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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asserted that his government is fully committed to furthering the welfare of farmers. Referring to the Union Cabinet's decisions, Modi said the first Cabinet of 2025 is dedicated to enhancing prosperity for the farmers. He said the country is proud of all its farmers who work hard to feed the nation. The Union Cabinet yesterday approved the continuation of PM Fasal Bima Yojana and Restructured Weather-Based Crop Insurance Scheme till 2025-26 and extended additional subsidy on DAP fertilizers.

India has completed the fencing of over nine kilometres of its border with Myanmar and work on the road along the fence is in progress. The fencing has been done at Moreh in Manipur. The Union Home Ministry stated this in a report published recently. The construction of around 21 km of fence and road was awarded to Border Roads Organisation in February last year for which the work is in progress. The country shares a 1,643-km-long border with Myanmar which passes through Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram. The ministry added that out of the 1,643 km border, the demarcation of 1,472 km border has been completed. Construction work on two pilot projects of a Hybrid surveillance system in Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur is in progress.

Employment generation in the country has witnessed a remarkable growth of 36 per cent during the last 10 years. According to the Labour and Employment Ministry, over 17 crore additional jobs were created from 2014 to 2024. The Ministry said that around four crore 60 lakh jobs were generated in the country last year. The Ministry said the employment growth rate of 36 per cent achieved between 2014 and 2024 is far better than the 7 per cent growth registered from 2004 to 2014. The data reflects that employment opportunities in the Agriculture sector grew by 19 per cent, 15 per cent in the manufacturing sector, and 36 per cent in the service sector under the Modi government.

Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that villages in the country will be made poverty-free by properly implementing all the schemes. Reviewing various works of his ministry in New Delhi yesterday, Chouhan said that the targets will be set on a monthly basis, and efforts will continue to achieve those

targets. He said that this effort will play a major role in realizing the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi of a poverty-free India.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that bringing more happiness and prosperity in the people's life in 2025 will be the core priority of his government. "Bringing more happiness and more prosperity in the life of our people in the New Year will be the core priority of Team Arunachal, which continues to work day in and day out to ensure uninterrupted development of the state," Khandu said in a social media post. The Chief Minister urged the people to reflect on "what we achieved and missed in the past year" and help his government to achieve them in the New Year. He added, we are determined to continue working with the whole-of-government approach for the well-being and prosperity of all.

The National Sports Awards have been announced today. World chess champion D Gukesh, double medalist in Paris Olympics Manu Bhaker, Indian hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh and gold medalist in Paris Paralympics Praveen Kumar will be presented Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award. 32 sportspersons will be given Arjuna Award. Physical Education Foundation of India will be given Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar. Chandigarh University, Lovely Professional University and Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar will get the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy. The awardees will receive their awards from President Droupadi Murmu at a specially organized function at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 17th of this month.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) has informed that 2024 was the warmest year on record in the country since 1901. Briefing media virtually, Director General of IMD, Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said that minimum temperatures are expected to be higher than normal in most parts of the country in January, except in some areas of the eastern, northwest, and west-central regions. Mohapatra said that maximum temperatures are also expected to be higher than normal in most parts of the country. He added that western and northern parts of Central India are expected to experience more cold wave days than usual during January. IMD further informed that rainfall in north India during January to March is likely to be below normal.

India made incredible progress in both technology and medicine in 2024. It has been a year to remember, from AI-changing industries to major breakthroughs in nuclear energy, space exploration, and quantum computing. The year 2024 has cemented India's global healthcare leadership. India developed its

first indigenous antibiotic, Nafithromycin, a breakthrough against drug-resistant pneumonia with 10 times the efficacy with a three-day treatment regimen. India has also solidified its position as a global defence leader, achieving historic milestones in strategic innovation.