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The final rites for former Arunachal Home Minister Takar Marde were held today during which a Ceremonial Guard of Honour was presented as a final salute to his contributions to the state. Arunachal observed a day of State Mourning to honour former Minister. The National Flag was flown at half-mast throughout the state and at all State Government establishments located outside the state. During this period, all official entertainment programmes and celebratory government functions remained suspended. As a specific mark of respect for the late leader in his home region, the State Government authorized the closure of all government offices, educational institutions, and private business establishments across Upper Subansiri district.

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, KT Parnaik, participated in the seminar, 'India's Eastern Horizons - A New National Security Reality'. It was organised at the prestigious Defence Service Staff College, Wellington, today. The Governor, who had 41 years earlier attended the Staff College Course as a Major, delivered the keynote address on the topic 'Arunachal Pradesh & the Emerging North Eastern Security Paradigm'. The Governor highlighted the remarkable transition and accelerated development of Arunachal Pradesh over the past decade, noting that the State has emerged as a vital pivot of India's Act East Policy and the collective vision of Viksit Bharat. The Governor also highlighted the unstable situation in neighbouring countries, Myanmar and Bangladesh, do not bode well for the North East Region. He said they are impacting India in an adversarial manner which needs to be addressed through diplomatic, political and economic efforts.

The 25th Bharat Rang Mahotsav, International Theatre Festival of India 2026 began today in Itanagar. Arunachal government's Department of Art and Culture in collaboration with Delhi's National School of Drama is hosting the Mahotsav. This silver jubilee edition here features five major plays, including a special showcase of three indigenous plays. The festival began with a grand inaugural performance of "MONEY MONEY MONEY BRIGHTER THAN SUN SHINE SWEETER THAN HONEY" at the D.K. Hall, Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly. The festival will shift to the D.K. Convention Centre, Itanagar, from 31 January, featuring the play "SAKALJAANI HE NAATH", followed by the timeless classic "TASHER DESH"

on February 1st. The festival will reach its grand finale on February 2nd with the play "KAMRUPA". Plays start at 5pm.

The Arunachal Pradesh Hollongi (Donyi Polo) Airport of Itanagar won the Award for the "Best Airport of Airports Authority of India under Regional Connectivity Scheme-UDAN". The award was presented at the Wings India 2026 Ceremony.

In a significant step towards addressing substance abuse through rehabilitation and livelihood support, 38th Pasighat MLA, Tapi Darang launched Project Arohit at the conference hall of Pasighat DC conference Hall. Project Arohit is a collaborative effort of the East Siang District Administration, Department of Skill Development, and the Department of Industries, Government of Arunachal Pradesh conceptualised by DC Sonalika Jiwani. The initiative focuses on providing industry-linked training, skill enhancement, and support for entrepreneurial aspirations of recovering youth.

The Modular Operation Theatre was formally inaugurated at Maternal and Child Health Wing of District Hospital, Namsai. It was inaugurated by DC Namsai C.R. Khampa, in the presence of CGM (PA), Oil India Limited, Duliajan Diganta Kumar Borah. The facility has been established with the objective of strengthening healthcare infrastructure and enhancing surgical and maternal healthcare services in the district. This project is a CSR initiative of Oil India Limited, Duliajan and executed by the RWD, Namsai, as the executing agency.

The District Administration of Upper Siang conducted the 4th Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 at Jeying Village. The camp benefitted residents of four villages- Silli, Padu, Jeying, and Jeru. The District Administration, Upper Siang, has been consistently organising the Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 outreach programme across the district, delivering government services at the doorstep. The 3rd Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 was successfully conducted at Moying Village on 29th January. In Tawang district also, Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 was inaugurated at Muktur Village Primary School, under Duitongkhar Circle.

The foundation stone for the project "C/o Accommodation for Government Officers and Staffs at Namsai, Namsai District" was laid yesterday, under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment

(SASCI) 2024–25 scheme. The foundation stone was laid by Chief Minister Pema Khandu.

The 5-Day Inter-District Youth Exchange Programme was inaugurated today at Aalo, West Siang District. It aims at promoting cultural exchange, mutual understanding, and unity among the youth of Arunachal Pradesh. A total of 35 youth participants along with two escorts from Papumpare District are taking part in the programme.