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The 18.8 acres of land occupied by the Assam Rifles Training Centre and School (ARTC&S) at 3rd Mile, Chumoukedima has been handed to the Airports Authority of India for the Phase-One development of Dimapur Airport at Chumoukedima. A joint execution programme for handing over and taking over was held yesterday with officials from the Airport Authority of India, Assam Rifles, Transport Department and district administration attending the programme. Among those present were APD of Dimapur Airport Moa Pongen, Commandant K.D. Sharma of No. 2 Battalion ARTC&S, Secretary of AIR Cell Transport Department Sentiwapang Aier, Deputy Commissioner of Chumoukedima Polan John, and OSD Transport Department M. Ababe Ezung, along with other officials. The officials jointly inspected the identified area before the formal handing over and taking over process was carried out. During the meeting, discussions were also held regarding the transfer of the remaining land under ARTC&S for the proposed Phase-Two development of the airport. Officials noted that further directives from the competent authorities would be required before the transfer process for the remaining areas could proceed.

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Senior BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari will take oath as the new Chief Minister of West Bengal today. The oath-taking ceremony of the government will be held at the Brigade Parade Ground. Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with the host of Union Ministers, and several Chief Ministers from BJP-ruled states including Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio will attend the ceremony. As the ceremony is being held on the occasion of Rabindra Jayanti, cultural performances will also form part of the programme.

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Union Health Ministry has activated precautionary surveillance measures amid low Global Risk Assessment of Hantavirus cases. Sources said the Health Ministry is closely monitoring the evolving situation relating to reported cases of hantavirus infection onboard the

cruise ship MV Hondius. This is being done in coordination with the National Centre for Disease Control, Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, World Health Organization, and other international health authorities. Sources stated that as per preliminary information shared through WHO under the International Health Regulations framework, a total of eight probable cases of hantavirus infection have been reported onboard the vessel, of which five cases have been laboratory confirmed. Three deaths have also been reported. WHO was notified of the incident in the first week of this month. In view of the evolving situation, the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre under NCDC convened a high-level review meeting involving senior officials to assess the situation and review preparedness measures.



Government has said domestic LPG supply across the country is smooth and no dry out has been reported at any distributorship. Addressing an inter-ministerial briefing in New Delhi, Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Sujata Sharma said that government's effort has been to ensure that domestic consumers do not face any shortage of gas and that prices remain stable amid the evolving situation in West Asia. Director of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Opesh Kumar Sharma said that Government continues to engage with every stakeholder to ensure the welfare of all Indian seafarers and uninterrupted maritime operations.

Spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs Randhir Jaiswal said that the Government continues its outreach to countries in the Gulf. He informed as part of that that Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri paid an official visit to UAE on Thursday.



A three-day Workshop-cum-Hackathon on "Agentic AI Saksham" under PM-USHA began on May 7 at the auditorium of Kohima Science College (Autonomous), Jotsoma. The programme, organized in partnership with Capabl.in, is the first initiative of its kind in Nagaland aimed at promoting AI innovation and real-world problem solving. Vice-Principal Kevilhuninuo Nagi described the event as a milestone for the state and encouraged students to explore and innovate. State Project Director for RUSA and PM-USHA, Sentiyanger Pongen, said Nagaland is steadily integrating with the national mainstream in the field of artificial intelligence and urged students to use the opportunity responsibly.