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The eighth edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha, an interactive program initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will be held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi tomorrow. 36 students from all States and Union Territory have been selected to interact directly with the Prime Minister. With over 5 crore participation, this year's program exemplifies its status as a Jan Andolan, inspiring collective celebration of learning. Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025 will feature seven insightful episodes, bringing together renowned personalities from diverse fields to guide students on essential aspects of life and learning. The program will be telecast live on Akashvani, Doordarshan, Swayam, Swayam Prabha, the PMO YouTube channel, and the social media channels of the Education and Information and Broadcasting Ministries. Over the years, PPC has evolved into an opportunity aimed at transforming exam-related stress into positive energy.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has congratulated the States Taekwondo team for their outstanding performance at the 38th National Games, 2025 held Uttarakhand. In a social media post today, Khandu mentioned Khinsan Wangsu (Gold medalist in Female Individual Poomsae) and Radha Bangsia, Lumter Uli & Achum Sangha (Female Group Poomsae), Rikpy Nyodu & Miching Taja (Silver medalist in Mixed Pair Poomsae) and Akash Kumar Ram, Miching Taja & Kame Bayang (Bronze medalist in Male Group Poomsae). In the meantime, the Chief Minister has complimented coaches Atli Nisso, Ranjit Biswakarma & Tarak Dotang. The 38th National Games 2025 had begun on January 28 last and will continue till the 14th of this month.

The 20th Annual Conference of the Association of Oncologists of North East India concluded at Waii International hotel in Itanagar today. Speaking on the inaugural session yesterday, Health Minister Biyuram Wahge said that Cancer is like an epidemic in the state. He said that the rate of cancer cases in Arunachal is very high in comparison to others. Mr. Wahge said that to understand the root cause of the rising cancer cases in the state, the government has signed a MoU with Dr B Borooah Cancer Institute of Assam to make a comprehensive research study particularly at Ziro Valley in Lower Subansiri District. The health minister said that Papum Pare District is Arunachal Pradesh and Aizwal in Mizoram has the highest

concentration of cancer cases in the whole north-eastern region. According to reports, the cancer incidence rate is highest in Papum Pare District in females and second highest in males. Oncologists from across North East India attended the conference.

Minister for Agriculture, Gabriel D Wangsu inspected a slew of agri and allied projects implemented in East Siang district and interacted with the beneficiary farmers during his field visits to farms of the progressive farmers yesterday. Mr. Wangsu, who is on his maiden visit to East Siang, stressed that successful implementation of various agri and allied schemes will motivate more farmers as a viable economic activity. The Minister inspected the IDDP& ANE Diary Plant at VTI, Govt. Piggery Farm at 7 mile, Pane Korong Fish farm & Fishery Office and others. Later, the Minister also took stock of the status of ongoing schemes during a review meeting at Siang Guest House with the HoDs in the presence of MLA Tapi Darang & DC Tayi Taggu. Another highlight of his visit was the floral village (Bodak) under Mebo sub division where the Minister lauded the Mission Pun: lek (floral village destination) initiated by the local MLA Oken Tayeng. The Minister urged the community to avail schemes to take up floriculture as an economic activity in tune with the innovative floral mission.

The second phase of the mass library awareness campaign cum library membership drive concluded in Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College, Piyong, Namsai yesterday. The first phase of the program was earlier organized in the month of December last year to cover all the Middle, Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools in the township and Govt. Nursing School, Namsai and the Arunachal University of Studies, Namsai. The program was initiated by Deputy Commissioner, Namsai, C. R. Khampa with the intent to spread the message of joy of reading among the student community and to encourage them to avail the benefit of the hi-tech district Library, Namsai. More than 2000 students along with teachers and faculty members have benefited from the program. Large number of enrolment of students were recorded during the program.