

## **REGIONAL NEWS UNIT, ITANAGAR**

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The U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi today. Secretary Rubio briefed Prime Minister on the sustained progress in bilateral cooperation across a wide range of sectors, including defence, strategic technologies, trade and investment, energy security, connectivity, education and people-to-people ties. Secretary Rubio shared U.S. perspective on various regional and global issues, including the situation in West Asia. Prime Minister reaffirmed India's consistent support for peace efforts and reiterated the call for peaceful resolution of the conflicts through dialogue and diplomacy.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed more than 51 thousand appointment letters to newly recruited youth in various government departments and organizations at the 19th Rozgar Mela through video conferencing today. In his virtual address, Mr Modi said, India is partnering with various countries to provide opportunities, employment, and global exposure to the youth. He further added, India's youth are playing a vital role in accelerating the journey towards a Viksit Bharat. Rozgar Mela reflects the Government's commitment to empower the Yuva Shakti with new opportunities. Meanwhile, the Rozgar Mela was held at 47 locations across the country.

The government has published Draft Rules under the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025, for wider public consultation. The Rural Development Ministry said, any person, stakeholder, organisation or institution may submit objections or suggestions on the draft Rules for consideration by 21<sup>st</sup> of next month. The VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 has been notified on 11<sup>th</sup> of this month for commencement across all the States and Union Territories with effect from 1st July, this year.

The state level review meeting of Tirap district was chaired by Chief Minister Pema Khandu through video conference today in Itanagar. During the meeting, the need to establish a Medical College in Tirap, to widen and improve the narrow roads within Khonsa township, and long-term solution to frequent road blockages in Lazu were discussed. Deputy Commissioner Tirap Techu Aran urged for establishment of Multi-Purpose Convention Hall, development of Charju River Front at Deomali, urgent reconstruction of FCI Godown, Multi-Level Parking Complex in Khonsa, to strengthen

broadband and network connectivity in far-flung areas and upgradation of Wangcha Rajkumar College into a Multi-Faculty institution. Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, Chief Secretary Manish Kumar Gupta, Environment & Forest Minister Wangki Lowang, MLAs Chakat Aboh, Wanglam Sawin and Wanglin Lowangdong and officers were also present during the meeting.

Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Minister Ojing Tasing today launched the official website of Department of Panchayati Raj and unveiled the Department's new logo, guided by the ethos of "ग्रामीणजय सुखाये, ग्रामीणजय हिताय" in Itanagar. In a social media post, he said, "This initiative signifies more than a digital milestone; it reflects the commitment to strengthen grassroot democracy through inclusive governance, greater public engagement, and citizen-centric service delivery."

UPSC invites applications from eligible candidates for direct recruitment to various posts in Government of India. Interested candidates can apply through the Commission's Online Recruitment Application portal starting from today to 12<sup>th</sup> of next month.

Petrol and diesel prices were increased by up to 91 paise per litre today, marking the third hike in less than 10 days. Earlier, a 3 rupees per litre hike on 15<sup>th</sup> of this month, followed by a 90 paise increase on 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar (MCI) has forecast that West Siang, Siang, East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley and Tirap districts are in orange alert zone. These districts will receive Thunderstorm with lightning and very Heavy to light rainfall very likely at isolated places today. Meanwhile, 13 districts including Papum Pare are in yellow alert zone.

The Mehao Wildlife Sanctuary Division, Roing, has issued a public safety advisory regarding recent tiger movement detected in Mayudia Pass area, along Roing-Anini Road in Lower Dibang Valley district. According to the advisory issued by Divisional Forest Officer Mito Rumi, APFS, forest officials recently detected tiger movement near the Military Communication Post in Mayudia Pass area this month. In view of public safety, the citizens, tourists, and commuters were advised to avoid trekking, picnics and loitering along the road near Mayudia Pass and strictly follow all safety measures.

The Tawang Police along with Anti-Drugs Squad (ADS) and Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) yesterday carried out a joint anti-narcotics operation and apprehended two individuals. About 68 vials of suspected heroin weighing 81.6 grams and worth over 3 lakhs rupees were recovered from them. The alleged arrested peddlers were identified as Tenzin Phuntso (27) of Mandrelling village and Lobsang (27) of Nehru Market. A case was registered against both at Police Station Tawang and investigation is underway. The Executive Magistrates and Assistant Commissioners Tenzin Jambey and Sangey Norbu were present during the raid.

In IPL cricket, Lucknow Super Giants will take on Punjab Kings at Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh this evening. The match will start at 7:30 pm.

In Wrestling, Indian grapplers Suraj Vashisht and Sagar Singh advanced to the finals of Men's Greco-Roman categories at Asian U23 Wrestling Championships in Da Nang, Vietnam today.

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