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1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates India's first bamboo-based bio-refinery at Golaghat district in Assam.
2. Deputy Commissioner of Peren issues Travel Advisory in view of multiple landslides along Mhainamtsi-Pimla road.
3. Principal Secretary Y. Kikheto Sema calls for social justice and inclusive development.
4. Union Minister Amit Shah inaugurates 5th All India Rajbhasha Sammelan; urges respect for Mother Tongues.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that India is on a mission to become Atmanirbhar in the energy sector and is reducing dependence on foreign fuels. He inaugurated India's first bamboo-based bio-refinery at Golaghat district this afternoon. Addressing a huge public rally on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that India will harness its deepwater energy resources and strengthen energy self-reliance and this bio-ethanol plant is one step towards that goal. Mr. Modi also laid the foundation stone of a polypropylene unit at the refinery.

Earlier in the day, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stones of Darrang Medical College, Nursing College, and GNM School in Darrang district. He also

virtually launched the construction of a new bridge over the Brahmaputra River, connecting Guwahati's Narengi and Darrang's Kuruwa and the Guwahati Ring Road project from the same venue. Addressing people at Mangaldoi in Darrang district, Prime Minister said India is the fastest growing country in the world and Assam has become one of the fastest growing states in the country. Mr. Modi said the country is moving ahead unitedly to build a developed India and North East has a very big role in the achievement of this resolution.

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Deputy Commissioner of Peren, Hiazu Meru has issued Travel Advisory in view of multiple landslides along Mhainamtsi-Pimla road due to incessant rain. According to the Advisory, light vehicles, both going and coming along the Mhainamtsi - Pimla road, will be allowed from 6.00 A.M. to 6.00 P.M. Heavy vehicles, upto Six-Wheelers, moving upward from Pimla to Mhainamtsi will be permitted from 6.00 P.M. to 12.00 A.M. While Heavy vehicles, upto Six-Wheelers, moving downward from Mhainamtsi to Pimla will be permitted from 12.00 A.M. to 6.00 A.M. All travelers and transporters have been directed to co-operate with the routes and timing to ensure smooth and uninterrupted movement.

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Due to heavy rainfall, multiple landslides have been reported on National Highway-29 and the alternative by-pass roads connecting Dimapur and Kohima, rendering these routes impassable. In view of this, the All Nagaland Taxi Association, Wokha Unit has advised its members to use the alternate route via Wokha - Marachu (Merapani) to reach Dimapur. It has also instructed taxi operators to strictly adhere to the RTA-approved fare rates for passengers, cautioning that overcharging will not be tolerated.

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Principal Secretary of Law & Justice, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Y. Kikheto Sema, has called for social justice and inclusive development. Speaking at the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Merhulietisa Sumi Community in Kohima yesterday, he stressed on social upliftment, equal distribution of power, development and resources. Highlighting challenges of societies that continue to struggle economically, politically and socially, he appealed to the Tribal communities, civil societies and the church to extend support, and embrace the spirit of togetherness.

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah emphasized the need to make Hindi more flexible with time and to foster its coexistence with regional languages. Inaugurating Hindi Day and the 5th All India Rajbhasha Sammelan at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar today, the Union Minister has called upon citizens to respect their mother tongue while also supporting Hindi.

Mr. Shah said the Central Government has introduced initiatives like the Sarathi Platform and Hindi Shabd Sindhu Kosh to make Hindi more accessible. The Union Minister underlined that Hindi should not remain only a language of conversation, but should also become the language of science, technology, justice, and policing.

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An earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale hit Assam and parts of northeast India today. According to the Assam State Disaster Management authority, the tremor was recorded at 4:41 pm with its epicenter in Udalguri district. No immediate loss of lives or damage to property has been reported till the time of filing this report. The tremors were also felt in neighbouring countries of Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh.

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Under the Next Generation GST reforms, the government has provided relief to the common man through the significant tax reduction in the healthcare sector. Health and life insurance premiums, which earlier attracted 18 per cent GST, have now been made completely tax-free. This move is expected to lower costs for policyholders and encourage wider insurance coverage across the country. The government has also waived off taxes on 36 life saving drugs used for the treatment of cancer and severe chronic diseases. Along with that, the GST has been slashed down from the earlier 12 percent slab to 5 percent on various medicines and medical equipments like gauze, bandages, diagnostic kits, glucometers and thermometers. These transformative GST reforms are expected to strengthen the healthcare system across the nation, by lowering the cost of medical services for the people.

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The Supreme Court is slated to hear a suo motu case registered over the lack of functional CCTV cameras in police stations across the country, tomorrow. A Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta took cognisance of a media report which revealed that 11 people had died in police custody in Rajasthan in the first eight months of 2025, seven of them in the Udaipur division alone. The news report also pointed out that many remand rooms in police stations are outside the range of CCTV cameras and that police often withhold footage citing technical faults, lack of storage, ongoing investigations or legal restrictions. The Supreme Court has earlier mandated installation of CCTV cameras in police stations to maintain transparency and to curb instances of custodial torture. It had directed that no part of a police station be left uncovered and that footage be preserved for at least 18 months in digital or network video recorders.

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The Wokha District Table Tennis Championship and Inter-School Table Tennis Championship 2025 concluded at Don Bosco Youth Centre last evening. Speaking at the closing ceremony, Advisor to the Chief Minister, Dr. Chumben Murry, highlighted on the importance of sports as a potential avenue for

employment for young people. He encouraged players to take their training seriously and called on associations to nurture emerging talent. Dr. Murry also highlighted upcoming projects in the district, including the long-awaited football ground.

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