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India and Thailand today signed six agreements for cooperation in various fields including IT, maritime, MSME, handicrafts and handloom sectors. The agreements were exchanged following bilateral talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Thai counterpart Paetongtarn Shinawatra at Bangkok this afternoon. Both sides reviewed the progress of the entire gamut of bilateral relations and discussed ways to add greater momentum to the India-Thailand bilateral partnership and exchanged views on regional and multilateral issues.

The Rajya Sabha has taken up the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 for consideration and passing. The Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2025 aims to streamline the management of Waqf properties with provisions to safeguard heritage sites and promote social welfare. The legislation also aims to improve governance by streamlining coordination between Waqf Boards and local authorities and protecting stakeholder's rights. The Bill also seeks to improve the economic and social status of Muslim women, particularly widows and divorced women. Moving the bill, Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said the bill has been brought after a detailed consultation with the stakeholders as well as in the Joint Parliamentary Committee. He urged the opposition parties to support this bill. Yesterday, the Lok Sabha has passed the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

The second edition of the Arunachal Youth Parliament 2.0 commenced at the D.K. Hall, Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly in Itanagar today. The two day event began with an engaging debate titled 'Dams in Arunachal Pradesh: Catalyst for Development or Threat to Sustainability?' between Dera Natung Government College and Don Bosco College. Addressing the gathering Patron, AYP Abu Tayeng said that the parliament is designed to empower state's young minds by giving them a stage to debate, discuss and dream up solutions for their state's future. The event will continue till tomorrow.

Akashvani in the North-East region will increase airtime for women-centric programs, to ensure inclusivity and community engagement. This was informed by Ashish Bhatnagar, ADG (A&BO) (CO-Akashvani) NEZ, Akashvani and Doordarshan Guwahati, during an interactive session with eminent women personalities from

various sectors at the Akashvani Itanagar office today. Mr. Bhatnagar revealed that efforts are underway to introduce a dedicated daily segment, 'Women-Time,' in Akashvani's programming.. He emphasized that this initiative would be interactive and participatory, ensuring wider engagement from the audience regardless of their social and economic background. Mr. Bhatnagar also emphasized on the need for government welfare schemes to reach every individual and highlighted Akashvani's vital role in empowering citizens with accurate and timely information. Meanwhile, the ADG also interacted with all officers, officials and casual assignees. Later, he visited Doordarshan Itanagar.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar (MCI) has forecast thunderstorm with lightning very likely at isolated places over Kamle, Papum Pare, West Siang, Siang, East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley and Dibang Valley districts today.

Home Minister Mama Natung today conferred the Home Minister's Certificate of Excellence upon distinguished police personnel in recognition of their exemplary performance in law enforcement with a special emphasis on their significant contributions to the ongoing 'War against Drugs' at Police Head Quarter in Itanagar. Inspector Krishnendu Dev, Officer-in-Charge Naharlagun Police Station, SI Koj Tada of Banderdewa Police Station and Constable Sanu Raj T of Naharlagun Police Station were honored for their outstanding services.

The Department of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship today organized a felicitation ceremony for food and beverage trainees at the Civil Secretariat in Itanagar. The successful candidates were given job offer letters. In his address, Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Nyato Dukam announced a new government initiative to provide a one-year stipend ranging from ₹8,000 to ₹11,000 for youth who secure jobs in the private sector. The initiative aims to encourage more young people to take up employment opportunities and support their transition into the workforce.

The First 'Captain KK Venkatraman Memorial Fellowship' will be conferred to Ms Ashapmai Dellang by the family of late Captain (retd.) KK Venkatraman, a founder-patron of the Lohit Youth library movement and an early pioneer of VKVs in the state on 27<sup>th</sup> of next month. Dellang is the leading member of the Wakro Sisters, who will be the first Arunachali youth to qualify as a professional student of Carnatic Music in June this year. Similarly, the Second 'Mandakini

Khandekar Memorial Fellowship for Educational & Professional Advancement 2025' will be awarded to Ms Jeenamsi Ngadong, senior youth library volunteer, Wakro.

Two persons were attacked with a local machete at Banderdewa market under Arunachal Pradesh last evening after a tiff over free fish demand. The fish vendor, Arun Hazarika sustained grievous injuries and is admitted to TRIHMS in Naharlagun. According to SP ICR Naharlagun Mihin Gambo, a 56 year old alleged accused was arrested by the Banderdewa police team. A case was registered under BNS based on a written complaint by another victim Utpal Das, who sustained minor injuries. The SP informed that ICR Naharlagun has coordinated with SP North Lakhimpur (Assam) to ensure law and order is maintained in both Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. He also appealed to the public of both states to maintain peace and harmony.