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CONFERENCE:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the fifth National Conference of Chief Secretaries in New Delhi today. The three-day Conference, which began on 26th December, is aimed at strengthening Centre-State partnership through structured and sustained dialogue on national development priorities. Anchored in the Prime Minister's vision of cooperative federalism, the Conference serves as a forum where Centre and States collaborate, designing a unified roadmap to maximise the country's human capital potential. Special emphasis for detailed discussion is being placed on Early Childhood Education, Schooling, Skilling, Higher Education, Sports and Extracurricular activities.

SQUARD:

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has called for establishing a common Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) structure across the country and directed state Directors General of Police to implement it at the earliest. He said, common ATS structure for the police in the entire country, provides an opportunity for uniform preparation to counter terror attacks at every level. Mr Shah was speaking after inaugurating the two-day 'Anti-Terrorism Conference-2025' organized by the National Investigation Agency in New Delhi.

NAGALAND

The Election Commission of India has ordered a Special Summary Revision of the Photo Electoral Rolls for the 28 Koridang Assembly Constituency, under Mokokchung district in Nagaland with the first of January, 2026, as the qualifying date, in view of the upcoming bye-election. The 28 Koridang Assembly

Constituency fell vacant following the demise of sitting MLA Imkong L. Imchen on 11th November this year. Nagaland's Chief Electoral Officer, Bhagyashree Banayat informed that the final publication of the electoral roll will be carried out on 7th February, 2026. She stated that the rationalisation of polling stations will be completed by 29th December, 2025, and the Integrated Draft Electoral Roll will be published on 3rd January, 2026. The period for filing claims and objections has been fixed from 3rd January to 24th January, 2026

SERVICE:

North Shillong MLA Adelbert Nongrum distributed financial assistance totalling 10.76 lakh rupees to youths, educational institutions, youth organisations and persons with disabilities under various government welfare schemes. The assistance was given under the Chief Minister's Special Development Fund, Chief Minister's Special Urban Development Fund and Intensive Sports and Youth Development Programme. A large part of the funds was provided to individual beneficiaries self-reliant. to help them become To support entrepreneurship, financial assistance was given to seven individuals to start small businesses.

BJP

The Meghalaya unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party has strongly condemned recent incidents, which, it said had vitiated the spirit of the Christmas season and demanded strictest punishment for perpetrators behind the acts of hate. BJP chief spokesperson Mariahom Kharkrang highlighted the inclusive nature of Christmas, noting that the festival holds a special place in the hearts of all Indians, irrespective of caste, creed, or religion. The BJP leader also criticized attempts to politicize such incidents, pointing out that the Prime Minister and senior party leaders regularly participate in Christmas services, including this year.

SIKKIM

The MyBharat, organized an awareness & capacity-building programme under the initiative 'Workshops on Flagship Schemes' at Kaputhang Government Polytechnic in Pakyong district of Sikkim yesterday. The program intended to inform youth and members of local communities about various centrally sponsored flagship schemes and to facilitate their understanding of procedures for accessing benefits. Mangal Jakhar, deputy director, Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, MyBharat Gangtok, discussed the role of young people in community-based implementation & outreach. President's medal awardee and National Service Scheme Programme Officer Arjun Pradhan shared perspectives on youth participation, volunteerism, and community service based on his field experience.

POLIO

The Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization program, organized across Tripura from 21st to 24th December, has achieved a 101 percent success rate. This information was conveyed in a statement from the National Health Mission and the Department of Health and Family Welfare of Tripura. A target of vaccinating 3,40,874 children was set for Tripura on National Immunization Day. In this campaign, a total of 3,43,698 children in the state were given polio doses.

DRUGS

The Kailashahar Police in Tripura, intercepted a vehicle yesterday and seized 3,060 bottles of foreign liquor, being transported for smuggling. The vehicle, which was traveling from Dharmanagar, was detained, and two individuals on board were arrested. In a separate operation, Teliamura Police conducted a special raid and recovered four abandoned bags filled with dry cannabis from a forest. Joyanta Kumar Dey, the Officer-in-Charge of Teliamura Police Station, stated that antinarcotics drives will be intensified to identify and prosecute those involved in illegal trade.

ARUNACHAL

The Indigenous Youth Federation of Arunachal, All Papum Pare Indigenous Youth Organisation, and All Nyishi Youth Organisation held a mass torch rally in Itanagar yesterday, demanding immediate cancellation of alleged illegal constructions of Jama Masjid and madrasas within the twin capital complex. They also demanded the identification and immediate removal of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants from Itanagar and Naharlagun. At the same time, the organisations have called for the official recognition of two legal Jama Masjids within the twin capital city, stating that such recognition should be in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

DISCOVERY:

A previously unknown fungus has been discovered in the bamboo forests around Mawsynram, adding a new species and even a new genus to the scientific records from Meghalaya. The fungus, named Parasynnemellisia Khasiana after the Khasi Hills, was found growing on decaying bamboo culms during a field survey in July 2017. Meghalaya's high rainfall, humidity, and dense bamboo cover create ideal conditions for such specialised fungi to thrive.

TOURISM:

Sikkim is experiencing a heavy tourist footfall this winter, with most hotels sold out in Lachung, North Sikkim while Gangtok is also experiencing a shortage of luxury vehicles. East Sikkim's Nathula and Zuluk have also witnessed a heavy tourist rush this winter since 22nd December. Some travel agents have advised tourists to consult agencies and hotels before heading to North Sikkim, as it has become very difficult to find rooms. Sikkim is also facing a shortage of bikes, making it almost impossible for tourists to find bike taxis.

GURUKUL

The first-ever Donyi Polo Cultural & Charitable Trust Annual Gurukul Meet was organised at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. The two-day meet brought together students, mentors, and well-wishers from all Gurukuls. Students participated in competitions such as sports, literature, traditional chanting, yoga, and other activities. The Trust is currently running four residential Gurukuls and has 424 students. These Gurukuls provide quality NCERT-based education and imparting traditional knowledge, cultural values, and spiritual practices of the Tani tribes.

MANN KI BAAT:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani today at 11 AM. It will be the 129th episode of the monthly radio programme. The programme will be broadcast across the entire Akashvani and Doordarshan network, the AIR News website, and the Newsonair mobile app. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast.

OBIT

The mortal remains of the late MLA and Speaker of Tripura Legislative Assembly, Biswabandhu Sen, arrived at Agartala Airport yesterday. Cabinet Minister Sushanta Chowdhury, MLA Bhagwan Das, and others were present at the airport. A procession carried Biswabandhu Sen's body from the airport to the Legislative Assembly. There, Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu and Chief Minister Manik Saha, along with many dignitaries paid their respects by offering flowers to his mortal remains. Later, his body was taken to the state BJP office. There, party workers and supporters paid their last respects. After that, his funeral procession departed for Dharmanagar.
