

## **REGIONAL NEWS UNIT, ITANAGAR**

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The Supreme Court today strongly objected to a plea filed by AIIMS seeking to set aside its earlier order that permitted a 15-year-old girl to medically terminate her 30-week pregnancy. The court also asked the Centre to consider amending the law to allow rape survivors to terminate unwanted pregnancies even beyond 20 weeks. The court stressed that law must remain organic and aligned with changing times. The court underlined that the final decision must rest with the person concerned.

Arunachal Pradesh's Chera Loku representing India, won a silver medal at the 5th World Taijiquan Championships, held in Burgas, Bulgaria. Additionally, Mepung Lamgu also secured an impressive 5th position, showcasing the rising strength and potential of the state's athletes at the international level.

Tenzing Norbu Thongdok, Member of the Northeastern Council, who is on a two-day tour of East Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh, visited project sites in Pasighat, Ruksin, and Mebo subdivisions. At Mikong village, he attended inaugural programme of the Common Facility Centre built under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region scheme and urged villagers to use online services. He also inspected the 14-km Mirem-Mikong-Jonai Road funded by NEC. In a review meeting, he stressed timely submission of Utilisation Certificates and Project Completion Reports. He assured NEC will fund new projects and advised engineers to propose smaller, essential projects.

Department of Youth Affairs in Collaboration with Arunachal State Council for Science and Technology are organising 'Arunachal Science League' a working model making competition on 17th July 2026 at Arunachal Pradesh Science Centre, Itanagar. It is aimed at fostering innovation among youth through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields. The 2026 edition, themed "STEM for Vikasit & Atmanirbhar Bharat," invites participants to create impactful solutions in sustainable agriculture, green energy, and emerging technologies, with a total prize pool of Rupees 3,30,000. Registration will be open from 1st May to 30th May 2026. The Competition will be held under two categories- 15 to 21 years for Junior, and 22 to 29 years for Seniors.

India Post Payments Bank today announced the launch of its Self-Help Group Savings Account, a dedicated offering aimed at advancing financial inclusion and empowering women-led SHGs across rural India. Its features include no minimum initial deposit requirement, no monthly average balance requirement, a maximum balance limit of two lakh rupees, no account closure charges and no QR card issuance charges.

The Election Commission has introduced a QR code-based Photo Identity Card system through its ECINET platform to eliminate the possibility of any unauthorized person entering counting centres. The poll body has said that the initiative will come into effect from the 4th of May, during the counting of votes for assembly polls in Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry, along with by-elections in seven Assembly Constituencies across five states. According to the Commission, the QR code-based verification will be a crucial layer in a newly implemented three-tier security system.

The newly elected team of the Adi Students' Union, led by Vice President Duting Jamoh, extended a humanitarian gesture by donating edible items along with cash assistance to Deepak Nabam Living home in Senki View, Itanagar today. Speaking on the occasion, ASU members emphasized the importance of standing in solidarity with those facing hardships and reaffirmed their dedication to serving society beyond student-related issues. The gesture was appreciated and lauded by locals.

As part of ongoing anti-drug efforts in East Siang district, the Mebo Dolung Drugs Mimak Team and East Siang police held a day-long drug abuse awareness program at Mebo community hall. Under Operation Dawn-2.0 with the theme 'Healthy village under localization of sustainable development goal', SP Pankaj Lamba leads a trained anti-drug squad. He urged parents to monitor children. Meanwhile, Dr Oson Borang cited drug harm to youth, families, society, advising elders to guide youth, along with suggesting young students to limit excessive mobile use.

The government has debunked the contents of a video purportedly showing Prime Minister Narendra Modi promising that school-going children will receive free recharges on their mobiles. The Press Information Bureau's Fact Check Unit stated that the claim is fake and the viral video was created by artificial intelligence (AI). The government has advised everyone to verify such information only through the official website <http://myscheme.gov.in>.

Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecast Orange Alert thunderstorm and lightning with heavy rainfall very likely likely at isolated places of Papumpare, East Siang and Lower Dibang districts of Arunachal Pradesh. Additionally, it also predicted Yellow Alert of thunderstorm and lightning with heavy rain at isolated places of Lower Subansiri, Lower Siang, Upper Siang, Lohit, Namsai, Changlang, and Tirap districts, and only heavy rain in Anjaw district.

**That is all in this News Bulletin, Namaskar.**