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Chinese Foreign Minister and Member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of China, Wang Yi, will be on a two-day visit to India from Monday. He is visiting India at the invitation of National Security Advisor Ajit Doval. During the visit, the Chinese Foreign Minister will hold the 24th round of Special Representatives' Talks on India-China boundary question with India's Special Representative, Mr Doval. External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar will hold a bilateral meeting with his Chinese counterpart.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day address yesterday said the Next-Generation GST reforms by Diwali will reduce taxes on daily essentials, benefiting MSMEs, local vendors, and consumers, while simultaneously stimulating economic growth and creating a more efficient, citizen-friendly economy. He said, the Income Tax Reform and Faceless Assessment were introduced to make the tax system transparent and efficient. He added that amidst global instability, India's fiscal discipline, the energy of India's finance, remains a ray of hope, with the entire world expressing confidence in the Indian economy.

State Governor Lt. General retired K.T. Parnaik has extended his greetings to the citizens on Janmashtami. He expressed hope the blessed day will continue to inspire all to follow Lord Shri Krishna's eternal message of Karma, right conduct and purposeful action, in the pursuit of our goals in life. Shri Krishna Janmashtami festival is being celebrated with religious fervour across the country today.

The prestigious state awards were given to the recipients yesterday during the 79th Independence Day celebration at IG Park in Itanagar. On the occasion, a gold medal, 8 silver medals and 18 commendation certificates were awarded to outstanding individuals, NGOs and departments for their exemplary services and dedication. Havildar & honorary Naib Subedar (retired) Leki Passang of 2nd Battalion, Arunachal Scouts was awarded with gold medal.

The Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2025 was awarded to five departments for their successful projects yesterday during the 79th Independence Day celebration at IG Park in Itanagar. These departments are the

Urban Development Department, West Siang district for Aalo Urban Renewal Project, Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission for revamping of APPSC, District Urban Development Agency (DUDA), Namsai for Septage Management for Treatment Plant, Office of the Deputy Commissioner Londing district for Multipurpose Hub and Recreational Park at Kanubari and Deputy Director (ICDS), Women & Child Development, Bomdila for Tech-Vadi Technologically enabled Anganwadi centre for enhanced Childhood Education.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein yesterday hoisted the National Flag at Pali Vidyapeeth Ground in Chongkham in Namsai district. Mein paid homage to the sacrifices of India's freedom fighters and remembered State's unsung heroes who played pivotal roles in resistance against the colonial rule. On the occasion, Mein felicitated meritorious students, dedicated citizens, and participants. He inaugurated exhibition stalls showcasing state's cultural heritage, sustainable farming practices, innovative projects, and handicrafts. He also launched KAT YEIN, a packaged drinking water brand from Momong village, developed under a convergence model by Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ArSLM), Village Sanitation and Water Committee (VSWC), Momong.

The 79th Independence Day was celebrated across the state yesterday. Lok Sabha MP Tapir Gao hoisted Tri-Colour at Pasighat Outdoor Stadium in East Siang district. Gao paid tributes to freedom fighters of the country including Arunachal Pradesh. Gao further awarded commendation certificates to 28 Awardees from various departments and handed over red coats and appointment orders to newly appointed GBs. He inaugurated the exhibition, where a book donation drive was held by the education department. Meanwhile, MLA Ninong Ering hoisted National Flag at Ruksin ADC Head Quarter. Furthermore, a 100-foot flag was hoisted by the families of late freedom fighters of then Abor Congress Committee-Dipa (now Dipa Congress Committee) at Dipa village in Lower Siang district, where the state's 1st flag was hoisted.

State Governor Lt. General retired KT Parnaik expressed grief over sudden demise of Governor of Nagaland La Ganesan. Extending his condolences, the Governor said Late Ganesan was a venerable statesman and an exemplary leader, and a devoted social activist, who worked tirelessly for the welfare of the people and upheld the highest values of integrity and humility in public life. Late Ganesan visited Arunachal Pradesh in March this year.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar (MCI) forecasted that 16 districts are in yellow alert zone and will receive thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain very likely at isolated places today.

The Arogyam Health and Wellness Centre, an initiative of Indian Army under Operation Sadbhavana was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Tawang Namgyal Angmo today at Dahjhong (Thingbu Hydel) under Jang sub division in Tawang district. Equipped with basic life-saving facilities, the centre aims to provide timely health support to villagers and tourists visiting Thingbu, Mago, Jethang and Luguthang. DC Tawang Namgyal Angmo expressed gratitude to Indian Army for establishing the centre and dedicating it to the villagers. Later, Angmo inspected Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya, Thingbu and interacted with teachers and students.

Former All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (AAPSU) President Takam Tatung passed away today after prolonged battle with cancer. He served as President of AAPSU from the year 2009 to 2012. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein extending his condolence to the bereaved family, said late Tatung's contribution to the welfare of the student community will always be remembered.