

**THE HEADLINES ::**

- **President Droupadi Murmu urges government departments to embrace digitization for transparent governance**
- **World Radio Day observed today; Prime Minister Narendra Modi extends greetings on occasion**
- **Parliament recesses till March 10 as first leg of Budget Session concludes**
- **Nagaland's Yarenjungla Longkumer appointed additional judge of Gauhati High Court**



President Droupadi Murmu has said that it is essential for government departments to modernize and digitize their systems by making the best use of emerging technologies. Addressing a group of probationers of Indian Civil Accounts Service, Indian Post and Telecommunication today, Ms Murmu urged them to keep themselves abreast of advanced technologies and skills and strive to create more citizen-centric, efficient and transparent governance systems.



Today is World Radio Day. It is observed on 13th February every year to raise awareness among the people about the importance of radio and to encourage access to information through radio. It is also a day to remember the unique power of radio which touches lives and brings people together from every corner of the globe. This year the theme of the World Radio Day is - Radio and Climate Change.



Information and Broadcasting Secretary Sanjay Jaju has said that radio is a trusted source of information, education and entertainment. Inaugurating the Radio Festival 2025 in New Delhi, on World Radio Day, Mr Jaju said, Akashvani is among the largest broadcasting organizations in the world and reaches 98 percent of the population. He said, radio connects people and plays an important role in fostering connection across nations and communities. Speaking on the occasion, Director General Akashvani Dr. Pragya Paliwal Gaur said, Akashvani is always committed to creating awareness among the people about climate change.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended his greetings on World Radio Day today. In a social media post, He said that Radio has been a timeless lifeline for several people, which informs, inspires and connects people. He added that from news and culture to music and storytelling, Radio is a powerful medium that celebrates creativity. Mr. Modi also complimented all those associated with the world of radio. The Prime Minister has also invited countrymen to share their ideas and inputs for the upcoming Mann Ki Baat program, which will take place on the 23rd of this month.



To mark World Radio Day today, Akashvani Kohima is broadcasting a variety of programs throughout the day. On the occasion, Akashvani Kohima spoke to Thungbemo Lotha, the first voice to be aired on All India Radio Kohima in 1963, who recalled the early day of broadcasting. An ardent listener, 89-year-old Mukamchim Yimchunger, also shared his thoughts on the importance of listening to radio. Akashvani Kohima will present a feature programme on the topic 'Radio: Voices that Connect the World' featuring former and present officials at 7:30 PM. A special feature on World Radio Day 2025, will also be broadcast at 9:30 PM.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Income-Tax Bill 2025 in Lok Sabha today. The Bill aims at consolidating and amending the law relating to income tax. Speaking on the Bill, the Minister 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 also rejected objections raised by some Opposition MPs regarding the Bill.



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. 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. Meanwhile, the Rajya Sabha has also been adjourned to meet again on March 10 after recess.



Yarenjungla Longkumer from Nagaland has been appointed as an Additional Judge of the Gauhati High Court. The appointment was made yesterday by the President of India. According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Justice (Appointments Division), Ms. Longkumer's tenure as an Additional Judge will be for two years, with effect from the date she assumes charge of her office. The Nagaland Judges Association congratulated Ms. Longkumer on the appointment, and said it was a historic milestone been the first woman of a Judicial Officer and among the Nagas to be elevated to a High Court Judge. As Judicial Officer, Ms. Longkumer previously served as Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kohima, Dimapur; Registrar of Kohima Bench; and Secretary (Judicial) to Law and Justice Department, besides others.



The office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Nagaland, Kohima, has urged all pensioners who retired prior to June 1, 2017, to submit their pension revision forms by 31st of March. The pension revision was initiated in 2018 following the "Nagaland Services (Revision of Pay) Rules, 2017. The office said, its revision cell has been functioning for the last seven years due to delayed submission of pension revision forms. However, it has now

been decided to close the cell. Therefore, pensioners who are yet to submit their revision forms are advised to promptly do so by next month, after which the office will not entertain any old revision case.



A one-day awareness camp on PM Vishwakarma Scheme was conducted at Chessore under Shamator district today. During the camp, several artisans applied for corrective measures in their Aadhaar. Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Longleng, W. Manpai Phom, has informed that awareness cum GP Onboarding Camp for the PM Vishwakarma Scheme will be held for Longleng District on 19th and 20th February.

