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The nation paid homage to Bharat Ratna Dr BR Ambedkar on his 70th death anniversary today. Several programmes were organised across the nation to highlight Dr Ambedkar's unparalleled contribution to nation-building. On the occasion, President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President CP Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and other dignitaries paid floral tribute to the architect of the Indian Constitution, Dr BR Ambedkar, at the Parliament complex in New Delhi.

The four-day international conference on the Cultural and Historical Significance of His Holiness the Sixth Dalai Lama, Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso concluded today at Tawang, bringing together eminent scholars and participants from across the globe. Chief Minister Pema Khandu, in a social media post said that the Institution of the Dalai Lama is not limited to Buddhists alone. It is a spiritual, cultural, and philosophical heritage for humanity.

27-year-old Onam Gamno from Ngopok village in East Siang district has been selected as the Captain of Team India for the upcoming Asian Cup Arm Wrestling Championship. Lauding the feat, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein in a social media post said that Gamno's inspiring journey from village community to the national stage reflects the power of discipline, determination, and unwavering dedication. He further said that Arunachal's growing sporting prowess is truly a matter of great pride for everyone in the state.

C Achaledar Reddy, Former Chairman of the National Biodiversity Board and Adjunct Professor at the Administrative Staff College, Hyderabad called on chief secretary Manish Kumar Gupta in his office in Itanagar today. They held discussion on key issues related to biodiversity conservation, sustainable development initiatives in the State, and strategies to strengthen environmental governance.

The Central Agricultural University (CAU) has signed memorandums of agreement with 11 agribusiness startups from Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur, incubated under the CHF R-ABI project of the College of Horticulture and Forestry, Pasighat. The agri-startups formalised partnerships in diverse focus areas and showcased their innovative products before the university's executive body, demonstrating strong

potential to boost entrepreneurship, advance agriculture, and support regional growth in the Northeast.

A workshop on Administrative Reforms in Arunachal Pradesh was held yesterday at the Conference Hall, Institute of Undergraduate Studies, Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), marking the first- ever collaboration between RGU and the Administrative Reform Commission (ARC) of Arunachal Pradesh. This initiative aims to build a structured academic-administrative partnership to support policy reforms and strengthen institutional governance in the state.

HDFC Bank Ziro, Lower Subansiri district, in collaboration with Ziro Royal Enfield Riders and the Blood Centre, Gyati Takka General Hospital, organised a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp on All India Bank Day at the HDFC Bank Ziro branch yesterday. The camp received participation from local volunteers, helping raise awareness on the importance of regular blood donation. Organisers shared that such community service activities will continue annually as part of the Bank Day celebration. A total of 9 units of blood were collected.

A stranded family of Hoolock gibbons, including an adult male, an adult female, and a juvenile, was successfully rescued from the agricultural fields of Horu Pahar village near Roing under Lower Dibang Valley district, after a challenging four-day effort. All three rescued gibbons are now under intensive post-release monitoring. The joint operation was carried out by officials of Mehao Wildlife Sanctuary and the Wildlife Trust of India.

Spear Corps under Indian Army, flagged off the 30th leg of the 250 kilometre Great Siang Descent Rafting Expedition from Ningguing at Tuting of Upper Siang district to Pasighat, East Siang district. The Rafting expedition will reach Pasighat on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

“Paklu Taipodia Classic 2025” Competition in Bodybuilding, Physique and Fitness Model for both men and women, will be held on December 20 and 21 at Likabali, Lower Siang district. The registration for the competition is underway.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has directed IndiGo to clear all pending passenger refunds without delay. The Ministry has mandated that the refund process for all cancelled or disrupted flights must be fully completed by 8:00 PM tomorrow. Airlines have also been instructed not to levy any rescheduling charges for passengers whose travel plans were

affected by cancellations. The Ministry has clarified that any delay or non-compliance in refund processing will invite immediate regulatory action. Meanwhile, Flight operations at Delhi Airport are steadily resuming and returning to normal following the recent disruptions. In an advisory, the Delhi Airport Authority informed passengers that some IndiGo flights will continue to be affected. It advised passengers to check the latest flight status with the airline before leaving.