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The nation today pays tribute to the security personnel and victims who lost their lives while defending the Parliament during terrorist attack 24 years ago on 13th December 2001. Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman C P Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Union Ministers Piyush Goyal, Jitendra Singh, Kiren Rijiju, and Arjun Ram Meghwal paid floral tributes to the Martyrs at the Parliament House.

The Director General, Border Roads (DGBR), Lt. General Raghu Srinivasan, today called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik, at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar. The Governor, on behalf of the people of Arunachal Pradesh, conveyed gratitude to the Border Roads Organization (BRO) for the successful execution of ten strategically vital roads and twenty-two bridges under the Arunank, Udayak, Vartak, and Brahmank Projects, which were virtually inaugurated on 7th December 2025 by Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh. Earlier today, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu also interacted with DGBR Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan, and undertook a comprehensive review on the progress of road projects executed by BRO, along with discussions on critical ground-level issues.

IIM Ahmedabad Shodhyatra Delegation, led by Prof. Anil K Gupta, narrated their experiences to Governor Lt. General K.T Parnaik, about having visited a few villages in East Kameng District, drawing attention to issues with government schools, farming patterns and harnessing the traditional knowledge of medicinal plants. The IIM Team, called on Arunachal Pradesh Governor yesterday at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar. The Governor, while stating with appreciation that the people of Arunachal Pradesh are exceptionally enterprising and forward-looking, encouraged Prof. Gupta to develop practical business, marketing, and financial models that could guide aspiring entrepreneurs and support the growing ambitions of the State's youth.

Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh Manish Kumar Gupta yesterday chaired the meeting of the State Level High Power Steering Committee (SLHPSC) of the Smart City Mission. During the review session, they assessed the progress, key initiatives, and upcoming priorities under the Smart City Mission. Both Smart City Pasighat and Itanagar Smart City presented their updates, highlighted ongoing projects, and outlined their future plans aimed at strengthening urban infrastructure, improving

service delivery, and promoting sustainable and inclusive urban development in the two cities.

A delegation from the Research Institute of World's Ancient Traditions, Cultures and Heritage (RIWATCH) comprising members from USA, International Centre for Cultural Studies and Arunachal Vikas Parishad paying a courtesy visit to Arunachal Home Minister Department of Indigenous Affairs Mama Natung, today, interacted and held discussion on proposed RIWATCH Research University, forthcoming programmes, and the documentation of the glorious cultures of the tribal communities of Arunachal Pradesh. Minister Natung suggested that RIWATCH undertake in-depth research and comprehensive documentation on various aspects of the communities of Arunachal Pradesh, with the aim of showcasing and opening the treasures of this rich cultural heritage to the world.

A 26-year-old man from Kupwara, J&K, Hilal Ahmed, was arrested in Aalo, West Siang, on Dec 11 for allegedly sharing sensitive information on installations and troop movements with handlers in Pakistan. He had arrived on 25 November to participate in a trade fair. Hilal, a blanket seller, was arrested around 11 PM and handed over to Itanagar Police for further probe. SP Kardak Riba said he had valid Aadhaar & Inner Line Permit (ILP) documents and urged the public to report suspicious individuals for proper verification. The arrest links to case at Chimpu PS where 2 other Kupwara resident, Nazir Ahmad Malik & Sabir Ahmed Mir, were detained in late November for transmitting sensitive information to Pakistan. A 4th suspect was later arrested from Miao, Changlang. Investigation under Official Secret Act ongoing.

In Arunachal Pradesh, 2171 polling stations have been set up for the panchayat and municipal elections, while 79 polling stations have been established for the elections of the Itanagar Municipal Corporation and Pasighat Municipal Council. Approximately 15,000 polling personnel have been deployed to ensure the elections are conducted smoothly. Polling will be held in a single phase on December 15 in the state. Meanwhile, out of the total 8,208 seats of Gram Panchayats in the state, 6,227 candidates have already been elected unopposed, and polling will be held on 1,947 seats.

Arunachal's Kentu Lap has created history by winning the Bronze Medal and becoming the first judoka from Arunachal Pradesh to win medal at the Senior National Judo Championship 2025 held in Imphal, Manipur.

The polling group to Luguthang, one of the highest polling stations in Tawang district at an altitude of 13,700 ft, started its journey this morning. The team is undertaking a 10-hour trek from the road head to reach the village. Returning Officer Panchayati Raj Elections 2025, Jang Thingbu, Kri Hakraso, extended best wishes to the polling team and advised them to carry out the democratic process in transparent free fair and successfully.