

## **REGIONAL NEWS UNIT, ITANAGAR**

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A 5.1 magnitude earthquake struck central Assam at 4:17 AM today. The epicentre of the tremor was near Assam's Morigaon district at a depth of 50 km. The tremors were felt across several parts of central Assam, and Itanagar Capital Region in Arunachal Pradesh and several areas of nearby Northeastern states, triggering panic among residents who rushed out of their homes. However, no immediate reports of loss of life or damage to property have been received so far. The tremors were also felt in neighbouring countries of Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh. Arunachal Pradesh, being located in Seismic Zone VI, is recognized as one of the regions with the highest seismic vulnerability.

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein has lauded the 5G-dedicated hydroponic laboratory at the College of Agriculture, Pasighat, East Siang district. He said it is a glimpse into the future of farming, where innovation meets sustainability. The DCM highlighted that by enabling soilless cultivation, faster crop cycles, and year-round production, it will empower students and farmers with modern, practical skills and open new pathways for smart, resilient agriculture in Arunachal Pradesh.

The 2nd Khelo India Beach Games commenced today at the Ghoghla Beach in Diu. More than 2,100 athletes are participating in eight different sports of the Beach Games, which is being organised by the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. Arunachal Pradesh is participating in Beach Soccer for the first time at the Khelo India Beach Games. Arunachal Pradesh is competing in Beach Soccer (Boys & Girls), Beach Tug of War (Boys & Girls), and Pencak Silat. A total contingent of 53 members, including players, coaches, and managers, are representing the state. The team is led by Chef de Mission Nada Apa, Sports Officer (HQ).

Tenzing Norbu Thongdok, Member, North Eastern Council (NEC) met with Arunachal Pradesh Chief Secretary Manish Gupta. During the occasion, they discussed matters of State importance with a focus on capacity building, knowledge expertise, and the role of the NEC as a technical enabler for Arunachal Pradesh in particular and the North Eastern States in general.

A coordination meeting was held in the Deputy Commissioner's Chamber, Anini, Dibang Valley District under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Bekir Nyorak, in the presence of the MLA, Anini. The meeting discussed preparations for the upcoming visit of the Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister and the proposed Cabinet Aapke Dwaar (CAD) programme, tentatively scheduled for January–February 2026. The meeting was attended by the Heads of Departments and representatives from SJVN, ITBP, and NHIDCL, and other concerned officials.

The Spearhead Division of Spear Corps flagged off an Eco-Tourism Exposure Tour from Aalo Military Station, West Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh. After a three-day homestay and eco-tourism training, students of North East Frontier Technical University (NEFTU), Aalo are heading to Darjeeling and Kalimpong to gain practical skills in tourism and sustainable livelihoods. In another initiative, Indian Army troops under the aegis of Spear Corps constructed a Log Hut with Water Storage Facility at Ojugo, Taksing, of Upper Subansiri district, for the benefit of local population of Upper Subansiri. The initiative was under Operation Sadhbhavana.

A group of students and teachers of Govt Higher Secondary School, Mechukha, of Shi Yomi district, Arunachal Pradesh have set off for a National Integration Tour. They will cover Delhi, Pune, Mumbai and Itanagar till 16 January 2026, during their journey. The young minds will experience India's premier national institutions, historic landmarks, local cultures & the ethos of the Indian Defence Forces.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan unveiled a book titled Khatbaat-e-Modi in New Delhi. Mr Pradhan informed that this book is a compilation of PM Modi's Independence Day speeches from 2014 to 2025. He said that these speeches document Mr Modi's way of working by adopting Sabka saath, sabka vikas aur sabka prayas.

Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin): Viksit Bharat – G RAM G Act has been brought to bring transparency in the earlier MGNREGA scheme. Addressing farmers at Erode in Tamil Nadu, the Minister said, the scheme has been extended to 125 days for the beneficiaries. The Minister assured that payments under the scheme will reach the beneficiaries on time. The Minister said, if the amount is not paid to the beneficiaries within 15 days of their employment, legal action would be taken under the rule of law.

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, has operationalised the Ashray facility for patients waiting outside the hospital to avail OPD services. The facility has a capacity of around 250 persons, which is currently being utilised to its fullest.

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