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The ruling BJP has secured a landslide victory in the local body elections in Arunachal Pradesh, securing a majority of seats in the Zilla Parishads and Gram Panchayats, polls for which were held on December 15. According to final results declared by the State Election Commission yesterday, the BJP won 170 of the 245 Zilla Parishad seats, including 59 uncontested, establishing its clear dominance at the district-level local bodies. The PPA emerged as the second-largest party with 28 seats, while the Congress managed to win seven seats. Chief Minister Pema Khandu expressed gratitude to the electorate for the party's resounding victory. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also expressed gratitude to the people of Arunachal Pradesh for the victory and the support for politics of good governance in Panchayat Elections.

A delegation of the Indigenous Faith and Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh (IFCSAP), led by its President Dr. Emi Rumi, met the Union Home Minister Amit Shah at his official residence in New Delhi today. During the meeting, the delegation highlighted the urgent need for implementation of the Arunachal Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act (APFRA)- 1978, and sought the Hon'ble Home Minister's intervention for the early framing of its rules, which has remained pending for decades. In response, Home Minister Shah assured the delegation that necessary steps would be taken to ensure the framing of the rules for APFRA, marking a significant and positive development for the Indigenous Faith believers of Arunachal Pradesh.

A delegation of scholars and researchers on indigenous cultures and traditions from the USA, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka, led by Executive Director RIWATCH, Vijay Swami, visited the Centre for Tai Khamti Language and Folk Culture, Chongkham today. In a social media Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein welcoming the delegates said their presence reflects the growing global engagement with Arunachal Pradesh's indigenous knowledge systems and cultural heritage. They also exchanged views emphasizing the importance of documentation, research and digitization to safeguard the invaluable cultural assets and strengthen civilisational linkages with neighbouring regions for future generations.

The Paklu Taipodia Classic National Bodybuilding and Fitness Championship was inaugurated by the Deputy Speaker Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly Kardo Nyigyor yesterday at Likabali in Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh. A total number of 138 athletes from 14 states of India are participating in the championship. Deputy Speaker Nyigyor termed the event historic and an honour for the district to host such a national level event. During the occasion, Paklu Taipodia, appealed to the people of Arunachal Pradesh in general and Lower Siang District in particular to participate, encourage, support and motivate the athletes making the event a grand success. Meanwhile, Abhishek Kaushal, founder of the Paklu Taipodia Classic Championship hinted at making the Championship the biggest championships of India in future.

Nilesh Choudhary of Rajasthan has become the first-ever ATURTO Champion, a landmark moment for the growth of professional Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) in Arunachal Pradesh. He defeated Arunachal Pradesh's Kon Jarbin to win the title. Arunachal Pradesh's flagship MMA promotion, ATURTO made a comeback with ATURTO 3.0 on December 21 at Sango Avenue, Itanagar.

The first edition of 'The Creators Community Fair' was inaugurated yesterday at M&M Square Complex, E-sector in Naharlagun. The two day event is organized by 3103 studio under the initiative of Ceramic Artist Karter Lombi. About 20 creators from diverse disciplines are participating under this one vibrant platform. The fair was conceptualized with the aim of providing a platform for creators to showcase their creativity, skill and innovative ideas. Speaking on the initiative Ms. Lombi stated that the fair was envisioned as a community driven effort to empower emerging artists.

21 days of Art & Theatre workshops was organised in schools and libraries across Lohit & Roing from December 2 to 21, 2025, by the Untitled Arts Foundation, Bangalore. It was held at the invitation of the Lohit Youth Library Network. During the occasion Anuradha H.R, well known theatre & art educator and the Head of the Untitled Arts Foundation said Arunachali youth are increasingly coming under the threat of alienation from their own culture and language. Parents and schools must act proactively to save them from this dilemma.

A book titled 'Noor' a collection of prose poems, authored by Radhe Yarang was formerly launched by the members of Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS) on Sunday at its Itanagar office. The book launch and literary meet was organised by the Din Din Club in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society. As part of the literary meet, participants also recited their self composed poems garnering much appreciation from the audience.

Meteorological Centre of Itanagar has forecast that dense fog is very likely at isolated pockets in East Kameng, Pakke Kessang, Lower Subansiri, Kamle, West Siang and Leparada districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar