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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has extended heartfelt greetings to all citizens on the occasion of Dhanteras. PM Modi prayed that the divine blessings of Lord Dhanvantari illuminate everyone’s lives with happiness, peace and good health. He also wished that every family be blessed with lasting joy and enthusiasm.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein was conferred with the prestigious Bhupen Hazarika Samannay Award 2026 at Guwahati in recognition of his contributions towards strengthening the cultural and emotional bonds between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. The award was conferred by the Bhupen Hazarika Cultural Trust in association with the Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra Society on the occasion of the 15th death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika.

An 8-day trekking expedition and exploration programme in the Kongto Raba Mountain Range was formally flagged off today by education, RWD and Parliamentary Affairs minister PD Sona at Niyobia Village of Kra Daadi district. The expedition has been initiated by the Pipsorang Area Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism Promotion Society, with participation of 80 trekkers. The expedition is being spearheaded by renowned local Everester Sorang Tagit and Kabak Yano, the youngest woman Everester from Northeast India. The 8-day expedition is expected to showcase the natural beauty, biodiversity and adventure tourism potential of the Kongto Raba Mountain Range, placing Kradadi district on the state's emerging eco-tourism and adventure tourism map.

On the account of National Press Day celebration, a Inter College/University Painting Competition on the themes - 'Future of News- From Print to Pixels to AI', 'Truth, Trust & Transparency' and 'The Reporter on the Ground: Untold Stories' was held today at Arunachal Press Club in Itanagar, organised by Arunachal Press Club and Arunachal Pradesh Union of Working Journalists.

The NSS Unit of Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar, organised an Orientation-cum-Induction Programme for newly joined NSS volunteers for the academic session 2026–27. During the programme, Phutso Gumbo, Programme Officer, NSS Unit, briefed the newly inducted volunteers on the motto and objectives of NSS, the criteria for obtaining

the NSS certificate, and various aspects of NSS volunteership. The importance of community service, discipline, leadership, and active participation in social activities was highlighted and encouraged the volunteers to uphold the spirit of selfless service.

Arunachal Pradesh University (APU), Pasighat, hosted the curtain raiser programme of the 8th Arunachal Literature Festival on Thursday, setting the stage for the main festival scheduled from 20th to 22nd November next at APU. Organised in collaboration with the Department of Information and Public Relations, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, the programme brought together more than 25 students, research scholars, faculty members and members of the Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS), East Siang Unit, to celebrate literary creativity and promote multilingual expression. Addressing the gathering, Registrar, APU Narmi Darang, said the University was honoured to host the festival despite its relatively young status and limited infrastructure. Darang credited the cooperation of University authorities and staff for taking up the responsibility and underlined the crucial role of student volunteers in welcoming guests from across the country and abroad as ambassadors of the University and of the cultural heritage of Pasighat and Arunachal Pradesh. The programme featured four sessions covering poetry, publishing, short story reading and cinema.

A total of 12 traders were booked under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009, for using unverified weights and measures by the Department of Legal Metrology & Consumer Affairs, ICR, during a routine inspection conducted in the market area on Thursday, while 14 traders were booked in Itanagar today. The inspection was conducted by a team led by District Consumer Protection Officer along with the LM&CA's Naharlagun’s Inspector and Itanagar’s Inspector, accompanied by Arunachal Pradesh Police personnel and staffers of the department. The inspection was conducted to monitor market prices and verify the accuracy of weights and measures used by traders.

Five-day Northeast NSS Festival, hosted by the Arunachal University of Studies (AUS), concluded yesterday with a valedictory function attended by distinguished dignitaries, NSS officials, programme officers and around 300 NSS volunteers representing all eight Northeastern states. Namsai MLA Chou Zingnu Namchoom, attended the programme and addressed the youths while motivating the young participants to play an active role in nation-building. Emphasising the strategic importance of the Northeastern region, he described it as a potential growth engine of the nation and

highlighted the unique contributions of all eight Northeastern states towards India's overall development. He also encouraged the NSS volunteers to uphold strong moral values, foster mutual respect and work tirelessly towards strengthening national integration, unity and social harmony.

Young badminton player Tanvi Patri has created history by becoming the first Indian to reach the women’s badminton final at the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar. Tanvi defeated Japan’s Yuzuno Watanabe. She had earlier scripted history by becoming the first Indian woman to reach the semifinals, defeating Thailand’s Kungkaew Kakanik. Tanvi is the fourth Indian shuttler to reach the badminton semifinals at the Youth Olympic Games, joining an elite list that includes H S Prannoy, Lakshya Sen and Aditya Joshi.