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The Lok Sabha has approved the Supplementary Demands for Grants-First Batch for 2024-2025 today. The House also gave its nod to the Appropriation Bill for the financial year 2024-25. Replying to the discussion, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that India is the fastest growing economy in the world and it witnessed 8.3 percent average GDP growth in the last three years. She expressed hope that the economy will continue to be in a better shape in the coming years. Countering opposition's allegations on rising inflation in the country, the Finance Minister said, headline, retail, food, and fuel inflation have come down drastically in the NDA government in comparison to the previous UPA regime.

Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya flagged off the 'Fit India Cycling Drive' at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi today. Close to 500 cycling enthusiasts joined the three kilometers ride. The initiative aims at promoting cycling as a sustainable and healthy mode of transportation. Highlighting the importance of cycling, Dr Mandaviya informed that the 'Fit India Cycling Tuesdays' but for the convenience of cycling enthusiasts, will now be conducted on Sundays and renamed 'Sundays on Cycle'. Doctors, journalists, teachers, corporate professionals and youth will join for an hour-long cycling ride on Sundays, not only in New Delhi but at different parts of the country. Today's event was held simultaneously in over 1000 locations across the nation.

The bills related to One Nation One Election have been introduced in the Lok Sabha today. Opposition sought division of votes as Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal moved the motion to introduce the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty Ninth Amendment) Bill 2024 and The Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill 2024 in the House. 269 members have voted in favour of the introduction of the bill and 198 against it. Opposition opposed the introduction of the Bills terming it an attack on basic structure of the constitution. They demanded to send the Bills to the Joint Parliamentary Committee for further scrutiny. Mr Meghwal rejected the opposition parties' allegations saying that these bills are not against basic structure of the Constitution. He proposed to send these Bills to the Joint Parliamentary Committee.

A team of journalists from the Arunachal Pradesh Union of Working Journalists and Arunachal Press Club called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General K T Parnaik at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar today. On the occasion, the Governor emphasized that for a rapidly developing State like Arunachal Pradesh, the media fraternity of the State must be progressive and positive in its professional duty. He commended the media fraternity of the State for being a partner in the growth and progress of the State. The Governor suggested to bring out success stories in rural areas, involving women's entrepreneurship and social issues including drug addictions and health challenges. Earlier, the Arunachal Press Club President, Dodum Yangfo shared the challenges and aspirations of the journalists in the state, including pension schemes and exposure tours to neighbouring countries.

State's Minister for Agriculture Gabriel D. Wangsu who was on a 3-day assessment of various critical developmental projects in Longding district concluded yesterday. During his tour of the district, the Minister visited Luktham under Zedua village of Longding and identified a site for the proposed District Veterinary Office-cum-Dispensary. Wangsu directed the officers of concerned departments to expedite the preparatory work for the project and also instructed them to design the project with future expansion and additional setups in mind to ensure long-term functionality and efficiency. Mr. Wangsu also took stock of the ongoing major development projects at New Kanubari, where significant construction work for hospital, quarters and offices of various departments is underway.

In an official order dated today, the District Magistrate, Upper Siang District, Talo Jerang has issued a complete ban on use of firearms and air guns for hunting wild animals and birds in the entire territorial jurisdiction of Upper Siang District with immediate effect and until the end of March 2025. The Magistrate has hereby directed all Arm licensee of Upper Siang District to deposit their licensed firearms and air guns in the nearest police station on or before 30th of this month. The order has been issued after receiving a series of complaints from the locals.

In a bid to promote adventure sports and tourism in the region, Arunachal Pradesh's Mechuka, often referred to as "Hidden Paradise of Northeast", is all set to host the 3rd National Adventure Racing Championship from 17th to 20th April next year. Tourism Minister Pasang Dorjee Sona made the announcement yesterday on his social media handles. Pasang further added that this first-ever adventure race

in Arunachal aims to boost border tourism and attract participants from across the globe.