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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the three-day Combined Commanders' Conference at Kolkata in West Bengal today. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister lauded the Indian Armed Forces for their exemplary role in Operation Sindoor and highlighted their vital contribution to nation-building. On the occasion, the Prime Minister also unveiled the 'Indian Armed Forces Vision 2047' document which charts the roadmap for a future-ready armed forces.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated and laid foundation stone for multiple development projects spread across Bihar worth more than 40,000 crore rupees from Purnea district. Address a public meeting at Sheesha Badi in Gulab Bag in Purnea, the Prime Minister said the double engine government is continuously working to make the lives of the people of Bihar easier.

The Supreme Court has stayed certain provisions of Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025. Minister of Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju today welcomed the Supreme Court verdict on the Waqf Amendment Bill, describing it as a beacon of India's parliamentary democracy.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is a national campaign initiated to eliminate [open defecation](#), improve [solid waste management](#) and to create Open Defecation Free (ODF) villages by [Government of India](#) on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014. The Abhiyan is making Revolutionary changes. A research paper was published recently in Nature magazine about the changes after end of open defecation in India. A study undertaken by University of California and Ohio State University stated the Abhiyan was successful in preventing almost 70 thousand deaths annually.

Western Command of the Indian Army celebrated its 79th Raising Day today at Chandi Mandir in the backdrop of 60 years of victory achieved in Indo-Pak War of 1965. Lt Gen Mohit Wadhwa, Chief of Staff, Headquarters Western, paid homage to the fallen heroes by laying a wreath on behalf of GOC-in-C, Western Command at the Veer Smriti War Memorial.

The Tagin Cultural Society (TCS) today met Chief Minister Pema Khandu to address the long pending demands to introduce

inter connected highway roads from Mebi Geko in Upper Subansiri district to Gerukha Mukh in Assam and immediate creation of Singhik district. The four legislators of Upper Subansiri district IPR Minister Nyato Dukam and MLAs Nakap Nalo, Taniya Soki and Rode Bui were also present during the meeting. Later in a media briefing, President TCS Larji Rigia informed that CM Khandu has assured to extend his support to meet their demands and also to introduce various developmental projects in Upper Subansiri district. Further, the CM consented to attend VI General conference cum Silver Jubilee Celebrations of TCS in November this year.

Doordarshan completes 66 years of its illustrious journey today. Established on 15th September 1959, Doordarshan marked the beginning of India's broadcasting era. The then President Rajendra Prasad inaugurated the first broadcast. Today, Doordarshan remains India's largest broadcasting entity, with a vast network of studios and transmitters. It provides television, online, and mobile services, reaching both metropolitan and regional areas, as well as international audiences.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar (MCI) today forecasts that Papum Pare, Kurung Kumey, West Siang, Leparada, Lower Dibang Valley, Namsai and Changlang districts are in orange alert zone. Thunderstorm with lightning and very heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places in the next 24 hours. Meanwhile, 18 districts are in yellow alert zone and will receive thunderstorm with lightning very likely at isolated places.

The Indian Army's Spear Corps is presently undertaking a challenging mountaineering expedition to Mount Gorichen, the highest peak of Arunachal Pradesh in Tawang district. The expedition was formally flagged off on 20<sup>th</sup> of last month with the aim to promote adventure, resilience and team spirit while showcasing the indomitable character of the Indian soldier. This expedition also aims to strengthen civil-military relations by promoting awareness about the spirit of mountaineering and adventure in Arunachal Pradesh. Meanwhile, the expedition has now entered its final stretch, with the summit bid expected to commence shortly.

The Arunachal Pradesh Engineering Service Association (APESA) celebrated 58<sup>th</sup> Engineers' Day today at Golden Jubilee Banquet Hall in Itanagar. On the occasion, appreciating the engineers, Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Water Resources Biyuram Wahge appealed all to keep up the good work in

their chosen fields. Meanwhile, retired Chief Engineers Nani Robin, Taka Tapak, Bar Takum and Atek Mihu were given with Lifetime Achievement Awards for their contribution in various engineering departments in the state government.

The 'Red Run' a 5 KM mini-marathon was successfully organized by Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) today at its campus in Rono Hills, Doimukh. About 100 participants have competed in the run. The Red Run Marathon is jointly organized by Red Ribbon Club & NSS Cell, RGU and Arunachal Pradesh State AIDS Control Society (APSACS) to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS blood donation, drug abuse and promote fitness and foster community unity.