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Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that terrorism in any form or its manifestation cannot be justified or condoned. He said that the international community must isolate and expose those countries that harbour terrorists, provide safe havens, and condone terrorism. These remarks were delivered by External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar who was physically present at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit, presently, going on in Astana, Kazakhstan.

New and engaging textbooks will be introduced in classes three and six from the 2024-2025 Academic Year. The Education Ministry informed that textbook development work is in the final phase and nine numbers of textbooks for Grades 3 and 6 are already available. The remaining eight will be available very soon. Union Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan, did a detailed review of the progress of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) textbook development with the Secretary of School Education and Literacy, Director of NCERT, and Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education in New Delhi today.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, today, inaugurated the 'Sampoorn-ata Abhiyan' campaign, a three-month long initiative spearheaded by NITI Aayog at the ADC office in Chongkham in Namsai district. The campaign started today across the country and will continue till 30th September this year. It aims to achieve 100 percent saturation in six Key Indicators at aspirational districts and aspirational blocks under its programme. Further, a technical session was conducted for Anganwadi Workers (AWWs), Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), Soil Mitras, and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) from the Chongkham block to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively contribute to the campaign's objectives.

State Governor Retired Lt. General K.T. Parnaik has extended his good wishes and festival greetings to the people of the State in general and to the Apatani community in particular on the auspicious occasion of Dree. He expressed his hope that the warmth and splendour, which have always been an important part of the festivity, will usher in happiness and prosperity for all.

State Governor retired Lt. General KT Parnaik, yesterday, launched a book titled 'Kargil War: The Turning Point' authored by late Colonel M. B. Ravindranath, Vir Chakra of the 2nd Rajputana Rifles at Cariappa Hall, Rajendra Singhji Army Officers Institute (RSAOI) in Bengaluru. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor, who also served the 2nd Rajputana Rifles in the 90s, commended Late Colonel Ravindranath for the in-depth narration of the valour and élan of the Indian Army. He also appreciated the contributions of Ms. Anitha Ravindranath, wife of the late Colonel, and the officers of the 2nd Rajputana Rifles for publishing the book.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu in his social media handle X shared about the state government's goals on Viksit Arunachal and Reforms 3.0 for the state. He said the government is focusing on efforts to implement NEP 2020 to promote universal access to quality education, improve learning outcomes, and increase pass percentages of students across the state. The government also focused on linking all unconnected villages to the nearest administrative headquarters.

The Government has said that one hundred cities have completed 90 per cent of its total development projects amounting to over one lakh and 44 thousand crore rupees under the Smart City Mission across the country. Further, the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry has extended the Mission, on request, for a period up to 31 March 2025 to complete the balance projects. It said the balance of 830 projects amounting to 19 thousand and 926 crore rupees is also in advanced stages of completion.

The IMD has forecasted very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall over Northeast India during the next 4 to 5 days. It said, isolated extremely heavy rainfall is likely over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, and Meghalaya.

The Indian Army is actively involved in extensive flood relief operations in the villages of Sivaguri at Dhemaji district in Assam and Mer in East Siang district in Arunachal Pradesh, severely affected by incessant rains since the 29th of last month. The Army deployed multiple flood relief columns in the affected areas and along with State Disaster Relief Forces (SDRF) conducted rescue and relief operations at Sivaguri, Namsing Ghat, Paglam, and Orian Ghat for over 72 hours and evacuated 48 citizens.

Further, they have also set up temporary shelters and provided meals, water, and medical aid to the flood-affected victims.