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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi today. The PM visited the plethora of stalls on display and interacted with the artisans and craftsmen who are showcasing their products. The three-day festival will showcase the culture, vibrant textile industry, artisanal crafts, tourism opportunities and unique products of all the eight North Eastern states. The festival draws inspiration from the eight Northeastern states, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura-collectively known as the Ashtalakshmi. During the festival, over 250 artisans will display unique handicrafts, handlooms, and agri-horti products, including 34 GI-tagged items.

Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan launched the PM e-VIDYA DTH Channel No. 31 for Indian Sign Language in New Delhi today. The event was attended by the Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Education, Jayant Chaudhary. The programme featured the participation of hearing-impaired (HI) children, HI achievers, special educators, ISL-certified interpreters, and organizations working to mainstream the hearing-impaired community. This new DTH channel has been conceptualised to promote ISL as both a language and a school subject, making it accessible to a wider audience.

Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr. L Murugan has said that Prasar Bharati continuously upgrades the Akashvani and Doordarshan networks by adopting emerging technologies in broadcasting sector like digitalization of network and upgradation to latest equipment. In a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today, the Minister said, Prasar Bharati has also entered into an MoU with IIT-Kanpur for Direct to Mobile D2M broadcasting technology. Dr Murugan added, the D2M network can be used to inform, educate and entertain the masses at free or affordable costs and can also be used as a data pipe to deliver educational content, emergency alerts, disaster management updates etc.

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General (Retd.) K.T. Parnaik has extended his heartfelt greetings to the valiant members of the Indian Armed Forces on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day. He wished that the day strengthens the nation's gratitude and respect for our brave soldiers who selflessly serve to protect our freedom

and security. In his message, the Governor said that since its inception in 1949, 7th of December had been observed as Armed Forces Flag Day to honour the men and women in uniform who have courageously defended the Nation and made the ultimate sacrifice. This day serves as a reminder to express our profound gratitude to these gallant heroes who risk their lives in the line of duty. It also provides an opportunity to support the families of martyrs, disabled soldiers, and Veer Naris, acknowledging their immense sacrifices, he said while appealing to the people of Arunachal Pradesh to contribute generously towards the noble cause.

A team of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission Women participated in the Interactive Meeting organised by National Commission for Women with State Women Commissions at NCW Office, New Delhi on 5th & 6th December. The discussions were focused on strengthening cooperation between NCW and State Commissions including collaboration in police advocacy, research & capacity building and establishing communications & mechanisms for ongoing cooperation. The forum also discussed the shared priorities for women's welfare consisting of gender sensitization and POSH, complaint redressal mechanisms, and projects on women empowerment and skill development.

The Administrative Training Institute, Naharlagun organized a two-day Orientation Training Program on Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023 for Police officers and Arunachal Pradesh Civil Service officers involved in ground-level law enforcement. The program which concluded yesterday was attended by 33 participants including 20 APCS officers with 3 ADCs & 13 Police officers was facilitated by distinguished legal professionals namely, Adv. Nega Taying and Adv. Jaya Doji, both Legal Aid Counsels from Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority. Their sessions focused on equipping participants with a thorough understanding of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, highlighting key amendments to criminal law, procedural reforms, and their implications for effective law enforcement.