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A Ten-Member Team of the 16th Finance Commission of India led by Annie George Mathew visited Ziro Valley yesterday. The Lower Subansiri District administration accorded them a traditional welcome at Circuit House at Hapoli wherein the 16th Finance Commission had a productive interaction with PRI Members and HODs. The Commission assessed the challenges faced in the implementation of various flagship programs and advancement made so far.

Governor Lt. General K.T. Parnaik (Retd.) participated in the Madhavpur Fair, an annual cultural and spiritual festival held in Madhavpur Ghed, Gujarat yesterday. The fair commemorates the divine wedding of Lord Krishna and Rukmini, symbolizing the historical and cultural connection between Gujarat and the Northeast, particularly Arunachal Pradesh. The Governor, currently on a five-day official visit to Gujarat at the invitation of Chief Minister of Gujarat, Bhupendra Patel, commended the event as a unique initiative under the 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' programme. As a token of appreciation and to further cultural exchange, the Governor presented a book titled 'Malinithan – A Glorious Heritage of Arunachal Pradesh', published by the Malinithan Vikash Parishad, to the Governor of Gujarat and Union Minister of Culture and Tourism.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu while attending the 8th meeting of the Steering Committee of the Department of Hydro Power Development at Tawang today handed over a cheque of Rs 269.97 Crore to the Deputy Commissioner, Anini, Dibang Valley district on behalf of SJVN Ltd. The information was shared by the Chief Minister in a social media post today. Khandu in his post stressed that this marks a significant step forward in the construction of the 3097 MW Etalin Hydroelectric Project, one of the largest in the country.

In a continuous fight against drug trafficking under Operation Dawn 2.0, the Naharlagun Police have successfully busted two major interstate drug networks operating within the Capital Region. Acting on credible information, the police conducted two separate raids leading to the arrest of four drug peddlers including three women and the seizure of a total of 53.13 grams of suspected

heroin along with cash amounting to ₹ 1,25,000/-. A case has been registered at Naharlagun PS under the NDPS Act.

Arunachal's Taekwondo player Rupa Bayor has been selected under the Target Asian Games Group (TAGG) by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, for the Asian Games 2026. In response to the news Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media post congratulated Rupa Bayor on being selected under the Target Asian Games Group (TAGG) in the discipline of Taekwondo for the 2026 Asian Games.

The Department of Education, Papum Pare District, under the Samagra Shiksha scheme, organized a Drug Abuse Awareness Programme at Government Higher Secondary School, Balijan yesterday. The initiative targeted elementary and secondary school students in the Balijan Block to raise awareness about drug abuse, its harmful impacts, and prevention strategies. While addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner of Papum Pare District (Rural), Jiken Bomjen urged the students and other stakeholders to stay away from drugs, emphasizing that drug abuse not only destroys individuals but also weakens society.

The XIII Inter College Youth Festival 2025, hosted by Rajiv Gandhi University concluded yesterday with great enthusiasm and success after three days of vibrant cultural, literary, and sports competitions. The valedictory ceremony was attended by MLA Topin Ete, as the Chief Guest. This year's edition witnessed the participation of 27 colleges and 484 participants competing in 8 different disciplines.