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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in first leg of his visit to Assam, participated in the Bagurumba Dwhou 2026, Traditional Bodo Cultural Programme at Arjun Bhogeswar Baruah Sports Complex in Guwahati. Tomorrow, PM Modi will perform Bhoomi Pujan for the Kaziranga Elevated Corridor Project worth over 6,950 crore rupees at Kaliabor in Nagaon district at around 11 am. He will also flag off 2 New Amrit Bharat Express trains – Kamakhya-Rohtak Amrit Bharat Express and Dibrugarh-Gomti Nagar Amrit Bharat Express. Prime Minister will also address a public meeting at Kaliabor before concluding his Assam visit.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu unveiled the BOGUM LWWNV, the statue of Ato Bogum, descendant of Abo Tani, at the 6th Bogum Ao Foundation General Conference–2026 at Likabali, Lower Siang district. The CM urged the Galo community to actively use their mother tongues at home and in public functions, saying language is the foundation of every society and essential for preserving cultural identity and values. He also called for unity among the Galo clans, preservation of traditions and indigenous institutions, and collective efforts to curb social evils and guide youth towards the right path.

Arunachal Pradesh has been ranked Best Performer for developing a strong Startup Ecosystem by The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India. The Best Performer Award represents the highest recognition under the National Startup Ranking Framework. This year, only three States, Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, and Goa, have received this honour, placing Arunachal firmly among India's leading and most promising startup ecosystems.

The bodies of both Kerala tourists who died in an ice collapse incident at Sela Lake in Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh were recovered on Saturday. The victims were B Prakash (26) and Mahadev (24). The tragedy occurred on Friday when a seven-member tourist group walked onto the frozen lake for sightseeing. The ice suddenly cracked, causing two members to fall into the water. Rescue operations resumed Saturday morning to recover the second body.

Meanwhile, State Tourism Minister Pasang Dorjee Sona has expressed grief and conveyed condolences to the families. He urged

visitors to strictly follow safety advisories and warning signs around frozen high-altitude lakes to prevent such tragedies in the future.

Arunachal Pradesh MP Tapir Gao, responding to a question about claims made by some political figures and groups in Bangladesh regarding dividing the Northeast, said sometimes an empty vessel makes much noise. He added that Bangladesh's economic, political, and social situation is distorted, and for survival, it is making claims to divide the Northeast from India. Mr Gao stated that the Northeast now has well-connected air, rail, and road networks, and no matter how much Bangladesh dreams of division, it will not be possible.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein briefed the media on the Viksit Bharat G RAM G Act at the Namsai BJP Office. He said it prioritizes sustainable asset creation in areas such as water management, connectivity, agriculture support, and disaster preparedness, ensuring long term benefits for rural communities. The initiative is designed to move villages beyond subsistence towards self reliance, employment generation, and economic resilience, the Deputy CM said.

Of two Assam tourists injured in a motorcycle accident at Wakka in Longding district, one got severely wounded was rescued and provided timely and effective emergency care, by Emergency Pre-Hospital Care 108 Team. The patient was successfully stabilized and safely handed over to AMCH Dibrugarh for further treatment.

The students of Government Higher Secondary School, Mechuka, Shi Yomi district, during their recent National Integration Tour, visited INS Chennai, INS Sindhuraj, Mumbai Naval Dockyard, Byculla Zoo, Film City and the Gateway of India. The visit provided the students with a rare opportunity to witness India's Naval prowess, close encounters with animals and gain insight into the world of filmmaking.

Three senior archers from the Tawang District Archery Association, representing Arunachal Pradesh at the ongoing Khelo India Inter-SAI National Archery Championship 2025-2026 in Kolkata, secured bronze medals in the Senior Boys' Team event. Additionally, the Sub-Junior Girls' Team from Arunachal clinched bronze, bringing immense pride to the state.