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Following the nationwide launch of the Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Programme by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Ajmer, Rajasthan on Saturday, Arunachal Pradesh formally rolled out the programme in the state at a function held at the Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Sciences, Naharlagun. Chief Minister Pema Khandu, accompanied by Health Minister Biyuram Wahge and senior officials of the Health & Family Welfare Department, joined the countrywide campaign and launched the state-level drive aimed at protecting adolescent girls against cervical cancer. The programme targets girls in the 14–15 years age group across all States and Union Territories. For Arunachal Pradesh, a target of more than 19 thousand girl children has been set for the current phase. The state aims to complete the target within three months. The vaccination drive will be carried out through the state's extensive health infrastructure, including 136 Primary Health Centres, 58 Community Health Centres and 21 District Hospitals, including TRIHMS.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu held a discussion yesterday with the Chairman of the Coffee Board of India M. J. Dinesh. The discussion focused on expanding coffee plantations in Arunachal Pradesh and unlocking the immense potential of the state's farmers in this sector. Further in the discussion, organizing a training-cum-interactive session with the Coffee Board's technical team in the April was also proposed, so that the state's coffee growers can gain better exposure, scientific knowledge and market linkages.

Chochi Meyor of Kaho village, Anjaw district, has been honoured with the Innovative Farmer Award from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.

The North East India Tourism Confederation will host 'the National Tourism Convention & Familiarization (FAM) Tour', from March 22 to March 27, 2026 in Arunachal Pradesh. It aims to position Arunachal and the North East as premier tourism destinations of India. Speaking at a press conference in Itanagar, Tsering Wange, Convention Chairman, NE-ITC, emphasized that the convention is expected to create meaningful collaborations and long-term opportunities for tourism stakeholders. During the event, two-day convention at Namsai from 22 to 23 March will be followed by a FAM Tour covering Anini, Roing, and Pasighat. Over 250 participants, including 100 tour operators and stakeholders from outside the state and 150 from within Arunachal Pradesh are participating in the Tourism Convention.

National Science Day is being celebrated across the country today. The day is observed every year on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' by the eminent physicist Sir C.V. Raman. Sir Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1930 for this groundbreaking discovery.

The Adi Mising Bane Kebang, a joint committee of Adi and Mising tribes residing in Arunachal and Assam, is organizing a two-day Ali-Aye Ligang festival celebration at Pasighat Gidi Notko, festival ground from March 2 next. The two-day festivities will include rituals of Ali-Aye-Ligang celebration, cultural procession, display of traditional attires, and showcase traditional dances of Mising tribe.

A Seva Aapke Dwar camp was successfully organised at Pagba village under Sangram Sub-Division in Kurung Kumey District. A key highlight of the camp was the launch of a Signature Campaign on the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative by the Women and Child Development Department. The campaign aimed to promote the protection, education, and empowerment of the girl child and received enthusiastic participation from officials and members of the public. As part of the outreach activities, sanitary pads were distributed to adolescent girls, while pens and notebooks were provided to needy students.

Reinforcing the spirit of civil-military fusion, Army personnel from the Spearhead Division conducted a meaningful visit to Padma Shri Awardee Yanung Jamoh Lego, a renowned Herbalist, at Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh. The interaction aimed at fostering greater coordination and mutual understanding between the Armed Forces and civil society while celebrating exemplary contributions towards cultural preservation and community development.

Met Centre Itanagar has forecast that thunderstorm with lightning is very likely to happen at isolated places in Kurungkumey, Siang, West Siang, Upper Siang, Dibang Valley, Lower Dibang Valley and Lohit districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

In the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, India will next face West Indies in their last Super Eight clash tomorrow at the iconic Eden Gardens in Kolkata. The result of this match will decide India's fate in the tournament. Jammu and Kashmir's Ranji cricket team won their historic first-ever Ranji defeating eight-time former champions Karnataka at Hubballi. They have ended a 67-year wait for a Ranji Trophy title, completely dominating Karnataka and finishing with a 633-run lead for their first-ever domestic First-Class success.