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Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded the successful commissioning of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited's Residue Upgradation Facility at the Visakh Refinery in Andhra Pradesh. Sharing a social media post of Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, the Prime Minister said that this state-of-the-art facility adds momentum to the nation's efforts to boost energy independence, aligning with the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. He added that it is a decisive leap in Bharat's journey towards energy security and self-reliance. In his social media post, Mr. Puri highlighted that the facility is a masterpiece of indigenous engineering, housing three LC-Max reactors, all fabricated and assembled within Bharat.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu said the state government has constituted a committee for re-assessment of land compensation related to the Lada-Sarli frontier highway issue and that the case has already been registered with the Anti-Corruption Bauru. Reacting to demands for a CBI or ED probe, the Chief Minister while addressing the media at the BJP Office in Itanagar said that strict action would be taken against anyone found guilty after due investigation. He clarified that central agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate and the Central Bureau of Investigation are independent bodies and the state government cannot direct them to take up a case.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein on Monday highlighted the transformative impact of the Centre's UJALA scheme, saying it has brought "meaningful change" to the lives of millions across India over the last 11 years by promoting affordable and energy-efficient lighting. Mein, who also holds the power and hydropower portfolios, said in a post on X that the large-scale adoption of LED technology under the programme has significantly reduced electricity consumption, lowered household power bills, and delivered substantial savings to citizens. Mein also stressed the environmental benefits of the initiative, saying that the scheme has curbed carbon emissions.

Fisheries Minister Gabriel Denwang Wangsu on Monday called for a special policy for hill and border states to promote cold-water fisheries, strengthen infrastructure, and improve the livelihoods of rural fishermen.

Addressing the 12th governing body meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) in Hyderabad, Wangsu supported a proposal to bring Mission Amrit Sarovar under fisheries activities for fish farming. He said convergence of fisheries programmes with the mission would help boost inland fish production and generate additional income opportunities for rural communities.

In Bangladesh, a Hindu businessman was shot dead in public by unidentified assailants in Monirampur upazila of Jessore on Monday evening, triggering panic in the area and raising fresh concerns over law and order ahead of the elections. The victim was identified as Rana Kanti Bairagi alias Rana Pratap of Arua village in neighbouring Keshabpur upazila. He owned an ice-making factory at Kapalia Bazar, where the incident took place around 5:45 pm on Monday. Rana Pratap also served as the acting editor of Narail-based daily BD Khobor. Another grocery trader Moni Chakraborty was also killed in Narsingdi district at 11 pm on Monday.

The Central Board of Secondary Education today launched Psycho-Social Counseling Support for Students to address examination-related stress. The first phase of free Psycho-Social Counseling Services for examinees of class 10th and 12th will continue till 1st of June this year. This initiative is aimed at addressing examination-related stress and emotional well-being, enabling students to approach their forthcoming exams, scheduled to begin from 17th February with confidence, balance, and mental clarity. Students can dial toll free number 1800118004 and access round-the-clock support in Hindi and English through the Interactive Voice Response System. The service provides practical guidance on stress-free preparation, effective time and stress management, responses to frequently asked questions, and important CBSE-related contact information.

Leading medical experts in the country have warned against the excessive use of antibiotics and the resulting problem of antimicrobial resistance. In his last month's Mann Ki Baat programme, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged the people to use antibiotics rationally with the proper advice of Doctors. Talking to Akashvani News, Head of the Department of Microbiology at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, AIIMS Dr. Bimal Kumar Das, asserted that many bacteria have become resistant to commonly used antibiotics, making them ineffective. Director of Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital, Dr.

Sandeep Bansal, highlighted that the issue has become so serious that the Prime Minister himself has cautioned people against the excessive use of antibiotics.

Si-Donyi Hilo Celebrated across the state with traditional fervour by Tagin believers. Colourful cultural program and ritual offerings of mithuns during the celebrations was witnessed in Si-Donyi Hilo Celebration at Daporijo, Nacho, Taliha, Dumporijo, Itanagar, Aalo, Mechuka and other places. Jiko Tako, MLA Tali Constituency, who attended as chief guest at Daporijo, while addressing the gathering, enlightened the importance of cultural preservation and promotion. He apprised the need for the preservation of rich cultural heritage beliefs and systems of the Tagin community. While Mama Natung, Minister Home and Indigenous Affairs attended as Chief guest during the Si-Donyi Hilo Celebration at Naharlagun.

**That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar**