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Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that the government is putting all efforts into the interest of the farmers. Highlighting the government's recent decisions taken for the welfare of the farmers in a social media post, the Prime Minister said that farmers work for the food security of the country. He emphasized that decisions such as reducing the export duty on onions and increasing the import duty on edible oils will benefit the farmers. Modi said that these decisions will increase farmers' income and also create more employment opportunities in rural areas.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said that the Constitution is the soul of democracy and Parliament is its custodian. Speaking at a function in Mumbai today, he added that the Constitution is to be read, understood and respected. Dhankhar appealed that all institutions of the state need to work in tandem and togetherness to nurture and blossom democratic values. Governor of Maharashtra CP Radhakrishnan said that our country is the most vibrant democracy in the world because of the Indian Constitution.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has emphasized the need for increased co-operation and co-ordination between the NIA and state anti-terrorism squads to strengthen the counter-terrorism architecture. He said this while chairing the National Security Strategies Conference 2024 in New Delhi yesterday. In his remarks, the Home Minister appealed to state DGPs to work towards achieving Prime Minister Narender Modi's vision of a prosperous, strong and developed India by 2047. Shah underscored that substantial progress had been achieved in solving legacy national security concerns such as Jammu and Kashmir, Left Wing extremism, and the North-East. He said that it was now incumbent identify emerging national security challenges, including to narcotics, roque drones, and online fraud, and tackle them before they became major challenges.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has said that Arunachal Pradesh is committed to delivering quality healthcare services to even the most remote corners of the state through the eSanjeevani telemedicine services. He said, with this initiative, patients can now visit their nearest Primary Health Centre and receive expert medical consultations from specialized doctors via e-consultation, complete with e-prescriptions. To strengthen this network, hubs have been established at TRIHMS Naharlagun, Bakin Pertin General Hospital, Pasighat, and Gyati Takka General Hospital, Ziro, which are connected to various Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres, and Sub-Health Centres and Health &Wellness Centres for advanced consultation services.

As part of nationwide 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign to embrace cleanliness leading up to Gandhi Jayanti (October 2), Itanagar Municipal Corporation (IMC) Mayor Tamme Phassang led a cleanliness drive at Ward No. 1 alongside corporators, NGOs, youth and local residents. Speaking to the media, Phassang highlighted the importance of 'Jan Bhagidaari' (public participation) in achieving a cleaner and healthier environment. The Mayor stressed that the responsibility of keeping the city clean could not fall solely on IMC, urging citizens to dedicate at least two hours a week to community cleanliness activities.

In a major crackdown on illegal logging activities, the Pakke Kessang District Police has seized large quantities of illegally sawn timber along with a vehicle used to transport the logs in Darlong area of Seijosa on Friday. The police also apprehended two individuals involved in transporting the timbers, Pakke Kessang SP Tasi Darang said on Saturday. A case under Section 303(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita read with Section 24(b) of the Assam Forest Regulation, 1891 was registered at Seijosa police station, and an investigation is ongoing, the SP said.

Over 550 helmets were distributed free of cost to motorcyclists by the family members and friends of one Sanju Tasing, who lost his life in a tragic bike accident in Pasighat last year. The program – a road safety awareness campaign - was organised as part of Tasing's birthday celebration at Riba Canteen Charali, Pasighat on Saturday. The helmets were distributed to those two-wheeler riders who were found driving without wearing a helmet.

A 52-year-old man was killed and his grandchild injured after their car was hit by the Murkongselek-Tezpur special train while crossing the tracks in Lower Siang district. The accident occurred at Pale, near Dimow on Friday, GRP Assistant Sub-Inspector Ganesh Hazarika said. The deceased has been identified as Rigo Riba, a Sub-Inspector of India Reserve Battalion. He was travelling with his 7-year-old grandchild from Pasighat, where he was posted, to his native village when the accident happened. The injured minor was taken to Dibrugarh for further treatment.

Arunachal Pradesh is going to host the 'North East Football League 2024', scheduled to begin in January 2025 in Itanagar. While sharing this information through a social media post, Chief Minister Pema Khandu today said, "This platform will provide our players with the opportunity to reach new heights". The Chief Minister also added that the state is fully equipped with world-class sports infrastructure, ready to support the successful execution of this league.