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On the second leg of the three African nations visit, President Droupadi Murmu has left for Mauritania from Algeria. The president was accorded a warm ceremonial farewell. She was seen off by the Prime Minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Nadir Larbaoui, and other higher officials. During her one-day visit to Mauritania, President Murmu is scheduled to have bilateral meetings with Mauritanian leadership and interact with the Indian diaspora. President Droupadi Murmu is scheduled to have a bilateral meeting with her counterpart, Mohammed Ould Ghazouani. Delegation-level talks and meetings with Ministers of Mauritania are on the agenda.

External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar has said that development and growth hinge on peace and stability. He warned that cross-border activities marked by terrorism, extremism, and separatism undermine efforts to boost trade, energy flows, connectivity, and people-to-people exchanges. Dr. Jaishankar said this while addressing the 23rd meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Council of Heads of Government in Islamabad, Pakistan, today. The External Affairs Minister pointed out that disruptions such as extreme climate events, supply chain uncertainties, and financial volatility are already affecting growth and development worldwide. The Minister also voiced concern over the debt, terming it a serious concern. He stressed that cooperation between nations must be founded on mutual respect, sovereign equality, and recognition of territorial integrity.

The Union Cabinet has cleared a 3% hike in Dearness Allowance (DA) for Central Government employees today, ahead of the Deepavali festive season this year. The raise takes the DA now to 53% of the basic salary with effect from July 1, 2024. An increase in DA will provide financial relief to over 49 lakh central government employees and over 64 lakh pensioners. The combined impact on the exchequer on account of both DA and DR will be over nine thousand 448 crore rupees per annum.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has expressed grief and condoled the demise of former Zilla Parishad Member, Chairperson and senior public leader Jambey Tsering of Lhou village in Tawang district. In a condolence message yesterday evening, Khandu said, "He is deeply saddened by the passing away of former ZPM and senior leader Jambey Tsering from Lhou village. He was a towering figure in 3-

Mukto Assembly constituency, whose contributions will always be remembered.” Khandu prayed the Almighty for eternal peace and enlightenment in the divine embrace of Lord Buddha of the departed soul.

Chief Secretary Manish Kumar Gupta has emphasized that activities of the departments of Land Management and Geology & Mining should be carried out in accordance with laid down guidelines. The CS said this during a review meeting with the Department of Land Management, Geology & Mining, Disaster Management, and Science & Technology earlier today. Mr. Gupta also stressed that regular meetings of State Executive Committee on Disaster Management, and meeting of State Disaster Management Authority should be held once in a year for reviewing the annual performance of the department.

The 3rd State Para Games 2024 is scheduled to be held at Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh from October 25th to 27th next. The event is expected to attract approximately 500 participants, including 300 para-sport players (Divyangjans) and 200 support staff. The sports meet will showcase seven disciplines i.e., para athletics, para badminton, blind football, para boccia, para powerlifting, para chess, and para shooting. The winners of this event will be selected to represent Arunachal Pradesh in the upcoming North East Para Games & National Para Games/Championships 2024-25.

An Indian Navy Motorcycle Expedition to North-eastern States began on October 14 and will continue till October 24 next. The main objectives of the current initiative in the three North Eastern States - Meghalaya, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, include showcasing Indian Navy, conducting Awareness drives at Schools/ Colleges about the career opportunities in Indian Navy including the Agnipath Scheme. This drive also upholds Nari Shakti, by including Women Officers and spouses, and seeks interaction with Naval Veterans and Veer Naris in the region. A total of 40 Indian Naval personnel, including Officers, Sailors, and family members are participating in the 15-day expedition.

To commemorate the 62nd Walong Day, the Indian Army is organizing a month-long series of celebrations to pay tribute to the heroes of Walong. This occasion honors the courage and sacrifice of our soldiers who fought with unmatched valor during the 'Battle of Walong' in 1962 Indo-China war. The commemoration will begin from tomorrow and will continue until 14 of next month, honoring

the indomitable spirit, sacrifice, and courage of the heroes who defended the eastern front of our nation. This year's commemoration promises a vibrant mix of activities aimed at engaging the local communities and honouring the memory of the fallen heroes.

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