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Home Minister Amit Shah today chaired the regional conference on Drug Trafficking and National Security in New Delhi. During the conference, the Union Minister inaugurated the Drug Disposal fortnight, the extension of the MANAS-2 helpline to all states and Union Territories and the new office complex of the Narcotics Control Bureau's Bhopal zonal unit. Meanwhile, the Drug Disposal fortnight drive began today and will continue till 25th of this month. During this period, over 44 thousand kilograms of seized narcotics worth over 2000 crore rupees in market value will be disposed off.

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw today visited the Centre for Advanced Computing Development (CDC) in Pune, Maharashtra. On the occasion, he inaugurated the Teja JAS 64 chip developed by CDAC and the Nova Development Board.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has announced India will host the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of Parliaments of Commonwealth Countries (CSPOC) in 2026. The 28th CSPOC will be on the application of AI and social media in the working of Parliaments.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that the significance of the Siang Multipurpose Project on Siang River in Upper Siang district has grown manifold after the reports of China constructing the world's largest dam on the river in Tibet. He said this, at the opening ceremony of the three-day Silver Jubilee celebration of the Galo Welfare Society (GWS) at Paya village in Aalo in West Siang district yesterday. He reiterated that the project is not a hydroelectric project but a multipurpose project of national importance. He said, the revenue generation of the state has grown substantially in the last 7-8 years, as a result of which the state government has been able to execute people centric projects and welfare schemes. Stressing on the need to tap the natural potential of the state for resource generation, he pointed that the more revenue generated, more development will come. Mr. Khandu, however, cautioned that in the face of development and modernity, the cultural identity of the state's indigenous communities should not get diluted.

In Assam, rescue team retrieved three bodies from the flooded coal mine at Umrangso of Dima Hasao district today. Five workers are still missing. Rescue operations by multiple Central and State agencies continue for the 6th day to locate remaining workers stuck inside the illegal rat-hole coal mine. On Monday, nine workers were stuck inside the coal mine after water entered into it. Two people were arrested in connection with the incident.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast that dense fog condition is likely to prevail over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Bihar, Odisha and Northeast till tomorrow.

A 10-month-old child was detected with human meta-pneumo-virus (HMPV) in Assam yesterday. The child is undergoing treatment at Assam Medical College and Hospital (AMCH) in Dibrugarh and is stable now. AMCH Superintendent Dr Dhrubajyoti Bhuyan said the child was admitted to the state-run hospital with cold-related symptoms four days ago and during routine tests, the virus was detected. He further said it is a common virus and is nothing to worry about.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today flagged off, a historic expedition to raft the entire length of the Brahmaputra River within Indian borders, from Itanagar. The 916 km rafting expedition, undertaken by the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS), will commence from Gelling in Arunachal Pradesh on 14th of this month and culminate at Dhubri-Hatsingmari, Assam on 14th February. The expedition aims to promote adventure tourism, foster environmental awareness, and inspire youth to engage in adventure sports.

A series of Arunachal Pradesh's cultural and religious festivities will be held in the state and in the national capital New Delhi. Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media post has invited all the people to visit Parshuram Kund Mela from 12th to 16th of this month at Telu Shati/Tailung area in Lohit district, Bharat Lok Sangeet Mahotsav from 9th to 11th February at Namsai and Arunachal GI Mahotsav 2025 from 28th February to 2nd March in New Delhi.

The School Safety Programme and Community Awareness programme started today at Government Higher Secondary School Anini in Dibang Valley district. The 12 days Famex programme is jointly organized by District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA)

Anini and 12th NDRF Doimukh. It will continue till 22nd of this month.

The Indian Army under 'Operation SADBHAVANA' and Vibrant Village Programme launched a spiritual tour for 22 elderly villagers from West Kameng and Tawang districts of Arunachal Pradesh. The spiritual tour was flagged off yesterday. The group will visit the World Buddhist Centre, Rashtrapati Bhavan, Dalai Lama Temple and Mahabodhi Temple, promoting cross-cultural understanding.

A mass drug awareness rally-cum-campaign was successfully conducted today in Lungla Sub-Division in Tawang district. The awareness campaign was jointly organized NGO Dhagpa Mirror, the Sub-Divisional Administration, and the District Health Society (DHS), Tawang. On the occasion, the students from various schools carried out the awareness rallies from their respective institutions to till Tsona Gontse Rinpoche Amphitheatre.