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The schedule of the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Combined Competitive Examination-Mains (APPSCCE-Mains) has been announced by the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC). The State civil services exam (mains) will be conducted from 6th to 10th April, 2025 (with a break on 8th). All 1658 civil service aspirants, who have cleared the preliminary examination earlier this month, will appear for the mains (written) examination on 6th, 7th, 9th and 10th April next year. Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein in a social media post has congratulated all the qualified candidates and said, with the APPSCCE (Mains) going to be held after a 4-year gap, this is a crucial moment for all aspirants. He urged them to stay focused, dedicated and give their best in the upcoming examination. He further said this is the chance to clear the prestigious state civil services exam and achieve their dreams to serve the people of the State. The APPSCCE is being conducted for 140 vacancies.

Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman today chaired the fifth Pre-Budget Consultation meeting with industry representatives in New Delhi, in view of the forthcoming Union Budget 2025-26. The meeting was also attended by secretaries of the Finance department, Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, Department of Economic Affairs, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade and Chief Economic Adviser to the Union Government. The Union Budget for the fiscal year 2025-26 is expected to be presented in Parliament on 1st February next year.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today condoled the demise of former United States President Jimmy Carter. In a social media post, the Prime Minister called Mr. Carter, a statesman of great vision, who worked tirelessly for global peace and harmony and his contributions in fostering strong India-US ties have left a lasting legacy. Meanwhile, Carter passed away last night at his home in Plains, Georgia, at the age of 100. He was the third U.S. President to visit India. He was suffering from skin cancer.

The Ministry of Development of North East Region (MDONER) in its social media post has highlighted its achievements of 2024 on 'Vibrant Villages' project. It said, the program focused on identifying

and developing villages and towns along the Northeastern border, particularly in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, to strengthen infrastructure and uplift the quality of life for residents. It further said, the key areas of emphasis include economic growth, road connectivity, renewable energy, telecom services, ecosystem restoration, tourism promotion, financial inclusion, skill enhancement, and the formation of cooperative societies. Meanwhile, in the year 2024 till 15th of this month, about 86 projects worth over Rs. 1900 crore were sanctioned and over Rs 1500 crore released under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme-Other Than Roads Infrastructure (NESIDS-OTRI), North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme – Roads (NESIDS-Roads), Prime Minister’s Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE), Schemes of North Eastern Council (NEC) and special development packages.

Puducherry has recorded the highest percentage of women electors with over 53 percent in the country in 2024 Lok Sabha Elections, as per a comprehensive dataset released by the Election Commission of India. Notably, Mahe Assembly Segment made history with all 31 polling stations staffed exclusively by trained women officials. The Union Territory also witnessed a significant rise in the Gender Ratio from 1127 in 2023 to 1130 in 2024. Further, there has been over 5 percent increase in registered electors, polling stations, postal ballots and nominations.

The Telangana Legislative Assembly today paid rich tributes to former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh. In a special session convened today, the legislators urged the Centre to confer Dr Manmohan Singh with the Bharat Ratna. They also unanimously resolved to install the statue of Dr Manmohan Singh in Hyderabad for playing a key role in the formation of a separate Telangana state. The legislators supported the government’s proposal for the same.

The NCC Republic Day Camp-2025 commenced today at the Cariappa Parade Ground in New Delhi with a Sarva Dharma Pooja. Altogether 2,361 cadets from all 28 States and 8 Union Territories are taking part in a month long camp. About 917 girl cadets including 114 cadets from Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and 178 cadets from the North East Region are presenting a microcosm of Mini India. Meanwhile, the camp also includes the participation of cadets and officers from 14 Friendly Foreign Countries as part of the Youth Exchange Programme.