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Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Kiren Rijiju, has said the bills which were passed in winter session of Parliament will play an important role in improving the lives of crores of people and in making India a developed nation. Briefing the media after the conclusion of the winter session in New Delhi, Mr Rijiju termed the winter session of the Parliament as very productive for the country. He said this was the first time that a separate discussion took place on electoral reforms. The Minister said, several people raised questions about the election process, but after debates on electoral reforms in both Houses of Parliament, everything became clear. Earlier today, both the Houses of Parliament were adjourned sine die. The Lok Sabha was first to adjourn sine die, later, the Rajya Sabha adjourned.

Minister of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER), Jyotiraditya Scindia, today, virtually participated in a high-level task force meeting to strengthen handloom and handicrafts in the North Eastern region. In a social media post, Mr Scindia said, the meeting focused on key areas including skill upgradation, quality certification and sustainable fibres and dyes in the region. It also focused on e-commerce-led market access along with cluster-based development to drive holistic and sustainable growth.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu reviewed the progress of 11.5 km road Itanagar–Banderdewa Package-B (NH-415) in a meeting today at Itanagar. Delays and poor execution of the road have caused avoidable public hardship, especially during the monsoon. In a social media post, Khandu informed that instructions have been issued to make the road safe, fully trafficable, and fit for uninterrupted vehicular movement within this winter, to avoid any inconvenience to the public. He further said, this critical road will now move forward with urgency, accountability, and a people-first approach.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein today attended the inaugural ceremony of three-day international seminar on 'Interpreting Cultures & Traditions: Shifting the Lens' at RIWATCH (Research Institute of World's Ancient Traditions, Cultures and Heritage) in Roing in Dibang Valley district. During the seminar, the book "Traditional Festivals of Arunachal Pradesh: An Ethnographic Perspective" was released. Mr Chowna Mein along with Mr Mithi inaugurated Vishranta, a RIWATCH Guest House.

The Met Centre Itanagar (MCI) has forecast that East Siang, West Siang, Siang, Lepa Rada, Kra Daadi and East Kameng districts of Arunachal Pradesh will have dense fog very likely at isolated pocket.

The Tawang District Administration today launched the 5th edition of Sushasan Saptah – Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore 2025 in Tawang district. Deputy Commissioner Tawang Namgyal Angmo informed that Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore camps will be organized across various villages throughout the week to deliver essential government services directly at the grassroot. A Jansunvai session was held at Khirmu Village, where its Gaon Burah Lobsang Phuntso raised the issues about approach road to village community hall, shortage of teacher and disruption of drinking water supply. Regarding it, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned department heads to initiate immediate action. The next Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore camp will be held at Kyidphel Circle.

The East Siang District Administration carried out a comprehensive dry run today for the smooth counting of votes of Panchayati Raj and Pasighat Municipal Council elections. The rehearsal was held at IGJ School auditorium in Pasighat which served as real-time training for counting supervisors and assistants. Officials were guided through opening ballot and EVM boxes, verifying seals, and executing the actual count. The drill aimed to ensure clarity and coordination among the staff ahead of the crucial day. The counting will begin tomorrow at 8 am at IGJ School auditorium. The district administration has affirmed that the process will be conducted under a stringent, multi-layered security to guarantee a transparent and orderly declaration of results.

Renowned Adi folk singer and priest Omak Komut passed away yesterday after a prolonged illness at TRIHMS in Naharlagun. He was known as a pioneer of folk-rock music from Arunachal Pradesh with his folk-fusion Omak Komut Collective. Late Komut was born in Rumgong village of Siang district. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein extended condolence to his family. In a social media post, he said, Komut's artistry went beyond performance; it was a bridge connecting rich traditions to the hearts of people, both near and far. His voice filled with the spirit of tribal culture and will continue to resonate through the generations he inspired.

Indian Railways will run 138 special trains across nine zones to manage the surge of passengers during Christmas and New Year. These trains have been planned, with 650 trips proposed and approved. The Ministry of Railways said, so far, 244 trips have been notified.

That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar