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- Central team conducts site visit at Ngwalwa Arecanut Village in Peren District.

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Joint Session of the Parliament of Ethiopia in Addis Ababa today. The Prime Minister said, Our vision is of a world where the Global South rises not against anyone, but for everyone. He said, Global South is writing its own destiny**

**Mr. Modi said, India and Ethiopia are natural partners in regional peace and security adding that democracy is a way of life for them. The Prime Minister said, India and Ethiopia share warmth in climate as well as in spirit.**

**Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio highlighted that PM Vishwakarma Scheme supports traditional artisans by enhancing skills, providing modern tools, and facilitating access to affordable credit. In a social media post, Mr. Rio said the state government is ensuring its effective implementation to strengthen livelihoods and promote sustainable income opportunities.**

**District Magistrate, Mon, Wennyei Konyak has cautioned against flying unauthorized drones over restricted and sensitive areas. An order issued by the District Magistrate has directed citizens, residents, visitors, organizations and media persons to strictly refrain from flying or operating drones over such areas. The order was issued in view of reported unauthorized drone activities in and**

around Assam Rifles camp area in Mon District. The order further states that, any person found violating the order will be liable for legal action and such drones will be neutralized, jammed or confiscated by security agencies as deemed necessary.

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A Central team visited Peren District and conducted site visit to the Ngwalwa Arecanut Village yesterday, as part of an arecanut cultivation feasibility study. The team was led by the Deputy Director, Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Calicut, Kerala, Babulal Meena along with other Senior Scientist. The team also carried out field visits to Heningkumlwa village followed by a stakeholders' meeting. The meeting was attended by government officials, village leaders, and local stakeholders. The Central team informed that they would recommend to the Ministry, the introduction of latest production technologies, establishment of nurseries for quality planting materials, development of necessary infrastructure, and creation of marketing linkages with South India. The team also proposed to develop the Ngwalwa area as an Arecanut Hub. In addition, intercropping of arecanut with spices such as black pepper and cocoa was suggested to enhance farmers' income and promote sustainable cultivation practices.

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Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia today said that 5G service, which was launched in 2022, is presently available in 99.9 percent of the districts in the country. Replying to the question hours in Lok Sabha, the Union Minister said that the total number of Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) has increased from over 6,49,800 to over 31,44,500. BTS is a piece of equipment that facilitates wireless communication between user equipment and a network.

The Union Minister informed the House that the mobile coverage in villages has improved from 90.68 percent in 2014 to 98.43 percent as of October 2025. He said under the BharatNet project, 2.14 lakh Gram Panchayats have been made service-ready. He said 135 international delegates from 31 countries participated in Bharat Telecom 2025 to explore investment and partnership opportunities.

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Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has said that, as a consequence of various safety measures taken over the years, there has been a steep decline in the number of accidents. He informed that the government has been able to bring down the number of rail accidents by 90 per cent from 2014 to 2025. Replying to supplementaries in the Lok Sabha during the Question Hour today, Mr Vaishnaw said, Kavach is an indigenous Automatic Train Protection system designed to prevent train accidents.

Replying to another supplementary, Mr. Vaishnaw said the government has launched the Amrit Bharat scheme for the redevelopment of stations with a long-term approach, and the work is going on at a good pace. He said, his Ministry is giving utmost importance to safety as redevelopment of stations is going on with flowing traffic.

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The District water and sanitation mission (DWSM) and Jal Jeevan Mission for Tseminyu District held a meeting at DC office conference hall in Tseminyu today. Speaking at the meeting, Deputy Commissioner and chairman of DWSM Tseminyu, Japheth Woch highlighted on the importance of coordination from the various departments for the successful implementation of the Missions. He directed the line departments to specify tasks for data submitted to the Nodal Department (PHED) to ensure comprehensive updating of the JJM and SBM-G Dashboard. Mr. Woch further directed the PHED Department to speed up the certification process of Har Ghar Jal Villages and the declaration of open defecation free plus Model Villages in the District. The DC also emphasized the need to operationalize and manage the Plastic Waste Management units installed at Tseminyu and Chunlikha Blocks.

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The Bharatiya Janata Party Nagaland today celebrated Advent Christmas at the town hall in Mokokchung district. The program was attended by a host of party leaders led by the state BJP President, Benjamin Yepthomi and party workers. Addressing the program, Mr. Yepthomi said that such programs will be held in other districts and assembly constituencies in the future. He said that the main objective of the celebration is to reaffirm the commitment of the BJP for peace, progress and development of the state.

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The Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) has launched India's first Artificial Intelligence-driven community screening programme for Diabetic Retinopathy. This initiative has been undertaken by the AFMS in collaboration with AIIMS and the e-Health AI Unit of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The Ministry of Defence, in a statement, said that the initiative marks a significant step towards strengthening early detection of diabetic eye disease and building a real-time national health intelligence framework. It added that the platform facilitates automated screening, grading and triaging of retinal images along with generating real-time data on disease prevalence and geographic distribution.

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