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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin today reviewed the progress in bilateral cooperation in political, economic, defence, energy, space, skill mobility and people-to- people domains. During their bilateral talks in Delhi, the two leaders also shared perspectives on key regional and global issues of mutual interest, including the conflicts in West Asia and the Black Sea region. Prime Minister Modi once again reiterated that dialogue and diplomacy was the way forward in resolving conflicts and India stood ready to assist in peace efforts. External Affairs Ministry said in a statement that Prime Minister Modi and President Putin welcomed Russia's International Industrial Exhibition "INNOPROM India". The Exhibition was held for the first time in India from 9th of this month till today, and underscored its importance in further expanding trade and industrial ties. The two leaders also visited the INNOPROM India exhibition and interacted with the participants. The two leaders agreed to remain engaged in an effort to strengthen further the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between the two countries.

Governor Lt Gen KT Parnaik (Retd.) interacted with the representatives of the All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (AAPSU), led by its President, Meje Taku at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar today. During the meeting, the AAPSU delegation, along with the community leaders of the Tagin tribe, apprised the Governor of their concerns and apprehensions regarding the Taksing issue and shared their perspectives on matters affecting the region and its people. The Governor assured the delegation that the interests and well-being of every village and citizen of Arunachal Pradesh remain paramount. He emphasized that no village would be adversely affected and reaffirmed the unwavering commitment of the Government of India and the Indian Armed Forces to safeguard every inch of the nation's territory. He said that the security and development of the border areas are national priorities and that the people living in these frontier regions are the nation's first line of strength and resilience.

Scientists from ICAR-Central Institute of Coldwater Fisheries Research, in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, and the Shar-Tso Committee, have recorded *Schizopygopsis waddellii*, a rare fish species for the first time from a natural lake in Tawang, at around 12,800 feet above sea level. Sharing the news in a social media post, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein said that

the finding adds to India's freshwater biodiversity and expands the known range of this rare Himalayan fish, previously recorded from the Tibetan and China Plateau. He stressed that discoveries like this remind us of how much remains to be explored and understood in Arunachal Pradesh's rich natural heritage, and why continued research and conservation of these fragile ecosystems are so important. In the meantime, DCM has extended his appreciation to the scientists, Fisheries Department and the Shar-Tso Committee for their efforts in documenting the unique biodiversity of high-altitude ecosystems.

Universal Brotherhood Day was celebrated today across Arunachal Pradesh at various Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalayas (VKV) to commemorate Swami Vivekananda's historic address at the World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago. The programme was organised with enthusiasm at VKV schools across the state, including VKVs at Balijan, Chimpu, Nirjuli, Banderdewa and Vivek Vihar in the Itanagar Capital Region, along with other VKV institutions. The celebrations provided an opportunity for students to reflect on Swami Vivekananda's message of universal brotherhood, service, character-building and dedicated participation in nation-building.

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has expressed its heartfelt gratitude to the local villagers of Katuk and Ruba in Kurung Kumey District for their exemplary courage, humanitarian spirit and selfless assistance during the sudden flash flood in the Kamla River on 13 July 2026. In recognition of their courage, dedication and invaluable assistance, 11 villagers of Katuk and Ruba were honoured with the ITBP Director General's Commendation Roll at a ceremony held at Huri, Damin Circle today. As a gesture of goodwill and appreciation for the continued cooperation of the local community, Solar Street Lights, Solar Lanterns and sports/game items were distributed also to Katuk and Ruba villages. The initiative is aimed at strengthening emergency preparedness, ensuring lighting during exigencies and enhancing night-time security and community facilities.

The District Level Monitoring Committee meeting was held today at the DC's Conference Hall, Likabali to review the status of the District Development Report for the month of August 2026. During the meeting, department-wise progress and the status of various developmental activities reflected in the August 2026 DDR were reviewed through PowerPoint presentations. Departments presented their monthly progress, achievements and the status of ongoing programmes and schemes. They

also highlighted the difficulties and challenges faced during the implementation of various works and activities. The meeting also emphasised the importance of regular monitoring, inter-departmental coordination and timely reporting to facilitate effective implementation and assessment of developmental programmes and schemes across the district.