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Union Cabinet has today approved Investment Proposal for construction of 1200 MW Kalai-II Hydro Electric Project in Anjaw District of Arunachal Pradesh with an outlay of Rs.14105.83 crore and completion period of 78 months. Additionally, Cabinet has also approved Investment Proposal for construction of 1720 MW Kamala Hydro Electric Project in Kamle, Kra Daadi & Kurung Kumey Districts with an outlay of Rs.26,069.50 crore and completion period of 96 months.

After a fiery election campaign that concluded yesterday, poll preparations are underway in Assam, Kerala and Puducherry. A single-phase election will be held tomorrow in a total of 126 constituencies in Assam, 140 in Kerala and 30 in Puducherry. The results will be declared on May 4.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt General (Retd.) KT Parnaik, laid a wreath at the Jaswant Garh War Memorial in West Kameng district today, paying tribute to the valiant hero of the 1962 War, Rifleman Jaswant Singh Rawat, Maha Vir Chakra (Posthumously), and to all the brave martyrs of the Sino-Indian War. Reflecting on the solemn occasion, the Governor described the memorial as a sacred symbol of courage, sacrifice, and unwavering patriotism. He also visited the Headquarters of the 46 Infantry Brigade at Baishaki in the district and interacted with the officers and troops. Drawing from his rich military experience, he shared insights from his own journey and reviewed the soldiers' wellbeing, morale, and operational readiness.

Robert H. Touthang, Regional Director (Northeastern Region), National Cooperative Development Corporation, called on state Minister of RD and Panchayati Raj, Cooperation, Ojing Tasing on Tuesday. Their conversation carried shared vision of empowering the region's rural heartlands through strong SHG Federations, enabling access to micro-credit, and unlocking the true value of the agro-horticultural wealth. Minister Tasing said when institutions and intent align, transformation is not distant, it begins at the grassroots, in the hands of people, shaping a future of dignity, self-reliance, and sustainable growth.

A massive fire broke out on Tuesday at 1:30 PM in D-Sector, Lower Nirjuli, completely destroying four OBT houses belonging to Nabam Hark. While no injuries were reported, the blaze consumed vital documents,

furniture, and clothing. The incident led to the residents now demanding a dedicated fire station in Nirjuli to prevent such future losses. Local leaders emphasize that delayed response times from distant stations remain a critical threat.

The Department of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru College Pasighat, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, organized a one-day workshop on Indigenous Craft Beading, today. Resource person Ms. Ninna Lego, Founder of House of Macnok, shared her inspiring journey of transforming a small MBA project into a thriving enterprise. 30 students participated in the program. The workshop provided participants with hands-on exposure to indigenous craft techniques and encouraged them to explore skill development as a pathway to self-reliance and entrepreneurship.

The 9th edition of the District-Level Hangpan Dada Memorial Trophy for Under-16 boys and girls in football and volleyball commenced yesterday at the SLSA Sports Complex, Chimpu, under the Itanagar Capital Region. The tournament features teams from Banderdewa, Naharlagun, and Itanagar competing. The winners of this district-level competition will advance to the state-level tournament, scheduled to be held at Aalo in West Siang district from May 16, 2026. The event is being jointly organised by the District Administration, ICR, in collaboration with the Department of Sports, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

The United States and Iran agreed to a two-week ceasefire, halting weeks of direct military confrontation that had pushed West Asia to the brink of an all-out war, and the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz to international shipping. Oil prices fell sharply on the news, dropping from above 115 dollar per barrel to below 95 dollars within hours of the announcement. Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel supports the United States decision to suspend strikes against Iran for two weeks, but clarified that the pause does not extend to Lebanon, where fighting with Hezbollah continues.

The Department of Tourism, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, conducted a two-day Homestay Hospitality Orientation Programme on April 6–7, 2026, at the State Food Craft Institute, Itanagar. Around 40 participants from various districts attended the training, which focused on homestay management, guest handling, housekeeping, communication, and operational procedures including ILP/PAP.

Marking the occasion of World Health Day, a three-day Mega Medical and Dental Health Camp was organised recently at Baririjo, Upper Subansiri, by Subansiri Healers under the aegis of Spear Corps. The initiative coincided with the vibrant Mopin Festival, further enhancing community participation. 179 civilians availed the healthcare services. The outreach programme was aimed at providing accessible and quality healthcare services to residents in this remote border region.