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Cabinet Secretaries from the PMO, New Delhi, visited Govt. Primary School Lhallung under Mechukha Circle, Shi Yomi District, yesterday and interacted with students and school authorities. A memorandum was submitted to the visiting officials, seeking welfare measures for the school as well as for Lhallung village.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu today flagged off the Three-Day Practical Career Counselling Program in Tawang, helping students of Government Higher Secondary, Secondary and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya schools gain useful guidance and clarity for better career choices.

The members of the Judges' Association, Arunachal Pradesh called on Arunachal Pradesh Chief Secretary Manish Kumar Gupta, yesterday. They presented a detailed representation on matters pertaining to the Arunachal Pradesh Legal Services Authority and other allied subjects, to the Chief Secretary. In response, Mr. Gupta said the issues shared during the formal interaction were carefully listened to and duly noted by him.

In a tragic fire incident that broke out around midnight of Thursday, in the hostel of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya, Taktsang, Tawang district, reportedly due to an electrical short circuit, a class one student lost her life due to the intensity of the blaze, despite efforts to rescue her. Student Dorjee Tsomu of class eight and hostel warden Nima Lhamu bravely rescued many children who were asleep at the time. Personnel from the nearby Indian Army unit, along with villagers, school staff, and the hostel authorities, also responded immediately. DC Tawang Namgyal Angmo visited the site, and has ordered for a magisterial inquiry to ascertain the facts and circumstances of the incident through Circle Officer, Jemeithang and further issued an order for district wide safety audit of all the residential schools and hostels.

In another fire accident incident today, in Upper Siang, the Indian Army's 5th Dogra Regiment, along with firefighters, police, and locals, acted swiftly to contain a fire that gutted the house of Opang Jamoh near the general ground in Tuting. The fire, reportedly caused by a short circuit and a leaking gas cylinder, was prevented from spreading to nearby areas, showcasing the Army's prompt and commendable response.

A major Search & Rescue operation has been launched by the Indian Army in higher reaches of Chaglagam, under Anjaw district Arunachal Pradesh. The effort was launched after a civilian vehicle carrying 22 workers from Tinsukia fell off a cliff near KM 40. Multiple rescue columns have been deployed with medical teams and representatives from police, NDRF, SDRF and GREF in coordination with civil authorities. Despite harsh terrain, all efforts are underway to rescue the individuals.

Polling for the Panchayat Election 2025 in Dibang Valley commenced today with early voting for officials deployed on election duty. Election Duty Certificate (EDC) voting was facilitated to enable personnel assigned to various polling stations to cast their votes ahead of the main polling day. A total of 81 election duty staff—24 female and 57 male exercised their franchise through the EDC system, marking a smooth and orderly start to the polling process in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner–cum–District Election Officer (Panchayati Raj), Papum Pare, Vishakha Yadav, convened a Poll Day Preparatory Review Meeting yesterday to review and strengthen arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Panchayati Raj Elections at Yupia. During the meeting, detailed deliberations were held on the Vehicle Movement Plan for polling teams and security personnel to ensure timely and safe transportation. Special emphasis was laid on security arrangements for counting centres and strong rooms.

Taekwondo athlete Rupa Bayor of Arunachal Pradesh has scripted history for India by ranking World No. 8, in the World Taekwondo (WT) Poomsae December 2025 Rankings, the first-ever Indian Taekwondo athlete to reach this milestone.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)–Indian Agricultural Research Institute North East Hilly Region (IARI NEH) Programme yesterday concluded its 10-day training on “Modern Tools and Technologies for Improving Livelihood of North Eastern Himalayan Farmers” held in Delhi, from 1–10 December 2025. A total of 17 farmers from Tawang district, Arunachal Pradesh, including 12 women farmers, participated and gained hands-on experience in modern agricultural technologies.

In Arunachal Pradesh, at Donyi Polo Aiport, Itanagar, the flights schedules are functioning normally, the Kolkata flights will re-start from tomorrow. Meanwhile, IndiGo has announced a compensation of 10

thousand rupees in the form of travel vouchers to the customers who were impacted due to Airline's operational disruption on 3rd, 4th and 5th of this month. The vouchers can be used for any future IndiGo journey in the next 12th months. The airline said that, apart from the compensation mandated under government guidelines, IndiGo will also pay 5 thousand to 10 thousand rupees, depending on the flight's block time to passengers whose flights were cancelled within 24 hours of departure.