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Union Minister for Power, Manohar Lal held extensive discussions on various issues related to the energy sector in the Northeastern states with Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Chowna Mein, Meghalaya's Power Minister Metbah Lyngdoh and Mizoram's Power Minister F. Roding-liana at Shram Shakti Bhawan in New Delhi today. During the meeting, the DCM raised key priorities for Arunachal Pradesh; including the proposed 132/33 kV Substation at Kimin with associated LILO lines. He added that the project is critical to addressing voltage fluctuations, outages and the limitations of the existing long 33 kV feeder serving Kimin and adjoining areas. Mein also highlighted the growing hydropower potential of Arunachal Pradesh and the State's upcoming power projects. The meeting addressed the development of transmission infrastructure with financial assistance, keeping in mind the region's challenging geographical conditions, as well as the development of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) to strengthen the grid and enhance the efficiency of the power supply system. In the meantime, the Union Minister has advised the states to take necessary steps towards rationalising electricity tariffs in line with costs, reducing AT&C Losses, and strengthening the distribution system.

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval today held special representative talks with the Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Beijing on the India-China boundary issue and improvement of relations between the two countries. The talks assume significance as they are being held ahead of Chinese President Xi Jinping's anticipated visit to New Delhi to attend the BRICS summit on September 12-13. Both Doval and Wang are the designated Special Representatives for the boundary talks mechanism, which was established in 2003 to comprehensively address the dispute of the India-China border spanning 3,488 km.

Governor Lt Gen KT Parnaik (Retd.) has extended his warm greetings to the people of the State, especially to the people from Kerala who are serving and contributing to the growth and

development of our State on the auspicious occasion of Onam. He expressed his wish that the vibrant festival would bring happiness, good health, peace, and prosperity to every home. In his message, the Governor said that Onam is one of India's most cherished harvest festivals, celebrated with great enthusiasm, gratitude, and cultural splendour. May the spirit of Onam fill our hearts with joy, strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, and inspire us to work together for a more harmonious, prosperous, and inclusive society, the Governor wished in his message.

Deputy Commissioner, Yashwant Meena today convened a meeting of the District Planning Committee of Dibang Valley district for the preparation and approval of the Gram Panchayat Development Plans and Zilla Parishad Development Plan for the financial year 2026–27 at Anini. Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner called upon all Panchayati Raj representatives to discharge their responsibilities with greater coordination, transparency and commitment towards the overall development and welfare of the people.

An orientation programme on the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative for PRI members was organised at the DC's conference hall here in Lower Dibang Valley district yesterday, with the objective of strengthening grassroots participation in promoting the rights, safety, education and empowerment of the girl child. Around 50 participants, comprising PRI members and representatives of various government departments, attended the programme. The sessions focused on the BBBP initiative and the role of PRI members, gender equality and the value of the girl child, prevention of child marriage, child protection, and promotion of girls' education and re-enrolment of school dropouts.

Deputy Commissioner, Tawang, Namgyal Angmo today released 'Fireside Tales', a collection of stories authored by Superintendent of Police, Tawang, Tasi Darang, carrying the message, "Stories that warm the heart, roots that connect us."

Fireside Tales celebrates the richness of local stories, culture and heritage while seeking to pass treasured narratives and memories on to younger generations.

The book also carries 'a foreword' by Chief Minister Pema Khandu and has been illustrated by Mich Tarung.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner Namgyal Angmo appreciated the creative endeavour of SP Tawang and described it as an inspiring example for other officers to engage in literary and creative pursuits alongside their official responsibilities.

Apex Professional University, Pasighat organised an Anti-Drug Awareness Programme under the "Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat" Campaign at the University's Shruti Hall today.

The programme was organised in association with the Office of the Superintendent of Police, East Siang District, Pasighat,

with the objective of sensitising students to the harmful effects of drug abuse and substance addiction and encouraging them to adopt a healthy, responsible and drug-free lifestyle.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued yellow alert warning for 15 districts in Arunachal Pradesh including Papum Pare.

These districts are very likely to receive thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain at isolated places.

That is all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar