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Harsh Malhotra, Union Minister of State for Corporate Affairs and Road Transport & Highways, ended his two-day Lower Siang District visit today. He chaired a coordination meeting in Likabali with department heads, Panchayat members, BRO officials, and NHIDCL's Executive Director to review district road and infrastructure progress. He said the Government of India prioritizes welfare and development of North East's aspirational and underprivileged states. On the public demand to convert the 105-km Akajan-Bame road into a National Highway, he promised to raise it with PMO, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), and Defence Ministry soon. He urged officers to submit, and actively pursue proposals promptly.

The President of AIIMS Guwahati, Professor (Dr.) Bhupendra Kumar Singh Sanjay, called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. Gen. K.T. Parnaik, (Retd.), at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar, today. Stressing the importance of preventive healthcare, he requested AIIMS Guwahati to undertake dedicated studies and research initiatives to identify region-specific causes and recommend practical remedies suited to the socio-cultural and geographical conditions of the Northeast. Professor (Dr.) Sanjay, a renowned orthopaedic surgeon and Padma Shri awardee, assured the Governor of AIIMS Guwahati's fullest co-operation and support to strengthen healthcare collaboration with Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Naharlagun.

BJP legislature party leader Suwendu Adhikari took the oath as the Chief Minister of West Bengal today, heading the first BJP government in the state. Five Cabinet Ministers also took the oath along with the Chief Minister. The Governor R N Ravi administered the oath of office and secrecy to the Ministers. The Cabinet Ministers are Dilip Ghosh, Agnimitra Paul, Ashok Kirtania, Nisith Pramanik and Kshudiram Tudu.

ICR Naharlagun Police arrested a suspected drug peddler, Vijay Parang (30), during an anti-drug operation on conducted at Polo Colony, Naharlagun on Friday and seized suspected heroin, Nitra-ze-pam tablets, syringes, worth approximately 30 lakhs rupees and cash 9,600 rupees suspected to be proceeds of drug trafficking. The police team for search operation was led by Inspector Krishnendu Dev, OC PS Naharlagun. Accordingly, a case has been registered at Naharlagun Police Station under Sections of NDPS Act.

As part of the National GLOF Risk Management Programme and efforts to strengthen disaster preparedness, the Arunachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority organised a three-day hands-on training programme on the use of bathymetry survey devices, in Itanagar. The training programme aimed to enhance the technical capacity of officials and experts who are expected to participate in upcoming glacial lake surveys in the identified High Risk Glacial Lakes in the state. Arunachal Pradesh currently has 32 identified high-risk glacial lakes that pose the threat of Glacial Lake Outburst Floods. Speaking on the occasion, Nob Tsering, Joint Director, AP-SD-MA noted that despite several previous attempts, bathymetric studies could not be carried out due to administrative challenges, which eventually led the authority to procure its own bathymetry survey device.

The Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, West Kameng district in collaboration with ICAR-Central Institute of Cold-Water Fisheries Research, Bhimtal, Government of India conducted training cum inputs distribution programme at Shergaon today. The chief guest for the programme was Local MLA Tseten Chombay. The training session covered expansion of Rainbow Trout Farming and awareness program on Eco-Tourism and Sport fishing of Golden Mahseer. Furthermore, Refrigerated Vehicle for transportation of quality fish and trout fish fingerlings was also flagged off. Additionally, Deep Freezer, Trout Feed, hatching Tray and Trough and Feeding/Nursery Tub were distributed to 50 beneficiaries.

The First Meeting of the Governing Council for the project "Setting up of Science Centre and Digital Planetarium (Category-II) at Dirang" was held today at the Office of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dirang, under the chairmanship of the Dr. Dilip Kumar, DC, West Kameng.

Sujay Majumdar, Director, National Science Centre, Guwahati, National Council of Science Museum, highlighted the key features of the Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. He requested the Chairman to take up the matter of mandatory state-level commitments with the State Government, including construction of the boundary wall, dedicated power supply, and water supply for the project site.

A state-of-the-art Honey Testing Laboratory was inaugurated yesterday, at the Department of Food Technology, Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), Doimukh.

Honey Testing Laboratory inaugurated by MLA Nabam Vivek, marks a major boost to beekeeping sector in Arunachal Pradesh. The initiative is part of a comprehensive project funded by the National Bee Board (NBB) and implemented by NECTAR (North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach) in collaboration with RGU. The event also included the Bhumi Pujan ceremony for the upcoming Honey Processing Unit.