosperity. Appreciating the preliminary discussions around the project, they encouraged the first IMEC Ministerial meeting to take concrete steps for advancing this initiative in 2026. In a joint press conference with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Rome, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni described IMEC as a major connectivity and economic corridor linking Europe, the Middle East and India with the potential to strengthen trade, investment and supply-chain resilience. Ms Meloni said strengthening interconnectivity between the regions remains an important priority.

Union Minister of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Jyotiraditya M. Scindia along with Chief Minister Pema Khandu yesterday launched "Project Kiwi" under the USP initiative for the Ashtalakshmi States. Sharing the news in a social media post, Mr. Scindia said that, the ₹167 crore mission will empower farmers, strengthen value chains, and processing infrastructure, and extend kiwi shelf life from 7-10 days to nearly 45 days. He further added that the initiative will also transform low-value produce into premium products including freeze-dried kiwi, juice and candy, ensuring greater value accrues to local communities. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Pema Khandu has congratulated all the kiwi grower farmers of the State on this significant initiative and expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his focused approach towards sector-wise development in the North Eastern States.

14 Doimukh MLA Nabam Vivek today donated a new Bolero vehicle to the Office of the Gumto Circle Officer from his own resources. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA stated that administrative efficiency at the grassroots level remains a priority and assured continued support to government offices working for public welfare. He further informed that similar assistance would also be extended to the Sangdupota and Taraso circle areas in the near future. Meanwhile, officials of the Gumto CO office have expressed gratitude for the contribution and stated that the vehicle

would significantly aid in carrying out official responsibilities and improving service delivery to the people.

The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, has officially declared all hospital and healthcare premises across the state as strict "Tobacco-Free Zones". This directive, is implemented under the provisions of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) 2003, applies to all Government hospitals, Community Health Centres (CHCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Sub-centres, medical colleges, and private healthcare facilities in every district w.e.f 19/05/2026. In the meantime, the Department of Health & Family Welfare appeals to all citizens, patients, and healthcare workers to cooperate in making this initiative a success.

A massive livestock vaccination drive is underway across Nirjuli, covering areas like Anya Rayo, Dikrong and surrounding colonies. Organized by the Veterinary Aid Centre, the campaign targets Foot and Mouth Disease, Classical Swine Fever, and Peste des Petits Ruminants. During the drive, Assistant Veterinarian Paro K. Tacha briefed the community about the drive's crucial role in protecting animal health. In the meantime, Mr. Tacha has appealed to local livestock owners, PRI leaders, and self-help groups to fully cooperate and help restrain animals during the vaccinations.

DC Namsai, C.R. Khampa today inaugurated a 3-day Regional Training on Sub-National Malaria Elimination Verification at Namsai. The training aimed to prepare and recognize districts sustaining zero indigenous malaria cases since 2022. Representatives from all 19 districts that have maintained zero indigenous malaria cases actively participated in the training and commitment towards sustaining malaria-free status and preventing the re-establishment of malaria transmission.

DC-cum-DEO, Upper Siang, Talo Jerang today convened a meeting on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls at the DC Office Conference Hall, Yingkiang. Presiding over the meeting, the DC-cum-DEO highlighted the key features, necessity, process, and schedule of the SIR exercise in Arunachal Pradesh. Emphasizing the important role of political parties in ensuring the successful conduct of the revision process, he advised party representatives to organize training programmes among themselves and appoint Booth Level Agents who would play a crucial role in assisting Booth Level Officers throughout the SIR process. He further

called for active cooperation and coordination from all stakeholders, including Heads of Departments and representatives of political parties.

In a significant step forward for the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project, an additional Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed yesterday by the residents of Sitang Village. The formal signing took place at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Boleng Headquarters. Demonstrating strong and growing community support for the project, 12 additional households from Sitang came forward yesterday to formally sign the MoU for the proposed Pre-feasibility Report of the Project. Out of the 84 total households in Sitang, 71 have now officially signed the MoU, bringing the total participation rate to a resounding 84.52%.

That is all in this News Bulletin, Namaskar.