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President Droupadi Murmu has given her assent to the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which was passed by Parliament this week. After the Presidential assent, it has become a law. The Legislation was passed in the Lok Sabha on Thursday, with 288 members supporting it and 232 against it. While the Rajya Sabha passed the Bill on Friday with 128 members voting in favour and 95 opposing it. The President also gave assent to the Mussalman Wakf (Repeal) Bill, 2025. Akashvani correspondent reports, the Central government through this new law aims to introduce significant reforms in enhancing the governance, transparency, and efficiency of waqf property management in the country.

The Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Ram Nath Thakur called on Governor Lt. General (Retd.) KT Parnaik at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar yesterday. The meeting focused on advancing agricultural development in Arunachal Pradesh and addressing key issues related to the implementation and augmentation of central agriculture schemes in the State. During the interaction, the Governor emphasized the importance of introducing and promoting modern and innovative technologies in the agricultural sector to enhance productivity and improve the socio-economic conditions of farmers in Arunachal Pradesh, a State predominantly reliant on agriculture. The Union MoS appreciated the initiatives taken by the State and assured the Governor of the Union Government's full cooperation in enhancing agricultural productivity and farmer welfare in Arunachal Pradesh.

Prof. (Dr.) Tanie Natung and his team of doctors from NEIGRIHMS, Shillong have received the 'Best of Indian Journal of Ophthalmology Award' during the 40th Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress held in New Delhi from April 3-6, 2025. This prestigious award was given for the research to predict the accuracy of post-cataract surgery refractive outcomes in Indian eyes.

The research will serve as a valuable guide for ophthalmologists worldwide in enhancing the outcomes of cataract surgeries. Prof.(Dr.) Natung hails from Lumdung village of Papu Valley, East Kameng district.

The Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission successfully conducted its APPSCCE-Mains 2024 examination at Itanagar today. The four day examination is being held across both the new and existing APPSC buildings. The next three consecutive papers have been scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday. To ensure a smooth and fair conduct of the examination, senior government officials have been designated as Observers and Coordinators. The APPSCCE is being conducted for 140 vacancies, after a gap of four years. Earlier, Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media post wished all the aspirants appearing for APPSCCE-Mains 2024. Khandu in his post urged the aspirants to remain calm, stay confident, and give their best shot.

The Arunachal Pradesh unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party celebrated the 46th Foundation Day at the State BJP Headquarters in Itanagar today. The celebration served as a moment of unity and reaffirmation for party workers, who paid tribute to the founding leaders and pledged continued dedication to the party's mission. Addressing the gathering, State BJP President Kaling Moyong extended heartfelt congratulations to all BJP karyakartas, supporters, and leaders on the occasion. To mark the 46th BJP Foundation Day and the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, the State BJP unit has announced a week-long celebration from today to April 14 next.

The league stage of the 20<sup>th</sup> Tadar Tang State Level Football Tournament 2025 concluded yesterday, marking the end of a fiercely competitive round that saw thrilling matches and remarkable performances. With the league phase now complete, eight teams have officially qualified for the quarterfinals. Lower Subansiri, Papum Pare, Capital Complex, Keyi Panyor, West Siang, Namsai, Changlang, and Siang will continue their quest for the prestigious title. The much-anticipated quarter finals is taking place today, featuring high-stakes encounters.

The 13th Inter-College Youth Festival 2025 is set to take place at the Rajiv Gandhi University from tomorrow till April 9 next, among students from various affiliated colleges of RGU. Chief Minister Pema Khandu will inaugurate the programme while MLA Namsai, Chau Zignu Namchoom has consented to grace the occasion as the Guest of Honor. The festival aims to encourage and offer a venue for students to exchange skills and expertise. A wide range of sporting, cultural, and literary competitions will be held throughout the three-day festival. Over 500 delegates from

affiliated colleges will compete in three different competitive events, namely Games and Sports, Cultural and Literary.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued Yellow alerts over West Kameng, Lower Subansiri, Pakke Kessang, Papumpare, Upper Subansiri, Lower Dibang Valley, Anjaw, Lohit, Namsai, Changlang and Longding districts of Arunachal Pradesh. MCI has forecast rainfall with thunderstorms with lightning very likely to occur at isolated locations over the next 24 hours.