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Strengthening sports infrastructure in the border region, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurated a newly constructed multipurpose indoor hall-cum-volleyball stadium at Muyo in Lungla subdivision of Tawang district. Developed under the Government of India's Khelo India initiative, the facility will provide modern training amenities for indoor sports - especially volleyball - and encourage youth participation in competitive athletics.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Saturday called upon the youth of Arunachal Pradesh to take the lead in building a "Viksit Arunachal" by 2047, emphasizing informed participation, policy awareness, cultural pride and economic self-reliance. He was addressing the gathering at the 'Yuva Soch, Naya Arunachal' interactive programme organised by the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha at Tawang. On the economic front, Mr. Khandu stated that nearly 19,000 MW of projects are currently at various stages of development against a potential of over 50,000 MW. He informed that the 2,000 MW Lower Subansiri project is nearing completion, while the Dibang Multipurpose Project and the 3,097 MW Etalin project are progressing.

In further support of the MoU, 17 additional Siang Upper Multipurpose Project pro-PFR residents of Karko village submitted their consent to the Deputy Commissioner, Upper Siang District, yesterday in the office chamber of DC Bungalow, Yingkiang. With this development, the number of households supporting the Pre-Feasibility Report activities has increased to 93 out of the total 120 households. Earlier, MoU between the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the pro-residents of Karko village was signed on February 1, 2026. Out of the total 120 households of Karko village, 76 families had initially signed their consent authorising the conduct of PFR activities.

Tamla Du Festival of the Tawran (Digaru) and Kaman (Miju) Mishmi community of Arunachal is being celebrated today. During this festival, the Mishmi people offer prayers to Almighty Lord Jaab-malo and to the forces of nature, seeking good health, abundance in newly sown crops and protection

from natural calamities. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein joined the Mishmi community in celebrating the 56th Tamla Du Festival at Medo in Lohit district. He stated that Tamla Du reflects the community's deep respect for nature, faith, and traditions that have been preserved through generations.

In the third day of the 22nd National Mountain Bike Championship in Roing, Lower Dibang Valley district, Arunachal Pradesh's self-taught cyclist Jungam Kakki clinched silver medal, in the Men Junior Cross-Country Olympic category. The gold medal in the same category was won by Sonawane Yogesh from Maharashtra.

In the Men Elite Cross-Country Relay event, the Maharashtra team emerged victorious, claiming the gold medal. The Women Elite Cross-Country Olympic event saw Star Narzary from Karnataka secured the gold medal. In the Men under Cross-Country Olympic category, Thotmachan Awungshi representing the Indian Air Force claimed the gold medal. Meanwhile, in the Women Junior Cross-Country Olympic event, Sowbarnika S from Tamil Nadu won the gold medal.

The Centre has approved the construction of the country's first underwater twin tube road-cum-rail tunnel project that will be built under the Brahmaputra river in Assam. The project has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs. The infrastructure project will be developed at a cost of 18,662 crore rupees in Engineering procurement Construction mode. The stretch will connect Gohpur on NH-15 and Numaligarh on NH-715 in Assam, cutting short the distance between the two Assam cities to just 34-kilometer from the current 240-kilometer. The travel time will be now reduced to just 20 minutes from six hours. The project will provide significant benefit to Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and other North-eastern states. It will be the second underwater Road-cum-Rail tunnel in the world.

The Government has announced the launch of the PM RAHAT (Road Accident Victim Hospitalization and Assured Treatment) Scheme. Under the Scheme, every eligible road accident victim on any category of road will be entitled to cashless treatment up to 1 lakh 50 thousand rupees per victim, for a period of 7 (seven) days from the date of the accident.