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This daily greets its esteemed readers, advertisers and well-wishers on auspicious occasion of Christmas on December 25 (Wednesday). The news desk and press will remain closed for the day. Thus, there will be no issue on December 26 (Thursday) - Editor

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Governor's greetings

ITANAGAR, Dec 24: Governor Lt. General (Retd) K. T. Parnaik has greeted Arunachal Pradesh people on the auspicious Christmas and hope that the festivity would bring peace, love, and serenity to the humanity.

May this Christmas guide and inspire us to lead a life of compassion, empathy and peace, the governor wished in his message.

The governor also greeted on Good Governance Day, which commemorates birth anniversary of former Prime Minister late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a Bharat Ratna awardee and hoped that the occasion would inspire greater awareness among citizens about transparency, accountability and responsive governance.

On this occasion, I join my beloved state people in paying tribute to the great nation-builder Vajpayee ji and reaffirm commitment to his ideals of good governance, he wished in his message. (PRO)

Vajpayee birth centenary celebrated: BJP

NAMSAL, Dec 24: Namsai district BJP celebrated birth centenary of former Prime Minister late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a Bharat Ratna awardee, at a function here on Tuesday to salute his exemplary leadership, visionary contributions and enduring legacy in Indian politics and governance.

The celebration included an exhibition showcasing Vajpayee's remarkable journey and his pivotal role in nation-building.

and felicitated the newly elected BJP Namsai District President Ong Maio, Mandal Presidents Kyasing Mounklang, Wijikta Namchoom, and Woisan Mannow, along with Mandal Pratinidhis Bonteang Manyu, Mahajini Chowpoo, and Robin Boruah.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, addressing as chief guest, stressing on vital role of all new party office bearers urged them to strengthen the party at the grassroots level and prepare for the ensuing PRI elections.

Recalling Vajpayee's legacy, Mein highlighted the significance of Good Governance Day, annually observed on December 25 to honor his birthday. He

AALO, Dec 24: Chief Minister Pema Khandu exhorted people of Arunachal Pradesh to unit for state building by toeing Pan-Arunachal spirit after inaugurating the PHE&WS chief engineer (Central Zone) office at Bene village in West Siang district on Monday.

Making a fervent plea to Ato Paktu Ao clan to remain united for development of the area while attending 18th foundation day of All Ato Paktu Ao Welfare Society at Paktu Heritage centre here, he expressed concern on rising drug abuse among the youth and called for conscious steeps to end the menace.

The CM, who inaugurated motorable mridge over Siyom River to connect Paya village, motorable bridge over Siyom River at Bene vilage and Bene Govt upper primary school building, also attended a function of RK Mission School.

Addressing the thanks giving party of Aalo West MLA Topin Ete later,



Khandu assured all possible help for overall development of the Constituency. Informing that five bridges over various rivers to connect villages have been approved, he reiterated his appeal to the people to work in unison to accelerate development of the state

A meeting of all DCs, mentor secretary and guardian ministers has been

proposed in January next at Itanagar to review development process and work out strategy all-round growth, he disclosed and sought support of the masses to eradicate tuberculosis for a Mukht Arunachal Pradesh.

The Aalo Zonal Hospital of will be named after late MLA Boken Ete, architect of modern Aalo, who was a visionary first generation leader of Aalo of present

Along, he said to the applause of the gathering informed.

Ministers Mama Natung (Home & PHE&WS), Pasang Dorjee Sona (Education, RWD & Tourism), Biyuram Wahge (HFW) and Nyato Dukam (Commerce & Industries) also spoke.

Deputy Speaker Kardo Nygyor, MLAs, DC Mamu Hage, SSP Tumme Amo and HoDs were present. (DIPRO)

Gol: Keep close watch on foreigners' activities

NEW DELHI, Dec 24: The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) has asked police and security agencies to "keep a close watch on the activities of the foreigners visiting Nagaland, Mizoram and Manipur."

In a circular sent on December 17 to chief secretaries of

these three states bordering Myanmar, the MoHA said that state Govts "shall take necessary action to strengthen their mechanism to monitor the activities of foreigners". It also said that Protected Area Permits would be issued online through Centre's portal. (Agency)

Illegal brick kilns make Balasore most polluted city, 2nd after Delhi

BHUBANESWAR, Dec 24: Balasore faces severe air pollution due to illegal brick kilns, second only to New Delhi. Local mafias exploit government lands, despite risks and official claims of action.

Air pollution in Odisha's Balasore is giving a tough competition to Delhi, thanks to dozens of illegal brick kilns operating in the district backed by local mafias, who are exploiting Govt lands and riverbeds.

The proliferation of these brick kilns is majorly deteriorating the air quality in the district, with inhabitants facing serious health risks from smoke and dust. Promises of stringent action by local administration have gone in vain. Despite offi-

cial claims of intolerance towards these unlawful activities, data obtained through Right to Information Act reveal that only two out of 162 kilns have been granted permission, but rest are functioning illegally. Inhabitants of areas including Remuna and Dahapada are vocal about their concerns but remain hesitant to challenge kiln operators due to alleged fears of open retribution.

They have left no sand and valuable mud in our area. They engage vehicles to take away the natural resources from the village at night. Despite repeated complaints, no one dares to bat an eyelid as powerful people are behind the brick-kilns. Anyone dares to question them, Contd. P.3

New plant species found in Arunachal

By A O News Service
ITANAGAR, Dec 24: A new plant species - *Aeschynanthus chayangtajuensis* -, has been discovered in Arunachal Pradesh and officially published in the prestigious journal Phytotaxa.

The species is named after Chayang Tajo, one of the most remote and oldest in the state, located 81-km from East Kameng district HQs Seppa. This village situated on a picturesque hilltop overseeing the Himalayas from where Kameng River, known as Bharali in Assam, has originated from the Himalayas.

The identification of *Aeschynanthus chayangtajuensis* underscores this Himalayan state's growing prominence in global scientific community and reinforces the importance of preserving India's northeastern natural heritage.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on X wrote: Thrilled to share that our paper has been published in the prestigious international journal of taxonomy, Phytotaxa! The newly discovered species, *Aeschynanthus chayangtajuensis*, is named



after its place of discovery—Chayang Tajo, one of the oldest and most remote villages in Arunachal Pradesh. This is a proud moment for Arunachal Pradesh, as the species epithet honors the unique biodiversity and the rich heritage of our region.

Chayang Tajo, selected under the Vibrant Village Programme, exemplifies the

Gol's commitment to identifying and developing economic drivers based on local, natural and human resources in border villages along India's northern frontier. This achievement highlights the importance of Arunachal Pradesh as a hub of biodiversity and development. Let us continue to protect and celebrate our natural heritage!

Poachers nabbed from DEWS

PASIGHAT, Dec 24: Three poachers were arrested from Doyang Ering Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary (DEMWS) recently as part of proactive initiative to protect and conserve endangered wildlife species of the sanctuary.

Based on reliable sources, a team led by Borguli Range forest officer CK Chowpoo under the supervision of DFO Kenpi Ete swung into action on learning that three huneters had entered DEMWS and hunted a deer, protected under Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.

The trio, namely Joni

Perme, Mibom Perme and Doping Tayeng, all from Borguli village under Mebo subdivision, had reached by a machine boat for fishing but killed a deer using a single barrel gun in an isolated pocket.

They were arrested after registering a case u/s 9, 27, 31 and 51 of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 and 25 1(B) of Arms act, 1959 at Mebo police station and all seized items were handed over to police.

Expressing dismay that despite continuous efforts by the authorities to gain

confidence of all residents of 18 fringe villages to protect wildlife, such hunting by few vested persons spoil all conservation efforts, Ete said that stringent action would be taken against the hunters.

It may be mentioned here that the DEMWS is the only grassland dominated sanctuary in the state with riverine islands and home to many endangered wildlife species like, wildwater buffalo, Gangetic dolphin, migratory birds and critically endangered Bengal florican. (DIPRO)

Free legal awareness for parents of CWSN held

PASIGHAT, Dec 24: A free legal awareness was organized by East Siang District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) in collaboration with H-Spring Foundation (HSF, Spring Child Development Centre) under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) for parents of children with special needs (CWSN), their parents and caregivers.

It intended to empower parents of CWSN by educating them about their legal rights, entitlements and available support systems, including welfare schemes, legal protections and avenues for accessing justice to ensure that they are well-informed to advocate for well-being and future of their children.

Resource persons advocates Dobuk Gao and Sunny

Tayeng, in their addresses, encouraged them to actively engage in discussions to make informed decisions about their children's education, healthcare and welfare. Gao highlighted rights of CWSN under various national laws, like Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act, 2016 & Right to Education Act, 2009, besides Govt schemes, like National Trust Act for welfare of persons with autism, cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities & multiple disabilities and how to avail various benefits like disability certificates, financial support and education.

Tayeng spoke on provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO)

Act, 2012.

DLSA members elaborated on free legal aid services available and how to get them. The legal experts discussed importance of inclusive education and vocational training and explained legal provisions to avail educational opportunities like others.

Parents raised their concerns with questions on rights to education, finance and healthcare during the interactive questions & answers session when experts responded to their satisfaction.

HSF chairperson Dr. Oimang Megu earlier stressed on the need of legal awareness for parents of CWSN. The event ended with a resolve to advocate for the rights and well-being of CWSN. (DIPRO)

APU supports TB patients under Nikshay Mitra Prog

PASIGHAT, Dec 24: Arunachal Pradesh University (APU) assistant Prof-cum- outreach activity coordinator Dr. Menuka Kadu with faculty members Dr. Terbi Loyi, Obinam Libang, Ngurang Mana and Likha Rinchi conducted a door-

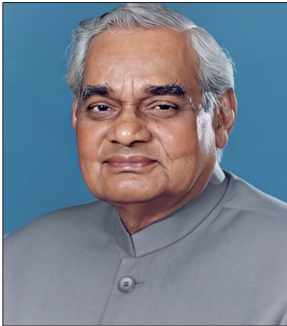
to-door visit and delivered nutrition baskets to five TB patients it had adopted under Nikshay Mitra programme.

This initiative is a reflection of its strong commitment to addressing public health challenges and support vul-

nerable communities. The baskets, containing essential nutritional items, are designed to aid the patients, who have confined to their homes due to their illness, in meeting their dietary requirements and accelerate their recovery process.

A tribute to Atal Ji, the statesman who shaped India with his vision and resolve

By Prime Minister Narendra Modi



Today, December 25 is a very special day for all of us. Our nation marks 100th Jayanti of our beloved former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He stands tall as a statesman who continues to inspire countless people.

Our nation will always be grateful to Atal Ji for being the architect of India's transition into the 21st century. When he took oath as PM in 1998 our nation had passed through a period of political instability. In about 9 years we had seen 4 Lok Sabha elections. The people of India were getting impatient and skeptical about Govts being able to deliver. It was Atal Ji who turned this tide by providing stable and effective governance. Coming from humble roots, he realised the struggles of the masses and the transformative power of effective governance.

One can see the long-

term impact of Atal Ji's leadership in so many sectors around us. His era marked a gigantic leap in the world of IT, telecom and communications. This was particularly important for a nation like ours, which is also blessed with a very dynamic youth power. The NDA Govt under Atal Ji made first serious attempt to make technology accessible to common citizens.

Similarly, with his foresight to connect India, he had initiated the Golden Quadrilateral Project, which connected length and breadth of India. Equally notable were the Vajpayee Govt's efforts to enhance local connectivity through

initiatives, like Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, metro connectivity by doing extensive work for Delhi Metro, which stands out as a world-class infrastructure project. Thus, the Vajpayee Govt not only boosted economic growth but also brought distant regions closer, fostering unity and integration.

When it comes to the social sector, an initiative like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan highlights how Atal Ji dreamt of building an India where modern education is accessible to people across the nation, particularly the poor and marginalised sections. His Govt initiated many economic reforms

which set the stage for India's economic surge after several decades of following an economic philosophy which encouraged cronyism and stagnation.

A wonderful example of Vajpayee Ji's leadership can be seen in 1998 summer. His Govt had just assumed office and on May 11, India conducted Pokhran (nuclear) tests, known as Operation Shakti. These tests exemplified the prowess of India's scientific community. The world was stunned that India had done the tests and expressed their anger in no uncertain terms. Any ordinary leader would have buckled, but Contd. P.3

Centre's air quality panel revokes curbs under GRAP Stage IV in Delhi-NCR

NEW DELHI, Dec 24: The Centre’s panel on Delhi-NCR’s air quality on Tuesday revoked Stage IV curbs under the Graded Response Action Plan amid a dip in pollution levels, according to an official order.

Delhi’s air pollution levels showed a declining trend on Tuesday and the 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) stood at 369 at 4 pm.

According to forecasts from the India Meteorological Department and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, the air quality situation is predicted to improve further, owing to favourable meteorological conditions.

Stage IV curbs under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) include a ban on all construction activities, entry of non-essential polluting trucks into Delhi, and mandatory shifting of school classes, except for classes 10 and 12, to hybrid mode. (Agency)

Illegal brick kilns make...

From P.I... they give bribe and shut down cases,” a local SK Hanan alleged.,

“Not even one single brick-kiln owner has proper documents or permission from the Govt. Almost everyone is doing it illegally. Authorities just take royalty and sit idle when we lodge any complaint.” another local Harish Kumar Jena alleged,

Huge fine of Rs 1.30 crore was collected from operators in Remuna tehsil due to unlawful stockpiling of materials during 2023-2024 fiscal, as per report. However, the ongoing illegal extraction from Govt and riverine land continues unabated without any intervention.

Residents, caught in a haze of dust and pollutants from these operations, are hapless as any attempts to voice opposition is stifled by the looming menace of the mafias.

When contacted, Dahapada sarpanch Pranati Jena said, “More than 15-20 illegal brick kilns are operating in our panchayat. They are not adhering to any Govt guidelines. I’m sure there is political pressure on authorities who do not take any timely action.”

“We have written a letter to State Pollution Control Board here to give information on how many brick-kilns have been given environmental clearance. We will take action accordingly. Our first priority will be to take action against those who are operating brick-kilns by encroaching Govt lands. We will send a notice first to all illegal brick-kiln owners. Strict action will be taken if they do not comply with the notice,” Balasore sub-collector Prathamesh Arvind Rajeshirke informed.(OTV)

A tribute to Atal Ji...

From P.I... Atal Ji was made differently.

And what happened? India stood firm and resolute with the Govt calling for another set of tests two days later on May13! If the tests of the 11th showed scientific skill, the ones on 13 showed true leadership. It was a message to the world that gone was the days when India would buckle under threats or pressure. Despite facing international sanctions, the then NDA Govt of Vajpayee Ji stood firm, articulating India’s right to safeguard its sovereignty while simultaneously being the strongest proponent of world peace.

Atal Ji understood Indian democracy and also the need to make it stronger. He presided over the creation of the NDA, which redefined coalitions in Indian politics. He brought people together and made NDA a force for development, national progress and regional ambitions. His parliamentary brilliance was seen throughout his political journey. He belonged to a party with a handful of MPs but his words were enough to rattle the might of the then all-powerful Congress Party. As PM, he blunted the criticisms of the Opposition with style and substance. His had a career spent largely in Opposition benches but never carried any trace of bitterness against anyone, even though the Congress stooped to new lows by going to the extent of calling him a traitor!

He was also not one to cling on to power through opportunistic means. He preferred to resign in 1996 instead of following the path of horse-trading and dirty politics. In 1999, his Govt was defeated by one vote. A lot of people told him to challenge the immoral politics happening then, but he preferred to go by the rules. Eventually, he came back with another resounding mandate from the people.

When it comes to commitment to protecting our Constitution too, Atal Ji stands tall. He was deeply impacted by the martyrdom of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. Years later, he was a pillar of anti-Emergency movement. In the run-up to 1977 elections after the Emergency, he agreed to merger of his own Party (Jan Sangh) with Janata Party. I am sure it would have been a painful decision but for him, and the others, but safeguarding the Constitution was all that mattered.

It is also noteworthy how deeply rooted Atal Ji was in Indian culture. Upon becoming India’s External Affairs Minister, he became the first Indian leader to speak in Hindi at the United Nations. This one gesture showcased his immense pride in India’s heritage and identity, leaving an indelible mark on the global stage.

Atal Ji’s persona was magnetic and his life was enriched by his love for literature and expression. A prolific writer and poet, he used words to inspire, provoke thought and even offer solace. His poetry, often reflective of his inner struggles and hopes for the nation, continues to resonate with people across age groups.

For so many Bharatiya Janata Party workers like me, it is our privilege that we were able to learn and interact with a person like Atal Ji. His contribution to the BJP was foundational. In those days to spearhead an alternative narrative to the dominant Congress showed his greatness. Alongside stalwarts like L.K. Advani Ji and Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi Ji, he nurtured the party from its formative years, guiding it through challenges, setbacks and triumphs. Whenever the choice came between ideology and power, he always chose the former. He was able to convince the nation that an alternative world view from the Congress was possible and such a world view could deliver.

On his 100th Jayanti, let us rededicate ourselves to realising his ideals and fulfilling his vision for India. Let us strive to build an India that embodies his principles of good governance, unity, and progress. Atal Ji’s unwavering belief in the potential of our nation continues to inspire us to aim higher and work harder. (PIB)

From diversity to unity: Manipur Police recruits ready to serve together

DERGAON (Assam), Dec 24: From breaking bread together to sharing light moments after a hard day in the field, 2,000-odd newly recruited Manipur Police personnel from various communities mingled freely and made good memories during their year-long rigorous training in Assam.

They will now return to their ethnic trouble-hit state with the message of peace and love.

A total of 1,946 recruits of Manipur Police from Meitei, Kuki, Naga, Muslim and other communities graduated from the Lachit Borphukan Police Academy here on Monday, strengthening the force in the violence-hit northeastern state.

The newly inducted personnel from different communities said in one voice that they undertook training like brothers since January this year and are now ready to serve Manipur together to spread the message of peace and love among the warring groups.

"We underwent training together here. The cadets comprised all communities living in Manipur including Meiteis, Kukis, Nagas, Muslims, Gorkhas and others," said S Premananda, a personnel from the Meitei community.

During their stay at the Assam Police academy here, the cadets underwent intense physical training together.

"At times, we used to get disturbing news from our parents and relatives. Once we return home, we will try to solve the problems together. We are all ready to do our duties and stay to-

gether in Manipur," Premananda said.

The young policeman said that the trainees used to discuss the problems faced by people back home.

"This ongoing ethnic conflict should be over as soon as possible," he added.

Another Meitei cadet, Chirom Shekharjit Singh, said the men in uniform ate, slept and bathed together, and there has been absolutely no hatred towards the fellow Kuki recruits, and the Meitei cadets also never faced any issue from them.

"There was absolutely no problem among the different communities during training here. There was no reflection of the problems back home on us during the training," he added.

Asked if he will serve with Kuki personnel once they return home from Assam, Singh said he does not know where he would be posted but he is ready to serve wherever the government sends him.

"We are ready to serve our state together," he stressed.

Echoing similar sentiments, a Kuki personnel from India Reserve Battalion, P Kipgen, said that recruits from all the communities have undergone training together and they will serve together once they return to Manipur.

"I am a Kuki from Kangpokpi district. We have undergone training with Meitei recruits and we had no issue at all. We had our drills together, had meals in the same dining hall and slept in the same barracks. There was no problem. I cannot say why

problems are happening in Manipur. I strongly believe there should be peace in our state," he added.

The intensive 44-week basic training course for the Manipur Police recruits commenced at the academy in January. The ethnic distribution of the recruits was diverse with 62 per cent Meiteis, 12 per cent Kukis and the remaining 26 per cent belonging to Naga and other tribes.

Attending the passing-out parade, Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh said all the newly recruited cadets, including those from Meitei and Kuki communities, will be posted together as a "team" in an attempt to bring back peace.

MM Zulkib Mughal, a Muslim cadet from Manipur, said that these personnel represented the entire state as the batch comprised people from all communities and they underwent training together.

"Here, we stayed as one unit and there was no problem between the Meitei and Kuki recruits. There was not even one fight between them. The situation in Manipur is also improving," he added.

Mughal expressed optimism that he along with his comrades in Manipur Police will try their best to help improve the situation further.

"We don't need such fights in our state. We should stay together and peace should return as soon as possible. The state's development will be halted if such clashes go on," he emphasised.

Modi Govt's governance reforms included scrapping of nearly 2,000 obsolete rules, says Jitendra Singh

NEW DELHI, Dec 24: Union Minister of State Jitendra Singh on Tuesday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government reforms included scrapping nearly 2,000 obsolete rules that had lost relevance with the passage of time and were, in fact, proving detrimental to ease of working and timely dis-

posal.

On the eve of Good Governance Day, which also marks the 100th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Jitendra Singh outlined key achievements and governance reforms brought about under Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership, according to an of-

ficial release by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

Addressing an engaged audience, Jitendra Singh emphasized the government’s commitment to transparency, innovation, and people-centric policies that have redefined the meaning of governance in India, the release stated.

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Itanagar-Bomdila	4.30 pm	Daily	350	420/-
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Itanagar-Dimapur	3.00 pm	Daily	460	460/-
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Itanagar-Aalo	6.00 am	Daily	325	420/-
Itanagar-Lilabari	3.30 pm	Daily(Except Sunday)	80	220/-
Itanagr-Bomdila	6.00 am	Alternate day (Except Thursday)	350	420/-
Itanagar-Jote	6 am &	Daily (Except Sunday)	30	60/-
	12 noon			
Naharlagun-Leporiang	7.00 am	Alternate day (Except Saturday)	145	240/-
Nlg-Pakke-Kessang	6.00 am	Alternate day (Except Sunday)	165	270/-
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Naharlagun-Balijan	1.00 pm	Daily(Except Sunday)	87	110/-
Naharlagun-Hawa camp	12 noon	Daily(Except Saturday)	78	120/-
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ARUNACHAL PRADESH

OFFICE OF THE ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

ITANAGAR.

No. APSCW/NCM/Estt-19/2021Dated Itanagar, the 24th Dec.2024.

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Letters of interest are invited from interested eminent women, committed to the cause of women with sufficient knowledge and experience in dealing with women's problem, in addition to having ability, integrity, intelligence, and standing and, having adequate knowledge and experience in dealing with problems, relating to safeguarding and promoting the interest of women, for the purpose of constitution of **the seventh constituent body of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, (APSCW) in the capacity of Chairperson (1 post), Vice Chairperson (1 Post) and Members (4 post)** of the APSCW, as vested under Section 5, Sub-section 2 and 5 of the APSCW Act 2002, the APSCW (Amendment) Act 2005, section 3, and as per present constituent strength, notified vide SWCD-52/2007 (WC) dated 14/12/2007. Minimum qualification solicited sound knowledge of the constitutional provisions and other human rights instruments, ratified by the country, and basic knowledge of laws of the land. The letter of interest to be submitted for filling up the seventh body of the APSCW is to be accompanied by information as per under mentioned particulars: - (In Block Letters).

1. Name

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2. Age

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(Copy of birth Certificate/age proof Certificate to be enclosed)

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3. Tribe Status

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(Certificate to be enclosed)

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4. Qualification as stated above

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(May mention any case/ cases related to women where your intervention has secured Justice/security for aggrieved women)

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5. Pass port size photograph

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2 copies (Latest)

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6. Present address

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7. Permanent address

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8. Experience

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(In the sphere of empowerment, justice and Development of women and any other Experience)

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Undersigned is interested to serve as.....

the grounds on which the letter of

interest is being tendered, in own hand

writing at the provided space)

Letter of interest should reach the office of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) office Itanagar 'C' Sector on or before 24th Jan.'2025 and no application will be accept or entertain after 24th Jan.2025.

Sd/- (Sangeeta Yirang) APCS

Member Secretary,

A.P. State Commission for Women,

Itanagar

DIPR/ARN/002036/2024

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER

SIANG DISTRICT::BOLENG::

NO. SD/MEST-2/NPHCE/2023-2024/952Dated Boleng, the 24th Dec 2024

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In pursuance to vide order No APRHM/2024/60 Dated Naharlaguan the 24th Sept 2024, invites applicants for selection of candidates for 2 (Two) posts of Multi Rehabilitation Worker one for CHC Pangin and another for CHC Rumgong under Siang district on contractual basis. Applicants are directed to collect the application forms from DMO Office Boleng by paying a fee of Rs. 100/- from 26th Dec, 2024 onwards during office working hours and last day for submission of application forms is on or before 5th January 2025 till 4 pm.

Selection Procedure: -

Selection will be done through a written test comprising of Elementary Mathematics (30 marks), General English (30 marks) and General Knowledge (40 marks). The venue / time of the examination will be given in the admit card.

No. of Seats: - 02 (CHC- Pangin and Rumgong)

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Qualification:

A) 10+2 or equivalent qualification

B) One and half year certificate course of Multi Rehabilitation Worker from a recognized institute.

C) Registered as Rehabilitation Personal under Rehabilitation Council of India Act 1992.

D) Desirable: At least 1 (One) year experience of working in a Hospital.

2. Age Limit: - 40 years as on 31/12/2024

3. Enclosed all the Class X and XII marksheet and pass certificate, 02 recent passport size photos and other mentioned above documents should be attested by gazette office or self-attested.

4. Date of scrutiny documents: 6th January 2025

5. Date of Issuing of Admit Card: 7th January 2025

6. Date of Written examination: 9th January 2025

Sd/- Sri P.N. Thungon

DC cum Chairman (DHS)

Siang District, Boleng

DIPR/ARN/002045/2024

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Notice Inviting Tender No: SFD/01 /2024/NIT/1987-94Dated Seppa, the 23rd December, 2024

Tender for Maintenance of Office Building and Quarter of Forest Department, Chayang Taio under East Kameng District

In reference to the guidelines and conditions specified in the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change's Sanction Order No. FOR/126/ACCTT/2024-25/19.855-60 Dated 27.11.2024, the Divisional Forest Officer, Seppa Forest Division, East Kameng District invites tender in sealed envelope from the registered and eligible Contractors of appropriate class as per the Arunachal Pradesh District Based Entrepreneurs and Professionals (Incentives, Development & Promotional) Act, 2015 with up-to-date Amendments and rules made therein for the following work:

District	Name of work and location	Expenditure Sanctioned for the Project in Final Phase	Earnest Money (Rs. in Lakhs)	Year	Date and time for receipt of application for issue of Tender Document / Tender Form	Date and Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Last date and time for submission of bids	Cost of Tender Document (non-refundable)	Place of availability of tender documents	Time and date of opening of Tender
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
East Kameng	Maintenance of Office Building and Quarter at Chayang Tajo under East Kameng district	Rs. 80.00 lakh (Eighty lakhs only)	For APST @ 1% (Rs 80000) For Non-APST @ 2% (Rs 1.60 Lakhs)	2024-25	24-12-2024 2.00 PM to 03-01-2025 2.00 PM	03.01.2025 11.00 am	03-01-2025 11.00 AM	Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five hundred only)	Accounts Assistant, Office of thee Divisional Forest Officer, Seppa, East Kameng District	03-01-2025 11.00 AM

The earnest money should be deposited with the tender documents in the appropriate form as prescribed in the relevant tender document. The tender documents shall be issued on production of valid registration certificate of appropriate class and on payment of cost of tender as mentioned above. It is compulsory for the Bidder, at his own cost, responsibility and risk to visit, examine and familiarize himself with the site of works and its surroundings including source of earth, water, road, aggregates, accessibility conditions etc, before submitting the bid. The bidder should also carefully study the Detailed Project Report (DPR) before submitting the bid. Detailed terms & conditions are available in the tender document.

Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer

Seppa Forest Division

East Kameng District

DIPR/ARN/002027/2024

RBI paper reiterates growth optimism, says economy on recovery path

MUMBAI, Dec 24: After the surprise slump in the second quarter, when GDP growth fell to a seven-quarter low of 5.4 per cent, the economy has regained momentum. According to the Reserve Bank’s in-house researchers and economists, the economy is recovering quickly, driven by strong festival demand and a sustained upswing in rural demand.

The central bank underlined its optimism in the economy’s strength in its monthly bulletin.

Following the unexpected slump in the September quarter, the RBI revised down its growth forecast to 6.6 per cent, down 60 bps from the October projection. It has also increased the forecast for average annual inflation for the current fiscal to 4.8 per cent from 4.5 per cent.

In an article on the ‘State of the Economy’ in the December bulletin, the analyst noted that the global economy continues to exhibit resilience with steady growth and moderating inflation.

“High-frequency indicators for the third quarter indicate that the economy is recovering from the slowdown in momentum seen in the second quarter, driven by strong festival activity and a sustained upswing in rural demand,” they said in the article released Tuesday.

“Our growth trajectory is poised to lift in the second half, driven mainly by resilient domestic private consumption demand. Supported by record-level foodgrains production, rural demand, in particular, is gaining momentum,” said the article, authored by a team led by Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra.

The prospects for agriculture and, thus, rural consumption are looking up with the brisk expansion of rabi sowing, said the article.

The RBI said the views expressed in the bulletin are those of the authors and do not represent the views of the central bank.

The paper attributed the Q2 growth deceleration to subdued industrial activity at 2.1 per cent versus 13.6 per cent in the corresponding quarter, noting the services sector has exhibited resilience, and so did agriculture, with agri, forestry, and fishing improving to 3.5 per cent in Q2 from 1.7 per cent a year ago. Also, there is an increase in kharif production, supported by above-normal Southwest monsoons.

Sustained government spending on infrastructure is expected to further stimulate economic activity and investment. Global headwinds, however, pose risks to the evolving outlook for growth and inflation.

Expectations around our resilient growth trajectory going forward are also coalescing with more sustainable underpinnings in view of positive climate action, with an increased policy focus on renewable energy, electric vehicles, green hydrogen, and steps towards institutionalising the carbon market.

These concerted efforts indicate a promising path toward achieving net-zero emissions, the paper concludes.

Sounding optimistic about inflation, the article noted that headline consumer price inflation moderated to 5.5 per cent in November on the back of easing food prices from 6.21 per cent in October. (Agency)

Eleven arrested for alleged involvement in illegal immigration of Bangladeshis racket

NEW DELHI, Dec 24: With the arrest of 11 people, Delhi Police on Tuesday claimed to have unearthed a gang involved in illegal immigration of Bangladeshis nationals.

Among those arrested, four are Bangladeshi citizens and the rest were allegedly involved in making forged documents, an official said.

"The gang was busted when our team tracked down four people involved in a murder case in Sangam Vihar on October 21," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Ankit Chauhan.

The Bangladeshi nationals – Midul Miyan alias Akash Ahmed and Fardeen Ahmed alias Abhi Ahmed along with their wives – were arrested and interrogated in connection with the murder of Sentu Sheikh alias Raja.

"During interrogation, the accused revealed that Sentu, who lived in their neighbourhood, used to bully them over minor issues. Further investigations showed that the accused had entered India illegally and had been residing in Sangam Vihar for

several years," the officer said.

They were found in possession of Bangladeshi ID cards (chip-based NID cards) and birth certificates. Around 21 Aadhar cards, four voter ID cards, and eight PAN cards were also recovered from the victim's residence.

A team led by Inspectors Umesh Yadav and Umesh Sharma, under the supervision of ACPs Abhinendra Jain and Niraj Tokas, was formed to conduct a thorough probe into the illegal immigration issue, Chauhan said.

Further questioning of the accused led to the arrest of Sahil Sehgal, 26, who ran a "Poonam Online Computer Centre" in Rohini Sector 5. It was found that the centre was involved in preparing Aadhaar cards and other documents using fake IDs.

Sehgal revealed that he was approached by illegal Bangladeshi immigrants through the deceased Sentu Sheikh alias Raja, according to the police.

"Sahil used the fake website 'Jantaprints.site' to generate fraudulent birth certificates and sent them

to his associate Ranjit for Aadhaar card processing," the officer said.

Ranjit, a resident of Sector 7 in Rohini, worked with Afroz, 25, an authorised Aadhaar operator at Karnataka Bank in Rohini Sector 5. Using fake birth certificates, Afroz facilitated the creation of Aadhaar cards.

Ranjit and Afroz were arrested, and investigations revealed that the "Jantaprints.site" offered fake documents, including birth certificates, matriculation certificates, caste certificates, COVID certificates, and income certificates, at nominal prices starting from Rs 7, the officer said.

Payments for these documents were made via Paytm QR codes linked to a number registered under Mohammad Chand. Based on technical surveillance, Mohammad Chand, 28, from Uttam Nagar, was arrested from Vikas Nagar, Delhi. He confessed to retaining a 2 per cent commission and transferring the remaining amount to Saddam Hussain.

Saddam Hussain, 33, from Uttam Nagar, was ar-

rested, leading to the discovery that the "Jantaprints.site" was operated by his associate, Deepak Mishra. Saddam transferred the payments to Deepak Mishra, retaining a 2 per cent share for himself.

Further questioning revealed that the accused initially created Aadhaar cards showing ages under 18, as such cards were easier to process at multiple centres in Delhi. Cards for individuals over 18 were limited to just four centres in Delhi.

Technical surveillance led to Deepak Mishra, 34, from Uttam Nagar, being apprehended in Ambala and arrested after sustained interrogation. He disclosed that his brother-in-law, Sonu Kumar, developed the "Jantaprints.site."

Sonu Kumar, 31, was arrested from Noida, where he admitted to learning how to create fake websites via YouTube. He also created "Portalwale.com" and "Portalwale.online" for creating fake ID documents.

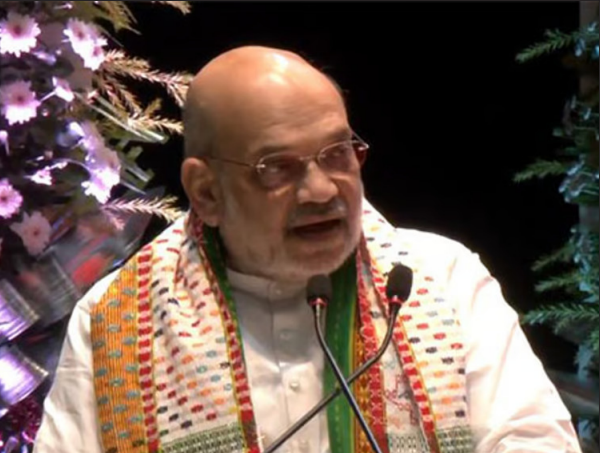
Sonu Kumar runs a cyber café in Noida, the police said, adding that further investigations are on. (Agency)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah insists on use of technology in criminal justice system at NCRB review meet

NEW DELHI, Dec 24: Chairing a review meeting on the implementation of the three new criminal laws with the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday emphasised the use of technology in the investigation and prosecution of cases.

Officials familiar with the developments said that the Home Minister directed the NCRB and the National Informatics Centre (NIC), the technical arm of the government, to ensure that alerts are generated for all criminal cases at predefined stages and timelines, right from the registration of FIRs to the disposal of the case, to benefit victims and complainants.

Quoting the Home Minister, a senior official said, “Alerts to investigation officers as well as senior officers as per pre-defined timelines will help in expediting the process of inves-



igation.”

It is learned that Shah also instructed the NCRB to develop a data-rich platform aimed at assisting investigation officers and other stakeholders in the criminal justice system.

During the meeting, the Home Minister also reviewed the implementation of the integration of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and System (CCTNS 2.0), National Au-

tomated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS), Prisons, Courts, Prosecution and Forensics with the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS 2.0) at an all-India level.

Union Home Secretary, Director of NCRB, and other senior officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the NCRB, and the NIC attended the meeting, where Shah asked the NCRB to facilitate the com-

plete implementation of new criminal laws in the ICJS 2.0 and emphasised the use of applications like eSakshya, Nyaya Shruti, eSign, and eSummons in every state as well as Union Territory.

The Home Minister further directed that a team of officers from the MHA and the NCRB should visit the states and UTs to increase the adoption of technical projects and assist them in all possible ways. He also emphasised having regular interaction with senior police formations of the states and UTs to monitor the progress of Crime and CCTNS and ICJS on a regular basis and provide impetus to the project.

The Home Minister said that the use of biometric technology should be adopted to identify unidentified dead bodies and unidentified found persons. (Agency)

IRCTC ensures facilities for Mahakumbh Mela 2025, luxury tent city open for bookings

MAHAKUMBH NAGAR, Dec 24: As part of preparations for the Maha Kumbh Mela 2025, the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) is ensuring world-class facilities for millions of devotees attending the event.

According to an official release, this includes arrangements for shelter for over 1 lakh passengers and the operation of approximately 3,000 special fair trains.

In addition, IRCTC, the tourism and hospitality branch of Indian Railways, has completed the construction of the luxury tent city, Mahakumbh Gram, near the Triveni Sangam.

Located in Sector No. 25 of Naini, Arail in Prayagraj, this tent city is situated about 3.5 km from the Sangam, on the banks of the Ganga. It offers world-class accommodations, including super deluxe tents and villas, complete with modern amenities.

The rent for these tents will range from Rs 18,000 to Rs 20,000 per day, with guests enjoying private bathrooms, hot and cold water, air blowers, bed linens, towels, and food services. Villa guests will also have access to a private seating area and television. Online bookings for stays

at Mahakumbh Gram are now open from January 10 to February 28. Reservations can be made easily through the IRCTC website, with additional information available on both the IRCTC and Tourism Department websites and the Mahakumbh App.

Meanwhile, the Uttar Pradesh government will establish a 300-bed deluxe dormitory in Prayagraj to accommodate pilgrims and tourists, officials said.

According to officials, the Uttar Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation (UPSTDC) will enhance its tent-based deluxe accommodation facilities by establishing the 300-bed deluxe dormitory within the Maha Kumbh Mela area. This large-scale project, soon to be launched, aims to provide premium lodging options for visitors.

The dormitory will feature a total of 50 tents, divided into three categories: 20 tents with 4 beds each, 10 tents with 6 beds each, and 20 tents with 8 beds each.

Tent cities are being constructed and operated in the Mahakumbh Mela area to meet the needs of international tourists, VIPs, and general pilgrims.

These tent cities will provide world-class facilities for groups of tourists and

pilgrims, ensuring a comfortable stay while enjoying the Mahakumbh experience.

The deluxe tents in the Mahakumbh Mela area will offer a host of premium amenities, including air conditioning, double beds with mattresses, sofa sets, customised interiors, writing desks, geysers, fire extinguishers, quilts and blankets, mosquito nets, Wi-Fi a dining area, common sitting areas, a waiting lounge, and a meeting lounge. Guests will also enjoy serene views of the river, creating a delightful and immersive experience.

Under the guidance of the Yogi government, the Maha Kumbh 2025 will feature a vibrant display of India’s cultural diversity from January 10 to February 24. The Uttar Pradesh Culture Department is finalising preparations to showcase the rich folk arts of India during this period, a press release said.

The Culture Department will set up 20 small stages at key locations across Prayagraj, allowing tourists, devotees, and locals to experience the country’s diverse cultural heritage for 45 days. Folk dance forms from various states across India will be performed on these stages. (Agency)

5 soldiers killed, 5 injured as Army vehicle plunges into 300-foot gorge in Kashmir; terror angle ruled out

JAMMU, Dec 24: Five soldiers died and five others sustained injuries after an Army vehicle veered off the road and fell into a gorge in the Balnoi area of Mendhar, Poonch district, Jammu and Kashmir, on Tuesday, officials said.

A defence spokesperson ruled out any terror angle, stating that the cause of the accident is under investigation. He suggested that “possibly the driver lost control at

the turn of the road”.

The vehicle reportedly plunged into a gorge, approximately 300-350 feet deep.

According to reports, police officials have stated that the accident occurred at around 5:40 pm when an Army vehicle of the 11 Maratha Light Infantry, travelling from Nilam headquarters to Balnoi Ghora Post along the LoC, fell into a gorge near Ghora Post.

Officials said that the injured have been shifted to a military hospital for treatment, adding one of them is in critical condition.

Upon receiving the information, the Quick Reaction Team of 11 MLI swiftly arrived at the site to carry out rescue operations. The injured personnel were given immediate medical attention, and efforts are ongoing to evacuate them for further treatment.

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ITANAGAR

No. LMD-12015/1/2021Dated Itanagar, the August'2024.

ADDENDUM NOTIFICATION

(Issued under Section -19 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013).

WHEREAS, a Preliminary Notification under section 11(1) of LARR Act, 2013 was issued vide No. LM-119/2016 Dated 18/09/2016 for acquisition of land measuring 11,33,370 Sqms for construction of Murkong-Selek to Pasighat New Broad Gauge Railway Line Project from Leku River to 2-Mile Pasighat (Phase-II) under Sille-Oyan Circle and Pasighat Circle under East Siang District.

AND WHEREAS, the Final Notification was published vide No. LM- 119/2016 Dated 24th February, 2017 for acquisition of an area measuring 11,36,070 Sqms for the said stretch from Leku river to 2- Mile, Pasighat.

AND WHEREAS, an addendum notification was published vide No. LMD-12015/1/2021 Dated Itanagar the 4th May 2022 for acquisition of an additional area measuring 1,15,290 Sqms resulting the total area acquired to 12,51,360 Sqms.

AND WHEREAS, as per the details of chainage from Leku river (9000 m) to 2- Mile, Pasighat (27062 m) provided by N.F Railway, the total area to be acquired for aforesaid project is 12,89,760 Sqms.

AND WHEREAS, the shortfall area measuring 38400 Sqms is required to be notified for acquisition for the aforesaid N.F. Railway Project.

AND WHEREAS, the Deputy Commissioner, East Siang, Pasighat vide letter No.LM/D-50/2022 Dated 1st August'2024 submitted a draft Addendum Notification and requested for publication of the Addendum Notification for the acquisition of the additional area measuring 38400 sqms for construction of N.F. Railway Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Addendum Notification is issued in continuation of the Declaration published vide No.LM-119/2016 Dated 24th February 2017 and the Addendum Notification published vide No.LMD-12015/1/2021 Dated 4th May 2022 for acquisition of additional land measuring 38400 sqms for the said purpose.

The Deputy Commissioner, East Siang District, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh is hereby directed to take order for the acquisition of the land as described in the schedule below as per the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

SCHEDULE
Specification of Land

District	Tehsil/Circle	Locality	Additional area required.	Boundaries
East Siang	Sille – Oyan and Pasighat	Leku river to 2- Mile area, Pasighat	38,400 Sqms	As per description enclosed.

Sd/- (A.K. Singh) IAS
Secretary (Land Management)
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ITANAGAR.

No. LMD-13011/35/2024/1225Dated Itanagar, the 15th Oct '2024

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

(Issued under section 11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act'2013)

WHEREAS, the powers and functions of the appropriate authority under the Right of Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act'2013 vest in the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh which shall be exercised and discharged by him within the state.

WHEREAS, the Requiring Body i.e., Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has sent a requisition vide No. ITBP/54/BN/Engr./Land File/2022-1295-98 Dated 21/08/2024 for acquisition of land to an extent of 32294 Sqmtrs for establishment of ITBP BOP at Sarli under Kurung Kumey District.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh that land is likely to be needed at the locality more fully described in the schedule below for Defence purpose for an area measuring 32294 Sqmtrs located at Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh. It is hereby notified that the land in the locality/localities in the schedule below is likely to be acquired for the above said purpose at expenses of requiring body. The summary of the social impact assessment for the locality/ localities described in the mentioned schedule is also included below for mentioned purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, this notification is made under the provision of section -11(1) of the Right of Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act '2013 and to all whom so ever it may concern.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh hereby also authorizes the officers and officials for the time being engage for the said purpose with their servant and workman to enter upon and survey any land and to do all other acts in pursuance of the provision of section 12 of the above said Act.

Under section-11 (4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. Sale/ purchase/ gift, specified in the preliminary notification or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of this notification without prior approval of the Collector.

Any person interest in the said land and whomsoever has any objection to the acquisition of the said land, may within 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of this notification provided under section-15 of the Act, file such objection in writing before the Deputy Commissioner, Kurung Kumey District Arunachal Pradesh.

The plan of the land may be inspected at the Land Management Branch, DCs Office, Koloriang.

SCHEDULE OF LANDS
(Specification of Land)

Sl. No.	District	Location	Area to be Acquired (In Sq mtrs)	Boundaries
1	Kurung Kumey	Sarli	32294	North: Helipad Ground South: PMGSY Main road. East: Land of Pisa Tassar West: Land of Pisa Epik

Sd/- A.K. Singh, IAS
Secretary (Land Management)
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar

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Harleen's maiden ton leads India to ODI series win over West Indies

VADODARA, Dec 24: The Indian women's team secured the three-match ODI series against the West Indies with a dominant 115-run victory in the second game at Vadodara.

India's batters were in roaring form, posting their joint-highest total in ODIs. Harleen Deol smashed her maiden century, supported by fifties from Smriti Mandhana, Pratika Rawal and Jemimah Rodrigues. Despite Hayley Matthews' brilliant century for West Indies, the visitors fell well short, losing with 3.4 overs to spare.

Harmanpreet Kaur won the toss and chose to bat, fielding an unchanged XI from the previous game. The opening pair of Smriti and Pratika once again gave India a solid start with a stand of 110 runs. Smriti was dismissed after scoring 53 off 47 balls, following a mix-up that resulted in an unfortunate run-out. Pratika tried to sacrifice her wicket for her senior partner but was caught short. Harleen joined Pratika at the crease, and the duo added 62 for the second wicket.

Pratika, playing her second ODI, looked confident, and scored 76 off 86 balls before falling to a soft dismissal, off the bowling of Zaida James. Skipper Harmanpreet could not build



on the strong platform, departing for 22.

The turning point came when Harleen and Jemimah shared a 116-run partnership off just 71 balls. Harleen's maiden international century was a special moment, particularly after her comeback from a long injury break. She was eventually dismissed for 115. Jemimah reached her half-century in just 34 balls but could not convert it into a bigger score, getting out for 52. In the final overs,

UP Yoddhas seal third spot with emphatic win over Bengaluru Bulls in PKL



PUNE, Dec 24: In a thrilling Pro Kabaddi League Season 11 clash that secured UP Yoddhas the third spot in the league table with a 44-30 victory over Bengaluru Bulls, the spotlight shone brightest on PKL legend Pardeep Narwal, who achieved an extraordinary milestone of 1800 raid points.

An all-round performance led by Shivam Chaudhary, not only highlighted their championship credentials but also confirmed their Eliminator 1 berth against the sixth-placed team, while Patna Pirates settled for fourth position in the standings.

In a tightly contested first half, the Bengaluru Bulls held a narrow 19-18 lead over UP Yoddhas at half-time, despite squandering an early 11-3 advantage. The Bengaluru Bulls initially dominated through Sushil's aggressive raiding and strong defensive work, inflicting the first All-Out of the match. However, the Yoddhas mounted an impressive comeback, with

their own All-Out reducing the deficit to 15-13.

A highlight of the first half was Pardeep Narwal's historic achievement as he crossed the 1,800 Raid Points in the PKL – a feat he accomplished with a bonus point during a raid against the UP Yoddhas' defence.

The momentum shifted significantly after this moment, as the UP Yoddhas' coordinated defence and effective raiding from Surender Gill and Shivam Chaudhary helped them erase the seven-point deficit to briefly level the scores before Bulls edged ahead by a single point at the break.

The second half saw a dramatic swing in momentum as UP Yoddhas took control of the match, building a commanding 44-30 lead by the end. The turning point came around the 31-minute mark when the Yoddhas inflicted another All-Out on the Bulls, establishing a crucial 6-point lead.

Shivam Chaudhary

Richa Ghosh's quick-fire 13 off six balls powered India to a record total of 358/5 in 50 overs.

This score was India's joint-highest in women's ODIs and the highest ever against the West Indies. For the visitors, four bowlers claimed one wicket each, with Karishma Ramharack being the most economical (4.60).

Chasing 359, West Indies stumbled early, losing three wickets for just 40 runs in 11

overs. Deandra Dottin failed again, leaving the burden on Shemaine Campbelle and skipper Matthews. They put up a 112-run partnership, with Matthews standing tall as she notched her seventh ODI century. However, her innings ended on 106, becoming Pratika's maiden international wicket. Jemimah's stunning catch at deep mid-wicket sealed Matthews' fate.

The rest of the batting partnership collapsed, and West Indies

were bowled out for 243 in 46.2 overs. Priya Mishra led India's bowling with three wickets, while Deepti Sharma, Titas Sadhu, and Pratika claimed two each. With this win, India took an unassailable 2-0 lead in the series.

Brief scores: India 358/5 in 50 overs (Harleen Deol 115, Afy Fletcher 1/38) beat West Indies 243 in 46.2 overs (Hayley Matthews 106, Priya Mishra 3/49) by 115 runs. (Agency)

Rana questions Sports Ministry NRAI for ignoring Manu's credentials for Khel Ratna

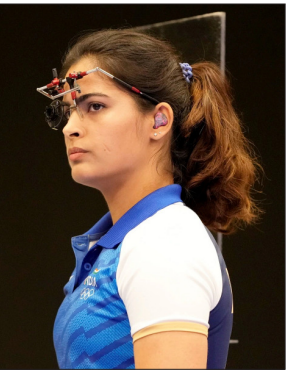
NEW DELHI, Dec 24: Double Olympic medallist shooter Manu Bhaker's coach Jaspal Rana has castigated the Sports Ministry, Sports Authority of India and the National Rifle Association of India, holding them responsible for "ignoring" his ward's credentials for the Dhyana Chand Khel Ratna award.

"I will hold all of them responsible. How can anyone even say Manu did not apply? She made history by becoming the first Indian to win two Olympic medals in the same Olympics. Her name should have been there automatically. Don't the people at the helm know who Manu Bhaker is and what are her credentials? This humiliation might just affect her progress," Rana said in an interview.

The national coach felt the "new requirement" where sportspersons have to apply directly for the awards was not in the best interest of sports, and was a bit demeaning.

The ministry norms allow athletes to self-nominate instead of relying on the federations and other institutions for it. The selection committee is, however, allowed to consider names which may not be among the applicants.

While the ministry claimed that Bhaker did not apply for the award, her father Ram Kishan Bhaker, a chief engineer in Merchant Navy, said the youngster



had followed the due process.

"It's really appalling. Why should a top sportsperson apply or request for an award? Awards should come naturally and automatically. How can it be ignored? There has to be some system in place," Rana observed.

"Does every athlete know how to apply? Does it make sense that only an athlete can apply? Why not the federation, Sports Authority of India (or the) ministry," the coach asked.

A ministry source had earlier said that Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya will decide on the recommendations of the 12-member award selection committee and, in all likelihood, Manu's name will be there in the final list.

"There is no final list of nominees at this point. Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya will decide on the recommendations in a day or two and her name, in all likelihood, will be there in the final list," the source said. (Agency)

WFFI to hold Ntl Champ in January-2025: Sharma

By A O News Service

ITANAGAR, Dec 24: The Women's Football Federation of India (WFFI) has received proposals from Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh for conducting National Women Football Championship, said its president Mukesh Sharma on Tuesday.

The WFFI observer team would be visiting these states soon to inspect existing stadiums, available fooding and lodging facilities for the players and submit its report to the central committee about which state fulfills the terms and conditions to take a final decision on which state would be entrusted the responsibility to conduct the national event.

"I am hopeful to conduct the tournament in January next for the WFFI actions to be visible soon that too with the involvement of na-



tional and international sports medal winners, top ranking corporate honchos and dignitaries," he said with conviction.

The process of appointment of members of 16 committees of the WFFI would be completed soon while coordination committee chairman Rajesh Singh Rajput is on his toes for making the first steps successful, he said.

The central selection committee would select players in a very transpar-

ent manner based on talent only as the team would represent the nation in international events, he said while hinting at his plan for Asian Championship which could be conducted in Goa.

There are many such national and international championships in the pipeline which would be conducted in due time, said Sharma, a great disciple of National Youth Project founder late Dr S N Subba Rao, and was associated in many National Youth Integration camps in the past.

It may be mentioned here that the new executive committee led by Kasim Ansari (chairman) and Dr Satyapal Singh Prajapati (patron) was elected recently which has evolved a pragmatic plan to ensure Indian woman footballers shine within and outside the country, the president added.

Workshop on good governance practices held

PASIGHAT, Dec 24: The success of developmental goals and vision of the Govt for the welfare of the citizens depends on proactive initiatives and proper implementation at ground level, said retired IAS officer Tajom Taloh, adding adoption of good governance practices by the Govt departments would have positive impact in providing time bound and citizen friendly services to the people.

Addressing a district level workshop on 'Good Governance Practices', organized by district administration here on Monday, he told all HoDs, academicians and various stakeholders, empathetic attitude to grievances of the citizens is essential as well as citizen's participation in developmental efforts.

DC Tayi Tagg, highlighted on the best practices taken up in the district to improve public service delivery with special focus on e-services, progress made in health and education. SP Pankaj Lamba also spoke about citizen friendly e-services of police

department.

EAC Yamo Tamut presented a short video on 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore' campaign organized at Kiyit village on December 21 to offer Govt services, resolve public grievances and get public feedback for improved service delivery. JNC HoD (English) S.K Sinha highlighted best practices of JNC and activities to foster a vibrant academic and personality development of the students.

A short video on success stories on positive impacts and improvement in life of the people and farmers through implementation of subsidy scheme of solar water pumping system, implementation and installation of bio gas under National Biogas Programme by PO APEDA, Swachhata Hi Seva campaign for clean and green Pasighat by PMC EE Tadar Tarang, fostering of entrepreneurship of youth by DPO Tatak Mibang and best practices in WCD by DD ICDS Machi Gao were other highlights of the workshop.

At MEDO, Lohit district

administration conducted 'Gaon Ki Ore' campaign at local Govt secondary school as part of week-long 'Good Governance week' campaign.

Wakro ADCA J. Lungphi, in his inaugural address, stressed the DA's commitment to inclusive development to empower rural communities and ensure t no one is left behind. "I encourage everyone to take part actively and seize the opportunities being provided," he said.

Tezu CO Habung Moda, HODs and 15 government department officials offered various services, including health check-ups, issuance of various documents, awareness programs on government schemes, and more.

The agriculture and horticulture departments educated farmers on modern farming techniques and distributed farming tool. Special attention was given to awareness campaigns on flagship programs like Ayushman Bharat, PMAY and Jal Jeevan Mission. (DIPROs)

Hero MotoSports names Cornejo as new rider reveals 3-member side for Dakar

NEW DELHI, Dec 24: Hero MotoSports Team Rally on Tuesday named young Chilean rider Nacho Cornejo as its new recruit while announcing a three-member team for the Dakar Rally 2025.

Cornejo will team up with Sebastian Buhler and 2024 FIM World Rally-Raid Championship (W2RC) winner Ross Branch.

This will be the team's ninth appearance in the world's toughest race, scheduled to take place in Saudi Arabia from January 3 to 17.

It was memorable 2024 for the young team as it secured an overall second finish.

In the 12-stage 2024 edition, Branch led the race for four days and remained at second spot for eight days, eventually finishing second overall, making Hero MotoCorp the first Indian manufacturer team to make

it to the Dakar podium.

For Botswana's Branch, this will be his third Dakar outing with the team.

Buhler, a German living in Portugal, has given consistent performances this year, marking his biggest achievement by securing his first FIM World Championship race podium at Rally Raid Portugal, where he finished second overall.

At the 2024 Dakar Rally, Buhler came close to winning his first Dakar stage.

Young Chilean rider Cornejo boasts of an impressive Dakar record, including a fourth-place finish in 2020 and nine stage wins.

The 47th Dakar Rally will kick off in Bisha, featuring a prologue and 12 stages spanning 7,700 km across the vast desert. For the first time, five stages will have separate courses for FIM and FIA vehicles, covering

45 per cent of the timed distance.

Dakar 2025 will also be the opening race of the fourth edition of the World Rally Raid Championship (W2RC).

Hero MotoSports is a Rally GP-class participant at the W2RC 2025, and will attend its five rounds starting with the Dakar, followed by the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge (February), South African Safari Rally (May), BP Ultimate Rally Raid in Portugal (September), and finally closing the season with the Rallye du Maroc (October).

"2024 has been an incredible year for us. Finishing second at Dakar, a first for any Indian manufacturer, and winning the 2024 World Championship have given us a new level of respect and recognition in motorsports," Wolfgang Fischer, the team manager said. (Agency)

India name 15-member squad for ICC Under-19 Women's T20 WC

NEW DELHI, Dec 24: India on Tuesday named a 15-member squad for next year's ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup to be played in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from January 18 to February 2.

The Women's Selection Committee of the BCCI announced the squad to be led by Niki Prasad, while Sanika

Chalke will be the vice-captain.

The squad has two wicketkeepers in Kamalini G and Bhavika Ahire, while three standby players, Nandhana S, Ira J and Anadi T, have also been included.

The 16 competing teams have been divided into four groups.

India are the defending champions, and are placed in Group A alongside hosts Malaysia, West Indies and Sri Lanka.

The tournament will be hosted by Bayuemas Oval.

India will begin their campaign against West Indies on January 19, followed by matches

against Malaysia (January 21) and Sri Lanka (January 23).

Following the group phase, which runs from January 19-23, the top three teams from each group will advance to the Super 6 stage -- two groups of six --, which will take place from January 25-29.

Group 1 in Super 6 will

include the top three teams each from Group A and D, while Group 2 will have the top three teams each from Group B and C.

The teams will carry forward their points and net run rates (NRR) from the initial group phase and will play the two sides who were not in their original group and who finished at a differ-

ent position.

The top two sides from the two Super 6 stage groups will qualify for the semifinals, slated for January 31 while the final will be played on February 2.

Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and the West Indies

have qualified through their participation in the 2023 edition, while Malaysia earned automatic qualification as hosts.

Nepal, Nigeria, Samoa, Scotland and the United States have earned their spots through the various regional qualification tournaments.

India squad: Niki Prasad (captain), Sanika

Chalke (vice-captain), G Trisha, Kamalini G (wk), Bhavika Ahire (wk), Ishwari Awastya, Mithila Vinod, Joshitha VJ, Sonam Yadav, Parunika Sisodiya, Kesari Drithi, Aayushi Shukla, Anandita Kishor, MD Shabnam, Vaishnavi S.

Standby players: Nandhana S, Ira J, Anadi T. (Agency)