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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on a two-day visit to Bhutan beginning tomorrow. During the visit, Modi and the King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, will inaugurate the one thousand twenty megawatt Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project. The project is jointly developed by India and Bhutan. The Prime Minister will attend the celebrations dedicated to the 70th birth anniversary of Fourth King of Bhutan, Jigme Singye Wangchuck, and also meet his counterpart Tshering Tobgay.

As part of the preparatory activities for the upcoming Panchayat and Municipal Elections 2025, the State Election Commission of Arunachal Pradesh today successfully conducted a one-day state level training programme for District Level Master Trainers at the DK Convention Centre, Itanagar. Addressing the trainees, State Election Commissioner Rinchin Tashi emphasized the crucial role of Master Trainers in ensuring free, fair, and transparent elections through effective and meticulous training of polling personnel. He urged trainers to be well-versed with all relevant Acts, Rules, and procedures, and to conduct hands-on mock exercises on ballot handling and statutory forms.

Indian Consul General at Shanghai in China, Pratik Mathur today welcomed the first batch of passengers arriving from New Delhi as direct commercial flights between the two countries officially resumed after five years. The Indian consulate in a social media post said, India is emerging as a Global Hub as people-to-people ties grow stronger. The move marks a significant step in restoring normal travel and trade links between the two Asian neighbours. Flights between India and China were suspended since early 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent diplomatic tensions.

Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman today chaired the first Pre-Budget consultation meeting with country's leading economists in New Delhi for the upcoming Union Budget 2026-27. The meeting was attended by the Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, along with the Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India and senior officers from the Department of Economic Affairs.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla today inaugurated the 22nd Annual Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region Zone-III, at the Nagaland Legislative Assembly in Kohima. In his inaugural address, Birla said the North Eastern region is known for its rich culture, diversity, and strong democratic values. He noted that the region is progressing as a vibrant democracy with continuous improvements in connectivity, infrastructure, and emerging opportunities. The Speaker lauded the North Eastern Legislative Assemblies for their unity and for framing policies suited to regional needs, paving the way for prosperity and progress.

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said that Urban cooperative banks should come forward to empower the aspiring youth and underprivileged sections of society. Inaugurating the Co-op Kumbh 2025, an International Conference on the Urban Cooperative Credit Sector in New Delhi today, Shah said, National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies Limited, NAFCUB and urban organisations should issue moral guidelines based on which every urban cooperative bank should redesign its financial structure.

Three staff members of Sainik School, Niglok in East Siang district have been arrested in connection with the death of a 12-year-old cadet on November 1 last. East Siang district Superintendent of Police Pankaj Lamba said the arrests followed examination of witness statements and forensic evidence. The boy, a Class 7 student, allegedly died by suicide and had messaged his sister claiming he was being "tortured by seniors." Earlier, police had detained eight students, all juveniles, in the case investigations are ongoing.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has said that the State Cabinet has approved a bill to ban polygamy. The Bill will be called 'The Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill, 2025', and it will be tabled in the assembly on the 25th of this month for passage. The Bill prohibits any individual from marrying if they already have a living spouse, are not legally separated, or if a decree of divorce has not dissolved their earlier marriage. Sarma said, government will also create a new fund to compensate the women victims of polygamy so that they do not face hardship in continuing with their lives.

Capital Complex FC has emerged as the champions of the Indrajit Namchoom Arunachal League 2025, marking a remarkable

achievement in the state's football circuit. Congratulating the team, Chief Minister Pema Khandu praised CCFC for their exceptional performance and unwavering determination throughout the tournament. "By clinching the Indrajit Namchoom Arunachal League 2025 title, CCFC have shown what commitment, hard work and belief can achieve," Khandu said in a congratulatory message. He also congratulated the runners-up Subansiri United FC.

The first-ever Monyul Super League, presented by Durex The Birds and Bees Talk and organised by the Tawang District Sports Association, was inaugurated at the Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso High Altitude Stadium, Tawang yesterday, marking a new milestone in promoting football in the region. The opening ceremony was graced by MLAs Phurpa Tsering, Tsering Lhamu, Namgey Tsering, former MLA Tsering Tashi, football icon Bhaichung Bhutia, senior Army officers, and Bollywood personalities Daisy Shah and Supriya Pathak. Bhutia kicked off the tournament, lauding the initiative for nurturing young talent. Seven teams from Tawang and West Kameng districts are participating, with the final scheduled for November 25.