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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt General (Retd.) 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, tonight. As we mark the 20 years of Earth Hour, let us create the 'The Biggest Hour for Earth', he said. 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. By encouraging people to switch off non-essential lights for one hour, the initiative creates a powerful symbolic "lights-off" moment, inspiring collective action towards protecting our planet.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani at 11 AM tomorrow. It will be the 132nd episode of the monthly radio programme. The programme will be broadcast across the entire Akashvani and Doordarshan network, AIR News website, and the Newsonair mobile app. It will also be live-streamed on the YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, the PMO, and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast.

Minister for Animal Husbandry Gabriel D Wangsu, yesterday inaugurated a 2×15 cubic metre Biogas Plant at the Central Cattle Breeding Farm, Nirjuli, generating a sustainable and eco-friendly alternative to conventional LPG usage. With around 150 cattle generating substantial quantities of dung daily, this initiative is now converting waste into clean biogas for cooking and lighting, while also producing nutrient-rich slurry to support organic farming. Minister Wangsu shared the plant is already benefiting more than 12 families residing within the farm complex, who were earlier dependent on LPG. Their kitchens are now directly connected to the biogas unit, significantly reducing LPG consumption. He further directed the department to prepare proposals for scaling up the capacity and replicating this successful model across all state farms in Arunachal Pradesh.

Dr. Kenyum Bagra from Arunachal Pradesh has been appointed as Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. Hailing from

West Siang district, Dr. Bagra is a PhD degree holder from the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee. In a social media post, Chief Minister Pema Khandu has congratulated her and said her academic journey reflects her dedication, excellence, and hard work.

An Asiatic black bear cub from Gumto area under Papum Pare district was rescued by Chukhu Karlum and handed over to the Biological Park, Itanagar, in Arunachal. The cub, believed to have been separated from its mother, was found in a vulnerable condition, prompting immediate intervention. At the Biological Park, the rescued bear cub was officially received by Dr. Sorang Tadap, who assured that the cub would be provided proper care, medical attention, and a safe environment for rehabilitation. Authorities have also urged the public to immediately inform forest officials in case of similar sightings, instead of attempting to handle wild animals on their own.

In the Under-23 Tri-Nation Football Championship 2026, India is taking on Bhutan today at the Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium in Yupia, Arunachal Pradesh. Previously, on 25th March in the opening match Bhutan lost to Tajikistan by 1-0.

Arunachal Pradesh is all set to organize its first Rhododendron Festival in Zermiteng, Tawang. It is scheduled to be held from April 11 to 12, 2026. The region hosts over 60 species of Rhododendron making it a delightful sight during its peak blooming season (April to May). A dedicated Rhododendron Park has been established in Tawang for Rhododendron conservation and preservation.

The Department of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, in collaboration with the Tourism Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, is organizing a five- day Skill Development Training on Front Office Operations from 23rd to 27th March, 2026 at the State Food Craft Institute, Itanagar. The training emphasized experiential learning across Front Office fundamentals, guest interaction, check in & check out procedures, communication & complaint handling, cashiering & billing essentials, and professional grooming, preparing participants to confidently manage frontline responsibilities in the hospitality and tourism sector.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecast that thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places in

Papumpare, Lepa Rada, Lower Dibang Valley, Lohit and Anjaw districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

The 19th edition of Indian Premier League Cricket is underway in Bengaluru. In the opening match, defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru is facing Sunrisers Hyderabad at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium.