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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today released the 20th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme from his parliamentary constituency, Varanasi, in Uttar Pradesh. In this instalment, 20,500 crore rupees were disbursed to over nine crore seventy lakh farmers. With this release, the total disbursement under the scheme since its inception has surpassed 3.90 lakh crore rupees. Under the scheme, a financial benefit of 6,000 rupees per year is transferred in three equal instalments into the Aadhaar-linked bank accounts of farmers through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein today attended the Sampoonnata Abhiyaan Samman Samaroh at the DK Convention Centre in Itanagar. The event was jointly organised by the Planning & Investment Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, and NITI Aayog to recognise outstanding achievements under the Aspirational District and Aspirational Block Programmes. Mein hailed Namsai district's remarkable progress, rising from 97th to 12th position among India's Aspirational Districts. He congratulated awardees from the Aspirational District and Block Programmes and specially commended the DC, Namsai, and BDO, Chongkham, for achieving 100% saturation in key indicators across blocks like Chongkham and Lekang. On the occasion, Mein launched the "Akanksha Haat", a week-long celebration aimed at empowering self-help groups and promoting grassroots economy.

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the District Urban Development Agency (DUDA), Roing has begun using recorded cleanliness messages in Idu Mishmi, an endangered tribal dialect, as part of its routine waste collection drives. Moving away from loudspeakers blaring music, DUDA's garbage collection vehicles now broadcast awareness messages in the local language, urging citizens to maintain hygiene. Chief Minister Pema Khandu has lauded the initiative, calling it a meaningful blend of cultural preservation and public service.

The National Film Development Corporation of India (NFDC), under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, has launched a fully residential 8-month training program in 3D Animation and Visual Effects (VFX) exclusively for youth from the Northeastern

states. Open to individuals from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura, the program aims to equip 100 selected candidates with industry-relevant skills. The training, to be conducted in collaboration with Aptech Ltd, will take place at NFDC's Ghaziabad facility, and includes six months of classroom learning followed by two months of industry exposure. Applicants must register by August 15, 2025, via <https://skill.nfdcindia.com/Specialproject>.

Arunachal Pradesh Health Minister Biyuram Wahge has highlighted the potential of drone technology in delivering medical supplies to the state's remote areas. Speaking after attending the International Drone Expo in Delhi, Wahge noted that drones could revolutionize emergency healthcare delivery. He cited ongoing collaborations with Tech Eagle and Redwing as key steps toward tech-driven outreach.

Noted litterateur, Padma Shri awardee Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi has been honoured with the prestigious Taburam Taid Literary Award-2025 for his significant contribution in the field of tribal literature. The Taburam Taid Memorial Trust (TTM-Trust), led by Assam's Education Minister Dr Ranoj Pegu, conferred the award on him in a function organized at Gogamukh in Dhemaji district on Friday. The TTM-Trust has taken up the initiative to preserve the wisdom of Professor Taburam Taid, who was an educationist, linguist cum artist, and pioneer of modern Mising literature.

The Naharlagun Police has detained 16 individuals for violating Inner Line Permit (ILP) regulations during a week-long drive. The crackdown, led by Naharlagun SP Dr Nyelam Nega, targeted labour camps, construction sites, and roadside establishments. In this regard, non-FIR cases were registered under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation (BEFR) Act, 1873, and the violators were externed by the Executive Magistrate. Meanwhile, authorities have urged employers to verify the ILP status of all workers and reaffirmed that such drives will continue to uphold the demographic and legal safeguards of Arunachal Pradesh.

Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued range alert for East Kameng, Pakke Kessang, Papum Pare, Lower Siang, West Siang, and Siang districts in Arunachal Pradesh. The Met office has predicted thunderstorms with lightning, and very heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places. Additionally, a yellow alert has been issued for 15 districts.