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Concerned over inordinate delays in the construction of strategic roads along the India-China border, the Union Defence Ministry has delegated more administrative and financial powers to the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for speedy completion of projects. The decision to give additional powers to the BRO came months after the Comptroller and Auditor General took strong exception to the long delays by the BRO in constructing 61 strategically important roads under the India-China Border Roads project. The Defence Ministry said in a statement that it intended to bring transformational changes in the BRO to improve the pace of execution of work and to achieve the desired outcome according to the requirements of the Army.

In a show of solidarity, the Lower Dibang Valley District workers' Union contributed an amount of Rs.10000/- from the workers welfare relief fund to victims of the Jamupani bridge collapse incident. The amount was handed over to the DC's office for further deposit into the relief fund being sponsored by the District Administration. District unit President, Ita Mimi along with his team members donated the amount in presence of DLEO, Rokom Tayeng.

55-Khonsa East MLA cum Chairman A.P. Medicinal Plant Board, Wanglam Sawin and Tirap DC, P.N. Thungon inspected General Hospital, Khonsa today. They interacted with the DMO, doctors and nursing staff to take stock of the functioning of the hospital. While addressing the trainees at the Workshop on Intensified Mission Indradhanush, Sawin advised them to be pro-active in discharging their duties at their respective place of posting.

In a major success, the Khonsa Battalion of the Assam Rifles apprehended two hardcore cadres of the NSCN (IM) yesterday. Self Styled Private, Nali Nyamtey and Self Styled Private, Rangmo Thakte were apprehended based on specific intelligence about their presence in Bera village trying to carryout extortion. One 7.65mm Pistol, five live ammunition, extortion money of 25,000/- and other incriminating evidence were recovered from them. This has struck a blow to the extortion activities being carried out by the underground cadres of the group in the area.

The Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) for the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) will go completely online from 2018. The Joint Admission Board took the decision at a meeting in Chennai on Sunday. The Union HRD Ministry had earlier introduced the option of taking the JEE-Mains online. JEE-Mains is the entrance examination for admission to engineering courses offered across the country and a qualifying exam for JEE-Advanced which is required for admission to the prestigious IITs and NITs.

Upper Siang DC, Duly Kamduk has directed the DSO (Statistics) to expedite the enrolment and generation of Aadhar Card to be completed by the end of Sept' 2017 in order to enable uploading of beneficiaries list in the MIS. There should be more than 100% coverage according to the population data based on the 2011 census, he added. Kamduk directed the DSO to issue clear instructions to the operators carrying out the task of Aadhar Card registration.

The development of any community, society, state and country depends on proper implementation of science and technology, said Bamang Mangha, Chairman, Science & Technology department. He said this on Sunday while addressing the valedictory function of the two days awareness cum communication programme on science and technology at Kimin. More than 500 students and scholars took part in the programme. Various literary, painting and writing competitions were also organized on the occasion.

The Arunachal Pradesh Bee & Honey Mission, under the aegis of Department of Agriculture celebrated the World Honey Bee Day in Itanagar on Saturday. The celebration was also joined by Krishi Vikas Kendras of Changlang and Tirap districts. Speaking on the occasion, Mission Director T D Neeckom highlighted the activities of the Mission since its inception. Several beekeepers of the state participated in the event.

In East Siang District, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture & Fisheries, Tatung Jamoh released 25,000 fingerlings into the Remi River during an awareness programme on technology & conservation of fish biodiversity & river ranching. The program was organized on the bank of the river near Mirem on Sunday. Jamoh appealed all to stop indiscriminate fishing to prevent further decline of indigenous fish species in the natural water bodies.

In Upper Subansiri District, the Tamu Tadu Welfare Society has opposed the granting of bail to the driver and early release of the vehicle that killed a person in an accident on August 6 last. The society stated that the family members of the deceased were still in a state of shock and a tense situation was prevailing after his death. Under such circumstances, the accused should not be granted bail until the situation calms down, the Society appealed.

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According to the Met Centre, the sky will be generally cloudy. Rain or thundershower may occur in Itanagar and surrounding areas during the next 24 hours. The maximum temperature recorded today was 35.8 degree Celsius and a minimum of 23.7 degree Celsius.