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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on Akashvani on 29th of December. It will be the 117th episode of the monthly radio programme. People can submit their ideas and suggestions for the programme through the toll free number 1800-11-7800. People can also share their input online via the Narendra Modi App or the MyGov Open Forum. Suggestions for the upcoming episode will be accepted till 27th of this month.

The government has listed two bills related to one nation, one election for introduction in the Lok Sabha tomorrow. Law Minister Meghwal will introduce The Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill and The Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill in the Lower House. Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday approved the constitutional amendment bill to roll out the concept of simultaneous Lok Sabha and state assembly polls. The proposed constitutional amendment bill would deal with making provisions for holding Lok Sabha and state legislative assembly elections together. The high-level committee on one nation, one by former president Ram election led Nath Kovind recommended holding simultaneous Lok Sabha and state assembly polls in the country.

Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has called for aligning all the government departments as well as the Centre and State efforts with a whole of Government approach to realise the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047. Dr. Singh said this while chairing the monthly Joint Ministerial Meeting of the Secretaries of all the Science Ministries and Departments in New Delhi today. He emphasized the vital role of State Scientific Councils in fostering innovation, advancing regional development, and contributing to national goals. The Minister called on states to act as catalysts for cultivating a scientific temperament, promoting grassroots innovation, and leveraging local expertise to address unique challenges.

The tenth edition of the World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo concluded in Dehradun today. A record of 12 thousand delegates registered in this edition of the world-class event. 54 countries participated in this event, in which 300 foreign delegates

participated in this program and showed their appreciation for AYUSH.

In a landmark initiative to promote unity and cultural understanding, the Indian Army's Spear Corps flagged off a Religious and Pilgrimage Tour under Operation Sadbhavna from the Likabali Military Station yesterday. The tour, consisting of 20 pilgrims, was inaugurated by General Officer Commanding of 3 Corps Lt Gen Abhijit S Pendharkar. The journey, which spans from Tuting to Tawang, aims to highlight the spiritual and cultural richness of Arunachal Pradesh while strengthening communal bonds across diverse communities. Organized by the Eastern Command's Spear Corps, the initiative reflects the Army's dedication to fostering harmony and enhancing connectivity with local populations in remote areas.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein graced the grand finale of Tai Idol Season 5, held in Namsai yesterday. Addressing the gathering Deputy CM Chowna Mein emphasized the significant strides the Tai Khamti community has made in promoting and preserving its rich cultural heritage. During his speech, he lauded the efforts of the Tai Khamti Heritage and Literature Society, whose commitment to nurturing young talent has fostered immense pride and recognition for the community, both regionally and nationally. Mein also underscored the need for collective efforts to sustain and elevate young talent. He urged parents and society at large to support initiatives that empower children, enabling them to pursue their creative aspirations.

The Arunachal Pradesh Energy Development Agency Tezu Division, in collaboration with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Government of India, celebrated National Energy Conservation Day in Tezu, Lohit District, by organizing a Bicycle Race Competition for school students yesterday. During the event, Deputy Director, APEDA Er. Sorang highlighted the objectives of National Energy Conservation Day, urging students to adopt energy-efficient appliances and environmentally friendly habits in their daily lives.

The Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society has expressed profound grief on the tragic loss of three precious lives at St. Alphonsa School in Model Village yesterday morning. In a press statement today APWWS wrote, 'As a mother organization, the Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society extends its deepest condolences to the grieving families and wishes the injured students

a swift and full recovery.' Meanwhile, the Society has also stressed that it is the responsibility of both school authorities and government agencies to ensure the safety of our children and has called for immediate action to implement safety measures and conduct thorough checks to prevent further tragedies.

Arunachal Pradesh Amateur Karate-Do Association players have won a total of 11 medals, including 5 gold, 3 silver and as many bronze, in the ongoing KIO All India Sub-Junior National Karate Championship, 2024 held at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi yesterday.