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Deputy Commandant Nikom Riba from Arunachal Pradesh Police has been selected for the Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM) on the occasion of Independence Day 2026. Riba is the sole recipient from Arunachal Pradesh listed under the Police Service category. The Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM) is a national service medal awarded to personnel in the police, fire services, civil defence, home guards, and correctional services for valuable service characterized by resourcefulness and devotion to duty. In response to the news, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein has extended his congratulations to Deputy Commandant Riba, and said that the recognition reflects his sincere commitment, exemplary profession-alism and dedicated service to the nation. Mein added that it is indeed a proud moment for Arunachal Pradesh.

Joining the rest of the nation, Arunachal Pradesh solemnly commemorated Partition Horrors Remembrance Day today. In Naharlagun, the Department of Art & Culture, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, commemorated Partition Horrors Remembrance Day at the Auditorium of the Directorate of Art and Culture in Naharlagun today. The event created a reflective platform to honor the victims and recall the memory of one of the most painful chapters in Indian history. The commemoration also featured the screening of a historical documentary on Partition Horrors Remembrance Day to give attendees a vivid perspective on the era. Similarly, Partition Horrors Remembrance Day was also observed in Pasighat, Daporijo and Tawang.

The Independence Day Lok Bhavan Games and Sports Competition, which commenced on 10th August, concluded at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar today. The event was conducted under the inspiring theme, "Physically Strong, Mentally Awake, Morally Straight," reflecting the Governor Lt Gen KT Parnaik (Retd.) vision of nurturing individuals who are healthy in body, alert in mind, and guided by strong moral values. The Governor actively participated in the sporting activities alongside officers and staff of Lok Bhavan and attached departments. Motivating the participants, the Governor emphasized that physical fitness is not merely a personal pursuit but a vital component of a disciplined and productive life. He noted that sports cultivate perseverance, teamwork, leadership, and integrity while helping individuals remain physically robust and mentally agile. The winners and runners-up will be felicitated by the Governor during the Independence Day celebrations at Lok Bhavan tomorrow.

In a prompt and coordinated response, Tawang Police has successfully traced and safely recovered four minor boys reported missing from Eklavya Model Residential School, Bana in East Kameng District. Acting on telephonic information received from Seppa Police at around 12:30 PM today, a team from Police Station Tawang under the supervision of Superintendent of Police Tawang Tasi Darang launched an extensive search across Tawang Township. The sustained search efforts yielded quick results, and all four minor boys were successfully intercepted and located near the Parade Ground area, Tawang. Following their recovery, the minors were subsequently brought to Police Station Tawang for necessary formalities, interaction and monitoring by the Child Welfare Committee. After completion of the required procedures and counselling, all four minors have been safely handed over to their parents.

A mass social service and cleanliness drive was conducted across the 20 wards of the Itanagar Municipal Corporation (IMC) on the eve of Independence Day, with a special cleanliness drive held at Nirjuli Main Market. Speaking on the occasion, IMC Deputy Mayor Tok Tabin Camdir said that such mass social service activities are being conducted in every ward of the corporation to promote cleanliness and civic responsibility among citizens. He appealed to residents to actively participate in cleanliness activities and take proper care of their respective wards. He said collective efforts are essential to make Itanagar cleaner and more beautiful. The Deputy Mayor also extended his warm wishes to all citizens on the occasion of Independence Day.

A meeting was convened today under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Daporijo, to deliberate on the launch of DAPO 100, a community-led initiative under the Daporijo Clean Town Mission, aimed at promoting responsible waste management through sustained public participation. The programme will be formally launched tomorrow on the occasion of Independence Day, along with the "Daporijo Declaration", a collective public pledge calling upon citizens to take ownership of the cleanliness of their town. The DAPO 100 programme brings together 100 members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for a 100-day Home Waste Segregation Challenge, beginning tomorrow. The initiative seeks to encourage households to adopt the practice of segregating waste at source and make responsible waste management a daily habit.

Spearhead Gunners, based at Sigar Military Station, Pasighat, conducted a youth outreach programme at Jonai Science College in Dhemaji district of Assam today. The programme included a motivational lecture on "Join Indian Army" and was attended by 120 students from

Class V to first-year degree. During the lecture, students were briefed on the role and organisation of the Indian Army, life in the Army, pay and emoluments and various avenues available to join the Indian Army. The interaction also provided students an opportunity to understand life as a soldier and seek guidance on career opportunities in the Army.