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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today participated in the 26th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), held in Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyz Republic. Addressing the summit, the Prime Minister called upon all member countries to dismantle the entire ecosystem of terrorist financing, recruitment, radicalisation and safe havens. He said there can be no place for double standards on terrorism. Mr Modi expressed concern over the ongoing conflicts in different parts of the world. He said wars and conflicts are not a solution to any problem, and all disputes should be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy. The Prime Minister said India supports all efforts that connect markets, facilitate trade and open new avenues for development. However, he stressed that such efforts must fully respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries.

Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein, today interacted with Chairman, Central Empowered Committee, Chandra Prakash Goyal at Namsai. The interaction deliberated on matters concerning environmental conservation, forest management, and the sustainable development of Arunachal Pradesh. In a social media post, DCM emphasised that Mr Goyal's valuable insights and experience will continue to be important in working towards balancing our ecological responsibilities with the development aspirations of our people.

Acting on credible intelligence regarding the trafficking and peddling of illicit contraband substances from the Medical Colony towards the Club Colony area of Khonsa town, a joint operation was launched by the Assam Rifles in coordination with the Arunachal Pradesh Police and CRPF. During the operation, a suspected individual proceeding towards Club Colony was intercepted. Upon questioning and conducting a thorough search, the individual was found to be in possession of suspected contraband substances. Meanwhile, the apprehended individual, along with the recovered items, were handed over to Khonsa Police Station for further investigation and necessary legal action.

Capital Police, Itanagar, in collaboration with Dera Natung Government College, today organised an awareness programme for college students on Cyber Security and Awareness, NDPS Act and Drug Abuse Prevention, New Criminal Law, and Police-Public Relations. On the occasion, a special briefing was delivered by SP Capital, Jummar Basar, who provided an overview of the broader responsibilities of the police in

maintaining law and order, preventing crime and ensuring the safety and security of the public. The awareness programme aimed to sensitise students about emerging challenges concerning cybercrime, drug abuse, criminal laws and the importance of constructive police-public relations.

The Adi community residing in Ruksin, Pasighat, and Mebo subdivisions in the East Siang district, have begun celebrating Solung Festival; the main harvest festival of the Adi community today. The 3-day festivities began at different villages with the hoisting of the Solung flag and ritual offerings to goddess Keena-Nanii for a bumper harvest of Sali paddy and other horticulture crops besides wellbeing of the community people and domestic animals. Similar celebrations were organised at different villages of Pasighat and Mebo subdivisions of the district.

Deputy Commissioner of Tawang, Namgyal Angmo, today convened a coordination meeting regarding the Sacred Ex-position of the Holy Relics of Shakya-muni Buddha, scheduled to be held in Tawang, from 31st October to 7th November next. Chairing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Namgyal Angmo emphasised that the Sacred Relics Ex-position will be an event of immense spiritual and public importance and is expected to draw a large gathering of devotees. She called for wholehearted cooperation and collective responsibility from every department, institution, organisation and individual for its successful conduct. The Deputy Commissioner noted that an event of this magnitude cannot be managed by the efforts of only a few departments, and therefore, requires coordinated participation from all stakeholders. She particularly emphasised cleanliness and proper waste management, urging everyone to make cleanliness a regular practice and to raise the subject consistently at every public and institutional forum.

The Met Centre, Itanagar, has issued a yellow alert for West Kameng, East Kameng, Kurung Kumey, Papum Pare, Anjaw, and Changlang districts. These districts are very likely to receive thunderstorms with lightning and heavy rainfall at isolated places.