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The Lok Sabha today resumed special discussion on the glorious journey of 75 years of the Constitution of India. Speaking during the discussion, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju lauded the contribution of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar in framing the Constitution. He said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working with the mantra of Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas in tune with the constitutional spirit. He said that the country ensured equal rights for everyone right after Independence. He emphasized that there is no discrimination against minorities in the country and minorities in India are getting legal protection.

In a tragic incident, an overhead water tank collapsed at a private school in Naharlagun today, claiming the lives of three students and leaving two others seriously injured. The tragic event occurred during school hours. Police have apprehended six individuals, including the school building owner, the principal, and four wardens. Naharlagun SP Mihin Gambo appealed to the public to remain calm and maintain peace as authorities conduct a thorough and impartial investigation to ensure justice for the victims and their families.

Timely detection of viral agents and fight against the outbreak of epidemic, apparently, got a 'booster' with the setting up of a Viral Research & Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) at the Department of Microbiology in Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS), Naharlagun. Inaugurating the facility, RGU Vice Chancellor, Prof SK Nayak expressed satisfaction in setting up of the VRDL by TRIHMS and acknowledged the role it will play in future in timely detection and in containment of any epidemic. TRIHMS Director Dr Moji Jini commended the tireless effort of Dr Mika Umpo, HoD Microbiology in establishing this prestigious laboratory.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein on Friday flagged off the off-roading spectacle, JK Tyre Orange 4x4 Fury from the Golden Pagoda in Namsai, marking the commencement of the 9th edition of the Orange Festival of Adventure and Music, a unique celebration of adventure sports, music and the rich cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh. In his speech, Mein said, the Orange Festival has grown in popularity over the years. "We aim to elevate this incredible festival to an international level next year, showcasing not just the spirit of

competition, but also the rich craft, cuisine, culture and natural beauty of Arunachal Pradesh,” he said.

Environment & Forests, Geology and DoTCL Minister Wangki Lowang has stressed on inter-departmental collaboration for effective execution of projects, while urging all government officers to work hard with dedication in the interest of public service. Chairing a district level coordination cum development meeting at Khonsa on Friday, the Minister emphasized prioritizing health, education, sustainable livelihoods, and urban development sectors, while addressing unemployment and empowering youth through policy initiatives. The meeting was attended by lawmakers Wanglin Lowangdong, Wanglam Sawin and Chakat Aboh, Tirap Deputy Commissioner Techu Aran and SP Singjatla Singpho, among others.

A group of 18 Mithun farmers from Ziro were taken on an exposure tour to the National Research Centre on Mithun (NRCM) in Medziphema, Nagaland, on Friday by the Lower Subansiri district Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department. The group was taken around the NRCM farm, where they were introduced to the semi-intensive system of mithun management. An interactive session was also held with the farmers, where NRCM Director Dr Girish Patil, along with other scientists, discussed critical issues faced by mithun farmers, stressing the importance of vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease, need for maintaining high-quality breeding bulls, and other relevant aspects of mithun farming.

Indian Army’s Spear Corps launched a religious and pilgrimage tour under ‘Operation Sadbhavana’. In line with the Army’s ongoing efforts to promote unity, harmony, and national integration, a National Integration Tour for 20 pilgrims was flagged off from Likabali Military Station today by Lt Gen Abhijit S Pendharkar, General Officer Commanding, 3 Corps, under Operation Sadbhavana. Organized by the Spear Corps of the Eastern Command, this initiative aims to foster cultural and religious understanding by connecting people across diverse regions of Arunachal Pradesh. The tour will cover the serene and spiritually significant journey from Tuting to Tawang allowing pilgrims to experience the rich cultural & religious heritage of Arunachal.