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Vice-President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan is scheduled to visit Itanagar tomorrow as part of his four Northeastern States tour. On September 9, the Vice-President will attend a special session of the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly and visit the Assembly Gallery-cum-Museum. He will also visit Nyedar Namlo, Jawaharlal Nehru State Museum in Itanagar and the Donyi Polo Mission School for the hearing and visually impaired. Ahead of the scheduled visit of the Vice President of India to Itanagar, the Papum Pare district administration has declared a complete "no-fly zone" for September 8 and 9, 2026, for security reasons. The administration has warned that any unauthorised operation of drones or similar aerial devices will be treated as a violation of the order and may invite strict legal action under the relevant provisions of law. Authorities have also focused on civic clean-ups and road improvements along routes like NH-415 ahead of the high-profile visit.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today inaugurated the State Agriculture Information Hub-cum-Farmers' Hostel at Naharlagun. The Agriculture Information Hub-cum-Hostel is expected to serve as a one-stop facility for farmers, providing information on modern farming practices, schemes, and accommodation for visiting farmers. On the occasion, the Chief Minister also flagged off Matsya e-Vaahini vehicles and e-Rickshaws aimed at boosting fish vending and marketing infrastructure and promoting clean and sustainable transport for small traders and fish farmers. Later in the day Khandu released the Agriculture Policy 2025–35, Horticulture Policy 2025–35 and Apiculture & Honey Policy 2025-35. Speaking on the occasion, he said that Arunachal has immense potential in agriculture, horticulture and honey production. These policies will provide the roadmap to turn that potential into better livelihoods, stronger rural economies and a more prosperous Arunachal.

Director of Fire & Emergency Services, Nabam Gungte called on Home Minister Mama Natung today. The discussion deliberated on strengthening and uplifting the Fire & Emergency Services Department, with a focus on enhancing its efficiency, preparedness, and public service delivery. Discussion were also held on the Fire & Emergency Services (Amendment) Bill, 2026 which is scheduled to be introduced during the Seventh (Special) Session of the Eighth Legislative Assembly tomorrow.

Minister for Education, PD Sona attended the 1st Foundation Day-cum-Scholars' Meet of the Rajiv Gandhi University Research Scholars' Forum (RGURSF) at Rajiv Gandhi University today. Congratulating RGURSF on the milestone, Sona in a social media post said that it was a meaningful opportunity to interact with research scholars, young academics and the university community, and to reflect on the important role of research in shaping informed policy, strengthening society and building a knowledge-driven future for Arunachal Pradesh.

The Minister stressed that research scholars represent the intellectual strength of the State. Their curiosity, critical thinking and commitment to knowledge must be encouraged so that research translates into ideas, innovation and solutions that benefit our people.

The Kodukha Youth Association, along with village elders, senior members and Gaon Burahs, has pledged to protect and preserve the flora and fauna within the jurisdiction of the villages under Nacho Constituency. The community initiative was taken after villagers and local youths observed a drastic decline in the population of birds and wild animals in their indigenous areas. As part of the conservation initiative, prohibitory signboards have been installed at prominent locations in the village to caution both villagers and outsiders against hunting and other activities harmful to wildlife. Fishing nets and other materials used for trapping animals were also publicly destroyed as a symbolic demonstration of the community's commitment to wildlife protection. In the meantime, the village community has warned that anyone found violating the prohibitory order will face punishment and penalties as decided by the community.

A national-level workshop on opportunities in open-source technologies and an awareness programme on the FOSSEE Project of the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, was organised by Saint Claret College (Autonomous), Ziro today. The workshop provided students and faculty members with exposure to practical applications of open-source technologies, along with opportunities for internships, capacity building, academic collaboration and skill development. The programme was organised under the aegis of the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT), Ministry of Education, Government of India.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued yellow coloured warning for eleven districts across Arunachal Pradesh, including Papum

Pare district. These districts are very likely to witness thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain at isolated places.

In football, India qualified for the AFC U20 Asian Cup main tournament for the first time in 20 years, after a 3-nil win over Bangladesh in their final qualifying match in Tashkent yesterday. The AFC U20 Asian Cup will be held in China from 24th March to 10th April, next year.