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Prime Minister Narendra Modi concluded his two-day visit to Jordan today after holding extensive talks with King Abdullah II. The visit, which marks India's first full bilateral engagement with Jordan and comes as the two countries prepare to celebrate 75 years of diplomatic relations, saw the finalization of multiple agreements and a shared vision for enhanced economic cooperation. Prime Minister Modi and King Abdullah II jointly addressed the India-Jordan business forum in Amman today, attended by industry leaders from both nations. In his address, the king emphasized that Jordan offers competitive advantages across key sectors. Meanwhile, PM Modi has now reached Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia this evening for two-day visit to the nation.

The Polling for election of 186 Zilla Parishad Constituencies (ZPC), 1947 Gram Panchayat Constituencies (GPC), 16 Itanagar Municipal Corporation (IMC) IMC and eight Pasighat Municipal corporation (PMC) was held yesterday in Arunachal Pradesh. About 74.92 percent voters have exercised their rights in Panchayati Raj elections 2025, about 51.39 percent voters for IMC and more than 60 percent voters for PMC. Meanwhile, the repolling of Gram Panchayat Segments will be held on 18th of this month. Nongkhong GPS of Namsai, Nisangjang/Besai GPS of Bichom, four GPS in Tirap and Rotom polling station in Kamle district will go for repolling. The counting of the votes will be held on 20th of this month.

The Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Bill 2025 was introduced in the Lok Sabha today. The Bill will replace the twenty-year-old Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA). Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan moved the Bill to establish a modern statutory framework aligned with Viksit Bharat 2047, guaranteeing 125 days of wage employment per rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Various members of opposition parties have opposed the introduction of the bill.

On 54th Vijay Diwas, President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President C P Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh paid tribute to brave soldiers whose courage and sacrifice ensured India's historic victory in 1971. The Rajya Sabha also paid homage today.

State Governor Lieutenant General retired KT Parnaik presented the Governor's Citation to 11th Battalion of Assam Rifles at Lok Bhavan in Itanagar today. The Citation was received by Commandant, Col Vivek Tripathi, Sena Medal along with Subedar Major Lekh Raj and Rifleman (General Duty) Neelesh Kumar, on behalf of all ranks of the Battalion. The Governor commended 11 Assam Rifles for its exceptional professionalism, effective counter-insurgency operations, and its compassionate approach in timely assistance to civil administration and local populace. Congratulating the Commandant and all ranks on behalf of the people of Arunachal Pradesh, he expressed confidence that the Battalion would continue to uphold its high standards of service and dedication.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar (MCI) has forecast that East Siang, Lower Siang, Siang, Kamle, Pakke Kessang and East Kameng districts of Arunachal Pradesh will have dense fog very likely at isolated pocket.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein today reviewed preparations for the upcoming Parshuram Kund Mela, an annual pilgrimage to be held on sacred days of Makar Sankranti on January. The DCM along with Advisor Dr Mohesh Chai, Deputy Commissioner Lohit K N Damo and key stakeholders inspected the site of Mela ground and river-front area affected by recent floods to evaluate damages and resolve it. In a social media post, the DCM said, the Parshuram Kund Mela is scheduled from 12th to 16th January next year.

The Defence Estates Organisation, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh has been awarded Raksha Mantri Award for Excellence – 2025 in recognition of its exemplary service, professional dedication and significant contributions to defence land management and record administration. The award was presented by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Raksha Mantri Awards for Excellence – 2025 held in New Delhi. The award was received by Defence Estates Officer, Itanagar Gokul Mahajan on behalf of the organisation.

The Panchayati Raj Elections–2025 for Rural Papum Pare district were conducted peacefully yesterday at 16 Zilla Parishad segments and remaining 169 Panchayat Gram Panchayat segments of 390 Gram Panchayat segments. The Polling Station No. 16 - B.K. Mission School, Midpu under II Doimukh Zilla Parishad Constituency was declared as a Model Polling Station. Further, the Goan Buras worked along with police and security personnel to maintain law and order for smooth and peaceful polls. Furthermore, the polling process was monitored by District Election

Officer Panchayati Raj Vishakha Yadav and General Observer Mige Kamki. Similarly, the polling in Keyi Panyor district was also smoothly conducted across six Zilla segments, covering 46 polling stations. The elections were conducted under supervision of District Election Officer Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta and Deputy District Election Officer SP Angad Mehta.