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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated six cricket academies across the Northeast, including the Indoor Cricket Academy in Doimukh, Papum Pare district, virtually from Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim. The Northeast receives rainfall for about six months a year, and the Prime Minister's inauguration of six cricket academies in the Northeast holds significant significance for players to practice. The Indoor Cricket Academy features state-of-the-art facilities, including a gym and a swimming pool. Doimukh MLA Nabam Vivek, said that providing children aged thirteen and under with cricket training and developing the necessary facilities, including coaches, to nurture their talents is a priority for the Cricket Board.

Union Minister B. L. Verma conducted a comprehensive field assessment, today in Ziro Valley, Arunachal Pradesh. By personally visiting sites like Pai Gate to inspect Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) housing, Fair Price Shop in Hong, the Minister moved beyond mere statistics to ensure that the promise of "Housing for All" and food security under the National Food Security Act, are becoming a reality for local families. He also visited Hong Health Centre, and Siiro Integrated Aqua Park. He reaffirmed that the "Double Engine" government's use of targeted funding like Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region scheme is specifically tailored to protect the region's natural beauty while providing the modern infrastructure and social justice its people deserve.

The Apex Customary Court Building of Lower Siang District was formally inaugurated at Likabali yesterday by Kardo Nyigyor, Deputy Speaker, Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly and MLA of Likabali. Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Speaker Nyigyor urged the Gaon Buras and Buris to maintain cleanliness and ensure proper upkeep of the Apex Customary Court Building. He emphasized that serious cases such as molestation, rape, fire accidents, and other cognizable offences should not be settled at the level of Gaon Buras and Buris, but must be reported to the police and concerned authorities. He cautioned that any such cases settled without the knowledge of authorities, if later brought before a court of law, would hold those involved accountable.

B.K. Goel, Special Monitor, National Human Rights Commission recently convened a strategic meeting with selected Heads of Departments at Ziro Lower Subansiri district, to review accountability and grassroots human rights protections. Supporting NHRC's 2026 Healthy Ageing theme, he urged geriatric wards, one Child Care Institute, one Old Age Home, and local integration with the "National Policy for Senior Citizens" currently in progress. The Special Monitor issued critical mandates for public safety, including updated Disaster Management Plans, school mock drills, transformer fencing, water testing, Anganwadi electricity, police and medical professionalism, juvenile justice training enhancement, and protected education for workers aged 14-18.

A coordination meeting in connection with preparedness for the upcoming south-west monsoon was held today at the DC's Conference Hall under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Bomdila, Dr. Dilip Kumar. The DC urged all stakeholders to share details of available inventory with the District Disaster Management Officer, for effective utilization during emergencies. He also directed the DUDA and BRO to identify vulnerable buildings and sinking zones within the district. He further reviewed the availability and stock position of essential commodities across the district. Emphasizing strict enforcement, the DC stated that any individual found involved in illegal earth cutting or damaging public property should be dealt with firmly, and instructed all concerned to lodge FIRs against such offenders.

In a continued show of community support for the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project, the second phase of MoU signings began on Tuesday. Seven households from Pangkang (Jorkong) village officially gave their consent for Pre-Feasibility Report activities by signing agreements with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh at the Deputy Commissioner's office in Boleng, Siang district.

Ahead of the first phase of Census 2027, scheduled to commence from 1 May 2026, the process of self-enumeration is gaining momentum across Tirap district, with several prominent personalities stepping forward to participate. Among those who have successfully completed their self-enumeration are Forest and Environment & DoTCL minister Wangki Lowang, Khonsa East MLA Wanglam Sawin, Deputy Commissioner Tirap Techu Aran, Zilla Parishad Chairperson Adv. John K.K. Matey, and ADC Khonsa Namneet Singh. While undertaking self-enumeration, these leaders appealed to all households to participate actively and willingly in

the nationwide Census 2027 to ensure accurate and reliable data collection.

A capacity-building programme on the balanced use of fertilizers, along with input distribution under the Tribal Sub Plan, was successfully organized today at the Nuranang Convention Hall in Jang, Tawang. The programme was jointly organized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Krishi Vigyan Kendra Tawang.

Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecast yellow alert of thunderstorm and lightning with heavy rain very likely at isolated places in Papumpare, Anjaw, Lohit, and Namsai Changlang districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

That is all in this News Bulletin, Namaskar.