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Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with students during the 9th edition of popular interactive programme Pariksha Pe Charcha. During the interaction, Mr Modi advised students to trust their own unique learning patterns, emphasizing that no two individuals think or grow in the same way. The Prime Minister advised that teachers should remain sensitive to the learning speed of every student.

ED is conducting search operations at multiple locations in Arunachal Pradesh in connection with a money laundering probe linked to an alleged Trans-Arunachal Highway compensation scam. ED is searching six residential premises, including four in and around Itanagar, one at Likabali in Lower Siang district and one at Aalo in west siang district. Searches are being carried with the objective of securing documentary and digital evidence and identifying movable and immovable assets acquired from proceeds of crime. The agency also seized about 2.2 crore rupees in cash from the premises of one of the fake beneficiaries. The Trans-Arunachal Highway compensation scam case, pertains to large-scale irregularities in assessment, certification and disbursement of land-acquisition compensation involving public servants and private beneficiaries, resulting in generation and laundering of proceeds of crime.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General (Retd.) K.T. Parnaik conveyed his greetings to the people of the State, especially to the Nyishi community on the auspicious occasion of Boori Boot Yullo. The Nyishi community celebrates this to welcome the spring, and a successful harvest. The governor expressed his hope that the festivity would bring hope, plentiful harvests, and renewed prosperity to state's farmers and their families.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu laid the foundation stones for a series of transformative infrastructure projects at Siji, in Lower Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh. The projects are- Mini Secretariat, RCC Bridge over Siji River, Road connectivity from Likabali Highway to District Headquarters at Siji, Government Secondary School at Dipa, Accommodation for Government officers and staff, Rest House and Fire Station, Type-V Quarters at Siji, and Police Station at Pale. The CM also inaugurated the upgraded 40-bedded Kardu Taipodia District Hospital, at Likabali.

Department of Tourism of Arunachal Pradesh signed an MoU with professional culinary and Pastry Schools, APCA India. Through this collaboration, selected students nominated by the Department of Tourism will receive specialized training in Pastry, Bakery, and Hot Kitchen arts, helping build professional capabilities and strengthening tourism-linked livelihoods in the state.

P.D. Sona, State Minister for Education inaugurated the new Anthropology Department building of Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar. Additionally, a new Boys' Hostel, a new Girls' Hostel, and an extension of the Academic Block were also inaugurated.

Dr Menuka Kadu, Assistant Professor and HOD of Social Work, Arunachal Pradesh University, Pasighat will participate in the 9th International Conference on the Future of Women 2026. The Conference is scheduled to be held on 9 and 10 February 2026 in Bali, Indonesia. Her paper, titled "Silenced Bodies, Formed Identities: Tribal Girls' Menstrual Experiences in Northeast India," examines how menstrual taboos influence social identity, bodily regulation, and early gender socialisation among adolescent girls in selected tribal communities of the region. She will be the sole representative from Northeast India to present a research paper.

DC Tawang, Namgyal Angmo, accompanied by Additional DC Jang Kri Hakrasso and other district officers, visited the proposed venue of the 2nd Edition of the Upcoming Tawang Tides International Kayaking Championship 2026 at Dongshenmang, along the Tawang Chhu riverbed. The DC conducted a detailed ground inspection and interacted with officials to review preparations for the championship which is scheduled from 10 to 15 February.

The first-ever multi-state level mock exercise on earthquake disaster preparedness was jointly organized by the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, and Mizoram. It aimed to strengthen multi-state coordination, collective preparedness, and response capacity that transcends administrative boundaries. It was conducted under the guidance of the National Disaster Management Authority, Ministry of Home Affairs. Considering India is divided into five seismic zones, the exercise focused on high-risk regions, particularly as Arunachal Pradesh falls under Seismic Zone V—the highest risk category. This phase of the exercise covered four districts—Pakke Kessang, West Kameng, Papum Pare and ICR.

An Awareness Camp on the Raw Materials Supply Scheme was organized at Townclub hall, Namsai. It was organized by the National Handloom Development Corporation Ltd., Ministry of Textiles, in collaboration with the Directorate of Textiles and Handicraft. The scheme aims to provide quality yarn and blended raw materials directly from factories at production rates, thereby ensuring lower subsidized prices for handloom weavers. During the session, participants were also informed about the Yarn Passbook system, which serves as an official document to record loom details, yarn entitlement and purchase history.

India vs England U19 World Cup final is underway in Harare, Zimbabwe. Electing to bat first, India made a total run of 411. Chasing the target England were 253 for 7 in 32 overs, when the last report came in.