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THE flight AI171, from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick, has crashed after take-off today. The flight, which departed from Ahmedabad at 1:38 pm, was carrying 242 passengers including 2 pilots and 10 crew members on board in Boeing 787-8 aircraft. Of these, 169 are Indian nationals including former Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani, 53 are British nationals, 1 Canadian national and 7 Portuguese nationals. The injured were taken to the nearest hospitals. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Home Minister Amit Shah and Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu about the plane crash in Ahmedabad. He took stock of the situation and directed the Union ministers to ensure that all possible assistance is extended immediately to those affected in the wake of the air mishap.

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer has expressed grief over the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad. In a social media post, he said that the crash of a plane carrying many British nationals is devastating. He added that his thoughts are with the passengers and their families at this deeply distressing time.

Following the Air India flight crash incident in Gujarat, the Indian railways will run two special trains to facilitate passengers from Ahmedabad. One train will operate from Ahmedabad to Mumbai and another train from Ahmedabad to New Delhi.

Union Minister of Ayush Prataprao Jadhav has highlighted the Modi government's sustained efforts in promoting Yoga as a transformative wellness practice across India and globally. In an exclusive interview with Akashvani News, the AYUSH Minister spoke about India's significant leap in the institutionalization of Yoga-from the creation of the Ministry of AYUSH in 2014 to the global celebration of International Yoga Day, bringing India's ancient heritage to the forefront of the world stage.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, who is also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance, Tax, Excise & Narcotics convened a comprehensive review meeting of the Department of Tax, Excise & Narcotics on Thursday at his Secretariat Office in Itanagar. In the meeting, the Deputy CM directed the department to intensify efforts to bring all eligible firms within the GST threshold for mandatory

registration. He stressed on the need for awareness campaigns and outreach programmes about benefits of GST registration along with the Arunachal Chamber of Commerce & Industries (ACCI). To ensure consistent progress, Mein also called for monthly reviews of the department's performance, with a focus on improving compliance and boosting revenue collection.

State Chief Electoral Officer Pawan Kumar Sain convened a coordination meeting with Director of Department of State Information and Public Relations at Nirvachan Bhawan in Itanagar on Thursday. In the meeting, the CEO urged the Director of Information & Public Relations (IPR) to establish a dedicated section for election-related news, creation of official CEO-IPR WhatsApp group for real time updates. He also emphasized on authentic information sources for right election updates and its dissemination. Deputy Chief Electoral Officer Shania Kayem Mize informed that ECI will organize a National Level Media Workshop at IIIDEM in New Delhi on 7th July this year. Arunachal Pradesh is allotted ten spots. He urged Media houses to send nominations to the Director, IPR, who will shortlist and forward the final list to the CEO'S office on 20th of this month.

Deputy Commissioner East Siang Sonalika Jiwani has taken a comprehensive review of the monsoon and other disaster management preparedness and mitigation, contingency plans by various departments on Thursday at DC's Conference Hall in Pasighat. Jiwani urged for strengthening the urban flood management cell and instructed for submission of details by concerned departments on the status of city drainage system and cleaning efforts in Pasighat and sub –divisional levels.

Deputy Chief Minister and the Minister-In-Charge of Power Chowna Mein took a detailed review on the activities of Department of Power in a meeting at DK Convention Centre in Itanagar yesterday. In his address, Mein said the ₹2000 crore Chief Minister's Comprehensive State Power Development Program, announced in Budget 2025, will be implemented over four years to further strengthen transmission and distribution systems, electrifying remote and newly created districts, and modernize infrastructure in urban areas. He also directed the power department to prepare a restructuring proposal to be placed before the Cabinet for consideration.

day nationwide campaign Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan has culminated today at Tawang Green Farmers Produce Company near Gankardung Gonpa in Tawang district. The Abhiyaan aimed to empower farmers through the dissemination of modern knowledge and about farmer-centric scientific awareness government schemes. District General Secretary Kisaan Morcha Dorjee Wangchu requested for timely training to farmers as per local agriculture calendar. District Kisan Morcha General Secretary Jambey Tenzin requested the concerned departments to keep Kisan Morcha members in selection board for selection of beneficiaries for various farmer welfare schemes.

The Indian Army will host a Grand Ex-Servicemen (ESM) Rally at Tenga Valley Military Station in West Kameng district for Veterans and Veer Naris from Arunachal Pradesh on 14<sup>th</sup> of this month. The event will be graced by State Governor Lieutenant General retired KT Parnaik. The rally will offer practical support through dedicated help desks, where the Army and State Government will assist the veteran and their families with pensions, healthcare, and resettlement queries. A fully equipped medical camp will also provide free health check-ups and consultations.