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In a significant development, the Centre has signed a historic tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Governments of Assam and Nagaland for the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas in the two northeastern states. The MoU was signed in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, and his Nagaland counterpart Neiphiu Rio. Speaking on the occasion, HM Amit Shah said that the signing of the MoU is a historic moment and that it will enhance the prospects for oil and natural gas exploration in the country. He said the MoU has successfully removed a major hurdle in realising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a prosperous and developed North East.

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari will visit Shillong on June 15 to participate in key events focused on infrastructure development and connectivity in the North Eastern Region. The Minister will attend the CEOs Round Table during the North East India Infrastructure (NEIINFRA) Summit and Exhibition at the Lariti Performing Arts Centre, Shillong. The summit serves as a premier platform for discussions on infrastructure development, investment opportunities, and regional growth, bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, investors, and other stakeholders from across the country.

A comprehensive final training programme for Booth Level Officers (BLOs) of 52-Changlang South (ST) AC and 53-Changlang North (ST) AC was successfully conducted for Phase III of SIR-2026 at Changlang. Jointly led by NLMT-cum-ERO Rosalind Pertin and ERO Gamjar Doke, the session provided BLOs with in-depth guidance on SIR-2026 procedures and practical, hands-on training on the BLO App. To ensure smooth field implementation, essential materials—including enumeration forms, information sheets and identity cards were also distributed to all BLOs.

The BJP Itanagar District Unit hosted a "District Level Exhibition & Media Interaction Programme" today at Itanagar to mark 12 years of the Narendra Modi Government. MLA Techi Kaso in his address lauded the central government's historic development achievements, highlighting unprecedented infrastructure growth and welfare initiatives that have transformed both the nation and Arunachal Pradesh.

A joint market inspection and enforcement drive was conducted yesterday in the vicinity of Government Higher Secondary School and Government Middle School, Doimukh. The drive focused on verification of trading licenses, checking commercial irregularities, and enforcement of the ban on sale of tobacco products near educational institutions. During the verification drive, eight shops were found operating without valid trading licenses, while three shops were detected functioning with expired licenses. Financial penalties amounting to ₹3,000 were collected from establishments operating without valid licenses. As part of the enforcement action, the inspection team seized all visible tobacco products from defaulting shops located near the school premises. Meanwhile, the team also conducted an on-the-spot awareness and advisory programme for local shopkeepers. Defaulters were educated on legal procedures for obtaining or renewing trading licenses through the Trade & Commerce Department.

The District Administration, Upper Subansiri District today organized a Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting for the Formulation of a Sustainable Solid Waste Management Policy for Daporijo Township at the Conference Hall, TCS Heritage Building, Daporijo. The consultation meeting brought together elected representatives, administrative officers, heads of departments, educational institutions, community-based organizations, market associations, security forces, social organizations and other key stakeholders to collectively deliberate on a long-term roadmap for effective waste management and environmental sustainability in Daporijo Township. The consultation also focused on identifying local challenges and opportunities, developing a practical waste management roadmap, defining stakeholder responsibilities and fostering collaborative planning for a cleaner future.

Deputy Commissioner Tawang, Namgyal Angmo today convened a meeting with all employees of the DC Office, Tawang, to reinforce the urgent need for responsible waste management and environmental stewardship. While addressing the gathering, the DC informed that, in line with directions received from the Supreme Court, district authorities have been empowered and directed to ensure the strict implementation of waste management practices across their respective jurisdictions. She urged all employees to lead by example by saying NO to single-use plastic carry bags and informed that there will be a complete ban on bottled water below two litres. These measures are aimed at reducing plastic pollution and protecting the fragile Himalayan ecosystem.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecast yellow alert for 15 districts in Arunachal Pradesh. These districts are very likely to receive thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain at isolated places.

Renowned Indian shooting coach and former Asian Games gold medallist Jaspal Rana has passed away. He was 49. According to National Rifle Association of India president Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, Rana breathed his last at a Delhi hospital last night. President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other leaders have expressed grief over the passing of Jaspal Rana.