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Director General of Border Roads, Lt General Harpal Singh, called on Governor KT Parnaik, at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. The Governor emphasized the need for further strengthening border road infrastructure, describing it as a vital lifeline that supports both national security and the well-being of frontier communities. He said that strategic roads must be executed to the highest quality standards and completed within stipulated timelines. DGBR assured that the Border Roads Organization remains fully committed to delivering its best for the state.

Roing of Lower Dibang Valley district is all set to host the 22nd National Mountain Bike Championship 2026 from 12th to 15th February, bringing together top cyclists from across the country. Around 500 riders are expected to participate in the prestigious national event. The large turnout is anticipated to make it one of the biggest cycling competitions ever hosted in the region. The event will provide significant exposure to local riders, offering them a valuable platform to compete alongside seasoned cyclists, gain experience, and showcase their talent at the national level.

Multi State Mock Exercise on earthquake disaster in Itanagar Capital Region will be held on 9th February from 10:00 am to 01:00 PM. District Disaster Management Authority has requested cooperation and issued advisory not to panic, and participate by performing "Duck-Cover-Hold".

The first pink toilet project of Lower Siang district in Arunachal Pradesh was inaugurated in Malinithan temple complex, Likabali. Inaugurating the facility, DC Rujjum Rakshap said that it should be used with certain prescribed utility norms so that it doesn't become dilapidated and abandoned with the passage of time. He hailed the department for completing the project in time without compromising with its quality. The Pink Toilet Project is a pilot project taken up by the government and executed by the Urban Affairs, Urban Development & Housing Department in the state. The project aims at promoting gender inclusivity through introducing pink toilet to enhance hygienic health status for girls.

The Entrepreneurship Development Institute, Jote, Arunachal Pradesh, concluded its first batch of the six days residential entrepreneurship skill development programme. A total of 30 participants from various parts of the district participated. As part of its practical

exposure component, participants were taken on an educational field visit to District Industries Centre, Ziro, where they visited the Naara Aaba Winery. Attending the valedictory programme, Director of Industries Gyabo Pertin motivated the aspiring entrepreneurs to continuously enhance their skills and foster a strong culture of entrepreneurship to contribute to the overall growth and development of the state.

The Northeast Frontier Railway authority has set a stoppage for speedy Rajdhani Express train connecting Upper Assam's Dibrugarh with New Delhi at North Assam's Dhemaji railway station, while it has set stoppage for Dibrugarh - Howrah bound Kamrup Express at New Sissiborgaon in the district. Rajdhani Express train (No. 20505/20506 15961) would be available at Dhemaji station for every journey. The local people of Dhemaji district and bordering Siang Valley of Arunachal Pradesh were demanding railway authority to set a stoppage of the Rajdhani Express at Dhemaji station for the convenience of local people of both states. Meanwhile, a Kamrup Express train running between Dibrugarh and Howrah also stopped at New Sissiborgaon station in Dhemaji district for the first time on Friday.

DC Tawang, Namgyal Angmo, accompanied by the DDSE Tawang, Hridar Phuntsok and Circle Officer Lhou Khoda Oniya visited Government Higher Secondary School, Lhou and inspected the ongoing examinations of Class IX and XI. The visit also included an interactive session with students of Class X and XII, where their preparation for the upcoming CBSE Examination was reviewed. As a thoughtful gesture, the DC personally distributed stationery items to the students, reinforcing the message of support and care for their academic journey.

The BCCI announced a total cash award of 7.5 Crore Rupees for the U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup winning team, technical staff and the selection committee. India beat England by 100 runs to win the ICC Under-19 Men's Cricket World Cup final at the Harare Sports Club in Harare yesterday, claiming a record-extending sixth U-19 World Cup crown.

The ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka has begun today. Pakistan won the opening match against Netherlands by three wickets. West Indies beat Scotland by 35 runs in the second match. Match between India and USA is underway at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. Winning the toss USA elected to bowl first. India were 49 for 4 in 7 overs, when the last report came in.