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In view of increasing acceptance of Sanchar Saathi app, the Government has decided not to make the pre- installation of this app mandatory for mobile manufacturers. The government also clarified that citizens can remove the app whenever they want as there is no other function than protecting the users in the app. The Ministry of Communications in a statement said, so far 1.4 crore users have downloaded this app and 2000 fraud incidents are being reported every day.

The Regional Artificial Intelligence (AI) Impact Conference 2025 was held today at State Convention Centre in Shillong in Meghalaya. In his virtual address, Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnav said, "In this conference, the focus will be on people, planet and progress, which are the three sutras of the AI impact summit." The Union Minister spoke on Central Government's mission to develop AI in the country and said, the government's target is to train about 1 million people in AI skills for future employability. Overall, the focus is to make sure that every part of the country gets access to this new technology. The conference was jointly organized by Meghalaya Government and India-AI Mission under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India.

Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region Jyotiraditya M. Scindia yesterday participated in the 4th meeting of High-Level Task Force on Tourism held in New Delhi. In his address, Mr. Scindia said, North East as Bharat's cultural and natural powerhouse, is positioned to emerge as one of India's most compelling tourism frontiers. He called for a sharper focus on last-mile connectivity, integrated planning and sustainability-driven development to unlock long-term value for communities and the wider economy. He emphasized on developing an annual calendar highlighting all major festivals of North Eastern Region to foster wider cultural appreciation and awareness of the region. State Tourism Minister Pasang Dorjee Sona was also present in the meeting.

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is being celebrated across the state today. In Naharlagun, the day was celebrated with the theme "My Ability is Stronger Than My Disability". The winners from

2nd North East Para Games 2025 Guwahati were felicitated for their achievements and contributions to para-sports for the state. The event was jointly organised by Paralympic Association of Arunachal (PAA), ISSE Samagra Shiksha (Inclusive Education) Papum Pare and Department of Social Justice, Empowerment & Tribal Affairs (SJETA). Similarly, an NGO H - Spring Foundation also celebrated the day at Diking in Pasighat in East Siang district. The teachers and students of SFS School, Siang Royal Academy and Daying Ering Memorial Govt. Higher Secondary School have participated in it.

An international conference on Cultural and Historical Significance of His Holiness the Sixth Dalai Lama Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso began today to critically examine his profound and multifaceted legacy in Tawang district. The conference is being jointly organized by State Department of Karmik and Adhyatmik Affairs, the Thubten Shedrubling Foundation and the Center for Cultural Research and Documentation (CCRD). The four-day conference will conclude on 6th of this month.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein yesterday attended 20th International Tipitaka Chanting Ceremony at Bodhgaya in Gaya district in Bihar. On the occasion, he highlighted Arunachal Pradesh as Himalayan Cusp of Dhamma, where both Mahayana and Theravada Buddhism continue to flourish. He said, Arunachal Pradesh remains deeply committed to preserving and promoting the teachings of the Buddha with devotion and vibrancy.

Two sensitization-cum-briefing sessions for contesting candidates of Panchayati Raj (PR) and Pasighat Municipal Council Elections (PMCE) were conducted yesterday by East Siang District Election Officer (DEO-PR) and Municipal Election Officer (MEO) at DC's Conference Hall in Pasighat in East Siang district. In PR session, Returning Officer (RO) Pebika Lego urged all candidates to strictly follow Model Code of Conduct (MCC) guidelines and co-operate with polling officials to smoothly conduct the PR elections across the district. Earlier in PMCE session, it helped in familiarizing the Municipal candidates with poll procedures, expenditure guidelines, prescribed registers, mandatory forms, and other statutory instructions.

Under ongoing Operation Dawn 2.0, the East Siang Police arrested an alleged contraband carrier and female drug peddler in Pasighat on Sunday. Altogether 69.95 grams of suspected ganja, a smart phone and a packet of ganja rolling paper were seized from them. Both were brought to

Pasighat Police Station. The female accused has been shifted to Women Police Station. Meanwhile, the investigation is underway. Superintendent of Police East Siang Pankaj Lamba urged the public to remain vigilant and report any illicit activities.

Mechukha will host India & Asia's only Adventure Racing World Series Qualifier (ARWS -Q) in November 2026. The event will be hosted by Arunachal Tourism and organised by NthAdventure under Adventure Racing World Series (ARWS), with Mechukha serving as the race base.