

## **REGIONAL NEWS UNIT, ITANAGAR**

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A group of artisans and weavers from the North Eastern States today called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. During the interaction, artisans and weavers shared their experience of working for the 'At Home' Reception at Rashtrapati Bhavan and expressed gratitude for providing them a platform to showcase their talents. Addressing the artisans, President Murmu emphasized the need to provide support for artisans and weavers so that their artistic knowledge reaches as many people as possible and they can become self-reliant. The President commended the artisans and weavers for preserving and protecting the cultural heritage. She said that the artisans and weavers are the shining example of the living heritage of the nation and urged them to pass on these invaluable traditions to the younger generation.

The third India-Nordic Summit began in Norwegian capital, Oslo today. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with the Prime Ministers of Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Denmark and Finland, is participating in the Summit at the Oslo City Hall. The areas in focus are tech and innovation, sustainability, renewable energy and digitization. With Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement, TEPA, in force since October 2025, the summit will try to forge deeper trade and investment linkages. India's bilateral trade with this block is currently at 19 billion dollars. This summit will help expand India's multifaceted cooperation with the region. It will also provide an opportunity to exchange views on global and regional issues of mutual interest. Before the Summit PM Modi held bilateral meetings with PM of Iceland, Ms. Kristrun Frosadottir, PM of Finland, Mr. Petteri Orpo and PM of Denmark, Ms. Mette Frederiksen.

Governor Lt Gen KT Parnaik (Retd.) has called for greater augmentation of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the State, while stating that MSMEs can become a strong pillar of Arunachal Pradesh's socio-economic development. Interacting with MD & CEO of Ishan International, Santanu Srivastava, who leads strategic partnerships with State and Central governments in empowering MSMEs in India, at New Delhi today, the Governor said Arunachal Pradesh, with its rich natural resources, tribal crafts, organic farming potential, forest produce, tourism opportunities, and unique cultural heritage, offers immense scope for entrepreneurship and local enterprise development. He highlighted that

MSMEs can generate sustainable livelihood opportunities for youth, women, artisans, farmers, and self-help groups. The Governor emphasized that with better infrastructure, financial support, skill development, market connectivity, and digital access, MSMEs can drive inclusive growth, strengthen the rural economy, and contribute to the vision of Atmanirbhar Arunachal and Viksit Bharat.

Chief Electoral Officer, Pawan Kumar Sain today convened a State-level coordination meeting with representatives of political parties at Nirvachan Bhawan. The proceedings were attended by the Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Liken Koyu and the Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Shania Kayem Mize. The meeting was held in continuation of the previous meeting on the preparedness for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls, conducted on 16th September 2025, and formed part of the recently announced Phase-III activities of the Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls.

Minister for Education, PD Sona today chaired the 9th Council Meeting of Arunachal Pradesh State Higher Education Council at Itanagar, to review higher education reforms and ongoing infrastructure development across Arunachal Pradesh. Sharing details of the meeting in a social media post, the Minister informed that the meeting assessed progress under RUSA 1.0, RUSA 2.0 and PM-USHA, with most projects completed or nearing completion, and reiterated key priorities i.e., updating Institutional Development Plans, securing Land Possession Certificates for all institutions, and preparing institution-wise roadmaps aligned with NEP 2020. He further informed that the Council also emphasised NAAC accreditation, skill-based courses, curriculum restructuring, and stronger innovation and research culture.

The District Administration, Tawang today successfully organized Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0 at Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya, Sazo under Lungla Circle, benefiting residents from Sazo, Poito, Dugumba, Kungba, and adjoining villages. A total of 20 government departments participated in the camp, providing a wide range of essential public services and awareness programmes. Key services included Aadhaar enrolment, Jan Sunvai, awareness on government welfare schemes, free health check-ups, veterinary services, registrations under AB-PMJAY and E-Shram, among others. Altogether, 380 villagers benefited from the camp.

Under Project Purisa, Eingko Foundation today conducted a story reading session at its Office-cum-Library at Lempia, Ziro. While addressing the gathering, Founder of Eingko Foundation, Tage Onia highlighted the aims and objectives of the programme. She informed that the story reading session was organised to inculcate reading habits among school children, as nowadays many children are becoming more dependent on the internet and mobile phones and gradually moving away from reading books.

India's squads for a one-off Test and three ODIs against Afghanistan was announced today. Prince Yadav got his maiden call-up in ODI team featuring Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma. KL Rahul was named Test vice-captain in place of Rishabh Pant. Ace pacer Jasprit Bumrah rested from both series. The series will begin with the Test match on June 6 in New Chandigarh, followed by three ODIs in Dharamsala, Lucknow and Chennai.

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