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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has returned to New Delhi after his successful five-nation tour to Ghana, Trinidad & Tobago, Argentina, Brazil and Namibia. During the last leg of his visit, India and Namibia signed two MoUs in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on the setting up of the Entrepreneurship Development Centre in Namibia and Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine. Three major announcements were also made during the visit on launching the Digital Payment System in Namibia later this year and entry of Namibia to the global initiatives led by India the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and Global Bio Fuel Alliance.

NITI Aayog launched a roadmap for strengthening state science and technology councils today in New Delhi. According to the Aayog, this roadmap outlines a strategic vision for strengthening the role and functioning of state S&T councils across India. It captures the structural gaps, opportunities, and reform priorities necessary to transform state S&T Councils into robust enablers of regional innovation, scientific advancement, and sustainable development. It calls for a comprehensive blend of structural reforms, capacity-building efforts, and strategic partnerships to enhance the effectiveness and responsiveness of these Councils.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has highlighted that the loan recovery practices of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) must be conducted in a fair, empathetic and respectful manner, as well as strictly aligning with the RBI's Fair Practices Code. She stated this while addressing the NBFC Symposium 2025 in New Delhi. The Minister said that financial inclusion cannot be used as a pretext for financial exploitation. The Minister also underscored the need for NBFCs to integrate governance, risk management, and customer protection as part of their core beliefs and ethics.

The 27th Eastern Zonal Council meeting chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah began today in Ranchi. The meeting aims to focus upon development initiatives taken by the Centre for the Eastern part of the country comprising the four states of Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, and West Bengal. Odisha Chief Minister Mohancharan Manjhi and Deputy CM Parvati Parida, Bihar Deputy

Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary and State Minister Vijay Chaudhary are attending the meeting.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said that universities will play a key role in achieving the goal of a Viksit Bharat. Inaugurating the 2-day conference of Vice Chancellors of Central Universities in Kevadiya, Narmada, Mr. Pradhan said that there has been a fundamental change in the higher education structure of the country in the last decade. This conference aims to make the implementation of the National Education Policy-2020 more dynamic.

The Central Government has approved the release of over one thousand 66 crore rupees to flood, landslides affected states of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Kerala, and Uttarakhand. These states have been affected due to extremely heavy rainfall, floods and landslides during the south-west monsoon. The Ministry said, the government is fully committed to provide all possible assistance to flood, landslides, cloudburst-affected states.

Assembly Speaker Tesam Pongte today inaugurated the "Let's Speak Arunachal" workshop at Boum Kakir Mission School, Doimukh in the presence of MLA Chau Zingnu Namchoom. While addressing the gathering, the Speaker appreciated Founder, Porsum Ori of Let's Talk Arunachal, for her inspiring initiative and commended the school for hosting such a meaningful program. He encouraged the students to actively participate in such platforms to build confidence, enhance skills and develop a deeper sense of civic responsibility. The workshop aimed to promote civic awareness and youth leadership.

Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Mama Natung today chaired the 3rd meeting of the Arunachal Pradesh Indigenous Affairs Council with its newly constituted members. The meeting deliberated on various issues and challenges faced by the Indigenous communities. In a social media post, Minister Natung said that the Government of Arunachal Pradesh remains committed for the protection and promotion of our indigenous people. In the meantime, the Minister has extended appreciation to the APIAC members for the valuable inputs and suggestions.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Rumgong, KP Goiba chaired a review meeting of Kaying-Tato road at the Office of the EAC, Kaying today. The meeting deliberated on the progress of all sites from 92

RCC (GREF) and discussed commuter issues, especially monsoon-related blockages.

The India Meteorological Department has issued an orange alert for heavy rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms over Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Vidarbha for the next two days. The weather agency has forecast heavy to moderate rainfall over the Northern and Eastern parts of the country. Over Northeast India, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura are likely to witness similar weather conditions during the next 6 days.