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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed sadness on the loss of lives due to an accident in Gonda, Uttar Pradesh. In a social media post, Mr Modi expressed condolences to those who have lost their loved ones in the mishap. The Prime Minister said, an ex-gratia of two lakh rupees from Prime Minister's National Relief Fund will be given to the next of kin of each deceased. He said, the injured would be given 50 thousand rupees. In Uttar Pradesh, at least 11 people lost their lives and four others were injured in a road accident in Gonda this morning. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also expressed grief over the accident, and announced an ex-gratia of five lakh rupees for the families of the deceased.

The Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla, has commissioned India's 1st Make-in-India Green Hydrogen Plant in the port sector at Kandla. The Port Authority said, it is a powerful stride towards the Net Zero vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In a social media post, Mr Modi said, this is a commendable effort, championing sustainability and powering the Net-Zero vision.

The Election Commission has doubled the remuneration for Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and enhanced the remuneration of BLO Supervisors involved in the preparation and revision of electoral rolls. In a statement, the poll body informed that as per the revised structure, the annual remuneration for BLOs has been doubled from six thousand rupees to twelve thousand rupees. Additionally, the incentive for BLOs for the revision of electoral rolls has been increased from one thousand rupees to two thousand rupees.

Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein attended the Itanagar Zonal Final of the Battle of Minds 2.0 Quiz Competition held at the State Banquet Hall, Itanagar yesterday evening. Addressing the gathering, the Deputy CM expressed his delight at the overwhelming response to the initiative. He informed that from just 53 teams in its inaugural edition to an impressive 343 school teams this year, the growth of Battle of Minds reflects the rising intellectual curiosity and competitive spirit among our students.

Mein was joined by Minister, Sports & Youth Affairs, Kento Jini, Advisor to Minister Sports & Youth Affairs, Chau Zingnu Namchoom, Secretary Sports & Youth Affairs, Abu Tayeng, Director Sports,

Tadar Appa, and Director, Youth Affairs, Ramesh Linggi, among others.

Under the Vibrant Village Programme, the Department of Horticulture, Tawang organized a horticultural input distribution programme for three villages under the Pamakhar Circle of Lungla Sub-Division at the DHO Office, Tawang yesterday. The programme was attended by Assistant Commissioner Tawang, Tenzin Jambey along with District Horticulture Officer, Sub-Divisional Horticulture Officer and other officials from the Horticulture Department. A total of 24 beneficiaries from the identified villages attended the program.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued a Red alert for Papumpare and Lohit district and Orange alert for East Kameng, Kurung Kumey, Pakke Kessang, Namsai and Longding district in Arunachal Pradesh. MCI has predicted thunderstorm with lightning and very heavy rain very likely at isolated places. Additionally, a yellow alert has been issued for the remaining districts.

The All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union has made a strong appeal to the public, political leaders, and bureaucrats to desist from interfering in the posting and transfer process of teachers under the Directorate of Secondary Education and the Directorate of Elementary Education. In a press conference held at the Arunachal Press Club, AAPSU General Secretary Ritum Tali emphasized that the deployment of teachers including PGTs, TGTs, PRTs, and PETs is being carried out in the larger interest of students' education and must remain free from personal or political manipulation. Meanwhile, AAPSU has appreciated Education Minister P.D. Sona for initiating the integration and restructuring of government schools, expressing hope that the reforms will yield visible improvements in the years ahead.

MMA fighter from Arunachal, Sonam Zomba has won the MFN 17 Strawweight Championship Title by defeating Russian fighter Anna Safeeva at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi yesterday. In response to the news, Chief Minister Pema Khandu has lauded Sonam for her phenomenal win at MFN 17. In a social media post Khandu said that the historic win is a moment of glory for the entire state and an inspiration for young athletes across the region.

Deepak Nabam, the founder of Deepak Nabam Living Home has been invited as a special guest by the President of India to attend the Independence Day "At Home" reception at Rashtrapati

Bhavan on August 15 next. While accepting the invitation, Nabam has thanked the President for recognising his humble efforts.