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Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India has shown that democratic institutions and democratic processes give democracy with stability, speed and scale. Addressing the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth at Samvidhan Sadan in New Delhi, Mr Modi said, India has turned diversity into the strength of its democracy. This is the fourth occasion when the Conference of Commonwealth Speakers and Presiding Officers is being held in India. The PM added that in India democracy means last-mile delivery and the government is working with a spirit of public welfare for every individual without any discrimination. Mr Modi highlighted that nearly 25 crore people in India came out of poverty over the past few years. The Prime Minister said, today, UPI in India is the world's largest digital payment system. He said India is the world's largest vaccine and the world number two steel producers.

Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Chowna Mein inaugurated the newly constructed 60-bedded hostel building at Pali Vidyapeeth, Chongkham, Namsai district. Congratulating the Pali Vidyapeeth Society and the construction agency for timely completion of the hostel, Mr Mein acknowledged the growing demand for boarding facilities in the region and assured that the government would explore further expansion of hostel infrastructure. He reaffirmed the government's continued support through annual grants-in-aid and infrastructure funding. Emphasising the importance of preserving linguistic and cultural heritage, the Deputy Chief Minister stressed the need to strengthen teaching of Pali language and local scripts, particularly the Tai Khamti script, and encouraged the institution to include local language education as part of its academic curriculum. He also urged to work towards digitisation and restoration of rare manuscripts housed in the institution's museum.

Arunachal Pradesh is all set to receive 152 trained NCC cadet volunteers, including 80 girl cadets, as first responders to disaster management eventualities, with the successful conclusion of the 'Combined Annual Training Camp - 157' cum Yuva Aapda Mitra programme at Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar. The camp was organised by 1 Arunachal Pradesh Battalion, National Cadet Corps with a major emphasis on disaster preparedness and response. The core focus of the camp was the Yuva Aapda Mitra training on disaster management and

response systems, conducted by the Arunachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority.

Two students from Government Higher Secondary School, Chongkham, Namsai, Nang Sujata Jenow and Kusum Kumari Mishra, will represent Arunachal Pradesh as special guests at the 77th Republic Day Parade in New Delhi on Jan 26, 2026. Mentored by Moirangtham Surchand Singh, they earned this honor through their project on plastic waste management in the national School Innovation Marathon under Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, showcasing practical solutions for a sustainable future. Government Higher Secondary School, Chongkham, is the only school from Arunachal Pradesh selected, highlighting the growing impact of youth-led innovation in the Northeast.

A Three-Day State-Level Workshop on the Career Guide Book and “My Career Advisor” Mobile Application was successfully conducted at the State Council of Educational Research and Training, Itanagar, with the objective of strengthening career guidance and counselling support for students across the state. The Book and the App are designed to help students make informed decisions about their academic and career pathways.

The National Research Centre on Mithun, with Jomlo Mongku Mithun Farmer Federation, conducted a farmers’ interaction program at Riew village, Siang, where over 80 farmers learned scientific Mithun production practices, including breeding, health management, and semi-intensive farming techniques.

The Indian Army’s Gajraj Corps inaugurated the newly renovated Dharma Mati School at Jang, in Tawang district, under Project Sadbhavna, marking another meaningful step towards strengthening education, national integration, and community welfare in border villages. The renovation project has substantially upgraded the school’s educational and residential infrastructure, contributing to improved learning outcomes and student welfare. The initiative includes a fully functional Computer Laboratory, a well-stocked Library, and a Recreational Hall equipped with a Smart interactive Panel. Enhanced indoor and outdoor sports facilities have also been developed to promote physical fitness, discipline, and all-round development among students.

Arunachal Pradesh Women’s Beach Soccer Team, which created history by winning its first-ever Bronze Medal at the Khelo India Beach

Games 2026, was felicitated at a ceremony held at the Golden Jubilee outdoor stadium, Yupia. During the Beach Games, the Arunachal team emerged as the only state from the entire North East Region to achieve the landmark feat.

Arunachal Pradesh will be represented by four para-athletes at the Senior and Junior National Para Powerlifting Championship 2026, to be held in Uttarakhand from 16 to 18 January. The athletes are Tarh Rade, Bale Labung, Taj Richo and Amak Wangsa.