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Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal said that, in recent years the North East has become a centre stage of development in the country. Addressing the media in New Delhi today, the Minister said that the region has seen a speedy growth across the sectors including connectivity and communication through various policies and programs implemented by the central government.

Union Minister of Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya Scindia on his first day of three-day visit to Nagaland, today said that with 10 percent of the gross budgetary support amounting to over a lakh Crore Rupees annually being directed to the Northeast, numerous developmental projects have been implemented, unlocking the potential of what the Prime Minister calls Ashta Lakshmi, the eight states of the Northeast. He said, the Act East, Act Fast, and Act First policy, has yielded significant dividends for the region.

Arunachal Pradesh, Governor Lt. General Retd. KT Parnaik, visited Sainik School, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh, today, marking an emotional homecoming to his alma mater and the institution where he was part of the first batch in 1962. Addressing the cadets, the Governor reminded them that true leadership lies in communication, empathy, collaboration, and the ability to influence others with integrity, skills that will be essential as they step forward to serve the nation and contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Secretary Manish Kumar Gupta, undertook a comprehensive review of major infrastructure assets in Anini on the third and final day of his official tour to Dibang Valley, today. The Chief Secretary inspected the newly constructed Mini Secretariat, the District Hospital, the Panchayat Guest House-cum-Heritage Centre, and the Krishi Vigyan Kendras. The visit focused on assessing infrastructure readiness, quality of execution, and the functional integration of these facilities into the district's administrative and public service ecosystem. Similarly, yesterday, the Chief Secretary reviewed the progress of major ongoing projects with particular emphasis on flagship initiatives under the Vibrant Village Programme.

Maji Chokar, Member of the Arunachal Pradesh State Food Commission, during his visit Ziro on Wednesday, convened a detailed

review meeting. The discussion focused on PDS, Mid-Day Meal Scheme, food hygiene, transportation challenges and the effective implementation of Central and State food security schemes, along with the interventions required to strengthen delivery mechanisms. Mr. Chokar further informed that the government is planning to introduce age-specific food testing facilities at the district level, particularly keeping in mind the nutritional needs of children under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme. He urged all departments to intensify public awareness and outreach efforts so that eligible beneficiaries fully benefit from government interventions.

In Tawang, Prince Dhawan, Executive Director, Project Management Division of the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (PMD-RDSS), REC Limited, yesterday conducted a comprehensive review of the RDSS implementation in Arunachal Pradesh during a high-level meeting. He stressed on prioritising the completion of smart metering in all 42 identified towns of the state. During the meeting, the Executive Director issued several pivotal instructions to fast-track statewide RDSS progress.

A coordination meeting with all contesting candidates and representatives of political parties under the Zilla Parishad Constituency (ZPC) and Gram Panchayat segments of Tezu was convened on Wednesday at Tezu, Lohit District. The meeting was chaired by Shri Sotailum Bellai, Returning Officer (RO) for 2-Tezu Zilla Parishad Constituency, who reviewed the district-level preparations. He also urged government officers on election duty to apply for Voter on Election Duty (VED) within the stipulated timeline.

Union Minister of Women and Child Development (WCD) Annpurna Devi today launched the 100-Day Intensive Awareness Campaign for a Child Marriage Free Bharat in New Delhi, marking the first anniversary of the Bal Vivah Mukta Bharat campaign. Speaking on the occasion, WCD Minister Annpurna Devi said that the government has set a target to make India Child Marriage Free by 2030. She further noted that, with the active participation of society, communities, and citizens, the country is steadily progressing towards becoming Bal Vivah Mukta Bharat.

South Mizoram's Lunglei district on Wednesday was honoured with the National Award in the 'Best District' category for its outstanding work in the effective implementation of the Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan) and for its achievements in creating a barrier-free environment. Lunglei district administration has emerged as a national model for accessibility and inclusion through its flagship initiative

“Project LEAP”- Lunglei’s Empowerment for Access and Equity for All Persons.

The Ministry of Science and technology highlighted a new study providing the first clear evidence that Nanoplastics from single-use PET bottles harm gut bacteria, blood stability, and cellular function. The Ministry also underlined that these Nanoplastics cause DNA damage, oxidative stress, and inflammatory responses upon prolonged exposure. The study also showed that Nano-plastics are nowadays increasingly found in food, water, and even the human body.