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The Union Cabinet today approved the restructuring of Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme. The Cabinet also gave approval for the extension of the lending period beyond 31st December 2024. The lending period has now been extended until 31st March, 2030. The total outlay for the scheme is seven thousand 332 crore rupees. The key features of the restructured scheme include enhanced loan amounts across the first and second tranches, provision of UPI-linked RuPay Credit Card for beneficiaries who have repaid the second loan and digital cashback incentives for retail and wholesale transactions. The first tranche loan has been increased up to 15 thousand rupees from 10 thousand rupees, and the second tranche loans have increased up to 25 thousand rupees from 20 thousand rupees, while the third tranche remains unchanged at 50 thousand rupees.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said that armed forces must be prepared for all kinds of security challenges including short-duration conflicts to even a five-year war in view of an unpredictable geopolitical environment. In an address at the 'Ran Samvad' at the Army War College Mhow, Madhya Pradesh, he said, the challenges before India are big, but our resolve and courage are even bigger. He said that the world respects us not only for our strength, but also for our dedication to truth, peace and justice.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that Operation Sindoor and Operation Mahadev have sent a clear message to the masterminds of terror about the consequences of playing with the lives of Indian citizens. Mr Shah today met and honoured the brave personnel of the Indian Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and CRPF who successfully executed Operation Mahadev and neutralised the terrorists involved in the Pahalgam attack. Speaking on the occasion, he said, Operation Sindoor brought satisfaction to the people, but Operation Mahadev transformed that satisfaction into confidence.

The Geological Survey of India, Arunachal Pradesh Unit, and the Department of Geology & Mining, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh jointly organised a Workshop on "Mineral Potential in Arunachal Pradesh: A

Way Forward" at Ganga village, Itanagar today. The workshop included several technical sessions encompassing various topics such as the Indian Bureau of Mines and its role in fostering scientific and sustainable mining in Arunachal Pradesh.

In a landmark step towards safer skies, a Heliport Automatic Weather Observation System has been successfully tested & commissioned at Roing Helipad yesterday. The Observation System is an outcome of a MoU signed between India Meteorological Department and Centre for Earth Sciences & Himalayan Studies. The initiative aims to enhance the safety of helicopter operations across the state by giving real-time weather data, voice updates for pilots and enhance safety.

East Siang Deputy Commissioner, Sonalika Jiwani has urged NGOs and Civil Society to play a pivotal role in the fight against drug menace. The DC said this while addressing the 12th NCORD Meeting of East Siang district at DC's conference hall, Pasighat today. During the meeting, the DC reiterated strict implementation and monitoring of SOPs in Drug De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Centres in the district. One of the key focus areas in the NCORD meeting was skill development in various trades for the recovered youth. The meeting was attended by SP Pankaj Lamba and others.

Deputy Commissioner In-charge Tawang, Tenzin Jambey today convened the 4th cycle of the District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee meeting at the DC's office conference hall, Tawang. In his welcome address, Jambey underscored the ongoing Aadhaar enrolment challenges and the grievance redressal mechanisms available to applicants across the district and sub-divisions. He emphasized the need for improved accessibility to Aadhaar services for citizens, particularly in remote areas.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued a yellow alert for East Kameng, Lower Subansiri, West Siang, Changlang, Tirap and Longding district of Arunachal Pradesh. MCI has predicted that thunderstorm with lightning is likely to occur at isolated places.

Rajiv Gandhi University today joined the rest of the nation in celebrating National Sports Day-2025, commemorating the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand, under the national

theme “Ek Ghanta Khel Ke Maidaan Mein”. The inaugural session witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teaching and non-teaching staff, research scholars, and members of the University community.

That’s all in this news bulletin, Namaskar