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Union Minister Kiren Ri-ji-ju said the Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) will ensure guaranteed livelihood opportunities and jobs for villagers, aligning with the BJP’s vision to improve the lives of common people. Mr Ri-ji-ju added that the VB-G RAM G will create assured employment beyond agriculture and focus on rural infrastructure and civic amenities. If any eligible villager fails to get work, the state government will provide compensation with penalty, ensuring accountability.

A coordination meeting was held regarding the demarcation of boundary area for the Namsai Nagar Palika at DC’s Conference Hall, attended by Deputy CM Chowna Mein. He said, as Namsai is fast emerging as an urban town, there is a pressing need to systematically provide basic civic services such as roads, sanitation, water supply, street lighting and market facilities to the town dwellers. Mr Mein sought the cooperation of all stakeholders to work collectively towards developing Namsai into a model town.

State Minister for Rural Works P D Sona chaired a Circle-level review meeting of Miao and Namsai Circles at Namsai district, taking stock of the progress of PMGSY and VVP projects under the Rural Works Department. During the meeting, a project-wise assessment, key issues review on the ground, and dis-cussion on timelines to ensure quality execution and timely completion of road works, were undertaken. Previously, Mr Sona also chaired similar meeting at Likhabali, Lower Siang district. A detailed project-wise review of road and infrastructure works across Leparada, Lower Siang, West Siang, Siang, East Siang and Upper Siang were presented. Minister Sona emphasised that quality and timelines must go hand in hand, and directed all stakeholders to remain fully accountable and committed on the ground, as most PMGSY works are expected to be completed by March 2026. In addition, focused dis-cussions were held with the engineers and contractors to address bottlenecks and ensure smoother execution.

The newly elected Pasighat Municipal Council began its tenure with an inaugural meeting held at the PMC office. Tagom Padung assumed charge as Chief Councillor, while Kamin Lego took charge as Deputy Chief Councillor. The meeting focused on coordination, roles and responsibilities, and future municipal governance. Speaking to the media, the Pasighat

MLA, T Darang called for equitable distribution of development funds across all wards and collective functioning of councillors. He also proposed a comprehensive drainage plan and an alternate steel footbridge near Sibokorong. Newly elected councillors from various wards attended the session, along with the Pasighat DC Sonalika Jiwani and the Superintendent of Police, Pankaj Lamba.

IGP (Operations) Apur Bitin inaugurated Arunachal's first nature walk-cum-children's park inside a police establishment at 1<sup>st</sup> IRBN Headquarter Nam-sang-mukh in Tirap district. The park promotes green living, family bonding, wellness, and sustainable development for officers, jawans, and families. He also inaugurated welfare assets including wet and dry canteens, gym hall, mess-cum-dining hall, multipurpose hall, and obstacle training facility inaugurated to enhance nutrition, fitness, preparedness, morale, and overall quality of life at the battalion headquarters.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) has decided that all candidates scheduled to appear for JEE (Main) 2026 Session 1 examination in West Bengal on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 will be allotted another date of examination among the advertised dates. The decision was taken in view of the Saraswati Puja celebrations in the state on 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month. NTA has advised candidates to e-mail at [jeemain@nta.ac.in](mailto:jeemain@nta.ac.in), or call at 011-40759000 for any query.

For the first time, eyed ova of Rainbow Trout are being hatched on a pilot basis at the Integrated Aquapark at Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh, a major step forward in cold-water fisheries and aquaculture innovation.

This milestone is part of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), under which the Department of Fisheries has approved the development of 11 Integrated Aquaparks across various States with a total sanctioned cost of 682.60 crore rupees.

Arunachal Saaras Fair 2026 was inaugurated by state Minister of RD & Panchayati Raj Ojing Tasing at DK Convention Centre, Itanagar. Women SHGs from 25 districts of the state, along with groups from West Bengal, Nagaland and Manipur are participating. Open till 25 January, it will showcase handmade goods, delicacies and culture. The festival will also feature K-pop dances, Cosplay, traditional perf, pet shows, Mother Kitchens from Arunachal & Sikkim.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Arunachal Pineapple Festival at Bagra, West Siang district is underway from today till 18 January 2026. It is being organized under the aegis of the Department of Horticulture in collaboration with All Bagra Welfare Society. The goal of the festival is to encourage Pineapple farmers, processors & Suppliers and inform major buyers and consumers about quality of "Bagra Pineapple".