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Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has appealed to the people of Assam and Arunachal to maintain peace and harmony. In a social media post, CM Sarma said that both the states share a bond that goes far beyond boundaries. He further said that in recent years, both states have resolved most of the border differences through dialogue and friendship. Only 52 villages remain, and both Governments will continue discussions in the same spirit to resolve the dispute completely, the Assam CM added. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has welcomed the Assam CM's statement. He called upon everyone not to allow differences to overshadow the strong bonds that unite people of both Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

On Wednesday, vehicular movement at entry check gates from the eastern to the western parts of Arunachal Pradesh were stopped due to a blockade imposed by supporters of TMPK, a Mising community outfit. The economic blockade was imposed in response to Monday's violent incident at Hime village along the Assam-Arunachal boundary.

The Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu, has introduced uniform eligibility criteria for all Group A, B, and C direct recruitment posts under the Government of Arunachal Pradesh with immediate effect. Applicants must now fulfill three mandatory conditions—Permanent Residence, Indigenous/APST status, and Indigenous Tribal Language proficiency. The Cabinet also granted a one-time two-year service relaxation for promotions to Principal/DDSE and one-time relaxation for promotion of PWD Executive Engineer to Superintending Engineer, alongside approving Recruitment rule amendments for Senior Statistical Assistants in Agriculture and Field Publicity Assistants in D-IPR.

President Droupadi Murmu presented the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships and Awards for the years 2024 and 2025 to 115 artists in a special investiture ceremony in New Delhi. The awards recognise outstanding and sustained contributions to India's performing arts, covering music, dance, theatre, folk and tribal arts, puppetry, traditional theatre and other allied forms. From Arunachal Pradesh, Domin Karbak is conferred with Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Preservation and promotion of indigenous cultural heritage and traditional art forms. Meanwhile, Rumi Taki is awarded with Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for Folk Theatre and Traditional Folk Dance.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein today inspected the progress of the Mahabodhi Skill Development Centre at Nongtaw in Namsai, currently under construction. The Vihara and the 108-foot Lord Buddha statue will serve as an important centre for learning, spiritual growth and the preservation of Tai Khamti culture and heritage, the Deputy CM said. He also reviewed the progress of the Mahabodhi Monks' Hostel for 100 monks at Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College, Namsai.

A one-day District-level awareness-cum-sen-si-ti-sation program on key women and child protection laws was organized today at the DC's Conference Hall Pasighat. It was organised by the Deputy Director ICDS-cum-Protection Officer PWDVA, Department of Women and Child Development, East Siang District. Chief Guest, DC Sonalika Jiwani, urged all participants to actively share the insights gained from the session within their offices and local communities. During the technical sessions, legal experts delivered detailed lectures to equip participants with practical legal knowledge.

A workshop on the "GEMS of India" initiative was organised today at DIET Changlang, Government Higher Secondary School, Changlang, and Rang Frah College, Changlang, to create awareness among students and faculty members and encourage their participation in the national-level creator challenge. Students and faculty members were encouraged to submit their creative entries during 1st August – 31st August 2026 submission period.

Two-day blood donation awareness rally organised by 1 Arunachal Pradesh Battalion NCC concluded today. The programme culminated in a voluntary blood donation camp at RK Mission Hospital, Itanagar. The rally followed by blood donation camp aimed at raising awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation and encouraging young people to come forward and contribute to this life-saving cause. NCC Senior Division and Senior Wing cadets of DNGC, Don Bosco College and NERIST complex actively participated throughout the programme.

A grand Tiranga Rally was organised today at Deomali as part of the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign and Independence Day celebrations, witnessing enthusiastic and overwhelming participation from the general public. The event featured an energetic bikers' rally. A 150-metre-long National Flag was carried with pride by students from the General Ground to the NCI Bridge. Similar Tiranga Abhiyaan Rally was organised in Khonsa.

Yellow Alert of thunderstorm and lightning with heavy rain has been forecast for East Kameng, Papum Pare, Lepa Rada, Dibang Valley, Changlang, Tirap, and Longding districts of Arunachal Pradesh by Meteorological Centre Itanagar. Additionally, only heavy rain is predicted for Lower Subansiri and Namsai districts.