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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt General (Retd.) KT Parnaik, has extended his greetings to the people of the State, especially the Galo community, on the festive occasion of Mopin, today. He wished that the vibrant festival would usher in peace, happiness, and prosperity across the State. In his message, the Governor said through its unique rituals, traditional practices, and strong spirit of community, the festival embodies the values, beliefs, and collective memory of the Galo people. Over generations, it has played a vital role in preserving their cherished traditions and strengthening the cultural identity of the community. He expressed confidence that this ethno-cultural celebration will continue to inspire pride in the tribe's glorious legacy and help safeguard its treasured heritage for future generations.

The Galo community of Arunachal Pradesh is celebrating the Mopin festival with immense fervor, today. Chief Minister Pema Khandu participated in the Mega Mopin Celebration in Namsai. In a social media post, CM Khandu said that it was inspiring to see the coming together of different tribes, reflecting the unity in diversity and the strength of shared heritage, and may the state's traditions continue to thrive for generations to come. In Naharlagun, the event was graced by Major General Jarlen Gamlin (Retd), State Chief Information Commissioner, and Er. Geyum Padu, retired Chief Engineer cum Secretary, as Guest of Honour. At the Daporijo Mopin Festival ground in Upper Subansiri district, The 53rd Mopin Festival celebration saw rich cultural heritage through colourful traditional attires, folk dances, and indigenous performances of cultural troupes from various villages.

Minister Health & Family Welfare Biyuram Wahge, along with Basar MLA Nyabi Jini Dirchi visited and held a crucial meeting at Todak Basar District Hospital, Basar in Lepa Rada district, today. The meeting underscored critical challenges within the district's hospital. They also visited Menjwk Meqkok Rwgau (MMR) Gurukul School, Basar and interacted with students. He said it is inspiring to see young children preserving indigenous language, traditions, and heritage. Mr Wahge appealed to everyone to support such initiatives. MMR Gurukul School, Basar one of the Gurukul under the DPCCT and supported by Galo Indigenous Faith & Cultural Council (GIFCC), was established in 2021, with

classes commencing in 2022. The school currently has 114 students from Class I to V.

The Office of the District Magistrate, Papum Pare District, has issued an order imposing an immediate ban on all forms of earth cutting activities across the district. The decision has been taken in view of reports of rampant and unauthorized earth cutting in various locations without prior permission from the competent authority. Citizens are encouraged to report any violations to the concerned administrative authorities. Strict legal action will be taken against violators under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), BNSS, and the Disaster Management Act, 2005. The District Administration has appealed to all residents and stakeholders to cooperate and adhere strictly to the order in the interest of public safety and disaster prevention, particularly with the approaching monsoon season.

12 young students from the Memba community of the state have been granted a six-year scholarship at the Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts - TIPA , Dharamshala.

Easter is being celebrated across the globe today, marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his crucifixion at Calvary on Good Friday. The festival signifies hope, renewal, and the culmination of Holy Week, a period of prayer, penitence, and reflection on the final phase of his life.

Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecast thunder and lightning with heavy rain very likely at isolated places for Kurung Kumey, Siang, West Siang, Upper Siang, and Dibang Valley districts of Arunachal Pradesh. Additionally, it predicted heavy rain very likely at isolated places for Upper Subansiri, Shi Yomi and Lower Dibang Valley districts.

The Government is making all efforts to ensure availability of Petrol, Diesel and LPG across the country. It has advised citizens to use digital modes for booking LPG cylinders and avoid visiting distributors unless necessary. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas informed that Delivery Authentication Code (DAC)-based LPG deliveries have increased from 53 percent in February 2026 to 90 percent yesterday to prevent diversion at the distributor level. Meanwhile, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has said that India is importing crude oil from more than 40 countries, including Iran, and there are no payment issues in procuring Iranian crude.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that the data submission process for QS World Rankings 2027 has begun. In an official letter, the UGC requested all eligible Higher Educational Institutions to submit the required institutional data, including sustainability-related information, through the QS Hub Portal before 12th of April for appropriate representation in the global rankings.