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Lok Sabha has taken up the discussion on the 150th Anniversary of the National Song Vande Mataram. The national song was written by Bankimchandra Chatterji in 1875. Initiating the discussion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the mantra of Vande Mataram gave power and inspiration to entire country and energised the freedom movement. He said, remembering the sacred Vande Mataram today is a great privilege for all members of this House and the countrymen. Modi said that 150 years of Vande Mataram is an opportunity to re-establish that great chapter and the glory. He added that the national song Vande Mataram brought the country independence in 1947. The Prime Minister said, Vande Mataram is the force that drives the people to achieve the dreams of the freedom fighters envisioned.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, KT Parnaik congratulated the 11 Para Special Forces team under the aegis of 4 Corps for their historic and triumphant ascent of Mount Kangto. With this remarkable achievement, the 11 Para SF team has become the first mountaineering team to reach the summit of the highest peak in Arunachal Pradesh. Interacting with the team at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar, on 8th December 2025, the Governor praised their determination and pioneering spirit. He shared that the State could now open its mountaineering routes to international climbers as part of its tourism promotion initiatives. This step, he said, will significantly boost adventure tourism, strengthen the local economy, and create new livelihood opportunities for the youth of the region. On 26th November 2025, the Tricolour unfurled atop Mount Kangto for the very first time, a moment etched in the State's collective memory.

In view of a Bandh Call in Itanagar Capital Region by Indigenous Youth Force of Arunachal, Arunachal Pradesh Indigenous Youth Organization and All Naharlagun Youth Organization on 9th December, Itanagar district magistrate has directed the bandh callers to call off the strike. In an official order under section 163 off BNSS, the district magistrate said that the violators would be viewed seriously and penal action will be taken against them as per law. The DM also directed the SP's of Itanagar and Naharlagun to enforce the office order in letter and spirit.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has informed that over 5 lakh 86 thousand 7 hundred passenger name records-PNRs were cancelled and refunded between 1st and 7th December, amounting to more than 569

crore rupees in refunds. The Ministry also said that 4 thousand 500 bags were delivered to customers out of a total of 9 thousand bags, and the remaining bags will be delivered in the next 36 hours.

The government has debunked a viral email claiming that the government has asked the citizens to download E-Pan cards. The Fact Check Unit of the Press information Bureau informed that the email is fake. The Unit also advised the citizens to not respond to such emails, links, calls and SMS asking them to share financial and sensitive information. The government has further asked the citizens to not fall for such messages as they could be phishing attempts.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that it is Prime Minister Narendra Modi who has transformed the way people look at the border and remote villages of the state. In a social media post, he said that no longer people call them the last villages of India. They are now recognised as the first villages of India. Adding that he also said that the villages may lie at the frontier, but they are the gateways of our nation, our guardians of the frontier and the pride of Bharat. Giving the example of Mago village he said that this village is a shining example of this shift, where development, dignity and national priority now reach first.

The Directorate of Information and Public Relations today announced the official release of the English fiction novel, "Posthumous Nirvana of Tojo's Father," with the subtitle 'French lady,' authored by Dr Soyum Potom. The novel has garnered attention for bringing back to life the long-forgotten history of the Second World War era, specifically the monumental 'Hump Operation' and the 'Stilwell Road' in the China-Burma-India (CBI) theatre. The release ceremony was held at the Director IPR's office chamber in Naharlagun, where the book was formally unveiled by Director IPR Gijum Tali and Deputy Director IPR Denga Bengia, in the presence of DIPR officials and media representatives.

University Grants Commission has requested institutions to organise programmes, conferences and seminars for girl students and women employees. In a statement, the UGC said the move is in line with the National Education Policy, 2020, to promote gender sensitization, leadership development, and awareness on issues related to women's empowerment. It said that enhancing women's participation in higher education is not only a matter of equality but also a strategic imperative for accelerating India's growth story.