

## **REGIONAL NEWS UNIT, ITANAGAR**

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Chief Minister Pema Khandu today conducted a ground inspection in Tawang town to understand on-ground realities, for planned, people-centric and sustainable urban development guided by community needs. During his visit around the town, he held meeting with the landowners of Gyangkhar village to discuss and plan future development. He also visited the Buddha Statue (Buddha Park), and the Tawang archery ground at Tawang to review infrastructure needs. Further Mr. Khandu applauded the Centre for Financial Literacy (CFL) team of Jang & Tawang for their remarkable efforts in spreading banking and digital awareness to remote communities.

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein today had a detailed discussion with Ashish Gupta, Executive Director, NHIDCL (Arunachal Pradesh) and urged to fast track the construction work of the two-lane National Highway connecting Chongkham to Brahmakund. He further said this vital infrastructure project will significantly improve connectivity and facilitate smoother movement for pilgrims and tourists visiting the sacred Parshuram Kund, while also boosting regional development and tourism in the area.

Chief Secretary Arunachal Pradesh Manish Kumar Gupta yesterday chaired the State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC) meeting to deliberate on the project proposal "Kiwi as a USP in Arunachal Pradesh" under the Focused Development Component of the North Eastern Council (NEC). Chief Secretary in a social media post informed that an outlay of approximately Rupees 40.19 crore was approved by the Committee for submission to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER).

In Arunachal Pradesh, after one hundred fifteen years, *Ranunculus trichophyllus* has been rediscovered in the high-altitude wetlands of Tawang, marking its first recorded presence in the state. Last documented in Sikkim in 1909, this cold-water aquatic herb was found near P T Tso Lake at an elevation of about 4,000 metres.

Nyabom Bagra Lomi of Arunachal Pradesh has received the Best Handwoven Fabric Designer Award at the National Designers Award 2025 held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Arunachal Pradesh Minister of Social Justice, Empowerment & Tribal affairs Kento Jini calling it a well-deserved recognition said it is a testament to Smt. Lomi's exceptional craftsmanship, creative vision, and tireless dedication, bringing immense pride to the state and community.

A training programme for Counting Supervisors and Counting Assistants was conducted today at Yingkiong, Upper Siang, in preparation for the upcoming Panchayat Poll 2025 counting day scheduled to be held on 20 December 2025. The training programme was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer (PR), Upper Siang, Talo Jerang, who elaborated in detail on the roles and responsibilities of counting personnel. The training was imparted by Master Trainers Sanjay Singh, Agriculture Development Officer, and Amit Dihider, ASO (Agri), who provided hands-on guidance.

Arunachal's The Youth Mission for Clean River (YMCR) has been included in the Mountains of Change booklet under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0. The initiative's inclusion showcases a powerful community-led model, inspiring effective waste management solutions for mountainous regions nationwide across India. Since 2016, YMCR has been at the forefront of river conservation in Arunachal Pradesh, mobilizing youths with regular clean-ups, awareness drives, and collaborations to nurture a healthier environment for generations to come.

To enhance disaster preparedness and safety awareness, 12 NDRF conducted a Capacity Building Program at Himalayan University, Jollang, Itanagar, benefiting around 260 participants with essential disaster do's and don'ts.

The Indian movie 'Homebound', directed by Neeraj Ghaywan, has been shortlisted for the 98th Academy Awards in the Best International Feature Film category. Homebound is among 15 films that have become 'eligible' for 'final' nominations in the International Feature Film category at the Oscars 2026. The International Feature Film shortlist showcases cinema from around the world.

Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India, is organising Jal Shakti Hackathons under Bharat WIN Initiative, aimed at driving meaningful and technology-led transformation in India's water sector. Interested youth, start-ups, researchers, engineers, and citizen scientists can submit their water-related innovative ideas in a maximum of 500 words, at the BHARAT-WIN portal (<https://bharatwin.mowr.gov.in>). The Hackathon winners will be awarded Rs 1 lakh for developing Proof-of-Concept (PoC). The selected proposals will be evaluated further for grant-in-aid.

Parliament has passed the Repealing and Amending Bill, 2025, with the Rajya Sabha approving it today after discussion. The Lok Sabha had passed this legislation yesterday. The Bill provides for the repeal of certain enactments and amending certain other enactments. It repeals 71 Acts, including the Indian Tramways Act, 1886, the Levy Sugar Price Equalisation Fund Act, 1976, and the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (Determination of Conditions of Service of Employees) Act, 1988.

Centre has said that no breach of data of Aadhaar card holders occurred from the Unique Identification Authority of India database till date. Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Jitin Prasada informed this in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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