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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the Draft Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025, prioritizes India's commitment to citizen-centric governance. Responding to the post by Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Mr Modi said the rules aim to safeguard personal data while driving growth and inclusivity. The draft Digital Personal Data Protection Rules have been issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The Ministry has invited comments on the draft rules from the public and stakeholders until the 18th of next month through the MyGov platform.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that the Bharatpol portal and the three new criminal laws will serve as a strong mechanism to catch fugitives who flee abroad. Launching the Bharatpol portal in New Delhi today, Mr Shah said it will play a significant role in crime control by connecting investigative agencies and the police of all states to the Interpol network of 195 countries.

The Centre has asked states and Union Territories to implement the provisions of Section 479 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 to provide relief to undertrial prisoners. This section provides relief to undertrial prisoners by reducing the number of people held in jail awaiting trial. Union Home Ministry has written a letter to Chief Secretaries of all the States and Union Territories in this regard.

Health and Family Welfare Minister JP Nadda yesterday stressed that sustained partnerships, active participation, and a nationwide commitment are essential to achieving the ambitious goal of a TB-Free India. He added that the 100-Day Intensified Campaign to Eliminate TB under the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan exemplifies a united approach to TB elimination, leveraging the strengths of diverse stakeholders. Mr Nadda said this while chairing a Joint Strategy Meeting with Line Ministries for TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan- 100-Day Intensified Campaign.

India has confirmed seven cases of Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) infections in children, with cases identified in Bengaluru, Nagpur, Tamil Nadu, and Ahmedabad. Meanwhile, the Union Health Secretary has emphasised that there is no cause for concern for the public from the HMPV.

Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.) interacted with the officers of the Department of Information and Public Relations at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar today. The Governor advised the IPR officers to explore new ways to contribute towards the Prime Minister's vision of inclusive development in the State. He also dwelled at length on the areas where considerable progress has been made, including infrastructure, telecommunication, horticulture and tourism that requires to be carried in national and international media. Later in the day, Parnaik flagged off the 57-member Youth Contingent from Itanagar. The Arunachal Pradesh Youth Contingent will represent the State in the Viksit Bharat-National Youth Festival 2025 scheduled to be held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 11th and 12th January next.

Minister for Fisheries Gabriel D Wangsu, highlighted the significant progress made in Arunachal Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana during the North Eastern Region States Meet held in Guwahati yesterday. The Meet was held to review the progress of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana under the chairmanship of Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel, in presence of Union Minister of Fisheries, Rajiv Ranjan Singh. Wangsu, while expressing gratitude to the Prime Minister for his leadership in launching the scheme, stressed on the state's significant achievements under this program, including construction of new ponds, raceways and fish hatcheries, alongside the introduction of biofloc units, integrated farming practices and feed mills.

Doimukh Police have apprehended a man attempting to defraud a shopkeeper with fake PhonePe App. The incident occurred yesterday when the 33-year-old resident of Dhekiyajuli, Lakhimpur district, Assam, visited a grocery store in Gumto village, Doimukh. The accused had requested Rs. 5,000 in cash and claimed to have made the payment online through the PhonePe app. Acting on the information, Doimukh Police, along with personnel apprehended the accused from the Gumto Check Gate.

Deputy Commissioner, East Siang, Tayi Taggu handed over marriage certificates to eight APST couples including prominent public leaders and officers in his office chamber yesterday. Speaking on the occasion the DC said that marriage certificate is an official document which is issued by the Economics and Statistics Department and is a legitimate proof that a couple is married. The

process of registration not only gives legal recognition to the relationship, but it also affords certain securities to the spouses if things go awry, Taggu further added.

The Indian Air Force has invited online applications from unmarried Indian male and female candidates for selection test for Agniveervayu intake 01/2026 under the Agnipath scheme. Candidates can register themselves online via their web portal which shall remain open till the 27th of January next.