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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects in Delhi. He inaugurated around 1700 newly constructed flats for dwellers of JJ clusters and handed over keys to eligible beneficiaries in Ashok Vihar. Mr. Modi also interacted with beneficiaries and inspected the newly allotted flats. The project is aimed at providing residents of the JJ clusters with a better and healthier living environment equipped with proper amenities and facilities. Prime Minister Modi also inaugurated two urban redevelopment projects- the World Trade Centre at Nauroji Nagar, and the General Pool Residential Accommodation Type-II Quarters at Sarojini Nagar. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Modi said the development works launched today reflect the government's

unwavering commitment to nurturing future generations by empowering them with knowledge, innovation and opportunities.

The Prime Minister also inaugurated the Central Board of Secondary Education's Integrated Office Complex at Dwarka, and laid foundation stones of several projects including in Delhi University.



President Droupadi Murmu took part in the golden jubilee celebrations of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) in Bengaluru today. On the occasion, the President inaugurated a new Psychiatry block, Central Laboratory complex and hostel building. She also dedicated to the nation the advanced 3T MRI scanner and DSA machine. Addressing the gathering, the President lauded NIMHANS for their dedicated service towards the noble cause of mental health and Neuro sciences.



Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, EPFO's Centralized Pension Payments System is now fully operationalised across the country. Pension worth about one thousand 570 crore rupees was disbursed to more than 68 lakh pensioners pertaining to all 122 pension disbursing Regional offices of EPFO for December last. Labour and Employment Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya said, this modern system will ensure that pensioners can access their pensions from any bank, anywhere in the country swiftly and hassle-free. Mr Mandaviya said that it will eliminate the need for physical verification visits and simplify the pension disbursement process.

Assistant Director Programme, Akashvani Kohima, Abino Lasuh has encouraged young people to balance modernization with their cultural heritage. Addressing the 56th day of the Thetsümi Youth Society today, Ms Lasuh emphasized the importance of being rooted in culture, stating that one cannot move forward without preserving our traditions. She also urged the youth to embody qualities like hardwork, sincerity, and

discipline to achieve their goals. Ms Lasuh further called on the youth to strive to be an asset, rather than a liability, to their family and society.



Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan has stated that in order to bridge the gap between the losses faced by farmers and compensation they receive through crop insurance, these losses will now be surveyed using satellites. Addressing a gathering of farmers at Nashik in Maharashtra today, Mr. Chouhan suggested that if farmers choose to sell their produce in other states, the transportation costs should be shared equally between the central and state governments. The minister further assured that the central government is highly sensitive to issues faced by farmers, stressing that agriculture is the backbone of the country's economy.



Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched several projects for Assam from Guwahati today. The Union Minister flagged off three trains, Guwahati-New Lakhimpur Jan Shatabdi Express, New Bongaigaon-Guwahati passenger train and Tinsukia-Naharlagun Express, and dedicated a road over bridge. He also virtually launched a 10 kilowatt FM transmitter of Akashvani Kokrajhar, and the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology in Guwahati. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Vaishnaw said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi turned the Look East Policy into Act East Policy for the development of the North East and now investments are pouring into the region.



Former Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla was sworn in as the Governor of Manipur today at a ceremony in Raj Bhavan at Imphal. The oath was administered by Chief Justice of Manipur High Court D. Krishnakumar. Mr Bhalla succeeds Lakshman Prasad Acharya, who has been serving as the Governor-in-charge since July 2024. Chief

Minister N. Biren Singh, Speaker Thokchom Satyabrata, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs and officials attended the swearing-in ceremony.



The central government today launched the revamped portal ‘BAANKNET’ for the e-auction of properties. The platform consolidates information on e-auction properties from all public sector banks and offers a one-stop destination for buyers and investors to discover a wide range of assets. Launching the portal, Secretary of the Department of Financial Services, M. Nagaraju, emphasized that the introduction of the platform will aid recovery process and improve balance sheets of banks, and enhance credit availability to businesses and individuals. Listings in the portal include residential properties and commercial properties, industrial land and buildings, shops, vehicles, plant and machinery, and agricultural and non-agricultural land.



India Meteorological Department has forecast dry weather is very likely to prevail over Nagaland and the other North east states during the next couple of days. It said, shallow to moderate fog is very likely to occur at isolated pockets over Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura, with no large change expected in minimum temperature. IMD said, during the past 24 hours, minimum temperatures were above normal by one to three degree Celsius over Nagaland and its neighbouring states.

