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Home Minister Amit Shah today said that 29 drug traffickers have been convicted by the court in 12 different cases across India as a result of a fool proof investigation with a bottom-to-top and top-to-bottom strategy. In a social media post, Mr Shah said the Narendra Modi government is unsparing in punishing drug traffickers who drag youth into addiction for money. He pledged to continue combating the drug menace with meticulous investigations to build a drug-free Bharat.

The Election Commission has clarified that duplication in EPIC numbers does not imply duplicate or fake voters. The Commission said this in a statement following certain media reports flagging the issue of electors of two different states having identical EPIC numbers. The Commission clarified that while the EPIC numbers of some of the electors may be identical; the other details including demographic details, Assembly Constituency and polling booth are different for the electors with the same EPIC number. The Commission further stated that to allay any apprehensions, it has decided to ensure the allotment of unique EPIC numbers to registered electors. The ERONET 2.0 platform will be updated to aid and assist in this process.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has lauded Sonam Zomba's international debut victory at Matrix Fight Night 16 held in New Delhi. In a social media post today, Mr. Khandu praised her excellent performance and remarkable victory. Following her victory, Zomba has expressed gratitude towards Chief Minister Pema Khandu, her coach, family and supporters. The MMA fighter hailing from Jang village in Tawang district had defeated Singapore's Shi Yin Tan at Delhi's Siri Fort Stadium yesterday.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein in a social media post today informed that, the Arunachal Pradesh GI Mahotsav in Delhi has continued to captivate audiences on Day 2, celebrating our state's vibrant cultural heritage and unique GI products. Mein further informed, the Aji Lhamu dance of West Kameng and the Snow Lion dance of Tawang brought alive the rich traditions of our land. We are proud to showcase Arunachal's artistry, craftsmanship, and agricultural excellence, now recognized with 20 GI tags, he

added. The Arunachal GI Mahotsav 2025 is the state's first-ever Geographical Indication (GI) Mahotsav.

Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Secretary, Dr Sonal Swaroop inspected various worksites in more than 20 GPCs in Basar and Tirbin circles during a two-day visit to Leparada district from 28 February to 1 March. During the visit, the secretary also convened a review meeting with all the officials of the RD and the PR departments at the DC's conference hall yesterday. While interacting with the beneficiary of the project, the secretary expressed satisfaction over proper utilisation of government assistance and assured to initiate more such programmes for the remaining eligible beneficiaries.

India has witnessed a considerable decrease in poverty over the last decade according to a new paper. The paper, published by economists Surjit S Bhalla and Karan Bhasin, analysed data from recently released household expenditure data for 2022-23 and 2023-24. Data from these surveys indicate a substantial decline in poverty levels in India. The paper claimed that extreme poverty in the country has dropped to negligible levels. The paper also stated that there is strong evidence that India has experienced a sharp reduction in inequality over the last twelve years from 2011-12 to 2023-24.

The India Meteorological Department has issued a Yellow alert over Lower Subansiri, Papumpare, East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley, Dibang Valley, Anjaw, Lohit, Changlang, Tirap and Longding districts of Arunachal Pradesh. IMD has issued a warning of rainfall with thunderstorms and lightning very likely to occur at isolated locations over the next 24 hours.

The National Science Day celebrations were held at the Bamboosa Library, Tezu on Friday amidst much fanfare. On the occasion, an exciting session of sci-fun activities for school students was conducted by renowned science teacher-educator and solar energy expert, Bappu Deshmukh from Pondicherry. In view of the long vacation for school students, the Bamboosa Library has proposed to conduct monthly quizzes on a wide range of topics from next month, to help students develop their reading enthusiasm and learning abilities.

MLA Daporijo, Taniya Soki inaugurated the opening ceremony of the 2nd edition of the Tagin premier cricket tournament

at Daporijo yesterday. A total of eleven teams including two teams from Kamle and Laparada district are participating in the tournament. The event is being organised by Si Donyi cricket foundation. All together 231 players are participating in the tournament.

In the ICC Men's Champions Trophy, India scored 249 for 9 against New Zealand in their Group A match today. Earlier, New Zealand captain Mitchell Santner had won the toss and opted to bowl. At the time of this report, New Zealand were for.... in ... overs. The winner of the match will face Australia in the semifinals, while the losing team will take on South Africa.