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President Droupadi Murmu began her two-day visit to Meghalaya and Odisha today, marking her presence at significant events in both states. The visit, spanning January 9 to 10, underscores the President's commitment to engaging with key initiatives and celebrations across India. President Murmu attended the golden jubilee celebration of the ICAR Research Complex for the North-Eastern Hill Region in Umiam, Meghalaya today. The event commemorates 50 years of the institution's contributions to research and development, particularly in enhancing agricultural practices and rural livelihoods in the northeastern region.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has highlighted that the world is looking towards India today for solutions to various global problems. In a video message at the Genomics Data Conclave in Delhi this evening, Mr. Modi said the Genome India Project marks a defining moment in the country's biotechnology landscape. The Prime Minister noted that the bio economy gives pace to sustainable development, and in the past 10 years, the bio economy of the nation has grown significantly. He added that India has created a special identity as a pharma hub in the world. He said that free treatment is being provided to crores of people, and better health infrastructure is being developed.

Over two crore 70 lakh registrations have been received from students, teachers, and parents across the country and abroad for the 8th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025. The online registration for the program, hosted on the MyGov.in portal, commenced on the 14th of last month and shall remain open till the 14th of January next. The Education Ministry said that the flagship initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's, Pariksha Pe Charcha, continues to grow as a nationwide movement to transform exam-related stress into a festival of learning and celebration.

Around ten thousand Special Guests have been invited to witness the Republic Day Parade this year. These special guests include Sarpanches, Disaster Relief Workers, Best Performing Water Warriors, Handloom and Handicraft Artisans, Mann Ki Baat Participants, My Bharat Volunteers, Guests from North Eastern States, and Best Start-Ups. The Defence Ministry said some of the invited guests are carrying out exemplary work to ensure income and employment generation through Self-Help Groups. Members of

the Para-Olympic contingent, Chess Olympiad medalists, Bridge World Games Silver medalists, and Snooker World Championship Gold medalists have also been invited as special guests.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has requested all States and Union Territories to organize a 100-day intensified campaign on tuberculosis elimination in prisons and correctional institutions, as part of the central government's commitment to eliminating the disease from the country. In a letter, the Ministry asked all states and Union Territories to organize screening camps and display Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) material in all prisons. It also requested them to initiate the pledge (Ni-kshay Shapath) shared by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from 27th January to 2nd of February. The Ministry further urged the states and Union Territories to conduct awareness generation activities about tuberculosis for the staff of prisons and correctional institutions.

Indo Tibetan Border Police-Itanagar, North East Frontier, Inspector General, Amitabh Gupta called on the Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan today. They discussed border security and management, vibrant village programme and other issues related to the State. The Governor, while acknowledging the commendable role and contributions of the ITBP in the state, recommended ITBP to contribute in a collaborative effort aiming at developing the border areas, particularly through the Vibrant Border Village program. He said that such endeavor will be in the national interest and mutually beneficial for both the local communities and the ITBP. Sharing his experience in border management, the Governor advised on the involvement of local people. Gupta, who recently assumed charge of the NE Frontier HQ, assured the Governor that the concerns raised would be promptly addressed.

A team from Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, Itanagar team led by Chairperson attended the one day legal awareness programme on "Women Empowerment, Girl Child Education, Legal Rights for Women, Substance Abuse, HIV AIDS" at Nyapin under Kurung Kumey District today. The programme was organized by the Muskan Women Foundation in collaboration with APSCW. On the occasion, APSCW Chairperson Pakam spoke on the importance of self help group, girl child education and availing the benefits of loan from bank and emphasized on marriage registration.

In a significant step towards ensuring the safety and security Deputy Commissioner, Tawang, Kanki Darang, officially launched the CCTV installation project at Nehru Market, Tawang today. This initiative extends CCTV coverage bringing the three primary markets of Tawang under robust surveillance particularly during peak tourist seasons and VVIP movements. The comprehensive CCTV monitoring system is expected to further enhance security, streamline traffic management, and deter criminal activities, ensuring a safer and more organized environment for residents, businesses, and visitors in Tawang.