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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new terminal building of the Lokapriya Gopinath Bardoloi International Airport in Guwahati, Assam this afternoon. He also unveiled an 80-foot statue of Assam's first Chief Minister, Gopinath Bardoloi, outside the new terminal of the airport named after him. The Prime Minister arrived in Guwahati on a two-day visit to Assam. During his visit, Modi will inaugurate and unveil several projects worth around 15,600 crore rupees and address public meetings. The Prime Minister earlier in the day laid the foundation stone and inaugurated two National Highway projects worth around 3,200 crore rupees at Ranaghat in Nadia district of West Bengal. The projects will serve as a vital connecting link between Kolkata and Siliguri.

The People's Party of Arunachal (PPA) today wrested the Pasighat Municipal Council (PMC) from the BJP in a major upset, winning five of eight wards to secure a clear majority. BJP won two seats, while one went to an Independent. The result is seen as a setback for BJP in East Siang district and a morale boost for PPA. In contrast, the BJP retained power in the Itanagar Municipal Corporation (IMC), securing 14 of 20 wards, including four uncontested seats. New entrant Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), LJP (RV), won two seats, NCP three and one seat went to an Independent. The Congress failed to open its account in both civic bodies. Notably, 11 women were elected in Itanagar and four in Pasighat. Rejoicing the party's resounding victory in the IMC elections, the Arunachal Pradesh BJP said, the mandate reflects the people's continued trust in its leadership, vision and governance in the state capital. The party expressed gratitude to the people of Itanagar for their support and reaffirmed its commitment to development-oriented, transparent and people-centric municipal governance in the capital region.

Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt Gen (Retd.) KT Parnaik today graced the 8th Convocation of Himalayan University at its Jollang campus as chief guest and conferred gold, silver and bronze medals on meritorious students. A total of 621 graduates, including PhD scholars, were awarded degrees. Congratulating the students, the Governor described them as the pride of the state and the nation, and urged them to serve society with integrity, compassion and a spirit of lifelong learning. Highlighting the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047, he stressed ethical and responsible

innovation in emerging fields such as artificial intelligence, renewable energy and biotechnology.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Friday reviewed the progress of the Itanagar–Banderdewa NH-415 Package-B project and directed executing agencies to ensure time-bound completion with assured quality. Expressing concern over delays and poor road conditions, Khandu said the prolonged work has caused hardship to commuters, especially during monsoon. He instructed that the 11.5-km stretch from Papu Nallah to Nirjuli be made fully trafficable and safe within the ongoing winter season. Emphasising that the road is a vital lifeline for the capital region, the Chief Minister warned against negligence, called for strict accountability and assured close monitoring to deliver smooth and reliable connectivity.

A MoU was signed on Thursday for the revival of the 144 MW Gongri Hydroelectric Project, marking the first restoration under Arunachal Pradesh's new policy for terminated large hydropower projects, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein said. Located near Dirang in West Kameng district, the project involves an investment of about Rs 1,700 crore and will be implemented by M/s Patel Engineering Limited under the BOOT model for a 40-year lease period. The developer has committed to commission the project within 48 months, targeting commercial operation by December 2029. The revival is expected to boost power generation, infrastructure and employment in the state.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein on Friday said the cultural and political history of Arunachal Pradesh's indigenous people remains largely undocumented even after five decades of statehood. Speaking at the inaugural session of a three-day international seminar at RIWATCH, Roing, he called for institutional efforts to document and disseminate indigenous history and knowledge systems for wider audiences. Mein stressed the need for positive and authentic indigenous narratives reflecting the richness and resilience of tribal cultures, while safeguarding traditions. He also emphasised documentation and digitalisation of ancient manuscripts, saying RIWATCH can play a key role in preserving indigenous knowledge for future generations.

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has highlighted that substantial progress has been made over the past 11 years in developing next-generation infrastructure. Shah made these remarks while addressing the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India

(CREDAI) National Conclave 2025 in New Delhi yesterday. He said, several flagship initiatives including National Infrastructure Pipeline, Bharatmala, Sagarmala, and Parvatmala have significantly strengthened urban development and laid out a clear roadmap to position India among the world's leading infrastructure countries. He added that these initiatives have delivered positive and tangible results.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has congratulated Taba Ampu on winning Papumpare's Got Talent – Season 2. Lauding the platform for showcasing the immense talent and creativity of the youth, the Chief Minister also extended his best wishes to all winners and participants. Encouraging young artistes, Khandu urged them to believe in themselves, continue honing their skills and remain culturally rooted while pursuing their dreams.

That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar