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Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Tuesday announced establishment of Chief Engineer's office at Tezu under the Hydropower Development Department and Rs 15 crore for flood protection work at Sukha Nallah. Addressing a public meeting at Jubilee ground in Tezu, the Chief Minister also assured all support for effective functioning of Zonal Hospital. The CM also promised to have Sunpura Circle Office upgraded to EAC post as this border circle faces boundary issues with Assam. He asked the Deputy Commissioner to work on necessary formalities for upgradation. Further, Mr. Khandu informed that State Govt is creating about 1000 posts in civil police for different categories. The Chief Minister in a separate function at Tezu on Tuesday inaugurated the Block A building of the District Secretariat in presence of DCM Chowna Mein, WRD Minister Kamlung Mossang, Art&Culture Minister Dr Mohesh Chai and others. Later addressing the govt officers at the secretariat conference hall, the CM appreciated the executing agency PWD for completing the work in 14 months maintaining the quality of work. Mr. Khandu also assured support for completion of another two blocks of the secretariat.

Minister for Information & Public Relations and PHE & Water Supply Bamang Felix said that the onus of disseminating information regarding Govt programmes and policies to over 14 lakh population of Arunachal rests in the hands of DIPROs and PROs of the State. He termed the officers of the IPR department as most efficient medium of communication in passing the programmes and policies of the Govt to the people and asked the department to reciprocate it with team spirit and in missionary zeal. He said this while attending the DIPROs review cum coordination meeting held at the conference hall of Finance department at Civil Secretariat in Itranagar on Tuesday. Informing that crores of money is laying unspent in the State at various levels only due to lack of awareness among the people on how to avail the benefits of Govt's flagship schemes, he told the officers to be more proactive and involve themselves in the IEC campaign of various executing agencies.

People from different communities residing in Mahadevpur area under Namsai district celebrated the valedictory Lekang Anchalic Rongali Bihu Sammilan with great pomp and show on Tuesday. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, the chief patron of Lekang

Anchalik Bihu Sammilan, said that the Rongali Bihu celebration has reinforced love and goodwill among all sections of people and also strengthened the bonds of unity and bonhomie. Mein said that he is profoundly happy to be closely associated with the Bihu festival for last 26 years. He lauded the Assamese community for keeping their rich culture and traditions alive and urged the young generation to carry forward the legacy. Minister of UD & Town Planning, Nabam Rebia and Parliamentary Secretary for Environment & Forests Chow Tewa Mein were also present on the occasion as guest.

The subscriber base of Atal Pension Yojana (APY) crossed one crore on completion of three years of the scheme. The APY was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a function on 9th May, 2015. An official release said, the current number of subscribers stands at 1.10 crore. Under the scheme, the guaranteed minimum pension ranging between 1000 to 5000 rupees per month will be given at the age of 60 years depending on the contributions by the subscribers. The spouse of the Subscriber is also eligible for pension and the nominee would be receiving the accumulated pension wealth. Till date, 3950 crore rupees of contribution have been collected under APY.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Tuesday conveyed his congratulations to BJP National President Amit Shah, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and all BJP workers for the party's landmark success in the Karnataka Assembly polls. BJP has emerged as the single largest party winning 104 seats, but falls short by eight seats to reach the magic figure of 112 for Government formation in the 222 seats assembly. Congress got 78, JDS 37 and 3 seats were won by independent.