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Prime Minister's flagship platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, PRAGATI, has marked a significant milestone with the successful conduct of its 50th meeting. Since its launch by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, PRAGATI has transformed governance by enabling real-time monitoring and resolution of key infrastructure projects and public grievances through direct Prime Ministerial review. The platform exemplifies cooperative federalism, bringing together the Centre, States, and Union Ministries on a single digital interface. The Pragati-led monitoring has led to minimising inter-departmental delays, significantly improving the execution of projects. Many stalled power generation and transmission projects have achieved commissioning following PRAGATI's intervention.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today held a Pre-Budget interaction with students of the Delhi School of Economics, ahead of the upcoming Union Budget 2026-27 in New Delhi. In a social media post, Ms Sitharaman said that during the meeting, students put forward a wide range of suggestions on skilling, green energy, rural development, and new economy for consideration in the Union Budget.

During December, 2025, the North Eastern Council (NEC) has released over Rs 4.24 crore for a number of projects including, Construction of Nursing Hostel at District Hospital Yingkiong, Construction of Maternity & Child Care Centre at Miao, Changlang, and Development of Tissa View Point near Tissa Camp, Tirap district. Under NESIDS (Roads), Rs 13.50 crore was released during December 2025 to support key road connectivity projects in the state. The fund covers works such as the Murung Gika to Panior Bridge Point via Sarchgai, Mate, Kusuk and Pan (Length 21 km) in Papum Pare district and the Bana EAC to Richukrong Headquarters road, contributing to improved access in remote and administrative areas, benefitting population of around 19,500 and 15 villages.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Arunachal Pradesh, has arrested three persons, including two private brokers, in connection with a land compensation bribery case linked to the Lada-Sarli stretch of Frontier Highway. The arrestees include Rajo Gyadi (46) of Tassomora and Yayo

Yangfo (36) of T-II Colony, Seppa. The ACB said Gyadi, in collusion with the then DLRSO Takam Kechak, fraudulently enhanced compensation and, along with others, collected Rs 19.51 crore from beneficiaries, of which Rs 1.96 crore went to him. Yangfo allegedly routed Rs 1.77 crore through post-dated cheques. Another accused, Khya Bagang, was earlier arrested. Investigation is continuing.

A group of students and teachers from Government Higher Secondary School, Mechukha, interacted with the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan as part of their National Integration Tour (January 5-16, 2026). The President encouraged them to pursue excellence, uphold values and contribute to nation building, inspiring renewed confidence among the students. The group also visited Parliament House and met Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju, who urged them to remain disciplined, informed and socially responsible.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has announced its candidates for the posts of Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Itanagar Municipal Corporation (IMC). As per the BJP State Election Committee's order, Likha Nari Tadar (Ward 16) has been nominated for Mayor and Tok Tabin Camdir (Ward 19) for Deputy Mayor. The party expressed confidence in their leadership for cleaner governance, better civic services, and inclusive development. BJP leaders said Itanagar is set for a stronger future under the guidance of PM Narendra Modi and CM Pema Khandu.

A District Level NCORD meeting was held at the DC Conference Hall, Yupia, on Friday under the chairmanship of Assistant Commissioner Dani Rikang. The focus of the deliberations was on regular visits and supervision of Rehabilitation Centres, conducting intensive awareness programmes, and ensuring monthly inspections of shops and gumtis located near school premises. Addressing the meeting, the Assistant Commissioner expressed hope that coordinated inter-sectoral and multi-sectoral efforts by all concerned departments would lead to better outcomes in curbing the drug menace. She called upon all stakeholders to extend their support and cooperation in the collective fight against drug abuse.

The Upper Subansiri District Administration on Thursday conducted an eviction drive to remove temporary illegal structures from the Right of Way (RoW) along the highway stretch between Gandhi Market and New Market in Daporijo. The operation was carried out in the presence of Circle

Officer-cum-Town Magistrate Ama Nungnu Mara with police assistance. She directed the public to avoid encroaching on the RoW and warned that unauthorized structures on government land would invite strict action.

That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar