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The North Eastern Council (NEC), the apex statutory body for regional planning and development of India's eight north eastern states, has recorded a total expenditure of Rupees 1,496.78 crore during the financial year. The expenditure includes Rupees 792.12 crore under Schemes of NEC (SoNEC) and Rupees 704.66 crore under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme – Roads (NESIDS - Roads). NEC's performance this year signals a decisive acceleration in the development trajectory of the Northeast.

Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt General (Retd.) KT Parnaik has extended appreciation to Likha Nari Tadar, Mayor, Itanagar Municipal Corporation, for the positive transformation she and her team have brought to the cleanliness and overall environment of the State Capital, Itanagar. In an appreciation letter to the Mayor, the Governor said under her able leadership, the IMC has made commendable strides in maintaining hygiene and reinforcing the green identity and pride of the state. Such visible improvements reflect not only effective governance but also a strong commitment to creating a healthier and more livable city for its residents, he added. Governor Parnaik also shared a copy of the 'Green Initiatives' undertaken by the Black Cat Division in Sikkim, expressing confidence that the document will serve as a valuable reference and further inspire her team.

The Arunachal Pradesh government plans to develop the Subansiri Lower Pondage into a world-class mountain-cum-river tourism hub focused on eco-tourism, adventure, culture, and sustainable livelihoods. The pondage is part of the 2,000 MW Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project, India's largest hydroelectric project on the Subansiri River. Four units are operational, with full commissioning expected by December 2026. Chief Minister Pema Khandu has sought Prime Minister Modi's support and technical collaboration from central ministries. The model draws inspiration from Phewa Lake in Nepal, Kaeng Krachan in Thailand, Lake Como and the Dolomite lake circuits in Italy, and Milford Sound in New Zealand.

The Central Board of Secondary Education, CBSE, will conduct the second phase of CBSE 10th exam – 2026 from 15th May. The exam is optional for those students who want to improve their scores. All passed students will be allowed to improve their performance in any of the three subjects out of Science, Mathematics, Social Science and Languages. The board had announced the Class 10th results for the first main exam on the 15th of this month. This initiative aligns with the National Education Policy 2020, which advocates for the alleviation of exam-related stress by providing students with a second opportunity within the same academic year.

The Department of School Education today organized a grand felicitation ceremony at Pare Hall, D.K. Convention Centre, Itanagar, to honor the medal winners of the National School Games 2025–26. Chief Guest Tanyang Tatak (DSE) and Guest of Honour Nyamo Riba (DDSE) lauded the athletes and coaches for their dedication.

The District Panchayat Resource Centre Building of East Siang District was formally inaugurated on Wednesday at Pasighat by Er. Taniya Soki, Daporijo MLA, cum Advisor to Minister (PR & RD). In his address, Er. Taniya Soki stated that Pasighat holds a special place as the birthplace of Panchayati Raj Institutions, recalling the contributions of Late Daying Ering. He further noted that the DPRC would promote digital education and empower Gram Sabha members at the village level.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has refuted some news reports suggesting a possible hike in petrol and diesel prices. The Ministry has clarified that there is no such proposal under consideration by the Government. It added that such news items are designed to create fear and panic amongst the citizens and are mischievous and misleading.

Iran has said that the Strait of Hormuz cannot be opened due to ceasefire breaches by the US and Israel. Iran remains open to negotiations, said Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, but he added that breach of commitments, blockade and threats are the main obstacles to genuine negotiations. It appeared early Tuesday that the US and Iran would hold new peace talks in Pakistan this week, but they have yet to begin. On Tuesday night, US President Donald Trump announced an extension to the US-Iran ceasefire that was due to expire yesterday.

Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued Yellow Alert of thunderstorm and lightning with heavy rain at isolated places for Lohit and Changlang districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

Voting for single phase Assembly Elections in Tamil Nadu and first phase in West Bengal were held today. In Tamil Nadu, polling was held for all the 234 Assembly constituencies in the state. In West Bengal Assembly elections was held in 152 seats covering 16 districts in the first phase. The second phase of polling in the West Bengal Assembly elections will be held next Wednesday.

That is all in this News Bulletin, Namaskar.