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Chief Minister Nabam Tuki on Tuesday expressed optimism that the visit of eight Ambassadors of European countries to the state would pave way for investments and joint ventures. This may be a new opening in the future of our state, he said while interacting with state government officials to finalize their 4 day visit. The ambassadors of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, Hungary, Poland, Slovak Republic and Germany will arrive in Itanagar this evening led by a representative of the European Union. They will have meetings with the Governor, Assembly Speaker, leaders of various parties and RGU Vice-Chancellor and students on May 17. They would also visit Ziro on May 18.

Five persons including a 12 year old boy were charred to death when a devastating fire gutted down an SPT building at Ngopok village in Pasighat's Mebo Circle around 11.45 am yesterday. Five persons died incident while another was admitted to General Hospital Pasighat with burn injuries. Mebo MLA Ralom Borang visited the accident site and expressed grief at the incident. The district administration officials along with police officials also rushed to the spot and provided immediate relief to the aggrieved families. The cause of the fire is being ascertained.

Parliamentary Secretary for Hydro Power, R T Khunjuju has clarified that deployment of security forces for public hearings is only a preventive measure and not a tactic to create fear psychosis amongst the public as alleged by some bodies. He said peace was breached during the last Public Hearing on the Lower Siang Hydro Project on April 17 and it might have prompted the administration to take precautionary measures.

Khunjuju pointed out that public hearing is a routine exercise that is mandatory for implementation of any major project and is meant for greater interest of the society. He said the government appeals for peace and welcomes those who have doubts in open discussion.

Shania Kayem Mize has topped this year's Combined Competitive Examination of the APPSC. Shania is a B. Tech in Agricultural Engineering from NERIST. Altogether 26 made it to the coveted state service exams. APPSC conducted the personality test on Tuesday and declared the results a few hours later.

Art & Culture, Food and Civil Supply Minister Kamlung Mossang, along with local MLA Tangor Tapak participated in the Etor festival at Bilat Bamin village in East Siang on Tuesday. Mossang exhorted the youth to shun destructive activities. Tapak said he was all set to develop link surface communication in the area.

Reacting to the government statement on financial position of the state, AAPSU has alleged the govt of hoodwinking the people. It questioned why the government is yet to clear the bills of Group C and D contractors, if the financial position was good. Meanwhile, AAPSU called upon the government not to aggravate law and order problem in the state by using massive police and para-military forces for conducting public hearing for hydro power projects. It questioned why the govt was keen on hydro power when the people are against it.

A 20 month child of a restaurant owner has been kidnapped by an employee on Tuesday morning. Police informed that the baby Vijaylaxmi Mohapatra, daughter of Basant Mohapatra, who owns Binod restaurant, was allegedly kidnapped by a 27-year-old employee who Mohapatra had engaged only on Monday afternoon. The police has launched a search to nab the accused.

The Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission has fixed the date of written examination for the post of Range Forest Officer from May 20th to May 26th. The venues of the examination will be at Dera Natung College and King Cup Public School. A release of the commission said call letters have already been issued to all eligible candidates. Details can be had from the Commission.

Claiming that Menchukha subdivision has been in darkness for the last several years, All Memba Students' Union urged the concerned department for early restoration of power supply. The Union also claimed the area gets power supply only during VIP visits.

The All Arunachal Pradesh Wild Life Society today appealed the state govt to provide help to the 54 families affected by the recent fire accident in Lower Subansiri district. In a representation to the chief minister, the society said the families were without homes and foodgrains.

Now the weather forecast....

According to the Met Centre the weather will be generally cloudy with a few spells of rain or thundershower over Itanagar and nearby areas during the next 24 hours. The maximum temperature recorded today was 30.2 degree Celsius with a minimum of 16.9 degree Celsius and a rainfall of 3.4mm.