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Arunachal Pradesh Home Minister, Mama Natung, called on the Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik, at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar. The Governor commended the Home Minister, the Director General of Police Anand Mohan, and the entire police force for the meticulous and peaceful conduct of the Panchayat and local bodies' elections. He also appreciated the Home Minister's resolute leadership in the ongoing crusade against drugs. The Governor, who was monitoring the rescue operation of the Chaglagam accident in Anjaw district on 8 December 2025, expressed concern for public safety and advised the Home Minister to direct the district police to closely monitor the movement of vehicles during night hours as a precautionary measure. The Governor also recommended prompt action to deter constructions by illegal immigrants, who are trying to make inroads into the State.

Pema Khandu Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, responding to media queries on the illegal influx of Bangladeshis said that state government is introducing a digital Inner Line Permit (ILP) system to replace the existing paper-based mechanism. He said a team of officials has completed its research and will soon place the proposal before the Assembly for approval. The digital ILP system aims to strengthen monitoring and regulation of people entering the state. The CM said under the new system, employers bringing in workers will be accountable, with all worker details recorded on a digital portal. After completion of work, employers must provide details and ensure the workers are sent back. Mr Khandu said a proposal to amend the BEFR Act has been submitted and is awaiting the Advocate General's approval. He added that Deputy Commissioners have already been instructed, through the Chief Secretary, to demolish illegal mosques.

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein chaired a comprehensive review meeting on the Kalai-II HEP (1200 MW) of Anjaw district which is one of the viable Hydropower projects in the State. He reviewed key issues related to environment & forest clearances, land acquisition & R&R and wildlife conservation. The DCM directed concerned agencies to expedite clearances and fast-track construction of power arrangements, including the 132 kV Tezu-Halaipani transmission line, to avoid delays.

Pasang Dorjee Sona Arunachal Pradesh Tourism Minister launched the state Tourism's new brand campaign "Take a New Turn in Arunachal", a fresh narrative that invites travellers to look beyond sights and discover stories, people, and experiences that truly define of the state. Built on the identity "Beyond Myths and Mountains", the campaign highlights destinations like Tawang, Ziro, Anini, Namsai, Dong and Mechukha — showcasing spiritual heritage, indigenous cultures, adventure, and nature through authentic human connections. Tourism Minister said with strong growth in tourist footfall and a renewed focus on connectivity, infrastructure, and experiential tourism, Arunachal Pradesh is steadily emerging as one of India's most sought-after and meaningful travel destinations.

The Arunachal Press Club (APC) placed a three-point charter of demands before Chief Minister Pema Khandu. APC president Amar Sangno said the demands included the long-pending implementation of a working journalists' pension scheme. The other demands included issuance of instructions to DCs & district administrations to cooperate with district press clubs in sharing information & routing official communication through them, and allotment of office space, land or infrastructure for district press clubs. Mr Sangno said the Chief Minister responded positively and assured that the demands would be looked into. Earlier, CM Pema Khandu interacted with APC, APUWJ and district press clubs, saying the media plays a vital role as a bridge between the government and the people.

The District & Sessions Court, Yupia (Papum Pare District), Arunachal Pradesh, has issued an official advertisement inviting online applications from eligible Indian citizens for 25 vacant posts in various subordinate court establishments under the Gauhati High Court, Itanagar Permanent Bench. Applications are open till 05 February 2026.

The Supreme Court has ruled that candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC) and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) are eligible for appointment to general category posts if they secure the cutoff marks fixed for the general category.

An awareness programme on the PM Vishwakarma Scheme was organised by the Department of Industries, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, in collaboration with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium

enterprises and Niumhi Foundation at the Town Club Hall, Namsai district. The programme was conducted with the objective of creating awareness among local artisans, entrepreneurs, and beneficiaries about various MSME schemes and support systems. An Udyam registration and QR code generation desk was also set up at the venue to facilitate on-the-spot registration of beneficiaries.

Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Oyan, of East Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh, has been selected for the Grand Finale of Big Bang 2026 among 162 projects from more than 700 entries nationwide. It is the only school from North East India. Rubu Daniel of Class VIII presented the innovative "Aerobic Composter" project. The grand finale will be held at Coimbatore from 24-25 January.

That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar