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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025 with the theme 'Building a Resilient Rural India for a Viksit Bharat 2047' at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi today. The Prime Minister has emphasized on the government's vision to empower rural India by transforming villages into vibrant centers of growth and opportunity. Meanwhile, the Mahotsav will showcase India's rich cultural heritage through vibrant performances and exhibitions. A significant focus of the Mahotsav is to empower rural women through entrepreneurship and promoting economic stability; and financial security among rural populations, with a special focus on North-East India.

The Centre has released the draft of Digital Personal Data Protection Rules 2025. Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw shared that the Draft rules are open for consultation and sought people's views. The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 received the assent of President Droupadi Murmu in August 2023. The guidelines proposed mandatory and verifiable parental consent for children to open social media accounts.

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has asserted that the central government is planning to increase funds for the advancement of the educational infrastructure. He inaugurated the Samarpan Samaroh at the University of Delhi today and launched the Sashakt Beti and e-Drishti projects. Further, the Union Minister distributed laptops and tablets to orphaned, single parent females and visually impaired students under both the projects. He also launched the University of Delhi Ambulance and released the Commemorative Volume of Donor's Chronicle, 2024 during the event.

Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh today highlighted the government's prioritization of women-centric programs in research and development. Addressing the gathering at the celebration of the 40th foundation day of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) in New Delhi, the Union Minister said DSIR was primarily constituted with the focus of synergizing research and development with industry.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu yesterday called on the Governor Lt. General (retired) KT Parnaik at Raj Bhavan in Itanagar. They

discussed focus areas of development, outlining the developmental vision for the State in 2025. Highlighting the unexplored potential of tourism, the Governor urged for the development of sustainable tourism to provide substantial self-employment opportunities for the youth. Emphasizing the importance of efficiency and transparency in governance, the Governor advised the Chief Minister to implement advanced monitoring mechanisms for development projects. He suggested automation of departmental processes starting from the district and circle levels to ensure timely execution and accountability in project delivery.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein yesterday inaugurated India's tallest prayer wheel Dorjee Sempa Khorchen and the NCDS Multipurpose Building at Mechukha in Shi Yomi district. The Deputy CM also laid foundation stones for several development projects aimed at boosting local infrastructure and tourism potential. In his address, Deputy CM Mein said Mechukha's culture is incredibly rich and deserves to be showcased across Arunachal Pradesh. He appreciated the state government's efforts to safeguard indigenous traditions through the establishment of the Department of Indigenous Culture.

IPS, IG NE Frontier ITBP Amitabh met Chief Minister Pema Khandu at Itanagar yesterday. In a social media post of ITBP, it informed that the meeting of ITBP IG with the Chief Minister was held to discuss on key issues of border security, Vibrant Villages Programme, MoU for local produce, polyhouse cultivation at Bio-Organic Phosphates (BOPs) and strengthening ties with the local community.

The 38th National Games' torch 'Tejaswini' has reached Bageshwar in Uttarakhand today. Uttarakhand is hosting the event for the first time later this month. Meanwhile, the torch will reach Dehradun on 25th of this month after visiting 99 places in 13 districts.

The Itanagar Capital Region (ICR) Naharlagun Police has achieved significant milestones in combating drug-related offenses and reducing crimes in 2024 under the 'Operation Dawn'. In 2024, altogether 41 cases were filed under NDPS Act with 97 drug peddlers' arrests and over 7,000 gm of contraband substances seized, as compared to 2023, which recorded 18 cases, 41 arrests and over 700 gram of contraband substances seized by the police. Further, there has been 43 percent reduction in theft and burglary cases in 2024 with 152 cases registered, as compared to 263 in

2023. Besides it, the Police also conducted extensive awareness campaigns across various colleges, schools and rehabilitation centres.

The Capital Police along with Youth Mission for Clean River Arunachal Pradesh (YMCRAP) today organized a community-driven cleanup of the Yagamso River at C-2 Sector in Itanagar under the 'Police Ajin' initiative. In a social media post, SP Capital Rohit Rajbir Singh informed that over 12 tonnes of garbage were removed from nearly a kilometer stretch of the river bank. Besides it, an engaging awareness session on cleanliness was also conducted for the local residents.