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Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended warm wishes to the nation on the auspicious occasion of Hanuman Jayanti today. Mr. Modi in a social media post wished that, with the blessings of Lord Hanuman widely revered as Sankatmochan may all people remain healthy, happy and prosperous in life.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed grief over the demise of Padma Shri Daripalli Ramaiah, popularly known as the green crusader. Calling him a true champion of sustainability, Mr. Modi in a social media post today said that Ramaiah's love for nature and tireless efforts will inspire future generations and added that Ramaiah's work will keep motivating the country's youth in their quest to build a greener planet.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also condoled the demise of senior RSS Pracharak, Harishbhai Nayak. In a social media post, he praised Nayak's lifelong contribution to service and organizational work, saying it will always be remembered. The PM also noted that, as per his wishes, Nayak's body was donated for educational purposes.

Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary has handed over a Demand Draft of over ₹515 crore to D.K. Seth, Chairman of the Asset Disposal Committee, for restitution to victims of the Rose Valley Ponzi scam today. The amount is expected to benefit around 7.5 lakh investors out of the 31 lakh claims received. The Enforcement Directorate is investigating five PMLA cases against the Rose Valley Group across West Bengal, Odisha, Assam, and Tripura. The group allegedly collected ₹17,520 crore through false promises of land, hotel shares, and high returns, leaving over ₹6,600 crore unpaid to investors. This is among the largest ED investigations of its kind.

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar has welcomed the extradition of Tahawwur Hussain Rana, one of the key conspirators in the deadly 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, from the United States to India. He called it a big step toward justice for the victims. Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio also said the US and India have long worked together to bring justice to the 166 people, including six Americans, who lost their lives in the 2008 attacks.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah today reaffirmed the commitment of both the Union and Maharashtra Governments to develop Raigad Fort, the historic seat of Chhatrapati Shiva Maharaj, as a source of inspiration for India's youth. Speaking on the 345<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Shivaji Maharaj at the fort, Shah highlighted his enduring message of striving for Swaraj (self-rule). He also emphasized that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the government is working to make India a global beacon of hope, in line with Shivaji Maharaj's vision.

In a major crackdown under Operation Dawn 2.0, Banderdewa Police foiled two interstate drug smuggling attempts on April 11, arresting five peddlers and seizing 93.15 grams of suspected heroin. In the first operation, two accused; Maku Rangmo (27) of East Kameng, and Raja Limbu (26) of Naharlagun, were held after police intercepted a scooter and recovered 46.40 grams of heroin. Later that night, a Mahindra Scorpio was intercepted near Banderdewa Market, leading to the arrest of three Assam-based peddlers — Enamul Hussain, Enamul Haque, and Ainul Haque — with 46.75 grams of heroin. Both cases have been registered under the NDPS Act and BNS, 2023. Meanwhile, SP Naharlagun Mihin Gambo, IPS, has praised the police team for their swift and effective action.

The Indian Army has announced a recruitment drive for unmarried male candidates from all districts of Arunachal Pradesh under the Agnipath Scheme for the 2025-26 intake. Online registration began on March 12 and will remain open until April 25, 2025. The selection process will occur in two phases. Phase I involves a computer-based Common Entrance Examination (CEE) at selected centres in the state. Phase II will be a recruitment rally for candidates shortlisted based on the CEE results. Applicants must register at [www.joinindianarmy.nic.in](http://www.joinindianarmy.nic.in) using their Aadhaar number, an active mobile number, and a personal email ID.

A youth interaction program titled "Yuva Vimarsh – Dialogue with Youth" was held at the auditorium of the College of Horticulture and Forestry in Pasighat today. The event was organized by the Ignited Youth Forum of JN College Pasighat under the banner of Vivekananda Kendra Arunachal Pradesh. State Information Commissioner, Khopey Thaley, attended the program as the Chief Guest and delivered the keynote address. Meanwhile speaking on the occasion Guest of Honour cum Renowned mountaineer Tine Mena, the first woman from Arunachal Pradesh and Northeast India to summit Mount Everest, shared her journey of overcoming

challenges to climb the world's highest peak and inspired the audiences. The event saw participation from VKV alumni, teachers, dignitaries, and students from NCC and NSS.