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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that Sikkim and the entire Northeast are emerging as a shining chapter in India's progress. Addressing the Sikkim @50 event virtually today, the Prime Minister asserted that the Centre is fully supporting Sikkim in its growth. He said that Sikkim is to be a global tourist destination. Mr. Modi said that the Sevoke-Rongpo railway line will connect Sikkim with the rail network of the country, and approximately 400 kilometres of new national highways have been constructed in the state in the past 10 years. Reaffirming his inclusive development agenda of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' the Prime Minister said it is necessary to do a balanced development of every state and region of the nation to make India 'Viksit'.

The External Affairs Ministry today stated that India's stand has been very clear on engagement with Pakistan and reiterated that any engagement has to be bilateral. Briefing media in New Delhi this afternoon, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said terrorism and talks cannot go together. He stressed that Pakistan needs to hand over the terrorists to India whose records were submitted to them some years ago. Mr Jaiswal said talks on Jammu and Kashmir will be held only on the vacating of Pakistan occupied Kashmir and when Pakistan hands over the territory to India. On Indus Waters Treaty, the spokesperson said that the Treaty will remain in abeyance till the time Pakistan credibly and irrevocably abjures its support to cross-border terrorism.

Chief Minister, Pema Khandu called on the Governor, Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar today. In the meeting that underscored a shared commitment to the prosperity of Arunachal Pradesh and the broader North-eastern region, they discussed the recently held 'Rising Northeast' initiative, organized by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER). The Governor lauded the vision behind Rising Northeast, calling it a turning point in the developmental journey of the region. While congratulating the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein for securing memoranda of understanding with business houses and enterprises,

the Governor suggested exploring more avenues for expanding business and pursuing new investments in Arunachal Pradesh.

State's Agriculture and Allied Minister, Gabriel D Wangsu, launched the "Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan" campaign in the state during a formal function in Itanagar today. On the occasion, he also flagged off the 'Krishi Rath', which will travel across the state to reach farming communities. Speaking to the media after the event, Mr. Wangsu said that as part of the campaign, agricultural scientists from Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and officials from the agriculture and allied departments will visit remote villages across the state. He said, the aim is to engage with farmers through interaction programs, spreading awareness about modern agricultural technologies and scientific farming practices. Meanwhile, the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan was simultaneously launched at Kibithoo in Anjaw district and Zemithang in Tawang district.

Women and Child Development Minister, Dasanglu Pul today asserted that empowering our farmers through awareness, access to schemes and technology is the key to building a self-reliant agriculture economy. The Minister said this while launching the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan at Gipulin village in Dibang Valley district today. As part of the programme, soil health cards and hybrid seeds were distributed to local farmers to promote scientific farming and improve crop productivity. Two Krishi Rathes were also flagged off by the Minister to travel across the district, raising awareness among farmers about new agricultural techniques and central welfare schemes.

Deputy Commissioner, Upper Siang, Talo Jerang, chaired the District Task Force on Immunization meeting today to review and discuss key initiatives, including the Zero Dose Implementation Plan, the Special Vaccination Campaign, Measles-Rubella Elimination, the Routine Immunization micro plan for 2025 and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases Surveillance 2025. The meeting aimed to strengthen the RI micro plan mechanism, ensuring that no child is left behind and that even the most remote corners of villages are reached.

The Meteorological Centre of Itanagar has forecast orange alert over West Kameng, Lower Subansiri, Papumpare, Lohit, Changlang, Tirap and Longding districts in the state. These districts are likely to

receive thunderstorms with lightning and heavy rainfall with gusty wind at isolated places over the next 24 hours. Additionally, the MCI has also forecast yellow alerts over 17 districts in the state.

In Hangpan Dada Memorial Trophy, football teams from East Siang and Siang have secured spots in the semifinal after defeating West Siang and Kurum Kumey in the second day of quarter final matches today. Meanwhile, in the girls' volleyball event, Upper Subansiri and West Kameng have advanced to the next round after defeating Bichom and Tirap respectively.

That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar