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President Droupadi Murmu extended greetings to Army personnel and veterans on Army Day today. In a message, the President highlighted the Army's pivotal role in ensuring national security. President Murmu said that the soldiers contribute to creating a peaceful environment in the country for its progress and prosperity. She also praised the Army for its courageousness saying, they have consistently displayed extraordinary courage and high standards of professionalism in defending our borders. President Murmu also said that the nation remembers with gratitude, the countless sacrifices they have made in service of the motherland.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today emphasised that India operates with a spirit of development, not expansionism. He remarked that India has always supported an open, secure, inclusive, and prosperous Indo-Pacific Region. He was addressing the gathering after dedicating three frontline naval combatants INS Surat, INS Nilgiri and INS Vaghsheer to the nation on their commissioning at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. Remarking that today was a big day for India's maritime heritage, the glorious history of the Navy and the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the Prime Minister said that Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj gave a new strength and vision to the Navy in India. Prime Minister noted that when it came to the development of coastal nations, India introduced the mantra of SAGAR – Security And Growth for All in the Region and advanced with this vision. The commissioning of the three naval combatants marks a significant leap forward in realizing India's vision of becoming a global leader in defence manufacturing and maritime security.

The Centre has approved the creation of two new Reserve Battalions of the Central Industrial Security Force taking the total number of battalions from 13 to 15. In a statement, the Home Ministry said that each new battalion will comprise around 1025 personnel of various ranks and will be led by a Senior Commandant level Officer. These new battalions will be vital in catering to the increasing demands on the CISF by creating a pool of trained personnel to fulfil immediate induction requirements relating to internal security.

The grand and divine Mahakumbh is capturing global attention. As part of this, a 21-member delegation from 10 countries will take

a holy dip at the Sangam tomorrow. The delegation, invited by the Ministry of External Affairs, is arriving today. The international delegation includes representatives from Fiji, Finland, Guyana, Malaysia, Mauritius, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United Arab Emirates.

Governor KT Parnaik conferred the Bharat Scouts and Guides Rajya Puraskar on Scouts and Guides at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar today. Out of 69 Scouts and 92 Guides who qualified for Rajya Puraskar, 21 Scouts and 22 Guides received their State Award in person in the 22nd Rajya Puraskar Award Ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor, who is also the Chief Patron of the Bharat Scouts and Guides State Association, congratulated the awardees and said that the award reflects their dedication, hard work, discipline, and commitment to serving society. The Governor urged the school students to join the Scouts and Guides movement and said that the Nation stands on the shoulders of its youth.

A Neolithic stone tool has been discovered in Upper Siang district by the Gaon burah of Mossing village, Bigong Tedo while working in his paddy field. The tool has been loaned to Rajiv Gandhi University's Arunachal Institute for Tribal Studies (AITS), in hope that it may be studied by scholars to learn more about Arunachal's unique and ancient cultural heritage. Accepting the object on behalf of RGU, AITS Director Prof Jumyir Basar thanked the Mossing GB's family for their contribution to scholarship and cultural heritage preservation, and affirmed that it will be placed at the AITS Tribal Heritage Museum.

An Asiatic Pangolin with a pangopup was rescued by a resident of Bamin village, East Siang district from their farm yard on Tuesday. The animal and its pup was handed over to RFO, Anchalghat Wildlife Range, D Ering Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary Division, Pasighat and later released inside the sanctuary area by the wildlife officials. The Asiatic Pangolin (Philippine Pangolin) is listed in Schedule I of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and as endangered on IUCN red list. All Pangolin species are listed in Appendix I of convention on international trade in endangered species which prohibits their commercial trade.

Ace Shuttler Laa Talar will lead the Arunachal Pradesh badminton team at the upcoming 38th National Games in Uttarakhand. In response to the news, Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media post today expressed confidence over Laa Talar

and the squad of shuttlers representing the state. The CM extended his best wishes to the team.