

REGIONAL NEWS UNIT, ITANAGAR

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Chairman and CEO of Saint Gobain, Benoit Bazin in Paris today. The discussions focused on opportunities in the materials and construction sector, with a particular emphasis on sustainability. Mr Modi said in a social media post that Saint-Gobain's strong presence and investments in India, which are creating opportunities for Indian youth. Mr Bazin shared Saint-Gobain's plans for further investments and expansion in India.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan today chaired a high-level review meeting to assess preparations for the NEET-UG re-examination scheduled on Sunday. During the meeting, the Minister stressed the need to maintain the highest standards of integrity, transparency and efficiency in the examination process. He directed all concerned authorities to remain vigilant and ensure all necessary arrangements for the free and fair conduct of the re-examination. Mr Pradhan said officers designated by the Ministry will be deployed across states to coordinate examination-related activities and report to a central command centre headed by the Director General of the National Testing Agency. During the meeting, States and Union Territories were also asked to ensure that candidates are provided with all necessary facilities, including proper seating arrangements and drinking water, to enable them to appear for the examination in a stress-free environment. Officials also reviewed security measures, logistical arrangements, grievance redressal mechanisms and coordination among stakeholders.

The Government has said that all refineries are operating at high capacity with adequate crude inventories, while sufficient stocks of petrol and diesel are being maintained. Addressing the Inter-Ministerial Briefing in New Delhi today on recent developments in West Asia, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Sujata Sharma, said that over the past three days, 1.36 crore LPG cylinder bookings have been received, while 1.47 crore cylinders have been delivered.

Chairman of the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission, Prof. (Dr.) Pradip Lingfa, called on the Governor Lt. Gen. KT Parnaik (Retd.), at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar today and presented the Commission's Annual Report for the year 2025-26. During the meeting, the Chairman,

accompanied by the Members of the Commission, briefed the Governor on the Commission's activities during the year, including examinations conducted, recruitment recommendations made, key observations, and related financial implications. The Governor emphasized that the APPSC plays a pivotal role in shaping the State's administrative framework and, therefore, must continue to uphold the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and excellence. He said that the Commission should strengthen its credibility, effectiveness, and public trust by ensuring that only the most deserving candidates are recommended for public service. Underscoring the importance of transparency and merit-based selection, the Governor advised the Commission to conduct examinations and recruitment processes with complete fairness, accountability, and transparency.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein today chaired a high-power committee meeting to deliberate on measures for resolving forest area issues and addressing related land management concerns along with Minister for Environment and Forest, Wangki Lowang, Minister for Urban Development and Land Management, Balo Raja and Chief Secretary Manish Kumar. The meeting focused on identifying practical solutions, strengthening inter-departmental coordination and ensuring a balanced approach towards conservation and developmental needs.

Minister for Education, PD Sona today informed that the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalayas Arunachal Pradesh Trust has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the establishment of a Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya at Tato, from the existing Government Secondary School, Tato. Mr. Sona in a social media post informed that the proposed VKV will be a co-educational day/residential school, opening new possibilities for quality education and holistic development of children in the region. He further added that, the MoU is a significant step towards strengthening educational access in Shi Yomi and fulfilling the aspirations of our people.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecast yellow alert for 20 districts in Arunachal Pradesh including Papumpare. These districts are very likely to receive thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain at isolated places.

In Fifa World Cup 2026, Czechia will take on South Africa in Group A clash at Atlanta Stadium in United States, tonight. The match is scheduled to begin at 9:30 PM IST. Czechia will look to bounce back after their 2-1 defeat to South Korea, while South Africa will also be seeking their first points after losing 2-0 to hosts Mexico in the tournament opener. Later, Switzerland will face Bosnia and Herzegovina in Group B match at Los Angeles Stadium in United States at 12:30 AM IST.

That is all in this News Bulletin, Namaskar