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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the government is moving ahead with the twin target of achieving the growth of the agriculture sector and rural prosperity. Addressing a Post-Budget Webinar on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity today virtually, Mr Modi said that India's resolve to move towards the goal of a developed India is very clear. He said we are working together towards building an India where farmers become prosperous and empowered. Mr Modi said that the government's effort is to ensure no farmer is left behind and to advance every farmer. Mr Modi highlighted that under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, nearly 3.75 lakh crore rupees have been provided to farmers so far. He emphasized that the annual financial assistance of six thousand rupees under the scheme is strengthening the rural economy.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein has asserted that Arunachal Pradesh aims to secure 50+ GI registrations by 2029, ensuring sustainable development and the continued growth of its heritage industries. Mein said this while attending the Arunachal GI Mahotsav 2025, the state's first-ever Geographical Indication (GI) Mahotsav at New Delhi yesterday. The Dy CM who is also the Chief Patron of the GI Mahotsav 2025 in his keynote address emphasized that Geographical Indication (GI) plays a vital role in safeguarding products tied to specific geographical regions. These products are integral to the state's heritage and economic development. And through GI registration, we aim to secure legal protection, foster economic growth, and preserve the cultural fabric of Arunachal Pradesh, he said. Mein further thanked the continuous efforts of NABARD, and Padma Shri awardee, Dr. Rajnikant, for application for 24 more products which are currently in the pipeline.

The India Meteorological Department has issued an Orange alert for Kra Daadi, Lower Dibang Valley, Anjaw, and Lohit districts. IMD has issued a warning of heavy rainfall/heavy rain with hail at isolated areas over the next 24 hours. In the meantime, a Yellow alert has also been issued for twelve districts of Arunachal Pradesh. These places are very likely to receive rainfall with thunderstorms and lightning at isolated locations.

Under the ongoing Operation Dawn 2.0, the East Siang Police successfully apprehended a drug peddler and seized approximately 30.72 grams of suspected heroin on Thursday. Acting on credible

intelligence regarding an individual engaged in the illicit sale of narcotics, the Anti-Drug Squad of East Siang Police conducted a swift operation. A search and seizure operation resulted in the recovery of four plastic tobacco containers containing approximately 30.72 grams of suspected heroin. Accordingly, a case has been registered at Ruksin Police Station under Section 21(b) of the NDPS Act. In the meantime, Superintendent of Police, East Siang has commended the efforts of the ADS team and reiterated the district police's firm commitment to a zero-tolerance policy against drug-related offenses.

The government of Arunachal Pradesh has initiated a Pilot-Project, specifically focusing on Artificial Intelligence -Based Assessment for five Hundred students at Dera Natung Govt College, Itanagar today. The pilot project in collaboration with the Hyderabad based AI Company Ixyle Technologies Private Limited aims to evaluate the effectiveness of AI-Driven and aptitude assessment. Gather the real-time data & reports. In an interaction with Doordarshan, DNGC, Principal, Dr. MQ Khan informed that the AI-assessment program had begun on 24th February last and more than 500 students have taken the assessment.

A team from Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, NERIST Cell, accompanied by local farmers, visited the Government Fisheries Department at Emchi, Doimukh recently. The visit aimed to enhance awareness about advanced fish farming techniques and sustainable aquaculture practices for local farmers. The primary objectives of the visit were to understand modern fish farming techniques and their applications and to provide local farmers with practical insights into improving fish production.

With the rest of the nation, the Science Club of Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar celebrated National Science Day-2025 on the theme- Science for Sustainable Development: Promoting Green Technologies yesterday. Speaking on the occasion, Principal, Dera Natung Government College, Dr. M.Q Khan highlighted the myriads of contributions of science from day-to-day life activities to the space and nuclear technologies, exhorted the sciences communities to inquire and innovate the science for good utilization in societies.

A one-day sensitization and orientation programme on protection of women from Domestic Violence Act 2005, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act 2013 and Training on filing up on online complaint was organized by the Department of WCD,

East Siang at DC's Conference Hall yesterday. Addressing the gathering, the DC stressed on zero tolerance for violation of women safety and dignity at workplaces. He commended the initiative to create awareness for all stakeholders including the redressal of complaints through SHe- Box portal of WCD Ministry, GoI.