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The Nation paid homage to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi on his 155th birth anniversary today. A series of functions were organized across the country and by Indian Missions abroad. A Sarva Dharma Prarthana Sabha was held at Bapu's Samadhi, Rajghat in the national capital. President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Union Ministers, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat. The nation also remembered former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on his 120th birth anniversary today. Vice President, Prime Minister, Lok Sabha Speaker, Union Ministers, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha paid floral tributes to Lal Bahadur Shastri at his Samadhi, Vijay Ghat in Delhi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged everyone to take a pledge to make cleanliness an integral part of their lives, stating that the commitment to Swachhta is a lifelong vow, not a one-time promise. Addressing the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 programme to mark the 10 years of Swachh Bharat Mission in New Delhi today, Modi emphasised that continuous efforts are essential for achieving a clean India. He saluted the unwavering spirit of 140 crore Indians for making cleanliness a Jan Andolan, highlighting that everyone has contributed to the success of the Swachh Bharat Mission. Modi said that in just 15 days of Seva Pakhwada, more than 27 lakh events were organised in the country, in which over 28 crore people participated. He said that this day inspires us to fulfill the dream of India envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi and other great personalities of the country.

Swachh Bharat Diwas, commemorating the 10th anniversary of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, was celebrated today at Itanagar. Attending the event, Governor Lt Gen (Retd) KT Parnaik expressed hope that the occasion will continue to inspire all to carry forward Gandhiji's message of cleanliness. The Governor, while commending the people for their participation in the cleanliness drives throughout Arunachal Pradesh said that the endeavour of all Arunachalis is a befitting tribute to the Father of the Nation.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu, in his speech, emphasized the importance of cleanliness, while appealing all to strive for a clean mind, clean body, and clean surroundings. On the occasion, the

Governor along with the CM presented the Swachhata Hi Sewa Awards to government bodies, organizations, and NGOs for making cleanliness their mission.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that the Pakke Declaration of the state government is a reflection of the commitment given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on environment. He said the declaration has set up 75 pillars for sustainable development, according to which the state government departments are designing their annual action plans. Khandu said this while attending a function held on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti at State Banquet Hall in Itanagar today. He said that after the announcement of the Swachh Bharat Mission in 2014 by Prime Minister Narendra, people had taken it forward as a 'Jan Andolan' and its result is visible today. He said that development is important but it has to be in sync with nature and swachhata.

Along with the rest of the nation, Akashvani Itanagar also observed Gandhi Jayanti and paid tribute to the Father of Nation at a small function held at its office premises today. The event witnessed active participation from all staff members, who came together to promote the message of cleanliness and hygiene. During the event, the sanitation workers deployed in the station and its transmitters were felicitated with memento and cash prize by the Head of Office, Akashvani Itanagar, for their remarkable contributions towards maintaining cleanliness in and around campus.

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the Capital Police today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) for the establishment of a centre titled 'Ane's Home - A Healing Centre for Trauma Victims'. Itanagar SP Rohit Rajbir Singh said, the Ane's Home has been created to provide refuge, protection, and justice to victims of sexual abuse, domestic violence, and other traumatic incidents. RGU will play a vital role in this initiative, offering its expertise and support. Volunteers from the Departments of Social Work, Psychology, National Security Studies, and Law will provide essential assistance at the Counselling Centre, particularly in aiding trauma victims.