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The Central government has reduced the central excise duty on Petrol and Diesel by 10 rupees per litre each for domestic consumption. In a social media post, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the decision has been taken in view of the West Asia crisis. She further noted that duties have been imposed on exports of Diesel at 21.5 rupees per litre and on Aviation Turbine Fuel at 29.5 rupees per litre, which will ensure adequate availability of these products for domestic consumption. Meanwhile, Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri today clarified that the rumours of a lockdown in India are completely false and there is no such proposal under consideration by the Government. Further, the Central Government has decided to increase the commercial LPG allocation of states to 70%, with 20% allocation given to industries such as steel, automobile, textile and other labour-intensive industries. The move aims to ease the supply of commercial LPG.

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh KT Parnaik has appealed to the people of the State to actively participate in the observance of Earth Hour by switching off all non-essential lights for one hour, from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM, on 28th March. 'As we mark the 20 years of Earth Hour, let us create the 'The Biggest Hour for Earth', he said. The Governor emphasized that conserving and restoring natural spaces, along with protecting the rich biodiversity they support, is crucial for reducing carbon emissions and adapting to the growing impacts of climate change. Earth Hour, organized globally by the World Wildlife Fund, is a worldwide movement that raises awareness about climate change, biodiversity loss, and the urgent need for environmental sustainability.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu held a meeting with retired justice Prasanta Kumar Deka, Chairman, and Sang Phuntsok, Member of the Lokayukta, yesterday. The meeting focused on strengthening the institution of the government official by enhancing its effectiveness in promoting transparency, accountability, and good governance. Khandu said the role of the Lokayukta remains crucial in ensuring institutional integrity and reinforcing public confidence in the system.

In the Under-23 Tri-Nation Championship 2026, India will be taking on Bhutan tomorrow at the Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium, Yupia Arunachal Pradesh, at 7 pm.

Lt General Abhijit S Pendharkar, General Officer Commanding, Spear Corps, Indian Army, on Thursday inaugurated an Oxygen Generation Plant & Refilling Centre at Subansiri Healers Field Hospital, Upper Subansiri district. In collaboration with Soldiers Independent Rehabilitation Foundation (SIRF), Pune, the plant will produce medical-grade oxygen to strengthen healthcare in the remote area.

The Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Health & Wellness Centre), Bhogamur, under Namsai Assembly Constituency, has been awarded National Quality Certification (NQAS), becoming one of the recognized public health facilities of Arunachal Pradesh.

The inspection team headed by Upper Subansiri DC Tasso Gambo along with JNV officials and School management committee visited the new JNV School at Langpa Dagiam, under Taliha circle today. Local school management committee informed that all the basic infrastructures of the school was provisionally completed with the help of public. 'The provisional school infrastructures including SPT building was done through volunteer and crowd contributions, near about 15 SPT buildings including class room and teacher Quarters completed,' they said.

The 19th NCORD Review Meeting in East Siang district reiterated vital role of community participation in building a drug-free East Siang. DC Sonalika Jiwani, who chaired the monthly meeting, today, at the DC's Conference Hall, also assessed the progress made by various stakeholder departments in skilling recovering youth in different trades under Project Arohit initiative of the East Siang District Administration. Enforcement actions carried out under the Excise Act, adherence and registration under SoP guidelines, drug awareness campaign under VADA by the East Siang Police. The DC also directed strong joint action by police & excise dept for joint patrolling and checking at interstate border check points in view of the implementation of Model Code of Conduct for ensuing neighbouring Assam legislative Assembly elections.

In Assam, 67 candidates withdrew their candidature on the final day of withdrawal yesterday for the upcoming Assembly Elections. With this, a total of 722 candidates remain in the fray for the state Legislative Assembly polls. Earlier, following scrutiny, 789 nominations were found valid. Meanwhile, enforcement agencies have intensified vigil across the state in the run-up to the elections. Between the 15th and 26th of March, seizures worth over 37 crore rupees have been made. The seizures include

cash, liquor, drugs, precious metals, and other items, including freebies, as part of efforts to ensure free and fair elections.