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The Union Cabinet has approved Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central Government employees, and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners by three per cent. Briefing the media after the cabinet meeting in New Delhi today, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that this will benefit about 49.2 lakh central government employees and 68.7 lakh pensioners. He said that this will be effective from 1st July this year. Some of the other key decisions by the Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs includes approval for the opening of 57 new Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country with an outlay of more than five thousand 862 crore rupees. Approval of the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses, aimed at boosting domestic production and achieving self-sufficiency in pulses and the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all mandated Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2026-27.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the centenary celebrations of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) in New Delhi today. The centenary celebrations highlight the legacy of RSS, its cultural contributions, and its role in the country's unity. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said the RSS is working for nation-building. He said, the establishment of RSS as an organisation on this great day, 100 years ago, was not just a coincidence, but it was the resur-rection of a tradition which had been continuing for thousands of years. On the occasion, the Prime Minister also released a specially designed commemorative postage stamp and coin highlighting the RSS's contributions to the nation.

Governor Lt. General K.T. Parnaik (Retd.) has extended his warm greetings to the people of the State on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. He expressed his hope that the day, also observed worldwide as the International Day of Non-Violence, reminds all of the enduring relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's universal message of peace and humanity. In his message, the Governor said that Gandhi led India's freedom struggle through the power of truth, non-violence, and peaceful resistance, inspiring movements for justice across the globe. His ideals of Satya, Ahimsa, Satyagraha, and cleanliness remain guiding lights even today, be it in promoting communal harmony, addressing social justice, or advancing environmental responsibility. May this Gandhi Jayanti inspire us all

to walk the path of peace, truth, and compassion in our daily lives, the Governor wished in his message.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today attended the valedictory ceremony of the 8th edition of 'Vijay Hi Vijay'-2025, a State Level Youth Leadership Development Programme at VKV Chimpu, Itanagar. In a social media post, Khandu emphasised that 'Vijay Hi Vijay' infers victory of light over darkness, truth over falsehood, unity over division, and urged the youth of the state to lead with purpose and dedicate themselves to nation building. Organised by the Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari, Arunachal Prant under the theme 'Leadership with purpose, Youth for Nation Building', the 3-day programme aimed at personality development and impart leadership qualities, which will help in the holistic and overall development of the youth.

Home Minister Mama Natung today held an interactive meeting with the Itanagar Traffic Warden (ITW) along with Advisor to Home Minister, Mutchu Mithi at Itanagar. Sharing the information in a social media post, the Home Minister assured that the State Government will look into the matter as per their grievances. In the meantime, he urged the traffic wardens to call off the Dharna and resume duty from today onwards. The ITWs had launched the sit-in protest on 24 September at IG Park, demanding immediate absorption into the Arunachal Pradesh Home Guard cadre.

The third session of the Shiksha Saathi Dibang initiative took place at Government Higher Secondary School, Anini yesterday. On the occasion, resource person Dr. Sami-ul-Hazarika, a recognized entrepreneur and professional career counsellor provided students with comprehensive guidance on academic and career opportunities emphasizing the importance of informed decision-making and skill development.

The session attracted over 150 attendees, including students from GHSS Anini and JNV Anini. The Meteorological Centre of Itanagar has issued yellow alert for thirteen districts of Arunachal Pradesh and has predicted thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain very likely at isolated places. The thirteen district are West Kameng, Kurung Kumey, Kra Dadi, Kamle, Lower Subansiri, Papum Pare, West Siang, East Siang, Dibang Valley, Anjaw, Changlang, Tirap, and Longding districts.

In the ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025, the second ODI match between defending champions Australia and New Zealand is currently underway at Holkar stadium in Indore. Australia won the toss and choose to bat. Yesterday, in the opening match, India defeated Sri Lanka by 59 runs in a rain affected match at Guwahati. The 13th edition of the tournament is featuring 8 teams – India, Sri Lanka, Australia, England, New Zealand, South Africa, Bangladesh and Pakistan. The much-anticipated match between arch-rivals India and Pakistan will be played on Sunday in Colombo.