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India has so far amassed a tally of 105 medals including 28 gold, 36 silver and 41 bronze in Asian Games, Hangzhou in China. This is the first time that India has crossed the historic milestone of the hundred medal mark. The hundredth medal, a gold for the country was won by women's Kabaddi team. The latest medal was won by men's kabaddi team. They claimed the gold against Iran 33-29. The men's cricket team bagged gold after the final match against Afghanistan was called off due to rain. In wrestling, Deepak Punia claimed silver medal in men's 86kg freestyle category. India clinched another bronze medal as women's hockey team beat Japan 2-1. The country is currently ranked fourth on the medal tally. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the nation was thrilled as our athletes have surpassed the milestone of 100 medals in the Asian Games. The Prime Minister will host and interact with the Asian Games contingent once they arrive back home on the 10th of October.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today held an important meeting to review announcements made in his Red Fort speech this year in Delhi. In his Independence Day speech, Modi had mentioned ensuring affordable credit for poor and middle class housing. In line with this announcement, he reviewed the preparations to implement this announcement. In his speech, Prime Minister had mentioned ensuring solar power for households. He also reviewed preparations to execute this scheme.

The 52nd GST Council meeting was held in New Delhi today under the chairmanship of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Briefing media after the conclusion of the meeting, Sitharaman said several important decisions were taken relating to GST Appellate Tribunal, GST on millets and molasses. She said, GST Council has taken decision to reduce GST on molasses from 28 percent to 5 percent which will benefit sugarcane farmers. The Finance Minister also informed that flour containing 70 percent millets will attract zero percent GST if sold in a pre packaged form. She added that if the same is sold in a packaged and labelled form, it will attract 5 percent GST.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said, Left Wing Extremism (LWE) will be totally eliminated from the country in two years. He chaired a review meeting on Left Wing Extremism in New Delhi

yesterday. While calling for resolve to uproot LWE in all its forms, Shah said that Naxalism is a curse to humanity. He said, the year 2022 witnessed the lowest number of incidents of violence and deaths in Naxal-hit areas in the last four decades. He added that success has been achieved in curbing left-wing extremism in the last few years and this fight has now reached a decisive phase.

Indigenous Faith & Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh (IFCSAP) president Katung Wahge has called for protection and revitalization of local languages, intergenerational transmission of indigenous knowledge systems, and preservation of culture and traditions. He said, spoken languages are getting endangered in fast pace, and the hardest hit are the indigenous languages owing partly in absence of scripts and partly because younger generations are no longer speaking their mother tongue - both at home and in public domain. It is imperative that saving the language is crucial to ensure protection of cultural identity, dignity of indigenous people and safeguard their traditional values and heritages, said Wahge while interacting with people during his recent whirlwind tour to Siang belt.

Citing 'inconsistencies' in the investigation of purported 'Seppa' sex racket involving minor school-going girls, the Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) demanded a thorough reinvestigation by a woman police officer under the supervision of a senior officer. The APWWS said that FIR was lodged on 29th August, and that the suspects were arrested, only to be released on bail due to inconsistencies in the investigation process, which was reflected in the bail order of the alleged accused by the Special POCSO judge. "It is imperative that proper arrests are made following a meticulous inquiry," said the apex women's body, a delegation of which led by its president Kani Nada Maling met DGP Anand Mohan on Friday and submitted a representation to him.