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Governor Lt. General K.T. Parnaik (Retd.) has extended his warmest greetings to the people of the State on the festive occasion of Bohag Bihu. On behalf of the people of the State, the Governor extended best wishes to the people in Assam. He expressed his hope that the celebration would strengthen the bonds of friendship, foster harmony, and bring progress to all.

May this festivity of Bihu usher in peace, prosperity, and happiness for all, the Governor wished in his message. In the meantime, the Governor also extended his heartfelt greetings to the people of the State, especially the Nyishi community, on the auspicious occasion of the Longte Festival.

In his message, the Governor said that Longte is a celebration of well-being, prosperity, and harmony, deeply rooted in the rich traditions of the Nyishi community. May this sacred festival strengthen the bonds of unity, preserve our age-old traditions, and bring prosperity, happiness, and harmony to all, the Governor wished in his message.

Commemorating the National Fire Service Day, a new Fire Station building was inaugurated at Naharlagun today. Home Minister, Mama Natung, and The Department of Indigenous Affairs inaugurated the new building. Speaking on the occasion Home Minister Mama Natung appealed to the public to take ownership of the public property. He also lauded the police and health department for working judiciously. Additionally, 8 Fire Tenders along with 10 Motorcycles were flagged off by the Department of Fire and Emergency Service. Speaking to Doordarshan, SP, Fire and Emergency Service, John Pada informed that the 8 new Fire Tenders have been dispatched to various Fire Stations across the state and 10 Motorcycles have been sent to respective Fire Stations in various districts. He added that a total of 24 Fire Stations is functional across the state.

The BJP, Arunachal Pradesh observed the 134th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar at the State BJP Office in Itanagar today. Minister of Education, P.D. Sona who attended the program as Chief Guest emphasized that Dr. Ambedkar's principles and values remain deeply relevant even today, as they continue to guide the nation's journey toward

inclusive development and social harmony. State BJP President Kaling Moyong in his presidential address elaborated on the objectives and significance of the Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Samman Abhiyan – 2025. He shared that the campaign is being organized from April 14 to April 25 across all 28 districts, 78 mandals, and at the booth level throughout the state. The campaign will encompass a wide range of programs and outreach activities aimed at honouring Dr Ambedkar's legacy and spreading awareness about his ideals.

On the basis of credible intelligence received yesterday regarding suspected drug peddlers operating in and around the Lower Borum area, the Papu Hill Police led by Inspector Torum Mai, have successfully apprehended two suspects in the Lekhi area under Nirjuli jurisdiction. Upon conducting a personal search, the police recovered and seized 08 vials of suspected heroin weighing approximately 10.59 grams from their possession. Accordingly, a case has been registered at Papu Hills Police Station under the NDPS Act. Further investigation is underway.

In the meantime, Superintendent of Police, Naharlagun, Mihin Gambo has lauded the timely and effective action of the Papu Hill Police team. He reiterated that Operation Dawn 2.0 will continue to target drug networks and offenders with zero tolerance.

The India Meteorological Department has issued yellow alerts over Tawang, West Kameng, East Kameng, Kamle, Lower Subansiri, Papum Pare, West Siang, Upper Subansiri, East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley, Anjaw, and Namsai districts of Arunachal Pradesh. IMD has forecast rainfall with thunderstorms with lightning very likely to occur at isolated locations over the next 24 hours.

The Theravada Buddhist community ushered in the New Year with vibrant Sangken celebrations at Vivek Vihar, Itanagar today. The three-day festival, deeply rooted in tradition and spirituality, witnessed enthusiastic participation from devotees and well-wishers. A highlight of the celebration was the ceremonial pouring of water on one another; a symbolic act representing purification, goodwill, and the washing away of past misdeeds. Sangken marks the beginning of the Buddhist New Year and is celebrated with symbolic rituals and prayers.

The Department of Political Science, Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) organized an online talk on the theme "Ambedkar's World: The Pursuit of Justice Through Struggle, Identity and

Empowerment” on the eve of Ambedkar Jayanti today. While addressing the gathering Professor Nani Bath highlighted Ambedkar’s contributions towards the protection of tribal rights, especially in the context of Northeast India. The webinar was graced by distinguished subject expert, Dr Prachand Narayan Piraji from the Department of English, RGU.