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External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar today discussed the relief and rescue efforts underway in Nepal today. In a social media post, Dr Jaishankar said that the Indian Embassies in Kathmandu and Beijing provided an updated picture in respect of the status and well-being of Indian nationals. He also informed that the concerned Ministry of External Affairs Divisions have apprised about the further relief supplies to be sent to Nepal. Addressing the media in New Delhi today, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that 63 Indian nationals working at the Trishuli-1 Hydropower Project were rescued from the affected area. He said, another 96 Indian nationals who were stranded on the Chinese side have safely crossed into Nepal by land and efforts are underway to evacuate them. Mr Jaiswal informed the media that twenty-one Indian nationals from Tamil Nadu, who had arrived in Kathmandu from the flood-affected area yesterday, have reached New Delhi this afternoon. On the Chinese side, Mr Jaiswal said that around 400 Indian nationals are safe and in contact with their families. He said, the Indian Embassy in Beijing is coordinating with local authorities, team leaders and travel agents to facilitate their evacuation. Mr Jaiswal informed that the government has set up a control room in the Ministry of External Affairs, which is working round the clock. He said Indian embassies, both in Kathmandu and Beijing, have also set up 24×7 helplines.

Governor Lt Gen K T Parnaik (Retd.) has extended his warm greetings to the people of the State on the joyous occasion of Raksha Bandhan. He expressed hope that the cherished festival would deepen the bonds of love, affection and trust among siblings, and inspire greater harmony, goodwill and peace in our society.

The Arunachal Pradesh State Food Commission team led by its Chairman Tarh Tarak visited Lower Siang District yesterday and held a meeting with the district administration and heads of departments at the DC Conference Hall, Likabali, to acquaint officers with the implementation and monitoring of the National Food Security Act besides others important issues. The Chairman outlined the provisions of the Act and the roles of stakeholders in its effective implementation and monitoring to ensure its benefits reach the people. He stressed that the line of meeting and coordination is maintained to ensure effective implementation of the Act.

Reaffirming its enduring bond with the local community, Spearhead Division, under the aegis of Spear Corps, celebrated Raksha Bandhan with the students of Govt Higher Secondary School, Mebo today. As part of the celebration, the students tied Rakhis to Army personnel, symbolising the sacred bond of trust, respect and affection between the Indian Army and the people of Assam. The event witnessed warm interaction between the students and Army personnel, fostering a spirit of camaraderie, mutual respect and national integration. The celebration provided a meaningful platform to strengthen the emotional connect between the Army and the younger generation.

The Red Ribbon Club and NSS, Jawaharlal Nehru College (JNC), Pasighat, in association with the Arunachal Pradesh AIDS Control Society, organized the Red Run Mini Marathon 2026 at JNC college today, in tandem with higher education institutions across Arunachal Pradesh. The event was organized under the theme "Youth for HIV and STI", emphasizing the importance of awareness, testing and prevention of HIV and sexually transmitted infections among youth. More than 50 students from various departments participated in the event.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued yellow alert warning for 15 districts in Arunachal Pradesh including Papumpare. These districts are very likely to receive thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain at isolated places.

The first ever Ziro Mud Festival started off on a high at Loder Kontii, Maniipolyang, Hong Village, Ziro yesterday. The 3 day motorsport event is being organised by Ziro Offroad Adventure (ZOA), led by its young promoter Takhe Talley. More than 40 competitors with their vehicles representing different motor clubs across the state are participating in the maiden ZMF. They will be competing in three different categories Viz. Stock, Semi-Modified and Women's categories. The Ziro Mud Festival was officially flagged off by MLA, 47 Namsai, Chau Zignu Namchoom.

India's double Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra has qualified for the 2026 Diamond League final, which will be held in Brussels next month. Chopra accumulated 12 points in the standings. Chopra had finished fourth at the Doha meet in June with a throw of 85.69 metres before recording a season-best 88.05 metres at the Lausanne meet earlier this month, where he finished second. Chopra is sixth in the standings after competing in two Diamond League meets this season. Chopra's two performances were enough to secure a place in the Diamond League final.