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Chief Minister Pema Khandu laid the foundation stone for a VKV school and a Government Polytechnic College at Anini in Dibang Valley District on Monday. Addressing the public on his maiden visit to the district, Khandu said the State has 36 VKV schools for which the state government has contributed corpus fund for their smooth functioning. He further informed that the Home Ministry has sanctioned Rs 5 crore each for upgrading the existing VKVs at Amliang, Niuasa, Koloriang and Chayangtajo, while Rs 15 crore each has been granted under BADP for four new VKV schools at Lajo, Nafra and Mukto in the state. The chief minister also said that to make Anini a tourist destination, construction of the 2-lane Roing-Anini highway would be expedited. In a separate public meeting, Khandu welcomed the joining of 96 members from Anini Assembly constituency to the BJP.

Minister, Tax & Excise and Tourism, Jarkar Gamlin dwelt at length on flagship programmes and policies of the Govt. as enshrined in the budget. He exhorted the HODs of the district to launch them in an effective manner, while speaking at the interactive meeting held at Conference Hall of DC Office, Aalo today. Gamlin said that many schemes under Education and Health have been decentralized to ensure effective implementation of the programme in the district level. West Siang DC Swetika Sachan stressed on working as a team to fulfill the people centric programmes and schemes of the government in time.

In a major breakthrough, a murderer was nabbed and murder weapon recovered within 24 hrs, by Taliha police under the guidance of OC Pusa Bayor. In a coldblood murder case, one Budiman Vishwakarma killed a 3yrs old girl child. The child's mother narrowly escaped but sustained serious injury after he attempted to kill her too. The case came to light on 16 March last at around 10.30 pm. On being informed the police rushed to the spot and found the child's dead body and unconscious mother lying on the floor. The culprit was nabbed the next day while trying to escape. A case has been registered under section IPC 452/302 against him.

The National De-worming Day was launched in various districts of the state on Monday. Special Secretary Health and Family Welfare, Dr Tapasya Raghav launched the National De-worming Day

at the office premises of the Mission Director, Health and Family Welfare at Naharlagun on Monday. She informed that as per state-wise comparative statements, Arunachal Pradesh is found to be among the lowest in terms of de-worming coverage. She stated that the state government is now committed to provide de-worming tablets to each and every child of the state to improve their well-being.

The Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS) has decided to celebrate March 21 as World Literary Day for the first time in the state at Jawaharlal Nehru State Museum from 5 pm onward. The APLS which has been promoting upcoming writers and poets since its formation, offers another platform to them as well as anyone interested to prove their literary caliber on this day.

The eight days residential training on Integrated Management of Neonatal & Childhood Illness for the newly appointed nurses (Auxiliary Nurse Midwife) started at the State Training Centre, National Health Mission, in Naharlagun on Monday. Speaking at the inaugural session, Director of Family Welfare, Dr K Lego said that the Infant Mortality Rate in the state is still high with 36 deaths per 1000 live births as per 2016 records. He said nurses should take care of the newborn babies, whether an institutional or home delivery.

Arunachal Pradesh State Transport Services bus between Dambuk to Roing under Lower Dibang Valley district was flagged off by Dambuk MLA Gum Tayeng on Monday. The bus service has come as a great relief to the people of Dambuk in their travel to Roing and back.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated Chinese President Xi Jinping on his re-election for a second five-year term. In a message posted on his account on Chinese social media platform Weibo on Monday, Modi said he looks forward to working with Xi to further develop the relations between the two countries. 64-year old Xi was unanimously elected by around 3,000 deputies of the Chinese Parliament - the National People's Congress last week.

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According to the Met Centre, the sky will remain mainly clear, turning partly cloudy towards evening in Itanagar during the next 24

hours. The maximum temperature recorded today was 31.3 degree Celsius and a minimum of 15.7 degree Celsius.