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President Droupadi Murmu today conferred the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026 to 15 Nursing professionals at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The award has been given for their outstanding contribution in the field of nursing. These prestigious awards are presented to Registered Nurses, Midwives, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives, and Lady Health Visitors serving across Central and State Governments, Union Territories, and voluntary organisations.

On the occasion of International Nurses Day, Chief Minister Pema Khandu today expressed his gratitude to all nurses for their dedication, compassion, and selfless service to humanity. In a social media post, Khandu said that from hospitals to remote healthcare centres, Nurses contribution remains the backbone of Arunachals healthcare system. The International Nurses Day is observed every year on May 12 to celebrate nurses and their contribution to healthcare around the world. The theme for this year is "Our Nurses". Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives."

Senior BJP leader Himanta Biswa Sarma today took oath as the Chief Minister of Assam for a second consecutive term. Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya administered the oath of office and secrecy to Dr Sarma at a ceremony held at the Veterinary College Ground in Khanapara, Guwahati. Along with Dr Sarma, four MLAs - Rameswar Teli, Atul Bora, Charan Boro and Ajanta Neog - were also sworn in as Cabinet Ministers. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, several Union Ministers and Chief Ministers from BJP-ruled states attended the ceremony.

Under the Golden Jubilee Meritorious Students Award 2024-25, DDSE, Papum Pare, today organized a felicitation programme at Yupia to honour the top three meritorious students of the district from Classes III to XII. Altogether, 29 students from various private, government, and government-aided schools were felicitated with cash prizes, mementos, and certificates for their outstanding academic achievements. The Golden Jubilee Meritorious Students Awards is being instituted as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Foundation of Arunachal Pradesh to encourage academic excellence among students.

Department of School Education and Literacy Secretary Sanjay Kumar, has said that NCERT and CBSE have jointly introduced a new

curriculum on computational thinking and Artificial Intelligence for students from classes 3 to 8. Speaking on the initiative, Mr Kumar said the curriculum has already been rolled out. He added that teachers will undergo training during the summer break, and the teaching of these subjects will begin once schools reopen after the vacation. He further informed that NCERT is also developing Artificial Intelligence textbooks for classes 9, 10, 11 and 12.

4-Dirang, MLA Phurpa Tsering inaugurated the Smart Public Information Board at Buddha Stadium, Bomdila yesterday. Sponsored by SBI, Bomdila, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, the Smart Public Information Board has been installed to effectively disseminate government schemes, programmes, and public messages through digital means, thereby enhancing public outreach and awareness.

A consultative meeting on exploring the potential of rainbow trout farming in Tawang district was held today. Jointly organised by ICAR-Central Institute of Coldwater Fisheries Research and the Department of Fisheries, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, under the NER Activity 2026-27, the meeting focused on assessing opportunities for expanding rainbow trout farming and creating awareness about the economic benefits of coldwater fisheries in the region. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 20 fish farmers representing Khartooh, Mirba, Bongleng, Audung, and Kyidphel villages of Tawang district.

The Rajiv Gandhi University Research Scholars' Forum (RGURSF) organised a candlelight march and vigil yesterday evening to pay tribute to late Dr Chalak Lowang, whose untimely demise deeply saddened the academic community of Rajiv Gandhi University. Dr Lowang, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar, had also served as the Vice-Chairperson of RGURSF during 2019-20. She was widely respected for her academic contributions, particularly her research on insurgency issues in the TCL region of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecast Yellow Alert for West Kameng, East Kameng, Kamle, Lower Subansiri, Pakke Kessang, Papumpare, Changlang, Tirap and Longding districts. Thunderstorm with lightning is very likely at isolated places.

Sports Authority of India in collaboration with MyBharat, has launched three nationwide engagement initiatives ahead of the Commonwealth Games 2030 to promote sporting spirit, creativity and

youth participation across the country. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports said that initiatives include the Commonwealth Games 2030 Torch Design Contest, CWG Reel Challenge and Commonwealth Games 2030 Quiz. The competitions are open to all MyBharat users and aim to build awareness and excitement around the vision of CWG2030InBharat. The Commonwealth Games 2030 is set to be held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.