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The Union Cabinet has approved a new Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters, offering 100 per cent credit guarantee to exporters, including MSMEs. This scheme will provide up to ₹20,000 crore in additional credit, strengthening liquidity and enhancing India's competitiveness. Briefing media about Cabinet's decisions in New Delhi yesterday, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, the scheme aims to support India's one trillion dollar export target and promote the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. In another decision, the Cabinet has revised royalty rates for key minerals like caesium, graphite, rubidium, and zirconium. The Union Cabinet also approved a flagship initiative the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) with an outlay of over 25 thousand crore rupees to strengthen India's export competitiveness, particularly for MSMEs, first-time exporters, and labour-intensive sectors.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General Retd. KT Parnaik, yesterday participated in the Bharat Parv 2025, a part of 150th birth anniversary commemoration of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the iconic Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, Gujarat. The Governor said that Gujarat, the land of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, holds a special place in Arunachal Pradesh's civic and youth initiatives. His foresight and the decisive steps taken by Major Bob Khating ensured that Tawang remains an integral part of India, a legacy that continues to guide Arunachal Pradesh's sense of belonging and national pride. The Governor also highlighted Arunachal's progress. He called for a joint partnership of the States of Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat for mutual benefits and common commitment to nation-building.

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein today attended the first-ever Annual Review Meeting of the Hydropower Development Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, at the Golden Jubilee Banquet Hall, Itanagar. During the occasion the new logo of the Department of Hydro Power Development, GoAP was also unveiled with the tagline "Powering Progress, Naturally". In a social media post Mr. Mein shared, the new Logo is inspired by the rising sun, flowing rivers, strong dams, and connecting power lines, it reflects the belief that true progress must flow in harmony with nature.

Together, these elements symbolize the strength of Arunachal Pradesh as a land where nature and progress coexist in perfect balance.

The meeting brings together key officials and stakeholders to assess ongoing projects, streamline coordination, and chart the roadmap for harnessing Arunachal Pradesh's vast hydropower potential.

Home Minister Mama Natung yesterday inaugurated the 2nd Edition of the District Level Lt. Tako Dabi Memorial Football Tournament 2025 at the Daying Ering Memorial Football Stadium, Nari, Lower Siang District. Addressing the gathering, Mr. Natung emphasizing on the importance of sports and youth empowerment, urged the younger generation to utilize the various government initiatives for sportspersons, inspiring them with the slogan, "Drug chhodiye, khel se jodiye." He highlighted Arunachal Pradesh's growing prominence in sports, calling it "a sporting powerhouse of the country". A total of 13 teams are competing in the tournament and it will conclude on 18th November. During his visit, Home Minister Natung also inaugurated the newly constructed Police Station building at Nari.

As part of the ongoing celebration of "Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh," a plantation drive was organized in Arunachal Pradesh under the initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, in collaboration with the Tribal Research Institute, today. The event was graced by Kento Jini, Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment and Tribal Affairs, along with the Yumlam Kaha Director of SJETA. The Minister also visited and inspected the ongoing construction of the Tribal Research Institute office at Senki View, Itanagar, and informed that the new TRI office is expected to be inaugurated within the next three months. The Minister urged the contingency staff to work with dedication.

East Siang Police has launched 'Project Muskaan', a dedicated child safety initiative aimed at empowering children with knowledge, building trust between police and students, and ensuring effective mechanisms for prevention, reporting, and response to any form of abuse or exploitation. Under this initiatives Interactive school sessions will be conducted to sensitize students on various topics associated with their safety, Awareness on POCSO Act and Child Rights Online/Cyber Safety, Bullying Prevention & Peer Respect, Set-up a child-friendly communication line for reporting concerns, and to equip police personnel with skills for child-friendly communication and effective outreach, and many others.

Keeping in view the growing cases of Juveniles driving motor vehicles without driving license within the Itanagar Capital Region, in violation of Section 199A of the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act 2019, the superintendent of Police Traffic, ICR has issued a public notice to parents,

guardians and vehicle owners with strict warning not to allow any person below the age of 18 years to drive or operate any motor vehicle, failing which strict legal action will be taken as per the motor vehicle Act. In addition, it also directed Principals of schools, and Educational Institutes within ICR to inform the students, and also discourage underage driving through awareness and counselling programmes.