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The Centre has allocated 398 crore rupees for the road development projects in Arunachal Pradesh. In a social media post, Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said, the fund has been allocated for 19 State District Road Development projects under the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund during 2024-25. He said these initiatives aim to enhance last-mile connectivity in border regions, facilitating seamless access and fostering socio-economic growth across the state. The Minister further said, the investment underscores government commitment to strengthening infrastructure in remote areas, driving regional development, and improving livelihoods in the North-East region.

As part of the Good Governance Week activities, 2024, the Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore will be held in all Districts, States and Union Territories of India from 19th – 24th December, 2024. The Nation-wide campaign is an initiative for Redressal of Public Grievances and Improving Service Delivery will be held in all Districts, States and Union Territories of India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Message on Good Governance Week has stated that, 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore' campaign continues to be a key element of Good Governance Week. 'Prashashan Gaon ki Ore' is not merely a slogan, but a transformational effort aimed at bringing effective Governance closer to rural people. This is a true essence of grassroots democracy, where development reaches the people", Modi added. The campaign will be held in 700+ districts across India.

India has pressed for fair and mutually acceptable settlement of border dispute with China at the 23rd Meeting of the Special Representatives. The meeting was held between National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and his Chinese counterpart and Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Beijing yesterday. External Affairs Ministry said, the two sides underlined the need to ensure peaceful conditions on the ground so that issues on the border do not hold back the normal development of bilateral relations. The MEA said, Mr Doval and Mr Wang agreed on the salience of "stable, predictable and amicable" India-China relations for regional and global peace and prosperity. Mr Doval reaffirmed India's readiness to engage in pragmatic communication with Beijing and emphasized New Delhi's commitment to create the necessary conditions for a "final resolution" of the dispute. The meeting marks a significant step in

restoring bilateral ties following a period of tension. The Special Representatives meeting took place after a gap of five years.

The Sports Ministry today informed that to promote sports including games like Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Wrestling, and Football in the country several schemes including the Khelo India scheme are being implemented in the Country. In a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya informed that besides Khelo India- National Programme for Development of Sports, schemes like assistance to National Sports Federations, special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches and National Sports Awards being implemented in the country. Dr Mandaviya further informed that pension to Meritorious Sportspersons, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons, National Sports Development Fund and running of Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India are being implemented in the country.

Reacting to the reported protests against the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project in Siang district, Chief Minister Pema Khandu today said that there will be no hydropower projects, if the people do not desire it. Attending the 'Thanksgiving' program of local legislator and Panchayati Raj Minister Ojing Tasing at Boleng, Khandu said that 'misinformation' is being circulated to brainwash innocent villagers against a project, which is still in its pre-initial stage. Elaborating on it, Khandu revealed that the Chinese government, which is not signatory to the International Water Conventions, intends to divert the water from the multiple water reservoirs to be created under the project to dry regions of Tibet and elsewhere in the country. He added that the other reason for the Siang multipurpose project is that in case China released water from their dams all of a sudden, a trail of unimaginable destruction will sweep through the Siang belt, Assam and Bangladesh.

The two-day awareness-cum-artisan application registration camp concluded at the District Industries Center, Tawang today. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Director of Industries, Tsering Drema highlighted the significance of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme in empowering artisans engaged in 18 traditional trades, including carpentry, boat making, blacksmithing, goldsmithing and more. She emphasized the pivotal role of Panchayati Raj Institution members in raising awareness about the scheme and encouraging artisans to seize the entrepreneurial opportunities it offers. The event

witnessed active participation from over 300 artisans and 15 Gram Panchayat Chairpersons (GPCs) from Tawang District.

A voluntary Blood Donation Camp was held at Rama Krishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar today. Around 25 units of blood were collected during the camp. The donation camp was jointly organized by the Sherdukpen Employees Welfare Association, Arunachal Life Saving Foundation in collaboration with Hornbill Football Club.