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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today emphasized the critical importance of global peace in securing a brighter future for humanity. He asserted that the success of our collective efforts relies on unity and collaboration among nations and communities. In a signed message to Adish C Aggarwala, Senior Advocate and President of the International Conference of Jurists and Writers for World Peace scheduled for October 9-10 in London, PM Modi reiterated that global peace is fundamental for a brighter future, reinforcing that our shared endeavors rely on unity. He highlighted India's historical commitment to peace, drawing inspiration from figures such as Bhagwan Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi, who emphasized human dignity and welfare—values that remain profoundly relevant today.

Former President Ram Nath Kovind, who headed the high-level committee on 'One Nation-One Election', said that India will greatly benefit from adopting simultaneous elections in its steady march towards a Viksit Bharat. He said this in New Delhi while delivering the 30th Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Lecture on simultaneous elections. Kovind added that simultaneous elections will have long-term benefits such as better governance, policy stability, social cohesiveness, economic growth and enhanced global competitiveness. He said it has the potential to be a foundational reform for a more inclusive and prosperous future.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein has extended deep sense of gratitude to the Government of India for bestowing the Classical Language status upon Pali. "This recognition is not only a historic milestone but also a profound tribute to a language that has shaped the spiritual and cultural heritage of countless generations, particularly through the teachings of Theravada Buddhism," Mein said. "...For the people of Arunachal Pradesh, this acknowledgment further deepens our connection to a language that reflects our spiritual traditions. This recognition will promote the study and appreciation of Pali, enriching our shared heritage, and strengthening the cultural fabric of our great Nation", he added.

At least 10 people have lost their lives in floods and landslides triggered by heavy rainfall in Meghalaya's West Garo Hills and South Garo Hills districts since Friday. In a heartbreaking incident, a family of seven, including three children, were killed when a landslide

buried their home in the remote village of Hatiasia Songma. Rescue teams are actively working to recover the bodies, officials confirmed. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma expressed profound grief over the loss of lives in Dalu and Hatiasia Songma. He announced immediate ex gratia relief for the families of the deceased.

A team of officials led by Food Safety Officer Dr K Y Tukshipa conducted a three-day FSSAI (Food Safety & Standards Authority of India) licence checking drive in Tawang district. The team, along with police personnel, inspected various shops for valid FSSAI licenses and checked for expired items. Additionally, IEC activities were carried out for food business operators to raise awareness about compliance with food safety standards. The three-day operation also generated revenue through the issuance and renewal of FSSAI license.

The Arunachal State Badminton Association (ASBA) in its annual general body meeting on Saturday adopted several key resolutions for promotion and development of badminton in the state. ASBA resolved to establish district-level training centers to identify and nurture young talents, and conduct regular tournaments to promote the game. As per the resolution, training centres will be established within six months. Further, ASBA will organise at least four state-level tournaments annually, collaborate with schools and educational institutions to integrate badminton into their curriculum, engage experienced coaches and trainers for capacity building, etc.

Arunachal's Rupa Bayor has made history by becoming the first Indian Taekwondo athlete to secure a spot in the World Top 10 Poomsae Ranking by the World Taekwondo (WT). The athlete from Sippi village in Upper Subansiri district, is now ranked 9th globally. Bayor, who is also the first Indian female athlete to win a medal at a World Taekwondo G2 event, recently clinched a silver medal at the WT G2 Australian Open Taekwondo Championship held in Brisbane, Australia. Chief Minister Pema Khandu and Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein lauded Bayor's achievement, acknowledging the pride she has brought to both the state and the nation.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast light to moderate rainfall over Northeast and South Peninsular India today. The IMD said Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe, Rayalaseema, and Coastal and South Interior Karnataka are very likely to witness isolated heavy

rainfall in the next 2-3 days. The weather agency estimated that isolated places over West Bengal, Sikkim, Bihar, Jharkhand, Konkan, Goa, Marathwada, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry are expected to witness thunderstorms with lightning today.