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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the terrorist attack in Pahalgam was a challenge to India's woman power and it has proved to be a death knell for the perpetrators. He said that India will not tolerate any form of proxy war and is determined to respond firmly to such acts of terror. The Prime Minister was addressing the Women Empowerment Maha Sammelan organized on the 300th birth anniversary of Lokmata Devi Ahilya Bai at Jamboori Maidan in Bhopal today. He said that Operation Sindoor has become a symbol of India's bravery.

In a tragic turn of events, two separate landslides triggered by relentless monsoon rains have claimed nine lives in Arunachal Pradesh. The heart-rending incident occurred on Friday night along National Highway-13 between Bana and Seppa, where a vehicle carrying seven people was swept off the road by a massive landslide and plunged into a deep gorge. All occupants — including two pregnant women and four children — died in the accident. The victims, residents of Kitchang village in Bana, were enroute to Seppa when the landslide struck. In a separate incident, a landslide near Pine Grove in Ziro also claimed two lives — one male and one female, both non-locals. Their bodies were recovered with the help of the State Disaster Response Force, ITBP, and locals, a senior official from the State Disaster Management Department confirmed.

State Governor Lt General (Retd) KT Parnaik today honoured the 13 Rajputana Rifles, 9 Grenadiers and 31 Assam Rifles with the Governor's Citation at a function in the Raj Bhavan, Itanagar for their exceptional professionalism, operational acumen, and spirited élan, and for building a strong synergy with the district administrations and the local population of the state. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor commended the dedication and professionalism of the units for their steadfast commitment to operational duties. He lauded their tireless efforts in safeguarding the sanctity of the Line of Actual Control and ensuring effective border management along the sensitive Indo-Myanmar frontier, which have yielded visible and meaningful results.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Friday reaffirmed that progress on the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP) will hinge on the completion of its pre-feasibility report (PFR) and subsequent public consultation. Stressing the importance of local consent, Khandu assured that the PFR is a non-intrusive study to assess geological viability without displacing people or damaging land. "Only after the PFR and a public hearing, we will decide whether to proceed, based on the people's will," Khandu said. Highlighting the project's strategic importance, Khandu said it serves not just as a power initiative but also as a national security measure in response to China's proposed 60,000 MW dam near the border. He warned of possible floods or water shortages due to Chinese control over the river's flow, noting that China is not bound by the UN Water Convention.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Friday digitally laid the foundation stones for a series of infrastructure development projects worth Rs 750 crore under the Education Department. The projects include: Upgradation of 39 Government Higher Secondary Schools under the SASCI (Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment) scheme with an outlay of Rs 300 crore; Construction of 156 hostels and teachers' quarters across all districts, costing Rs 322 crore; 14 large-capacity hostels (120 beds each) under the DAJGUA (Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan) scheme at Rs 71.40 crore; infrastructure development of Arunachal Pradesh University, Pasighat with Rs 30 crore; and C/o 394 kitchen sheds-cum-stores under PM Poshan scheme with Rs 23.64 crore. These projects will be executed by the Rural Works Department during the financial year 2025-26.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today laid the foundation stone for a G+2 RCC Skill Development Multi-purpose Building at the Oju Welfare Association (OWA) campus in Naharlagun, in the presence of its Chairperson Ratan Anya. The upcoming facility aims to empower youth and women by equipping them with vocational skills and boosting self-reliance.

The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Regional Office, Itanagar, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Govt of India, organized a Special Outreach Programme to mark the World No Tobacco Day at JNK Public School, Itanagar today. The programme aimed to create awareness among students and the general public about the harmful effects of tobacco consumption and to promote a tobacco-free lifestyle.

Yachuli MLA Toko Tatung has been appointed as the new state president of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), Arunachal Pradesh. A release from NCP stated that Tatung's leadership is expected to bring renewed energy and commitment to strengthening the party's presence and organizational structure in Arunachal Pradesh.

That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar