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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that his tri-nation tour to Cyprus, Canada, and Croatia is an opportunity to thank partner countries for their steadfast support to India in its fight against cross-border terrorism, and to galvanize global understanding on tackling terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. In his departure statement while leaving for Cyprus this morning, he said that the visit provides an opportunity to build upon the historical bonds and expand our ties in the areas of trade, investment, security, technology and promote people-to-people exchanges. PM Modi said that the G7 Summit at Canada will provide space for exchange of views on pressing global issues and the priorities of the Global South.

Indian Army has thanked the civilians for their unwavering support, deep admiration and gratitude to them during Operation Sindoor. In a social media post, the Indian Army shared that they received a heartfelt compilation of letters from the civilians. They expressed that their words echo pride, resilience and the enduring spirit of heroism that continues to inspire the military. Indian Army assured that they are always in service to the nation, with honour and dedication.

Governor KT Parnaik addressed a grand Ex-Servicemen Rally at Rupa in West Kameng district on Saturday, honouring the veterans, Veer Naris, and their families. Hailing them as symbols of patriotism and sacrifice, he assured them of continued support and welfare. The Governor also encouraged youth from veteran families to join the armed forces, calling the veterans "natural mentors" for nation-building. The rally, organized by 5 Mountain Division under Gajraj Corps, featured medical camps, welfare help desks, and stalls by Army and State agencies.

In a continued effort to build consensus on the contentious Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP), Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein held a meeting with members of the Siang Indigenous Farmers' Forum (SIFF) at Itanagar on Saturday. This marks his second interaction with the Forum regarding the SUMP, which has been accorded National Project status by the Government of India in 2008. During the meeting, Mein assured the SIFF members that their grievances and concerns are being heard and duly considered.

World Blood Donor Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly in Itanagar on Saturday. The event was jointly organized by Seva Bharati Arunachal Pradesh and the Arunachal Life Saving Foundation. Gracing the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein praised voluntary donors and healthcare workers, calling blood donation "one of the highest forms of service." He announced plans to institutionalize the World Blood Donor Day as a state calendar event, establish a new Blood Bank in the State capital, and launch a mobile Blood Bank unit for remote areas. The event featured a mass blood donation camp.

Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) urged the State Government to establish separate child-friendly Special Courts under the POCSO Act, 2012 in the State capital and across districts. In a representation to the State's Law Commissioner, APWWS highlighted the lack of child-sensitive infrastructure in existing designated POCSO courts, citing instances where victims have faced traumatic encounters with accused persons due to inadequate facilities. Stressing the urgency, APWWS called for separate courtrooms with child-friendly amenities, waiting areas, counselling rooms, and in-camera trial settings.

The Tani Language Foundation participated in the 34th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS), held from June 11 to 13 in Bali, Indonesia. Presenting pioneering research on youth engagement in Tani language preservation, linguists Hariprasad Doley from JNU and Alessandro David (University of Florida) highlighted challenges and innovations in intergenerational transmission and digital storytelling among Tani-speaking communities.

Pasighat West MLA Ninong Ering awarded cash incentives of one lakh rupees each to three IAS aspirants from his constituency who cleared the UPSC Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination 2025. The incentives were handed over during a simple ceremony held at the Ruksin ADC's office, attended by ADC Kiran Ningo. The beneficiaries included Elkanah Modi, Bambom Perme, and Dr Zing Messar. The assistance is part of the MLA's scholarship scheme, launched in 2019, which supports local UPSC aspirants with free coaching and procurement of study materials.

In Gujarat, the process of handing over the bodies of those killed in the tragic Air India crash in Ahmedabad is underway. DNA

testing has confirmed the identities of 32 deceased, with 14 bodies handed over to their families so far. State Home Minister Harsh Sanghvi said, former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani's body has been identified through DNA testing, confirming his death in the air tragedy.

A helicopter crashed this morning in the hilly region of Gaurikund Khark in the Kedarnath area of Uttarakhand, resulting in the deaths of seven people, including six pilgrims and the pilot. The helicopter was en route from Kedarnath to Guptkashi. Officials said, the mishap occurred after the helicopter suddenly collided with a tree due to bad weather.

Yajik Hillang from Arunachal Pradesh brought laurels by winning a gold medal for India at the 15th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships 2025, held in Thimphu, Bhutan from June 11 to 15. Hillang secured the top position in the women's model physique (up to 155cm) event. She also bagged a bronze medal in the women's swimsuit physique category at the prestigious regional event.