

THE HEADLINES:

- Winter session of Parliament concludes after passing many landmark legislations
- President Droupadi Murmu emphasizes on integrity and honesty in Civil Service recruitment
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio chairs high-level task force meeting to boost handloom, handicrafts in North Eastern region
- Good Governance Week 2025 kicks off with focus on grassroots service delivery



Both the Houses of Parliament have been adjourned sine die. With this the 19-day winter session concluded today. In his Valedictory address, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said that the productivity of the house was around 111 per cent. He said a total of 15 sittings of the House took place.

In his Valedictory address Rajya Sabha Chairman, CP Radhakrishnan said that the house functioned for around 92 hours and recorded 121 per cent productivity.



During the winter session of Parliament, special discussions on the 150th anniversary of the National song Vande Matram and Election reforms took place in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. Besides, several important legislations were passed during the session, including the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Bill 2025. Parliament also gave its nod to the Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India Bill, 2025, Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Bill, and the Repealing and Amending Bill, 2025. Besides, the Parliament also gave approval to the Supplementary Demands for Grants - First Batch for 2025-26, for a gross additional expenditure of one lakh 32 thousand crore rupees.



President Droupadi Murmu today exhorted the Public Service Commissions, PSCs, to make efforts to achieve the goal of equality of outcomes, besides working for equality of opportunity. Addressing the National Conference of Chairpersons of State PSCs, she urged the UPSC and PSCs to give highest priority to honesty and integrity in recruitment. She said the constitutional ideals of social, economic and political justice, and equality of status and of opportunity are most pertinent to the functioning of the PSCs.

The President said the country needs the most effective governance systems at all levels to achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047.



Nagaland's Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today convened the third meeting of the High-Level Task Force on Handloom and Handicrafts of the North Eastern Region to review the final draft report on the sector. In a social media post, Mr Rio noted steady progress since the first meeting in July and the second session held in September. He reaffirmed the vision to transform the North East into a globally recognised, sustainable, and culturally vibrant hub for handlooms and handicrafts, while creating sustainable livelihoods and preserving cultural heritage. Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, also participated in the meeting. He said, discussions focused on skill upgradation, quality certification, sustainable fibres and dyes, e-commerce-driven market access, and cluster-based development to ensure holistic and sustainable growth of the sector. The meeting was also attended by Assam's Cabinet Minister for Sports, Nandita Garlosa, Mizoram's Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, F. Rodingliana, senior officials from the Manipur Government and the Ministry of Textiles.



The Centre today launched the Good Governance Week 2025. Secretary in the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Rachna Shah, released the guidelines for the nationwide 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore' campaign. Highlighting that good governance must be measured by service delivery at the grassroots, she emphasized that it is reflected not merely in policies and institutional frameworks but in how effectively public services reach citizens and how responsively grievances are addressed. The campaign is being implemented in two phases. During the preparatory phase, held between the 11th to the 18th of this month, more than 2.11 lakh grievances were resolved. In the next stage, district collectors across the country will organise special camps at block and panchayat levels, to facilitate direct interaction between officials

and citizens. The nationwide campaign will run till the 25th of this month. Meanwhile, In Nagaland, Tseminyu District Administration also launched the Good Governance Week campaign, reaffirming its commitment to transparent, citizen-centric and responsive administration at the grassroots.



Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan said India's unity lies not in uniformity but in mutual respect and shared values. He was addressing the annual Christmas celebrations organised by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India in New Delhi yesterday. He said that the festival of Christmas reminds everyone of the timeless values of peace, compassion, humility and service to humanity.

The Vice President called upon all communities to work together to eradicate poverty and move towards shared prosperity. Today, Mr Radhakrishnan hosted a Christmas Luncheon at the Vice-President's Enclave, ahead of Christmas, and extended warm greetings of Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Akashvani Kohima has invited applications for engagement of Part Time Correspondents (PTCs) for the Districts of Chumoukedima, Longleng, Meluri, Mon, Noklak, Peren, Phek, Shamator, Tuensang, Tseminyu and Zunheboto. Interested candidates may apply in the prescribed proforma. Necessary details and application proforma can be accessed from www.newsonair.gov.in under the 'vacancies' section. The notification was published today, and applications must be submitted within 15 days from the date of publication.



And, in weather... India Meteorological Department has forecast dense fog during night and morning hours at isolated places over the Northeastern states till the 24th of December. It said, no significant change is expected in minimum temperature across the region during next seven days. Temperatures in Kohima are expected to range between 7 and 19 degree Celsius this week, while Dimapur is likely to record temperatures between 11 and 28 degree Celsius. Tuensang is likely to experience minimum temperature dipping of as low as 5 degree Celsius.

