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Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has emphasized that investment in the research and innovation sector is an investment of the present and future. He said, both innovation and research are true driving engines of the economy, in his address at the closing ceremony of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Maharaja Agrasen Technical Education Society (MATES) in New Delhi today. The Vice President said that people involved in trade, business, commerce and industry should not feel the pressure of the system. They are all wealth creators, job providers, drivers of the economy and contributors to social harmony, and they deserve respect in society.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today lauded the Special Campaign 4.0, which achieved substantial outcomes including 2,364 Crore rupees for the State exchequer simply by disposing off scrap since 2021. Responding to a post by Union Minister Jitendra Singh, Prime Minister Modi said that the success of the campaign shows how collective efforts can lead to sustainable results, promoting both cleanliness and economic prudence. He also said that due to the focus on efficient management and proactive action, this effort has attained great results.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the nation through 'Mann Ki Baat' on 24th of this month on Akashvani. People can share their ideas and suggestions on MyGov.in or can dial on 1800117800. The phone lines shall remain open from 6th to 22nd of this month.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein today attended the concluding day of Adi Youth Festival (AYF) at Giidii Notko in Pasighat in East Siang district. In his address, the DCM urged the youth to utilize the central and state government sponsored schemes on skill development and employment dedicated to the youth of the state. He further stated that the state government is committed for the welfare of the people from all section of the society. Meanwhile, on the occasion, he also kicked off the final football match.

Union Minister of Power Manohar Lal today flagged off the Electric Vehicles Rally in New Delhi. On the occasion, he also launched the 'EV as a service' program. In his address, the Minister said that electric vehicles play a significant role to reduce pollution. Highlighting the 'EV as a Service' program, he said, this

program has been started for a noble cause, which was much needed for Delhi.

The Arunachal Press Club (APC) expanded its presence with the official launch of the Seppa Press Club (SPC) on Sunday at Seppa in East Kameng district. Speaking at the event, MLA Ealing Tallang highlighted the role of journalists in society and urged to uphold media ethics and differentiate between news and advertising. He also appealed the public to support ethical journalism and cautioned them against misusing the profession. Meanwhile, Sime Lochung has been elected as SPC president and Sapna Tayem Taku as its general secretary. Arunachal Pradesh Union of Working Journalists (APUWJ) president Amar Sangno emphasized the need for journalists to avoid bias in their reporting and uphold their responsibilities.

Lok Sabha MP Tapir Gao yesterday inaugurated the Rani Gumin Hoyin Dere (Traditional Council Hall) at Rani village under East Siang district. Appreciating the council hall, the MP in his social media post said, it is a significant step towards preserving and promoting the cultural heritage.

The three day Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAPs) for Keyi-Panyor, Lower Subansiri and nearby districts, held at Entrepreneurship Development Centre (EDC) in Government College Yachuli has concluded today. More than 120 participants have attended the program from various districts. Meanwhile, 30 EAP applicants were selected to undergo in the upcoming five days Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP). Furthermore, incubation support of Rs.5 Lakhs will be given as grant aid to 10 selected entrepreneurship ideas among 30 EDP participants.

With an aim to strengthen and streamline the customer verification process of KYC (Know Your Customer), the RBI the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced six amendments to its KYC Master Directions. These updates aim to streamline procedures, ensuring more efficient customer on-boarding and aligning with the latest legal frameworks. Key changes include simplified KYC for existing customers, periodic updates based on risk levels and mandatory integration with the Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR).

In a significant development having far-reaching implications for Indian students, Canada has announced the discontinuation of its Student Direct Stream (SDS) visa programme. The SDS is a key

pathway for international students seeking permits for studies. It is said that the decision has come as part of the country's attempts to address on-going housing shortages and resource strain.