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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today held talks with the Acting President of Venezuela, Delcy Rodriguez in New Delhi. The two leaders reviewed the full spectrum of bilateral relations and explored new avenues of cooperation in energy, trade, investment, healthcare, and automobiles, among others. Addressing media after the talks, Secretary (East) Rudrendra Tandon said, Venezuela possesses one of the largest oil reserves in the world. He said, today's discussions between the two sides focused on forging an energy partnership between the two countries, as Venezuelan energy sector is undergoing a fundamental transformation. He said, Venezuela considers India as a stable demander for many years to come. During the conversation, the leaders also exchanged views on global and regional issues of mutual interest. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to deepening the bilateral partnership and advancing the interests of the Global South.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said the Narendra Modi government ended era of violence in Northeast and transformed the region from a hotspot of disputes to a hotspot of opportunities. After attending the 73rd Plenary Session of the North Eastern Council (NEC), Mr Shah, on Social Media platform X, said today NEC is serving as an institution for strategic planning for the development of region while fulfilling people's aspirations and promoting culture. Union Minister of the Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Jyotiraditya Scindia, also attended the NEC, said all the leaders are united in their resolve to create a stronger and more prosperous northeast. Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu in a social media post highlighted Arunachal's growth trajectory. Khandu said that from roads to airports, tourism to startups, agriculture to hydropower, Arunachal is witnessing unprecedented growth and investment. What was once seen as a frontier is today emerging as a growth engine of the Northeast. The plenary session of NEC brought together distinguished leaders, including governors, chief ministers and policymakers from across the northeastern region.

A nationwide awareness campaign on the newly enacted Income Tax Act, 2025, was successfully held today under the PRARAMBH 2026 initiative at the Donyi Polo International Hotel in Itanagar. The program was organized to educate and sensitize taxpayers and stakeholders on structural improvements introduced to simplify the national tax regime. A

key highlight of the campaign was the explanation of 'Kar Setu', an innovative tool designed to provide clear, practical explanations of the various modernized sections of the new Act. Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, Guwahati, Deba Kumar Sonowal attended the campaign as the Chief Guest. Other key dignitaries included Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax Circle, Guwahati, Deepjoy Das, Joint Director (News) and Regional News Unit Head of Akashvani and Doordarshan, Itanagar, Utsav Parmar.

Deputy Commissioner, Papumpare, Lobsang Tsering today convened a coordination meeting of the Education Department, Papum Pare District to review key educational initiatives, administrative issues and academic performance across the district. While addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner emphasized that punctuality, sincerity, dedication and transparency are the foundational pillars for every government employee and urged all staff members to strictly adhere to these professional ethics. During the meeting, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Government Higher Secondary Schools of Balijan, Kimin and Banderdewa, along with KGBV Sagalee, for achieving a 100 percent pass percentage in the recently concluded CBSE/AISSE examinations for the academic session 2025-26.

Under the nationwide "Khet Bachao Abhiyan" campaign, Department of Agriculture, Papum Pare District, today launched a month-long awareness programme focusing on natural farming, balanced use of chemical fertilizers, sustainable agriculture, climate resilience and drought management. The programme witnessed participation from farmers, officials of agriculture and allied departments, and other stakeholders from across the district. Similarly, Deputy Commissioner In-charge, Rinchin Leta launched the district-level Kheti Bachao Abhiyaan at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Tawang today. The nationwide campaign was initiated by the Union Ministry of Agriculture with the objective of promoting natural farming and safeguarding soil health.

Deputy Commissioner, Papum Pare, Lobsang Tsering convened the first meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee constituted for implementation of the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules, 2026, at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Yupia today. Addressing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of strict compliance with the SWM Rules, 2026 in view of the directions issued by the Supreme Court. He urged all eligible institutions to complete their registration on the CPCB portal by June 14, 2026. A live

demonstration of the registration process was also conducted during the meeting for the benefit of participating institutions.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecast an orange alert for Kurung Kumey, Lower Subansiri, Papumpare and Lepa Rada district in Arunachal Pradesh. These districts are very likely to receive thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rainfall at isolated places. Additionally a yellow alert has also been issued for 17 districts.