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President Droupadi Murmu who is on a visit to Algeria, as part of her three nation visit was conferred with Honorary Doctorate in Political Science by Sidi Abdellah Science and Technology Pole University in Algiers today. Mr. Kamal Baddari, the Algerian Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, handed over the Doctorate. President Droupadi Murmu while addressing the Siddi Abdellah University said that this doctorate is an honour for my country, a country that had stood for peace and prosperous world from time immemorial. She urged the Algerian Govt. Higher Education department and students to avail the benefits of India's ITEC program and other scholarship programs.

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar reached Islamabad this afternoon on a two day visit to Pakistan to attend the 23rd Meeting of SCO Council of Heads of Government. The SCO meeting will be held tomorrow under the chairmanship of Pakistan. Held annually the summit focuses on the trade and economic agenda of the Organisation. This is the first high-level visit of an Indian Foreign Minister to the neighbouring nation in nine years.

Paramesh Sivamani today assumed charge as the 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard. Mr. Sivamani is specialized in navigation and direction, and his sea commands include all major vessels of the Indian Coast Guard. He was conferred with the Tatrakshak Medal in 2014 and the President's Tatrakshak Medal in 2019 for his illustrious service. He was also awarded the Director General Coast Guard Commendation in 2012.

In a significant boost to the country's defense capabilities, India and the US have signed the contract for procurement of 31 MQ-9B Predator drones. The Ministry of Defence today inked a contract with the US government in the presence of Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane in New Delhi. The Ministry has also inked a separate contract with General Atomics Global India Private Limited for performance-based logistics, ensuring depot-level maintenance, repair, and overhaul of the drones within the country. This deal is aimed at enhancing the country's operational readiness and military strength, includes tri-service procurement of the MQ-9B Sky Guardian and Sea Guardian drones.

In Arunachal Pradesh, 14 out of 25 districts are now eligible for Malaria-free certification. The information was shared on the first day of the three-day review meeting of the National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control, Arunachal Pradesh in Naharlagun today. Dr. K.T. Mulung, State Programme Officer, National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control said that it is a significant milestone in the state's ongoing efforts to eliminate Malaria. The meeting aims at reviewing and evaluation of strategies, and developing actionable plans to accelerate the progress toward a Malaria-free Arunachal Pradesh.

With a vision to empower the local communities, the Soming Narming Cultural Group was inaugurated yesterday under the Van Samvaad: Samvaad Se Samadhaan initiative at Pakke Tiger Reserve. The formation of the Soming Narming Cultural Group is envisioned as a model of community-led ecotourism, aimed at empowering the women of Darlong village by fostering self-reliance and confidence. Speaking on the occasion, DFO Pakke Tiger Reserve Satyaprakash Singh, expressed optimism about the group's future, stating, "Soming Narming has a very bright future. The women of this group will set an inspiring example for other villages in the Pakke Tiger Reserve to follow this model of sustainable tourism and local development."

With the rest of the nation, the Bharatiya Janata Party Arunachal Pradesh Minority Morcha led by its State President observed the 93rd birth anniversary of former President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam at State BJP HQ Itanagar today. Speaking on the occasion State president highlighted Dr. Kalam's various contributions and achievement in the field of missile and nuclear weapon programs in the country.

On the eve of International E-Waste Day, a significant awareness event was organized by Sigar Military Station, Pasighat today. The objective of the event is to educate Government Secondary school children and their parents on the pressing issue of e-waste management. The event was designed to instill a deep understanding of the environmental impact caused by electronic waste and the importance of responsible disposal and recycling.

The District Administration organized a one-day training-cum-interactive workshop session for Gaon Buras and Gaon Buris of Keyi Panyor District at Yachuli today. The training session was conducted by officials, reiterating the roles, responsibilities, powers, and duties of GBs in their jurisdiction, guided by the Assam Frontier

(Administration of Justice) Regulation 1945 and AP Civil Courts (Amendment) Act 2022. A brief awareness address on the importance and conservation of wildlife and nature was also emphasized.