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The State Foundation Day of Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep and Puducherry was celebrated today at Raj Bhavan in Itanagar. On the occasion, State Governor retired Lt. General KT Parnaik said the celebration, which is a part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' aims to strengthen the spirit of unity and integration. He further expressed his hope that the occasion will help the people serving in the State to imbibe local customs and traditions and carry back good memories. Meanwhile, the participants have expressed their gratitude to the State and its people for maintaining the brotherhood andfriendship.

State Education Minister Pasang Dorjee Sona today reviewed the initiatives undertaken by Lower Siang district in a follow up coordination meeting of Chintan Shivir conclave at Likabali. The Minister said, the meeting was held to clear misgivings and misconceptions of the people and to prepare a data base to create the education policy of the state. He said, the hunch of quality in State's education is due to poor management of the system, which needs to be checked and put back to track. He further said, the curriculums of the elementary level of education should be robust, scientifically planned and designed to meet the present day requirement.

Furthermore, he urged the Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Panchayat leaders, student unions and youth organizations to cooperate with the government in educating the people and clear their misconceptions about the initiatives of the state government. Meanwhile, he also inspected few schools and interacted with the teachers.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein attended the 12th State Conference of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) held yesterday at the Engineering College Tezu in Lohit district. He appreciated ABVP for its longstanding commitment to student empowerment, fostering leadership, national pride and social responsibility. Mein also emphasized Arunachal's unity in diversity

across the various indigenous tribal communities, aptly representing the State's collective sense of nationalism and patriotism. Further, he reaffirmed the government's commitment to the growth and education of the youth, encouraging them to strive for excellence.

In Dibang Valley district, a motorcycle expedition by the Indian Army, to commemorate the Battle of Walong, was flagged off yesterday from Mipi. The three-day expedition was flagged off by Major General VS Deshpande, General Officer Commanding, Dao Division. With two scheduled halts at Roing and Hayuliang, the biking expedition will culminate at the historic Walong War Memorial on 11th of this month. This expedition is a part of Indian Army's month-long commemorative events, which started on 17th of last month, to mark the 62 years of Battle of Walong.

The highly anticipated Monduro 4.0, the world's highest enduro mountain biking race and a part of Asia Enduro series (AES) commenced at Tawang. The event was flagged off by MLA Namgey Tsering and Tawang Brigade Commander, Brigadier VS Rajput this morning at Tawang Walkthrough Market. The Monduro 4.0 is being jointly organized by the Tawang Cycling Association and the State Tourism Department. With a challenging course that begins at an elevation of 14,400 feet and descends to 8,000 feet, Monduro 4.0 is widely recognized as one of the toughest races in the world. This year the event is being joined by participants from across India and also from eight foreign countries. Meanwhile, the organizers have arranged practice races on the $10^{\rm th}$ and $11^{\rm th}$ of this month to support participants' adaptation before the final race on the $13^{\rm th}$ and $14^{\rm th}$ of this month.

The East Central Railway is operating 446 special trains over the next 15 days to manage the return rush of passengers from Bihar after the Chhath Puja celebrations. These special services began yesterday to facilitate the journey of passengers heading back to various cities across the country. Talking to Akashvani News, Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) Saraswati Chandra said, this year, more than 70 additional trains are running compared to last year to handle the increased demand.

Campaigning has reached its peak for the upcoming by-polls in Assam. A total of 34 candidates are in the fray for the five assembly seats going for by-polls on 13th of this month. About 8 candidates will contest in Dholai, 11 in Samaguri, three in Sidli, four in Behali and 8 in Bongaigaon seats. Meanwhile, over 10 lakh voters will exercise their voting rights.

Minister for RD & Cooperation, Ojing Tasing yesterday inaugurated the Adi Youth Festival 2024 (AYF) themed "Empowering Youth, Building Tomorrow & Say No to Drugs and Yes to Life" at Giidii Notko in Pasighat in East Siang district. On the occasion, the minister urged the youths to take the community and state to greater heights by dedicatedly working with innovation and futuristic outlook to build a vibrant future for the society. Meanwhile, the festival is being organized by the youth wing of Adi Baane Kebang.