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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today held talks with Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in New Delhi. The two leaders discussed the multifaceted India- UAE relations and avenues to broaden the comprehensive strategic partnership to new and emerging areas. Five agreements were signed following the talks. These include MoU in the field of Barakah Nuclear Power Plant Operations and Maintenance between Emirates Nuclear Energy Company and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited. An agreement for long term LNG supply between Abu Dhabi National Oil Company and Indian Oil Corporation Limited was also signed. The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi met President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan this afternoon. She expressed deep appreciation for the historically close and friendly relations between India-UAE underpinned by strong people to people ties. The Crown Prince also visited Rajghat to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

23 houses were reduced to ashes in a major fire accident at Abo Tani Colony at Seppa on Saturday. The fire broke out around 6:45 pm from an SPT building in the colony and quickly spread to the entire residential area within no time. Efforts were made by the local colony people, fire tender team, police personnel, CRPF jawans to douse the flames, but they were unable to save the 23 houses from the blaze. Valuable properties and personal belongings of the families who resided in the houses were also damaged. The district administration has provided immediate relief materials to the affected families and set up a temporary relief camp at the Lal Bahadur Shastri School in Type-III Colony.

The Arunachal Indigenous Tribes Forum has finalised 12 government schools to be adopted with immediate effect in the state. The decision was taken during a meeting it held with community-based organisations of the state in Itanagar on Saturday. The schools to be adopted are the Govt Sec school Sippi by the Tagin Cultural Society; Govt Upper Primary School Gelling by the Tuting Memba Welfare Society; Govt Sec School Shergaon by the All Sartukpen Blu; Govt Hr Sec School Thrizino by the Aka Shotuko-Kunu; Govt Middle School Bichom by the All Bugun Khowa Society; Govt Primary School Mankota by the Khamba Welfare Society Tuting; Govt Upper Primary School Bichom by the Sajolang

Elite Society; Govt Hr Sec School Miao by the Tangsa Literary & Cultural Development Society; Govt Hr Sec School Maro by the Galo Welfare Society; Govt ME School Supliang by the Mishmi Welfare Society; Govt Hr Sec School Kalaktang by the Monpa Mimang Tsogpa; and Bari-Basip Residential School in Katang by the All Tutsa Welfare Society.

A young male patient, who recently travelled from a country currently experiencing Mpox transmission, has been identified as a suspect case of Mpox. The Health Ministry informed that the patient has been isolated in a designated hospital and samples from the patient are being tested to confirm the presence of Mpox. It added that the patient is currently stable. The ministry assured that the country is fully prepared to deal with such isolated travel related cases and has robust measures in place to manage and mitigate any potential risk.

Bamboosa Library in Tezu celebrated the International Literacy Day on Sunday. On the occasion Santosh Kumar Sinha, AGM, Tezu Airport, said that NGOs can play a big role in spreading literacy and improving education of the masses. Delivering a speech on "Career opportunities in Airport & Airline services", he said that there are ample opportunities for interested and committed youths in the aviation industry. The programme was attended by a large group of students, teachers and youth. Sinha also presented the prestigious BHAJAN Award 2022 to Dr RC Nayak, Block Elementary Officer of the Anjaw District Education Dept, and lauded him for his committed efforts to support the spread of joy of reading in the district.

International Literacy Day was observed across the state on Sunday. Attending a programme at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya at Yupia, DDSE TT Tara informed that nearly 450 adult learners have passed the Functional Literacy & Numeracy Assessment Test. The women & child development department also observed the day at the Government Girls' Residential School at Yupia. In Pakke-Kessang district, the ICDS project, in collaboration with the education department, observed the day at the Government Higher Secondary School in Pakke-Kessang.

42 participants, including villagers from Khupa, Zero, Tafraliang, Hayuliang, Mele, Gamliang, Chikruliang, Blom, Nenuliang and Metengliang and members of SHGs, participated in a weeklong vocational training programme on 'value addition of locally available

locally available underutilised vegetable – colocasia', organised by the Anjaw KVK. The programme featured hands-on sessions, during which the participants were given ingredients to prepare the recipes they had learnt. After completing the food preparation, the participants also packaged and labelled their products, gaining practical experience in the value addition process.