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State Governor Lt. General K.T. Parnaik (Retd.) and Chief Minister Pema Khandu paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary at Gandhi Udyan in Itanagar today. They have also participated in Swachh Bharat Diwas celebration at Golden Jubilee Banquet Hall in Niti Vihar today. The Governor felicitated 'Swachhata Hi Sewa - 2025' awardees in various categories for their outstanding work in cleanliness and sanitation. The Governor said, their achievements are shining examples of how individuals can transform society when they take responsibility. Meanwhile, the Chief Minister appreciated the youth for their active role in the Swachh Bharat Mission and said, their commitment reflects the true spirit of service and responsibility towards society. The Gandhi Jayanti was also observed at Akashvani Itanagar today.

Home Minister, PHE and Guardian Minister of West Kameng, Bichom and Tawang Districts, Mama Natung, chaired a coordinationcum-review meeting with District Administration of West Kameng and Bichom at DC's Conference Hall in Bomdila today. The meeting reviewed on the implementation of ongoing projects under various programmes, State Plan, CSS, and Prime Minister/Chief Minister flagship schemes. The Minister particularly took stock of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) schemes and their coverage in West Kameng and Bichom districts. Natung urged all District Heads (DHODs) to complete all and Departments central State Government programmes and schemes within the specified timeframe. Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner West Kameng Akriti Sagar assured that all projects are in order and progressing on time. She also directed all Heads of Departments (HODs) to maintain proper data of the projects and schemes and ensure timely submission of reports.

According to the Met Centre Itanagar (MCI) forecast, 15 districts including Papum Pare are in yellow alert zone today. These districts will receive thunderstorm with lightning very likely at isolated places.

The '156<sup>th</sup> Gandhi Jayanti' and Swachh Bharat Diwas were celebrated in various districts of Arunachal Pradesh today. In Papum Pare, social service activities were held at Yupia. On the occasion, the awards and prizes were distributed for essay, painting competitions and recognition of best-performing self-help group

(SHG). Similarly in Lower Subansiri district, floral tribute was paid to Gandhij's statue, a mass cleanliness and plantation of saplings was organized. Later, awards were distributed to students and individuals. Similarly, altogether 550 cadets from 2 Arunachal Pradesh Battalion NCC have participated in a mass cleanliness drive on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti at Tawang, West Kameng, Bichom, and East Kameng districts today.

Deputy Commissioner East Siang Sonalika Jiwani today inaugurated a craft paper bag machine at Ruksin village. The machine was donated to SHG group Leko Lekon Lai of Ruksin village by MLA Ninong Ering on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Ering said, the SHG is doing a lot of good work for the society and is an exemplary of Viksit Bharat & Atma Nirbhar. Meanwhile, the SHG expressed their gratitude to MLA, and said they will work hard to further progress and inspire other groups.

The Dibang Valley district administration today conducted an interactive session for 23 trainee officers from Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall in Anini. The session was part of 'Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign-2025' and aimed to provide the trainee officers with insights into the challenges of civil service in the district. The visiting trainee officers, as part of their Himalayan Study Tour, have gained invaluable first-hand experience and exposure to the administrative challenges prevailing in India's remote yet strategically critical regions.

The month-long 'Kachhra Mela 2025' initiated by Kurung Kumey District Administration culminated today with a vibrant interschool fest at Koloriang. Altogether 800 students from 10 schools have actively engaged in various activities centred around the theme of cleanliness and creativity. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Kurung Kumey Cheechung Chuku appreciated the overwhelming participation and emphasized that such initiatives foster a sense of responsibility and ownership among students and the community alike. Meanwhile, awards were presented to Best and Cleanest School to Girls' Residential School, Ampong\_ney and Chera Talo District Hospital, Koloriang as the cleanest office.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of 'Prime Minister's Youth Camp at Border Area 2025' has concluded today at Kala\_wang\_po Convention Hall in Tawang district.

Altogether 271 participants including officials from 24 districts have participated in the five-day camp, organized by State Department of Education. The camp aimed at fostering youth empowerment, leadership and national integration in the border areas.