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In a landmark judgement, the Supreme Court today upheld the power of States to sub-classify reserved category groups of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SC/STs), into different groups based on their backwardness for extending the benefits of reservation. A seven-judge Constitution bench of Chief Justice of India, DY Chandrachud, gave the judgement by 6-1 majority overruling the 2004 E.V. Chinniah vs State of Andhra Pradesh judgement of the Apex court.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today held talks with his Vietnamese counterpart Pham Minh Chinh in New Delhi. After the talks, both leaders virtually inaugurated Army Software Park at Telecommunications University in Nha Trang, Vietnam. In his press statement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, India-Vietnam's bilateral trade has witnessed a rise of 85 per cent. He said, Vietnam is India's important partner in the Act East Policy and Indo-Pacific vision. He said both sides have extensively discussed all areas of mutual cooperation and took several steps to prepare a roadmap for the future. Meanwhile, both the countries have signed several MoUs in various fields. Furthermore, Prasar Bharati and Voice of Vietnam, have also exchanged MoU for cooperation in Radio and Television.

Minister of State for Housing & Urban Affairs, Tokhan Sahu, in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today, informed that as on 12th of this month, the work orders were issued in 8,016 projects amounting to 1 lakh 64 thousand 223 crore rupees, of which 7,218 projects amounting to 1 lakh 45 thousand 83 crore rupees have been completed, as per data obtained from 100 cities. The city wise details of completed projects on smart classes and digital libraries under Smart city mission also includes Arunachal Pradesh's three projects i.e. 28 smart classrooms in five schools at Itanagar costing 5.06 crore rupees, the retro-fitting of Itafort, State Museum and Library Building worth 8.91 crore rupees and District Library and Children e-learning centre worth 1.5 crore rupees.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today in a social media post has informed that the state government has increased Tough Location Allowance (TLA) for its employees of level 9 and above along with Level 8 and below by 25 per cent from today onwards. The level 9

and above employees will now receive 6,625 rupees and Level 8 and below will receive 5,125 rupees as Tough Location Allowance.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu and Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein called on Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi yesterday. Sharing this in a social media post, Mr. Khandu said that during the meeting discussion on various upcoming projects in Arunachal Pradesh were taken up. Both also requested the Union Minister to consider setting up a regional office of State Bank of India in Arunachal Pradesh. The Chief Minister and the deputy Chief Minister sought continued support from the centre for infrastructure development in the state and shared with her a copy of memorandum submitted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill 2024 was introduced in the Lok Sabha today by Minister of State for Home, Nityanand Rai. The Bill seeks to amend the Disaster Management Act, 2005. The Bill is aimed to strengthen the efficient working of the National Disaster Management Authority and the State Disaster Management Authorities.

About 16 additional commodities have been included under the price monitoring by the Department of Consumer Affairs from today. Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi stated this while launching the Price Monitoring System (PMS) mobile app version 4.0 today.

The IMD has forecasted that the rainfall will occur over entire country during the second half of the southwest monsoon season. Meanwhile, the Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecasted that 10 districts of Arunachal Pradesh are in yellow alert zone. The districts namely East Kameng, West Kameng, Lower Subansiri, Upper Subansiri, Pakke Kessang, Papum Pare, West Siang, Siang, Shi Yomi and Leparada will receive thunderstorm with lightening very likely at isolated places.

Deputy Commissioner East Siang cum Chairman District Vigilance Committee Tayi Taggu yesterday held a meeting regarding the implementation of the 'Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavenger and Their Rehabilitation Act 2013' in the district in Pasighat. He has directed all stakeholders to conduct time bound survey and submit the reports at Sub-divisional and district levels. He also urged to extend support for skill development and assistances under various livelihood schemes for a dignified life.

Meanwhile, the committee has resolved to form sub-division vigilance committees at Ruksin and Mebo and Survey House Committee for East Siang.

In 2024 Paris Olympics, Shooter Swapnil Kusale won bronze medal in the Men's 50-meter rifle 3 Positions shooting competition today. In Badminton, Lakshya Sen defeated H.S. Prannoy 21-12, 21-6 in the men's singles clash to breeze into the quarter-finals.