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India has condemned the attack on the commercial vessel GFS Galaxy off the coast of Oman today. The External Affairs Ministry informed in a statement that of the 11 Indian nationals on board, 10 have been rescued so far, while one Indian National is reportedly missing. It said the Indian Embassy in Oman is closely monitoring the situation and proactively coordinating with the Omani authorities in the ongoing Search and Rescue operation. India has thanked the Omani authorities for their support. New Delhi has expressed concern over the continuing incidents of attacks on commercial shipping in the region. It reiterated the call for immediate de-escalation of tensions, and the conclusion of ongoing negotiations for a diplomatic solution so that peace and stability can return to the region.

Home Minister Amit Shah today inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for a series of development projects of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation worth 405 crore rupees in Ahmedabad. On this occasion, he launched a massive tree plantation drive under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign, which saw the planting of over one crore 25 lakh saplings across his Lok Sabha constituency, Gandhinagar today.

On the occasion of NABARD Foundation Day, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein today extended his greetings and appreciation to the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development for its unwavering commitment to strengthening rural livelihoods, empowering farmers, promoting financial inclusion, and supporting sustainable development. In a social media post, DCM emphasised that in Arunachal Pradesh, NABARD has been a valued partner in advancing agriculture, rural infrastructure, and community-led initiatives, contributing meaningfully to the state's inclusive growth.

A high-level team comprising of Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Tai Tagak, MLA of 37-Pasighat West Assembly Constituency, Ninong Ering and others visited the flood-affected areas of Upper Ramle Banggo in Lower Siang district today to assess the damage caused by the recent floods and landslides. During the visit, the team inspected the affected villages and witnessed extensive damage to road connectivity, public infrastructure, and agricultural lands. The delegation also interacted with affected families, listened to their grievances, and reviewed the immediate requirements for relief, restoration, and long-term

rehabilitation. The team assured the affected residents that every possible effort would be made to provide timely assistance and expedite the restoration of essential services, and infrastructure.

The Government has refuted a fake image circulating on social media claiming that ethanol-blended petrol can cause problems in a vehicle's fuel tank. The Press Information Bureau's (PIB) Fact Check Unit has termed the claim false. It said that the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has clarified that E20 petrol supplied by oil marketing companies conforms to the standards prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). The Ministry said ethanol and petrol are completely miscible and do not separate or form layers when the fuel meets the prescribed standards. It further assured that ethanol-blended petrol supplied in India adheres to stringent quality standards and undergoes rigorous testing before being made available to consumers.

The Met Centre Itanagar has forecast orange alert for East Kameng, Papum Pare and Anjaw district. These districts are likely to receive thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rainfall at isolated places. Additionally, MCI has also forecast yellow alert for 20 districts.

In Men's Cricket, England beat India by 56 runs in the 5th and final T20I at Southampton last night to sweep the five-match series 4-0. England set a target of 258 runs for India. In reply, India could score only 201 runs for 8 in 20 overs.

In FIFA World Cup, England booked their semifinal berth with a 2-1 extra-time win over Norway, while Argentina entered the semifinal, defeating Switzerland 3-1 this morning. In the first semi-final, France and Spain will face off on Wednesday. The match will kick off at 12:30 a.m. Indian Standard Time. The second semi-final will be played on Thursday between England and Argentina at 12:30 a.m. Indian Time. The winners of the two semi-finals will meet in the FIFA World Cup final on July 20 at New York-New Jersey Stadium. The losing teams will play the third-place play-off on July 19 in Miami.