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Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement and the Agreement on Social Security, which came into force today, are a significant moment in the partnership between India and the United Kingdom. Modi added that it will give fresh momentum to India's farmers, entrepreneurs and MSMEs, along with several vibrant sectors gaining stronger access to the UK market. He noted that it will also deepen cooperation in technology, professional services and innovation, while supporting greater mobility for skilled Indian talent. On the Agreement on Social Security or the Double Contribution Convention coming into effect today, the Prime Minister said it will provide invaluable support to Indian professionals working temporarily in the UK and strengthen the compee-ti-tive-ness of Indian enterprises.

The Union Cabinet today approved two elevated corridor projects in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, worth over twenty-five thousand and four-hundred crore rupees to ease traffic congestion and improve connectivity between national highways and the city's ring road. The Cabinet also approved Semicon 2.0 with a budgetary outlay of one lakh twenty-seven thousand and 5 hundred crore rupees to strengthen India's semiconductor design and manufacturing ecosystem. Briefing the media, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the initiative builds on the success of Semicon 1.0 and aims to further position India as a global semiconductor hub. The Cabinet also approved the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme with a budgetary outlay of sixty-two thousand and five hundred crore rupees.

The North Eastern Council, under the Ministry of DoNER, has released over 19.03 crore rupees during May-June 2026 for key developmental projects in Arunachal Pradesh under 'Schemes of NEC' and the North East Special Infrastructure Development Schemes. The funds will support healthcare, education, tourism, livelihoods and road connectivity. Major initiatives include a nursing hostel at Yingkiong District Hospital, a girls' hostel at Donyi Polo Government College, a tourism complex at Sapparijo, a persimmon processing centre at Dirang, and a supermarket-cum-parking facility at Kharsang. NEC also funded road improvement projects under NESIDS, completed the Nacho Backwards Block Development Project, and supported the Eagle Nest Bird Festival.

Rajya Sabha MP, Tai Tagak, has sought a Special Central Flood Relief Package for Arunachal Pradesh, describing the ongoing floods and

landslides as more devastating than the aftermath of the 1950 earthquake in terms of damage to lives, livelihoods and infrastructure. Addressing a press conference on Tuesday, Tagak said preliminary estimates indicate over 85,000 hectares of farmland have been damaged and more than one lakh families affected across all 28 districts. Stressing that the disaster is beyond the state's financial capacity, Tagak urged immediate restoration of roads and bridges, enhanced health preparedness and speedy Central assistance.

The Kurung Kumey district administration has restored connectivity to the strategically important border outpost of Damin-Huri after a flash flood washed away a key bridge on July 13, cutting off the remote frontier region. The district administration, led by Deputy Commissioner Cheechung Chukhu, launched an immediate restoration operation in coordination with the 85 RCC led by its Officer Commanding and team. Despite continuous rain, difficult terrain and adverse weather conditions, personnel worked round the clock to construct a temporary log bridge, restoring the movement of people and essential supplies. Meanwhile, the district administration also activated a Quick Response Team, which rushed to Damin-Huri and Parsi Parlo to assess the extent of the damage.

Arunachal Pradesh signed a MoU with Norwegian firm 'Tidal Sail AS' to implement India's first 500 kW River Kinetic Energy Demonstration Project under the India-Norway Green Partnership. The agreement, signed between the Centre for Earth Sciences & Himalayan Studies (CES&HS), Government of Arunachal Pradesh and Tidal Sail AS, aims to generate electricity directly from river currents without major civil infrastructure, offering a clean energy solution for remote areas.

The All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union has constituted an eight-member committee to monitor the Special Intensive Review of electoral rolls being conducted by the Election Commission of India across the state. Headed by Vice President (Protocol) Nabam Gandhi, the panel will oversee implementation of the exercise, coordinate with District Students' Unions and authorities, identify procedural anomalies, and ensure that no eligible voter is excluded due to administrative lapses. AAPSU said the review, involving house-to-house enumeration and verification of voter records, must be conducted in a fair, transparent and inclusive manner, particularly considering the state's challenging terrain & remote habitations.

In football, Spain stormed into the final of the FIFA World Cup 2026 with a convincing 2-0 victory over France in the first semi-final at Dallas

Stadium in Texas, US, last night. Mikel Oyarzabal and Pedro Porro scored to seal the win. Spain will face the winners of the second semi-final between defending champions Argentina and England in Sunday's final at MetLife Stadium, New Jersey.

The Met Centre, Itanagar, has issued an orange alert for Papum Pare district, including Itanagar Capital Region, which is very likely to experience thunderstorms with lightning accompanied by very heavy rainfall.