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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that Constitution is the guiding light of the Nation and added that it is a matter of great honour that the Indian Constitution is completing 75 years on 26th January next year. Addressing the nation in his Mann Ki Baat program on Akashvani, Modi said the Constitution has stood the test of time in every sense of the term. The Prime Minister noted that on the occasion of Constitution Day this year, many activities have commenced that will continue throughout the year. He mentioned that a special website constitution 75.com has been created to connect citizens with the legacy of the Constitution. Modi highlighted two big achievements of India in the field of health. He said the first achievement has been in the fight against malaria. He expressed satisfaction that the World Health Organization report mentions that there has been an 80 percent reduction in India in the number of malaria cases and deaths due to it between 2015 & 2023. Second, he said, people have become more aware than ever before about timely treatment of cancer. He elaborated that timely treatment means starting the treatment of a cancer patient within 30 days and the 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana' has played a big role in this.

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Jual Oram, who was on a visit to Arunachal Pradesh to grace the Silver Jubilee celebration of the Indigenous Faith and Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh from December 26 to 28, embarked on a series of engagements to take a review of several developmental initiatives in the State. The Union Minister chaired a review meeting involving Home and Inter State Border Affairs Minister Mama Natung and officers from various government departments at Civil Secretariat in Itanagar. Oram also engaged in discussions with MPs Tapir Gao and Nabam Rebia, on collaborative initiatives under the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) and Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) schemes aimed at enhancing cooperation and addressing the State's infrastructure challenges.

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch its Space Docking Experiment, SpaDeX, tomorrow. In an interview, Union Minister of State for Space Dr Jitendra Singh said that ISRO's year-end mission will be a historic one as it will seek the rare feat of docking or merging two satellites in space. Dr Singh said that the SpaDeX mission will mark India's entry into the exclusive league of

nations capable of mastering space docking. He underscored that a unique approach, the PSLV rocket, will launch two satellites equipped with indigenous technology, the 'Bhartiya Docking System,' to demonstrate this complex feat.

The 4th edition of Arunachal Yuva Samanvay 2024-25 will be conducted at Jirdin village under Kombo circle of West Siang district from January 28 to 31 next, Sports & Youth Affairs Secretary Abu Tayeng said on Saturday. The Secretary, who reviewed the preparations for the event with district officials at the DC office, Aalo, further informed that 25 major tribes of Arunachal Pradesh will participate in various activities like traditional cultural show, traditional sports, and adventure activities during the event. Food stalls of various tribes will also be put up during the event, he said.

Security forces recovered a huge cache of weapons from the general area along Miao-Vijaynagar axis in Changlang district. The operation was carried out by Indian Army and Assam Rifles, in coordination with the Arunachal Pradesh Police, using specialist drones, tracker dogs, and metal detectors. During the operation, a total of 10 different types of assault rifles were recovered from different locations, making it one of the largest recoveries in the region, a Defence release said on Saturday. The weapons, believed to be buried by Eastern Naga National Government (ENNG) militants before their surrender last year, were being searched by insurgent groups including NSCN (IM) and NSCN (KYA), with the help of ENNG cadres, for over six months.

The Naharlagun Police has arrested an individual in connection with the overhead water tank burst incident at St Alphonsa Public School, Naharlagun that claimed the lives of three students. The alleged accused, Kurian Pallikunnel John (64) was arrested from Guwahati, Assam on Friday. John, who was working as the hostel supervisor, was also responsible for supervising the construction of the water tank at the school. He had absconded immediately after the incident on December 14 and frequently changed his location to evade arrest. Police had earlier arrested five persons, including the principal of the school.

In chess, India's Koneru Humpy won her second women's title beating Indonesia's Irene Sukander in the World Rapid and Blitz Championship held in New York. Humpy finished the tournament with 8.5 points from 11 rounds to secure her victory. The top ranked Indian is only the second player after China's Ju Wenjun to clinch the title more than once. Indian Chess Grandmaster Humpy

previously won in 2019 at Georgia. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated Humpy on winning the FIDE Women's World title. He said that Humpy's grit and brilliance continue to inspire millions.