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National Song "Vande Mataram" completes 150 years today. Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated the year-long commemoration of 150 years of the National Song "Vande Mataram" in New Delhi. The Prime Minister also released a Commemorative Stamp and Coin on the occasion. He also launched the portal – "vandemataram150.in", where citizens can upload their videos of singing the national song and earn a certificate. Addressing the event at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in the national capital, the Prime Minister said that Vande Mataram is a mantra, an energy, a dream and a resolution. In Arunachal Pradesh, Governor KT Parnaik participated in the 150 years of Vande Mataram celebration at the State Banquet Hall, Itanagar. Chief Minister Pema Khandu also joined the celebration in Tawang. In his social media post, the CM said that Vande Mataram is a sacred hymn that stirred the hearts of countless freedom fighters, a timeless call of devotion to the Motherland, and a soulful prayer that continues to awaken love for Bharat in every generation. Similarly, deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein also took part in the Unity March (Ekta Yatra) at Namsai, organized by the Namsai District Administration.

Governor KT Parnaik, today interacted with a group of students from Goa and Uttarakhand at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. The students are visiting the State as part of Ashtalakshmi Darshan, a vibrant Youth Exchange Programme designed to deepen national integration and strengthen bonds between young people from different regions of the country. Advising the students on their responsibilities as future leaders, the Governor encouraged them to stay well-informed, uphold self-discipline, and adopt a selfless approach in life, and to take pride in one's cultural heritage, traditions, and nurturing deep love for the nation. He also highlighted the remarkable development taking place in Arunachal Pradesh. During the programme, the Goa team and the Uttarakhand students showcased the rich folk traditions of their regions. The host RGU team presented a Dance, portraying the cultural vibrancy of the many tribes of Arunachal Pradesh.

Prof. Hui Tag, Professor of Botany and Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills has been conferred the SPR Young Scientist Award 2025 by the Society for Plant Research (SPR) India. Sharing the news in a social media post today,

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief minister Chowna Mein while commending Prof. Tag said that this recognition is a testament to his outstanding contributions in the fields of plant sciences, ethnobotany, and traditional knowledge.

DC Papumpare Vishakha Yadav today chaired a preparatory meeting of Nodal Officers, Returning Officers, and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers for the upcoming Panchayati Raj Elections at Yupia. The DC called upon all concerned officers to put in concerted and coordinated efforts to ensure the peaceful, free, and fair conduct of the elections across the district. She also asked detailed inputs and feedback from the Nodal Officers. During the session, Dr Dana Unna, Assistant Commissioner, Panchayati Raj, made a detailed presentation highlighting the roles and responsibilities of the Nodal Officers. A separate meeting was convened for the Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers, where key operational and procedural aspects related to the electoral process were discussed in detail.

Team Namsai under the leadership of DC C R Khampa yesterday visited Assam Cancer Institute Dibrugarh along with District Medical officials to take first-hand understanding of the Cancer Care Services and infrastructure available to foster implementation of Chief Minister Arogya Arunachal Yojana (CMAAY) benefits to the Cancer patients of Namsai District and to explore extension of cancer screening in the district.

Siang DC Tayi Taggu, along with Ruzing Bellai, Chief Operating Officer, Rural Skills, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushal Yojana, visited Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Pangin today to interact with the newly enrolled trainees. During the interaction, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of skill development training as a means of value addition, encouraging trainees to utilize the opportunity to equip themselves with practical and employable skills. He highlighted that such initiatives also contribute to the larger vision of a self-reliant and skilled India. Niyang Pertin, Principal, ITI Pangin, expressed pride and optimism that the ITI will emerge as a centre for excellence in vocational training in the region. ITI Pangin currently offers training in Digital Photography, Solar Technician, and Catering and Hospitality Assistant.

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Dairy Development, Tawang district, today continuing its Animal Birth

Control cum Free Anti-Rabies Vaccination Programme successfully neutered and vaccinated total of 25 dogs including both stray and pet in the Lungla area of Tawang. This marked another step towards controlling the growing stray dog population and ensuring a rabies-free community in the district. The initiative was launched on 17 October 2025, and is being conducted twice a week under the leadership of the District AHV & Dairy Development Officer, Tawang, Dr A Tamin.