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President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has arrived in New Delhi this evening. This is his third official visit to India since assuming office as President of the UAE. On his arrival, he was received by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. His visit is expected to provide an opportunity for the two leaders to further advance and chart new frontiers for the India-UAE comprehensive strategic partnership and exchange views on regional and global issues of mutual interest.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and MoS Education Jayant Chaudhary inaugurated the maiden India Skills Regional Competition 2025–26 for North Eastern states at Guwahati University campus in Assam today. Altogether 162 youth contestants from eight NE states will compete with each other in 26 skills in the four-day event. Candidates who will qualify district, state, regional and national level will be selected to represent India at World Skills Competition to be held at Shanghai, China on 22nd to 27th September this year.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav on Monday chaired 88th meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife in New Delhi. During the meeting, the standing committee considered 70 proposals related to public utility services, defence requirements, and infrastructure development located in and around Protected Areas, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves and Eco-Sensitive Zones. The standing committee also considered 17 defence-related proposals, related to strategic infrastructure in border and high-altitude areas.

Defence Ministry said around 10 thousand special guests have been invited to witness the 77th Republic Day Parade at Kartavya Path in New Delhi this year. The guests include those who have carried out exemplary work in income and employment generation, best innovators, start-ups, self-help groups and best performers under various government initiatives.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi extends his wishes on the occasion of Raising Day of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) today.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu and Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein have also extended their greetings and paid tribute to NDRF.

As part of 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day celebrations, painting and essay writing competitions were held at Lok Bhavan in Itanagar today. State Governor Lt. General (retired) KT Parnaik initiated the competitions to engage the youth in meaningful participation in National Day celebration. Students from various schools including Donyi Polo Mission School for the Hearing and Visually Impaired, Chimpu, and Oju Mission, Naharlagun have participated in it.

Arunachal Pradesh, for the first time, has participated in Indian National Mathematical Olympiad (INMO) 2026 at University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) in Ri-Bhoi district. Six students from Rama Krishna Sharda Mission Girls' School, Khonsa and one from Vivekananda Kendra Vidhyalaya, Tezu have represented the state yesterday. Chief Minister Pema Khandu, in his social media post said, "This historic participation will inspire a strong mathematical culture, sharpen problem-solving and logical thinking skills, and encourage more students to aim for national and international excellence in mathematics."

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein has stated that Pangsau Pass International Festival 2026 (PPIF) will begin on January 20<sup>th</sup> at Nampong in Changlang district along Indo-Myanmar international border. The three-day PPIF will celebrate the region's rich cultural heritage while promoting cross-border friendship, tourism, and people-to-people ties. The festival will also hold 80<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Celebration of the end of World War II, honouring sacrifices made during the World War II and construction of historic Stilwell Road.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar forecast that West Kameng and Kurung Kumey districts in Arunachal Pradesh will receive rainfall and thunderstorm at isolated places. While, Upper Subansiri, Upper Siang and Shi Yomi districts will receive rainfall and snowfall at higher reaches.

RWD Minister Pasang Dorjee Sona chaired a circle-level review meeting of Yachuli circle today to assess the progress of PMGSY & VVP Road Projects. During the meeting, all concerned departments were directed to diligently work and maintain effective coordination with contractors to ensure timely execution and quality completion of all works.

In Women's Premier League, WPL Cricket, Royal Challengers Bengaluru take on Gujarat Giants in the first clash of the Vadodara leg. The match began at 7:30 PM.

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