## **REGIONAL NEWS UNIT, ITANAGAR**

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the deaths in a road accident in Anjaw district. He announced Rupees Two lakh ex-gratia for the next of kin of each deceased and Rupees fifty Thousand for the injured, expressing that his thoughts are with the bereaved families. The accident occurred on 8 Dec when a truck carrying 22 labourers from Assam skidded off the Hayuliang-Chaglagam road and fell nearly 200 metres into a gorge. Most victims were from Tinsukia district. The incident came to light two days later via the lone survivor. Rescue operations are underway, with the Indian Army, NDRF, and civil teams actively retrieving bodies. So far, reportedly 17 bodies have been recovered and 4 labourers remain missing. The Assam Govt has announced ₹5 lakh ex-gratia for the next of kin of each deceased worker. Assam Commerce & Industries Minister Bimal Borah is overseeing rescue and relief operations to retrieve bodies of workers from Lakhimpur.

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein yesterday inspected the Botanical Garden at Tenga Pani. He called it a project that reflects the State government's commitment to preserve the rich biodiversity of Arunachal Pradesh, and that the garden is being developed to protect and showcase the unique flora and natural ecosystems of the region, while also creating a meaningful space for ecological education and nature tourism. Mr. Mein further said he is looking forward to opening the space to the public soon so that people can experience and celebrate the natural heritage of our State.

In the PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024, Arunachal Pradesh has advanced to 17th rank out of 36, showing strong progress in learning outcomes. Students of Class 6 and 9 surpassed national averages in language proficiency. PARAKH, under the aegis of Ministry of Education, conducted the PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan throughout the country on December 4th, 2024, with the aim of assessing the learning abilities of students in Classes 3, 6, and 9 and the effectiveness of the school education system.

A preparatory meeting for the nationwide campaign 'Prashashan Gaon Ki Ore' 2025, to be observed during the Good Governance Week from December 19 to 25, was convened today by Oli Perme, Deputy Commissioner, Lower Subansiri District, at the District Secretariat, Ziro. Chairing the meeting, the DC highlighted the aims and objectives of the

campaign, reiterating the government's commitment to responsive, transparent and citizen-friendly governance. She informed that the District Administration will organise Special Camps across the district to resolve public grievances and ensure improved service delivery at the grassroots level.

Vote casting through the Election Duty Certificate (EDC) was conducted today for government employees of Papum Pare district who are put in for election duties for the approaching Panchayati Raj Election 2025. Voting took place at multiple designated EDC centers, including the District Library office in Yupia, the Indoor Stadium in Sagalee, and the ADC offices in Balijan and Kimin.

The 96th Birth Anniversary of Late Dr. Daying Ering, the Architect of Modern Arunachal Pradesh was organised yesterday at Pasighat at Daying Ering Statue Square, near Siang Guest House. Pasighat MLA Tapi Darang chief Guest of the occasion, said Dr. Ering's legacy as a crusader of the Panchayati Raj System and a key architect of modern Arunachal Pradesh continues to inspire generations. Further adding that his contributions have shaped the state in many ways.

To ensure free and competent legal support for defence personnel, ex-servicemen and their families, the Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority has set up a Legal Aid Clinic in Itanagar under the 2025 Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana. The clinic will assist with property disputes, welfare scheme entitlements, matrimonial matters, pension-related queries and other legal issues, providing timely guidance and support.

In Assam, the Special Investigation Team of Assam Police has submitted a 3,500-page chargesheet in the case concerning the death of singer Zubeen Garg before the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Guwahati. The case, initially registered by the Criminal Investigation Department, is being probed under sections related to criminal conspiracy, culpable homicide not amounting to murder, and causing death by negligence.

In Manipur, President Droupadi Murmu visited Senapati district today and inaugurated six different development projects implemented in the district. She also laid foundation stones for five other development projects for the district. The projects include a model residential school development at the cost of twenty five crore rupees two Primary Health Centres upgraded at ten crore rupees and two Bailey Bridges constructed at a cost of eleven crore rupees.

Senior Congress leader and former Union Home Minister Shivraj Patil passed away in Latur today. He was 91. Shivraj Patil held several important positions during his long political career, including Speaker of the Lok Sabha and various key portfolios in the Union Cabinet. Late Patil won Latur Lok Sabha seat seven times.