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President Droupadi Murmu has returned to New Delhi today evening after concluding her three-nation state visit to Fiji, New Zealand and Timor Leste. Apart from strengthening the bilateral relations, MoUs and bilateral agreements on key aspects were signed during the visit. The special engagement and connect with the Indian diaspora was a key aspect of this visit. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a social media post has expressed immense pride over President Droupadi Murmu's recognition with the Grand Collar of the Order of Timor-Leste, the highest civilian award of the nation. In a social media post today, the Prime Minister added that the prestigious honour reflects the strong ties and mutual respect between India and Timor-Leste. Mr. Modi said that it is also a recognition of her monumental contribution to public life for several years.

In a serious bid to ensure 'quality' over 'quantity' in the education sector, Chief Minister Pema Khandu yesterday gave a timeline to kickstart the reformation process of all government schools in the state that would be mandatory. Speaking at the concluding day of the 3-day Chintan Shivir cum Education Conclave – 2024 yesterday, Khandu directed elected representatives, deputy commissioners and deputy directors of school education (DDSEs) to review the status of all government-run schools in their respective jurisdictions and finalize a roadmap for reformation by September 15, 2024. By October 20, he said all finalized roadmaps should be positively submitted to the Education department by all district administrations. He called upon all MLAs, Panchayat Leaders, DCs and DDSEs to strictly follow the timeline without fail. Commending the education department headed by Minister Pasang Dorjee Sona and his Advisor Mutchu Mithi for the timely conclave, the Chief Minister expressed hope that the outcome would be incredibly valuable and provide insightful inputs to enhance Arunachal's education system.

The Paris Olympics 2024 will officially come to an end with the Closing Ceremony tonight at Stade de France. For India, two-time Olympic medallists PR Sreejesh and Manu Bhaker have been chosen as the flag-bearers for the Parade of Nations during the ceremony. India's campaign at the 2024 Paris Olympics officially concluded yesterday, with a total of six medals. Wrestler Reetika Hooda, the

last Indian athlete in action, exited the women's 76 kg event after a quarter-final loss, while golfers Aditi Ashok and Diksha Dagar finished well out of medal contention. Aman Sehrawat's bronze in the men's 57 kg event remains India's only wrestling medal and the sixth overall in the Paris Games, which include one silver and five bronze medals. Meanwhile, India's first individual Olympic gold medalist, Abhinav Bindra, has been awarded the prestigious Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at the 142nd IOC Session in Paris yesterday. The Olympic Order is the highest honour bestowed by the IOC, recognizing exceptional contributions to the Olympic Movement.

Deputy Commissioner cum District Magistrate, ICR, Talo Potom in an official order dated today has termed the 36 hours bandh called by All Nyishi Students Union as an illegal and unlawful activity prohibited under the law. The DC warned that violators shall be viewed seriously and penal action shall be taken as per law. He further cautioned that, the cost of any damage and destruction to public properties shall be recovered from the bandh callers. Earlier, the student body ANSU had yesterday declared to go ahead with the 36 hours bandh call from 12th Aug 5:00 am to 13th Aug 5 pm in the capital complex.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has today forecast Papum Pare district in the orange alert zone and will receive thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places. Meanwhile, Tawang, West and East Kameng, Kurung Kumey, Kra Daadi, Kamle, Lower Subansiri, Pakke Kessang and Upper Subansiri are in yellow zone alert and very likely to receive heavy rainfall, thunderstorm with lightning at isolated places.

A Pasighat -based registered NGO, Siang Trust today conducted health camp at Silluk village under East Siang District. The main purpose of the health camps were screening of non-communicable diseases like high blood pressure, diabetes etc. Later in the day free medicines were also distributed among the beneficiaries. A total of 65 patients were screened during the day long programme.