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With the start of the new financial year today, a set of reforms including key financial rules change have come into force. Over six-decade old Income tax Act has been replaced by the new Income Tax Act, 2025 from today. All digital payment transactions in the country will be required to meet the norms of two-factor authentication from today as directed by the Reserve Bank of India.

Oil marketing companies have increased the price of commercial LPG gas cylinder by 195 rupees and 50 paise, across Metropolitan Cities amid the conflict in West Asia. Meanwhile, the price of domestic LPG cylinders has remained unchanged in the country.

The Lok Bhavan of Arunachal Pradesh warmly celebrated the State Foundation Days of Odisha, Bihar, and Mizoram, today. Arunachal Governor Lt General (Retd.) KT Parnaik joined the people from these states who are serving and living in Arunachal Pradesh, bringing together a vibrant confluence of cultures and communities. Referring to the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Governor described it as a guiding force in reinforcing the essence of India's unity in diversity. He expressed confidence that sustained cultural exchange and understanding would gradually help eliminate racial discrimination.

The public hearing for the proposed Athunli Hydro Electric Project (680 MW), a statutory prerequisite for securing environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, was conducted today, at Government Primary School, Athunli, Dibang Valley district. The hearing was organized by the State Pollution Control Board, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, and chaired by DC Bekir Nyorak. During the proceedings, the project consultant presented a detailed overview of the project. He emphasized a balanced approach to development, integrating environmental safeguards with long-term socio-economic benefits. The event saw active participation of local residents, stakeholders, and Project Affected Families.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein inaugurated the Dhammachakya Buddha Vihara at Nongtaw Khamti, Namsai district today. Mr Mein said the Vihara is not just a place of prayer, it is a symbol of commitment to safeguard culture. He further added that preserving language, script, and

cultural knowledge is essential to ensuring that future generations remain connected to their roots.

1995-batch APCS officer Lobsang Tsering has assumed charge as the Deputy Commissioner of Papum Pare district, succeeding Vishakha Yadav, who has been transferred to New Delhi.

Tajikistan was crowned winners of the U-23 Tri Nation Football Championship 2026 after a hard-fought 1-0 victory over India in the final, yesterday, at Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium in Yupia.

Denizens and various stakeholders of Upper Subansiri district today conducted a peaceful protest rally in Daporijo town against a joint stock construction company and the concerned authorities over the delay in completion of the Trans Arunachal Highway bridge over the Subansiri River, and said it is causing serious inconvenience to the public and daily commuters. The protesters also raised concerns over the quality of the work. Responding to the concerns, DC Tasso Gambo assured the protesters that a meeting would soon be convened with the contractors and the implementing agency to address the issues and find a solution at the earliest.

A one-day awareness programme on the Unique Disability ID and various government welfare schemes for children with special needs was organized on Tuesday, by H-Spring Foundation at H-Spring Integrated School, Diking Village. It was organized in collaboration with the ICDS, Department of Women and Child Development. Mailong Taku Padung, Deputy Director, ICDS-cum-District Child Protection Officer, Department of WCD, East Siang, attended as a resource person.

Spearhead Division under Indian Army's Spear Corps today organised the Mopin Marathon at Aalo, West Siang district, as part of the ongoing Mopin festival of the Galo tribe of Arunachal, promoting cultural harmony.

In the SAFF U20 Football Championship, defending champions India will face Bhutan in the semi-final at National Stadium, Male, Maldives, today at 9:00 pm IST.