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Prime Minister was addressing a public rally in Lucknow on the occasion of 101 birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee said that he took many initiatives which changed the development scenario of the country. He especially mentioned the initiative of Pradhanmantri Gram Sadak Yojana and said that after year 2000, more than 8 lakh km roads were constructed under the scheme out of which 4 lakh km were built in last 11 years only. Mr. Modi also inaugurated Rashtra Prerna Sthal in Lucknow which is constructed to honour the legacy of luminaries of independent India.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General K.T. Parnaik, has extended his greetings to the people of the State on the special occasion of Good Governance Day, today, observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He expressed his hope that the day would serve as a meaningful reminder of the importance of public accountability. Encouraging public participation through mechanisms such as social audits and community engagement not only enhances trust but also strengthens democratic governance, he said. Furthermore, Governor Parnaik has also extended Christmas greetings to the people of the state while expressing his hope and prayer that the festive occasion would bring in peace, goodwill, and tranquillity throughout the State.

Three accused were arrested by the Aalo Police following the case of SBI ATM vandalism and attempted robbery case reported on October 18, 2025, near the Petrol Pump, New Market, Aalo. During the incident, the ATM booth was set on fire while offenders attempted to cut open the ATM/CDM machine. The fire was controlled by Aalo Fire Station. Preliminary investigation and naka checking on December 18 by Daporijo Police led to the detention, of Shahrukh Khan (32) and Saddam Khan (38), along with an LPG cylinder, oxygen cylinder, gas cutter, and other house-breaking tools in a vehicle. One accomplice escaped but was apprehended on December 19 at Likhabali as Mohd. Hasim (33), who had prior involvement in a similar ATM robbery in Guwahati, Assam. The Police urged citizens to report any suspicious activity and thanked Daporijo and Likhabali Police for their support in the operation.

An adult Bengal tiger sighted near Old Komlightat Road in the Siku Reserved Forest area of Pasighat on Dec. 23, Pasighat Forest Division said. The sighting confirms tiger presence in nearby sanctuary and adjoining forests. Act, 1972; any disturbance will invite strict action. Officials said earlier reports of animal kills were often attributed to leopards, but the latest sighting has established the presence of a tiger in the area and it indicates a healthy prey base and ecological stability in the forest ecosystem. Forest Dept has issued advisory urging villagers to avoid forests after dark, move in groups and report sightings. The tiger is protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection).

One of India's most impactful rural infrastructure initiatives, the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana marks its 25 years today. Since its inception, on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2000, over 8 lakh 25 thousand kilometers of rural roads have been sanctioned under PM Gram Sadak Yojana, with more than 7 lakh 87 thousand kilometers completed. Around 19 thousand crore rupees have been allocated for the financial year 2025-26.

Under the Phase – IV, a total road length of 62 thousand 500 kilometers will be constructed between the financial years 2024-25 and 2028-29, with an overall financial outlay of over 70 thousand crore.

Deputy Commissioner Upper Siang, Talo Jerang, along with other officers, attended the live-streamed inauguration of the National Workshop on Good Governance Practices today via video conferencing at NIC, DC office, Yingkiong. The programme organised to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The programme marked the culmination of Good Governance week.

Arunachal Pineapple Festival- Bagra 3.0 is going to be organised from 16 to 18 January 2026 at Bagra village, West Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh. It is being organised to encourage Pineapple farmers, processors & Suppliers and inform major buyers and consumers about quality of "Bagra Pineapple".

President Droupadi Murmu will confer the 'Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Baal Puraskar' on the occasion of Veer Baal Diwas in New Delhi tomorrow. The Ministry of Women and Child Development said that this year, 20 children from 18 States and Union Territories have been selected for this honour, who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in diverse fields including Bravery, sports and social service.

The Ministry informed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will also address the children and youth in a national level programme of Veer Baal Diwas.

**That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar**