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The Lok Sabha went into recess till the 10th of March as the first leg of the Budget Session of Parliament came to a close. Speaker Om Birla said the first phase of the session has recorded 112 percent productivity. He informed the House that 177 members took part for over 17 hours in the discussion over the motion of thanks on the address by the President of India to the joint session of Parliament. He also said 170 members took part in the discussion on the General Budget 2025-26. The report of the Joint Committee on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024 has been tabled.

The Income-Tax Bill 2025 was introduced today in the Lok Sabha. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Bill in the lower house. Speaking on the Bill, she said that the new legislation has fewer sections and chapters in comparison to the existing Income Tax Act, and it has been simplified for the easy comprehension of common people. Ms. Sitharaman proposed that the Bill should be sent to the select committee of Parliament for further scrutiny, and accordingly, the committee should submit a report on it on the first day of the next session. She informed that the number of sections in the proposed Bill is 536, while there were 819 sections in the Income Tax Act of 1962.

Today is World Radio Day. Every year on 13th February, World Radio Day is observed to raise awareness among the people about the importance of radio and to encourage access to information through radio. This year, the theme of the World Radio Day is – 'Radio and Climate Change'. In his message on World Radio Day, Chairman of Prasar Bharati Navneet Kumar Sehgal said, through dissemination of news and information, radio has an important role in cultural and economic development of the nation. Along with the rest of the world, the Akashvani Itanagar also celebrated World Radio day at its premises. Speaking at the function as Chief Guest, Dr. PR Gajurel, Dean Department of Forestry, NERIST, said that today there is a need to create more awareness about climate change. He said in a state like Arunachal Pradesh radio has a great role to play in this campaign. N Ramanjanappa, Station Head Akashvani Itanagar highlighted the role Akashvani.

The Government today said, that more than 15.45 Crore of over 19 crore rural households in the country have tap water supply in their homes under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). In a written reply in

the Lok Sabha, Jal Shakti Minister C R Patil informed that around 12.22 Crore rural households were provided with tap water connections under the Mission. The Minister further said, 11 States and Union Territories including Arunachal Pradesh have provided 100 per cent tap water connections to the rural households.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast light rainfall and snowfall accompanied with thunderstorms over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya till tomorrow, and heavy rainfall in some parts of Arunachal Pradesh today.

Tawang has been experiencing heavy snowfall since Tuesday. The temperature is reported to be below 0 degree Celsius today and heavy snowfall has blocked the road. However, there is no report of any untoward incident. The district administration is closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with the army and other relevant agencies to ensure the smooth functioning of emergency response efforts. Besides it, the police and army personnel are assisting stranded tourists and commuters in the Sela and Jaswantgarh areas. The district administration has urged the residents and visitors to take necessary precautions, stay updated on weather conditions, avoid travelling and follow official advisories to ensure their safety. According to the latest weather forecast, the snowfall may persist for the next few days.

Government will organize a special nationwide campaign for registrations on the National Fisheries Digital Platform to avail various benefits provided under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana from tomorrow. The campaign will continue till 22nd of this month.

Minister for Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Ojing Tasing yesterday laid the foundation stone for the implementation of community assets for Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDG) village at Niglok Gram Panchayat under Ruksin Sub-Division in East Siang district. Under this, it aims to achieve 'Green & Clean village' through community driven efforts in cleanliness, hygiene and plantation and other eco friendly sustainable practices. The project will be funded under three percent LSDG component of State Own Resource (SOR) Grant Fiscal Year 2024-25. In his address, the Minister said that the successful implementation for sustainable clean and green village will help in creating livelihood opportunities and boost rural tourism for the Niglok Gram Panchayat and adjoining areas.

A comprehensive program focusing on animal husbandry, meat hygiene, animal welfare laws and the lawful transportation of animals was held recently at the conference hall of Director, Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Dairy Development (AHV&DD) in Nirjuli. The programme was sponsored by the ICAR-National Research Centre on Meat, Hyderabad and jointly organized by State Department of Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Dairy Development and Suraksha Kiran Animal Welfare Society (SKAWS).