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Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a social media post has termed the passage of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill and the Mussalman Wakf (Repeal) Bill by the Parliament as a watershed moment in the government's collective quest for socio-economic justice, transparency, and inclusive growth. The legislation aims to streamline the management of Waqf properties, with provisions to safeguard heritage sites and promote social welfare.

Governor Lt. General K.T. Parnaik (Retd.) has extended his warm greetings to the people of the State, especially to the Galo community, on the joyous occasion of the Mopin Festival. He wished that the vibrant festival would bring peace, prosperity, and happiness to all. In his message, the Governor said that Mopin is one of the most cherished festivals of Arunachal Pradesh, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the Galo Tribe. He said With its deep-rooted traditions and festive spirit, it has played a vital role in preserving the community's cherished customs and values.

The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has unveiled its new tourism logo and policy with the tagline "Arunachal: Beyond Myths and Mountains." The information was shared by Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media post today. Khandu in his post informed that, this visionary step will redefine state's tourism, showcasing not just stunning landscapes but also the rich culture, heritage, and traditions, ensuring sustainable growth that benefits local communities. In the meantime, the CM has congratulated the people of Arunachal, the Tourism Department and Minister for Tourism PD Sona for their dedication in shaping a brighter future for tourism in the state. While showing optimism over the initiative, the CM said that it will bring new opportunities, global recognition, and a deeper appreciation of Arunachal's unparalleled beauty.

In a major boost to healthcare infrastructure in the Tawang region, the Designated Microscopic Centre (DMC) and a state-of-the-art Dental Unit at the Community Health Centre (CHC) was formally inaugurated in Jang today. This significant initiative is a key step in strengthening the healthcare delivery system in the region. The DMC aims to enhance diagnostic capabilities, particularly in the early detection and elimination of Tuberculosis, while the Dental Unit will ensure improved access to oral healthcare services for the people of Jang and surrounding areas.

The Banderdewa Police have successfully traced and apprehended the individual behind the alleged fake Facebook account who had spread misinformation on social media regarding the health status of the victim in the Banderdewa incident. A case has been registered under the BNSS, 2023, and the Executive Magistrate has bound him down for one year, directing him to maintain peace and refrain from spreading false information. The Superintendent of Police, Naharlagun, has urged the public to avoid social media trials.

The District Police, Yingkiong conducted its 3rd District Level Narco Coordination meeting at DC's conference today. Presiding over the meeting DC –cum- Chairman NCORD Talo Jerang reviewed the action taken by the members as per the decision taken in last NCORD Meet. The DC emphasized on intensifying the awareness programme at all sensitive locations on drug related matters in the district. Terming the students as the most vulnerable age to fall for drugs abuse and other unwanted habits, the DC instructed DDSE, Yingkiong to ensure that after the opening of new academic session, to strictly provide orientation on the ill effects of drug in schools, to the Principals, Headmasters, and faculty members

An awareness training cum orientation programme on the Atma Nirbhar Bhagwani Yojana was successfully organized by the Department of Horticulture at Tawang today. The programme aimed at informing and empowering local farmers with knowledge about state-sponsored horticultural welfare schemes.

The India Meteorological Department has issued Yellow alerts over Kamle, Lower Subansiri, Papumpare, West Siang, Upper Subansiri, Lower Siang, Upper Siang, Dibang Valley, Lohit and Tirap districts of Arunachal Pradesh. IMD has forecast rainfall with thunderstorms with lightning very likely to occur at isolated locations over the next 24 hours.

The founding-patron of the Lohit Youth library movement, family of late Capt. KK Venkatraman (retd.) has announced the First Capt. KK Venkatraman Memorial Fellowship to Ashapmai Dellang, the leading member of the Wakro Sisters. Ms. Dellang will be the first Arunachali youth to qualify as a professional student of Carnatic Music in June this year. The Award certificate will be presented to her on the first Anniversary of late Capt. Venkatraman on 27th May

next and the award amount, on confirming her admission to the selected course of studies.

The Rajiv Gandhi University conducted a consultative cum review meeting of the ongoing project of ICMR titled 'Multistate Implementation Research Study on Suicide Risk Reduction and Improving Mental Well-being among School and College Students' at the varsity's campus yesterday. The meeting aimed to review the progress of the ongoing research study after one year of implementation in higher education institutes and schools in Papumpare district and ICR.