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Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu, today inaugurated the newly constructed Arunachal Niwas at Dheerpur in New Delhi, marking a significant milestone in the State Government's ongoing efforts to strengthen infrastructure for the welfare of its citizens residing and travelling outside the state. Spread across 2600 sq m with a total built-up area of 7198 sq m, the G-plus Eight building consists 8 dormitories with 6 beds each, 18 double-bedded rooms, 35 twin-bedded rooms, 6 specially designed handicap-friendly rooms, a separate staff dormitory and adequate office space to ensure smooth and efficient management.

Information has been received from the Assistant Engineer (Power), Khonsa Division, that several 33 kV and 11 kV power lines were severely damaged last night due to heavy landslides and strong windstorms in the region. The affected areas include 33 kV and 11 kV lines in Khonsa town, the 33 kV line at Pansumthong, and the 11 kV line at Hollam. Restoration work is currently underway; however, continuous and heavy rainfall across Tirap district has significantly hampered the efforts of the field staff. Due to the ongoing adverse weather conditions, power supply lines under the Khonsa Electrical Sub-Division have been completely damaged at several points. Officials have indicated that restoration of power supply may take approximately 3-4 days, subject to improvement in weather conditions.

Arunachalee MMA Fighter Sonam Zomba successfully defended her MFN Strawweight World Title at Matrix Fight Night 18 on Saturday, defeating Brazil's Maristela Alves via third-round armbar submission. Representing Arunachal Pradesh, Zomba secured her second title defense after becoming champion at MFN 17. In a social media post, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu called her a proud symbol of excellence from the state and a true inspiration for young athletes across India and beyond.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Mission Drishti by GalaxEye marks a major achievement in India's space journey. In a social media post today, Mr Modi said the successful launch of the world's first OptoSAR satellite and the largest privately-built satellite in India is a testament to youth's passion for innovation and nation-building.

In a significant step towards strengthening tax administration and enhancing taxpayer services in Arunachal Pradesh, a newly constructed

GST Bhawan was inaugurated at Mors-II, Itanagar, on Saturday. The facility was formally inaugurated by Surjit Bhujabal, Member (Compliance Management/Zonal Member), Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Bhujabal noted that the new building would serve as a vital hub for delivering better services to taxpayers and strengthening administrative capabilities in the northeastern region.

Members of North Eastern Council Shillong, Tenzing Norbu Thongdok and Longki Phangcho, (Retd. IAS), Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), visited RIWATCH, at Khinjili, Roing, today. They were accompanied by Mukut Mithi, former CM Arunachal Pradesh. The visit included an inspection of the ongoing NEC-supported project, "Promotion and Literary Development of Mother Languages of Arunachal Pradesh" being implemented by RIWATCH. Mr Thongdok expressed his appreciation for the Centre's pioneering work and assured that he would engage further with NEC members to explore avenues for strengthening and expanding the project's scope.

World Press Freedom Day was observed today, at the Arunachal Press Club with a documentary screening. The programme brought together journalists and media professionals to highlight the importance of a free and responsible press. The documentary showcased the challenges faced by journalists worldwide and emphasized the need to protect press freedom. Speaking on the occasion, Arunachal Pradesh Union of Working Journalists President Dodum Yangfo urged journalists to remain committed to ethical reporting despite various challenges.

Spearhead Division of Spear Corps commemorated the first anniversary of Operation Sindoor in Likabali, bringing together the Indian Army, local students and community leaders to honor the operation's accomplishments and reinforce civil-military partnership in the region. The event featured an operational briefing, a static display of weapons and equipment and a painting competition for students from Likabali and the Silapather region, all designed to highlight the Army's role in ensuring national security while fostering local unity.

A Marshall Islands-flagged LPG carrier, MT Sarv Shakti, carrying 46,313 metric tonnes of India-bound LPG with 20 crew members onboard, including 18 Indians, safely crossed the Strait of Hormuz. Official sources said it is expected to arrive at Visakhapatnam on the 13th of this month.

Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecast Yellow Alert of thunderstorm and lightning with heavy rain at isolated places for West Kameng, Kurung Kumey, East Siang, Lohit, and Longding districts of Arunachal Pradesh. Additionally, it predicted Heavy rain for Anjaw district.