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The Lok Sabha today passed the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill 2025. The bill encourages e-sports and online social games while prohibiting harmful online money gaming services. It has the provision for the appointment of an Online Gaming Authority for coordinated policy support, strategic development and regulatory oversight of the sector. The bill is intended to protect individuals, especially youth and vulnerable populations, from the adverse impact of such games.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that the next generation of GST reforms will usher in India's journey towards becoming Atmanirbhar Bharat. The Minister made this statement while addressing the Group of Ministers (GoMs) constituted by the GST Council on Compensation Cess, Health and Life Insurance, and Rate Rationalisation in New Delhi today. In a social media post, the Ministry of Finance said that these reforms are based on three key pillars, including Structural reforms, Rate rationalisation and Ease of living were proposed to the GoMs. It added that the upcoming GST reforms aims at providing greater relief to the common man, farmers, the middle class and MSMEs, while ensuring a simplified, transparent and growth-oriented tax regime.

Governor Lt. General (Retd.) KT Parnaik today administered the Oath of Office to the Chairperson and member of Lokayukta, Arunachal Pradesh at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. Justice (Retd.) Prasanta Kumar Deka was sworn-in as the Chairperson, Lokayukta, while Er. Sang Phuntsok, IAS (Retd.) was sworn-in as member. During the interaction, the Governor highlighted the essence and significance of the institution of the Lokayukta in strengthening democratic governance. Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, Cabinet Ministers, senior officers and other officials were present on the occasion.

IMC mayor Tamme Phassang chaired a comprehensive review meeting with the Corporators and officials at Itanagar today. The meeting deliberated on the progress and implementation of various

projects and development initiatives under the aegis of the Itanagar Municipal Corporation.

The Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society has lauded MLA Honchun Ngandam for his stance against polygamy. Speaking at the special session of the Legislative Assembly, Ngandam made a strong appeal to fellow legislators and the public to set a positive example by rejecting polygamy and upholding family responsibility. Meanwhile, APWWS president Kani Nada Maling has hailed Ngandam for raising the critical issue on the floor of the Assembly and called upon other elected leaders to stand up for gender equality, women's rights, and family welfare.

A three-day Capacity Building Outreach Programme for TGTs from the districts of Tawang, West Kameng, and Bichom commenced at Tawang today. The programme focuses on competency-based assessment and subject-specific pedagogies aligned with the National Education Policy 2020 and the National/State Curriculum Framework for enhanced exam readiness. Organised by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, the event aims to strengthen teaching skills in Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science. A total of 91 TGTs are participating in the training program.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued a yellow alert for eighteen districts in Arunachal Pradesh. MCI has predicted thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain very likely at isolated places.

The Indian Army's Spear Corps today flagged off a Mountaineering Expedition to Mt. Gorichen (6,488 m), from Likabali Military Station. A contingent of Indian Army soldiers have embarked on the challenging mission. The expedition aims to test physical limits, foster teamwork and inspire the youth of Arunachal Pradesh towards adventure, discipline and national pride.

MLA Namsai, Zingnu Namchoom on Tuesday flagged off the Team Arunachal Summer Expedition 2025 to Mount Kang Yatse-II in Leh-Ladakh. The team, comprising six trained mountaineers led by Everester Tagit Sorang, have undergone their professional training from NIMAS, Dirang.

The 8th Dorjee Khandu Memorial District-Level Badminton Tournament commenced at Tawang today. Returning after a three-year hiatus, the annual tournament will continue till Saturday. The event features three clubs representing the three assembly constituencies of Tawang district. During the tournament, over 111 matches across 21 events will be played, including a special Under-19 category, aimed at nurturing young talent and preparing them for higher-level competitions.

That's all in this news bulletin, Namaskar