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Tutsa Community of Arunachal today celebrated Pongtu Kuh festival with enthusiasm at Tutnu Village, the ancestral home of the community residing across Tirap and Changlang districts of the state. The Chief Patron of the celebration, MLA of 55-Khonsa East, Wanglam Sawin, noted that preserving festival's tradition can play a crucial role in promoting international tourism in the region. During the occasion, ZPM Tutnu Block, Nanhang Phuksa, readout the mythology of Pongtu Kuh, describing it as the most prominent and ancient agricultural festival of the Tutsa community, celebrated joyfully before the onset of the rainy season.

Prominent personalities and people from various walks of life from East Siang and various parts of the state, yesterday, paid respect and bid adieu to former Chief Engineer of Power Department, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, late Ogam Apum at Diking village Residence, who passed away on Thursday. He was the first Electrical Engineering Graduate from the tribal society of the state and through his dedicated service became the first Chief Engineer in Power Department from the state.

The two-day first Wudong Mentoh Rhododendron Festival 2026 began today at Zermiteng in Khrimu Village, Tawang district. Union Minister Kiren Rijiju and Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated the event. The region hosts over 60 species of Rhododendron making it a delightful sight during its peak blooming season, which is April to May.

A meeting of the District Level NCORD Committee was held yesterday at the DC Conference Hall, Yupia, under the chairmanship of Assistant Commissioner, Papum Pare, Dana Unna. She emphasized the urgent need to organize detoxification camps, to address the growing concern of substance abuse in the district. Emphasis was laid on intensifying checking and surveillance in vulnerable and drug-prone areas, including Gumto, Doimukh, and stretches along the Banderdewa – Sonajuli - Holongi corridor, which have recently emerged as hotspots for drug trafficking.

Tawang hosted State-Level Conference on upcoming Census 2027, today. The state-level conference brought together all DCs-cum-Principal Census Officers of Arunachal Pradesh for strategic planning and coordination. The session was chaired by Commissioner (Transport & Law), Saugat Biswas, who emphasized the importance of accuracy, preparedness, and collaboration in executing a successful census. The

conference featured an insightful technical session led by Director of Census Operations, Arunachal, Biswajeet Pegu, who shared detailed strategies and key action points for Census 2027.

Joining the 'Green and Clean Arunachal Mission' initiated by the state government, the 'Young Star Group' of Debing village under Ruksin circle in East Siang district, today launched a year-long plantation drive with planting of 100 saplings of different species alongside village roads. The young star group led by Adi Bane Kebang organizer Tarin Taying has adopted a five-year work plan to cover roadsides, schools, riverbanks, and public places at their locality. Informing that the government allocates 'untied fund' for implementing various schemes in rural areas, Ruksin ADC Kiran Ningo, assured the youths to help their ongoing efforts, grant financial aid based on availability of funds. Ruksin (1) ZPM Tayam Darang said he would initiate funds under the afforestation scheme. The organizers also presented commendation certificate.

The Research Institute of World's Ancient Traditions, Cultures and Heritage, organised an in-reach orientation program today, at its Roing campus in Lower Dibang Valley district. The program aimed to sensitise future educators to the critical role teachers play in safeguarding and preserving the state's endangered indigenous languages and cultures. 120 B.Ed. students and faculty members from Denning College for Teacher Education, Tezu, participated. The program provided valuable insights into the work of researchers engaged with indigenous communities and the functioning of such institutions. It also featured a special screening of documentaries showcasing the festivals and cultures of Arunachal.

Spearhead Division of Spear Corps Indian Army, is going to organise a Defence Forces Veterans Rally at Likabali Military Station, in Lower Siang district on 26 April. The Veteran Rally aims at strengthening connect with veterans and addressing their welfare needs.

The government has said domestic LPG cylinder deliveries remain normal, and over 51.5 lakh cylinders were delivered on Friday. In a statement, the Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry said enforcement actions continue across the country to curb hoarding and black marketing of LPG. More than 3400 raids were conducted across the country, yesterday. Meanwhile, the India-flagged LPG vessel Jag Vikram has safely crossed the Strait of Hormuz today, carrying approximately 20,400 metric ton of LPG.

India's Unified Payments Interface has completed 10 years of its operations, today. Over the decade, UPI has transformed from a pilot program into the backbone of Indian payments, transitioning the nation from a cash-led economy to a real-time digital payment system.