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Chief Minister Pema Khandu flagged off the second edition of the Tawangchu Tides International Kayaking Championship at Tawangchu River, in Tawang district. Over 100 participants from across India and abroad are participating. The CM made special mention of Bilquis Mir, India's first female Olympic jury member in kayaking and canoeing, who attended the event. He said her presence would serve as a major inspiration for young athletes aspiring to represent the country at the Asian Games and the Olympics. The Chief Minister congratulated Arunachal's kayaking athlete Devi Dada, who won a bronze medal in the Kayak Cross event at the 38th National Games. He described her as an icon and inspiration for the state's aspiring sportspersons. He expressed confidence that Arunachal would further improve its national ranking in the upcoming 39th National Games, scheduled to be held in Meghalaya.

Arunachal East MP Tapir Gao raised the issue of mobile connectivity in Vijaynagar, a remote border area near the India-Myanmar frontier, before Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia. The Union Minister acknowledged the concern and said the Centre is committed to strengthening connectivity in frontier villages, describing Vijaynagar as the "first village of India". Mr Scindia said challenges such as RoW and environmental clearances will be addressed in coordination with the Arunachal Pradesh government, and assured joint discussions with the Chief Minister and MP to work out a sustainable solution.

Commissioner of Railway Safety of Northeast Frontier Railway accompanied by Divisional Railway Manager (Construction) of Tinsukia Parag Katre and other officials inspected the newly built 13-km stretch rail route from Murkongselek, Assam, to Sille station, Pasighat, East Siang district. Sources from NFR informed that the construction activities of the BG railway from Murkongselek to Sille station has been completed and ready for trial run. After the trial run scheduled tomorrow, Sille railway station will be commissioned.

The 22nd National Mountain Terrain Biking Championship kick started at Roing, Lower Dibang Valley district from today. It brought together top cyclists from across the country, making it one of the largest cycling events ever held in the region. The championship will go on till 15th of this month. The event is organized by Arunachal Cycling Association and the Cycling Federation of India. Mutchu Mithi, President of the Arunachal

Cycling Association and Advisor to the Minister for Home & Education, emphasized the role of national-level events in boosting youth participation and strengthening sports infrastructure.

A tragic fire incident occurred at Simong Village in Upper Siang District today at around 11:00 AM. The fire, reportedly caused by a kitchen accident, led to the death of 80 year old Tabo Danggen, while completely burned down his residential house. Alo Libang, MLA visited the site along with Talo Jerang, Deputy Commissioner, SP Token Saring and Anie Yangfo, District Disaster Management Officer. The team assessed the situation and provided immediate relief to the affected family.

The Itanagar bench of Gauhati High Court has directed state government authority to ensure smooth access of men and material supplied to silicon factory operated by M/s Aether Alloys LLP set up at Niglok Industrial Growth Centre in East Siang district. The HC, however, has listed the next date of hearing of the case on 30th April this year. The HC pursuing a writ petition filed by the CEO of M/s Aether Alloys LLP has passed an interim order on February 5 last, directing the state's Chief Secretary, East Siang DC, SP and Ruksin ADC said to be official respondents to take "all necessary steps to ensure that there is no obstruction to the ingress and egress of men and materials of the petitioner to their factory premise". The local villagers of Ruksin including leaders of the 'IGC Pollution-Affected People's Forum', alleging environmental pollution, earlier moved the government authority to close the factory and shift it from their area.

CBSE will implement on-screen marking for the evaluation of Class 12 answer books from this year. However, evaluation of class 10 answer books will continue in physical mode as before. The board has also announced Second Board Examinations in Class 10 from this year. The board informed that it will organise a Live Webcast to explain the Guidelines for the conduct of Examinations and on-screen marking tomorrow at 11 AM.

The Department of Commerce, Rajiv Gandhi University is organising international seminar titled "Industry 5.0: Sustainability and Human Interactions," from 13th to 14th February 2026 at the University. The objective is fostering academic discussion and a deeper understanding of emerging trends in sustainable and human-centric industrial development.