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Union Home Minister Amit Shah has reached out to the Chief Ministers of Assam, Manipur, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh - offering full support as the region battles severe floods and landslides caused by heavy monsoon rains. Mr. Shah spoke with the state leaders today, assuring that the central government will provide all necessary help. He said the Modi government stands like a rock in support of the people of the Northeast. Meanwhile, the rescue teams, including the NDRF, SDRF, fire services, and local authorities are working around the clock to help those affected. With more rain expected, officials are on high alert and continuing efforts to reduce damage and deliver relief.

Incessant heavy rain has thrown normal life out of gear across Arunachal Pradesh. The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued an orange alert for 9 districts across the state. The districts are West Kameng, Lower Subansiri, Pakke Kessang, Anjaw, Lohit, Namsai, Changlang, Tirap, and Longding. The centre has also issued a yellow alert for another 10 districts. These districts are likely to receive thunderstorms with lightning and heavy rainfall with gusty wind at isolated places over the next 24 hours. 9 people have lost their life in rain related incidents in the state as of now.

In East Siang district, water logging has obstructed ongoing construction of Murkong-selek--Pasighat BG railway track, 4-lane highway (expansion) works and destroyed vegetable gardens at Ruksin and Jampani area. Meanwhile, Indian Air force has rescued at least 14 individuals stranded in the middle of flooded Bomjir River in Lower Dibang Valley District on Sunday morning. The operation was undertaken by Mi 17 helicopter.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has condoled over the reported deaths of at least nine persons – seven including two pregnant women and four children in East Kameng district, and two in Ziro valley in Lower Subansiri district due to landslides triggered by incessant monsoon rains across the state. In a statement yesterday, Khandu expressed grief on loss of innocent lives. He announced ex-gratia of 4 lakhs rupees each to the deceased and assured assistance through the respective district administrations.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah today inaugurated the new building of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory at New Town in

Kolkata. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Shah said the new CFSL laboratory in Kolkata will support a holistic approach to complex cases in eastern and north-eastern India.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu yesterday inaugurated the Phase-I of the Sector-wise Remodelling of Government Quarters multi-storied residential blocks in Itanagar. Khandu, in a social media post, said the state government has initiated for the construction of modern, multi-storied residential blocks at A-Sector, Raj Bhawan Road, Itanagar to replace old and dilapidated quarters built in the 1980s. With a sanctioned cost of 20 crore rupees, this project will deliver 18 Type-II and 18 Type-III 2BHK flats, ensuring a better quality of life for the dedicated Group-B and C employees.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein yesterday participated in the 300<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary celebration of Lokmata Devi Ahilyabai Holkar in Itanagar. Speaking on the occasion, Mein described Ahilyabai Holkar as a timeless icon of justice, wisdom, and compassionate governance. Meanwhile, Mein also spoke on skill development in the state. He said there is a need for a mindset shift, from a dependence on government jobs to embracing entrepreneurship, tourism, and private-sector opportunities. He has called for collective preparedness to welcome the wealth and opportunity that lies ahead by building a skilled and empowered workforce.

The eighty-fifth Birth Anniversary of state's notable writer and journalist Late Lummer Dai was observed on Sunday at Pasighat in East Siang district. With a floral tribute, the statue of late Lummar Dai was unveiled by the President Asom Sahitya Sabha (ASS). The programme was jointly organized by Assam Sahitya Sabha and Pasighat Sahitya Sabha. Meanwhile, the Luminous Lummer Dai Literary Award 2025 was awarded to Assamese author Ramchandra Chutia at an event commemorating late Dai's eight-five birth anniversary at Tezpur in Assam. The event was organized by Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS).

The eighth edition of pan-Himalayan initiative 'The Himalayan Cleanup (THC) 2025,' was officially launched by social activist Jarjum Gamlin Ete today at IG Park in Itanagar. Over 50 volunteers have participated in the cleanliness drive, organized by Youth Mission for Clean River (YMCR). The campaign is focused on raising awareness about plastic waste pollution and promoting responsible waste management practices. It will continue till fifth of this month.