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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today laid the foundation stone of Kaziranga Elevated Corridor Project, worth over six thousand 950 crore rupees at Kaliabor, Nagaon district in Assam. He said the 86 kilometre long Corridor project is an environmentally conscious National Highway project. Speaking at the launch of development works in Kaliabor, Mr Modi said that Kaziranga is not merely a national park but the soul of Assam. He Modi also flagged off Kamakhya-Rohtak Amrit Bharat Express and Dibrugarh-Lucknow (Gomti Nagar) Amrit Bharat Express trains. Furthermore, PM Modi inaugurated, laid the foundation stone and flagged off various development projects worth more than 830 crore rupees at Hooghly district's Singur in West Bengal. He also laid the foundation stone of the Extended Port Gate System at Balagarh, including an Inland Water Transport IWT terminal and a Road Over Bridge.

RWD Minister P D Sona chaired a circle level review meeting of Rupa circle to assess the progress of PMGSY & VVP road projects. Emphasis on timely execution with uncompromised quality was laid, as the roads are vital for rural connectivity and public convenience. The Minister informed to ensure accountability, an agreement has been executed between the Department and the contractor, wherein the contractor undertakes and guarantees completion of work within the stipulated timeframe and as per prescribed quality standards. He made it clear that any contractor failing to complete the work on time will be terminated from the project and debarred from participating in future tenders. Mr Sona said focus remains on delivering durable infrastructure with transparency, efficiency, and public consent.

Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture Gabriel D Wangsu conducted an extensive, day-long survey of multiple ongoing construction sites across Chubam circle of Longding district. He also reviewed the progress firsthand and addressed on-ground challenges to prevent delays and ensure quality execution of vital projects. Mr. Wangsu said that the visit offered valuable insights into projects that will enhance connectivity, improve market access, and strengthen educational infrastructure for our people.

Wangki Lowang, Minister for Environment & Forests, hosted Padma Shri awardee and eminent Assam historian Prof Jogendra Nath Phukan for a three-day heritage tour of Tirap district. He was accompanied by his

research team. During the tour, the delegation visited Sumsi village to examine a site believed to be the burial place of the Rajmao (the King's mother) of the 20th Ahom king, Jayadhwaj Singha. At Namsang village, they examined five ancient scripted earthen pots known as Ngolo or Kolo. One inscription was deciphered as Mohong, meaning "salt" in Tai Ahom language, indicating their association with traditional salt storage or production. The pots remained undeciphered until this visit. At Subang village, the team inspected the historic salt well Moran Sum, developed for tourism in 2019.

The ZPC and ZPMs of East Siang district along with Chief Councillor and Councillors of Pasighat Municipal Council made a courtesy call on RD & PR Minister Ojing Tasing. They exchanged views on local issues, development priorities, and ways to further strengthen coordination between the government and grassroots institutions. Mr. Tasing said such engagements are always vital in understanding on-ground realities and working collectively for overall progress and welfare of the people.

In line with administrative directives, schools across Changlang district were visited to assess syllabus progress, learning environments, and facilities. The effectiveness of welfare services, including the Mid-Day Meal scheme was also evaluated. Additionally, cyber safety sessions were held alongside inspections, teaching students responsible online behaviour, social media awareness, and safer technology use across the district.

Like Ete, from Darka village in West Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh, has been selected in the U-17 National Football Team.