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Union Minister for Civil Aviation Ashok Gajapati Raju inaugurated the one day digi-dhan mela at IG Park in Itanagar today. On the occasion the union minister said that today an Indian citizen with aadhar card can open a bank account and carry his money in his thumb; a pocket can be picked and a mobile can be lost but not a thumb. He said this hinting at the Aadhar based biometric transactions. He said corruption which is pulling India down should be eliminated and it can be done when every Indian comes out and join the digital movement. Addressing the people, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju said the decision of demonetization and bringing India to a digital mode were very difficult steps but had to be done in order to curb illicit money in the country. He called forward every citizen to do their part in cooperating with the government. Various stalls from banking, IT sector, e-wallets and m-wallet companies were set up in the mela. Thousands of people thronged the stalls and carried out transactions, including opening of new bank accounts or linking aadhar cards to their accounts, and on the spot enrolling for aadhar card, among others. The digi dhan mela was organized by the State department of Information Technology and Communication.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed concern over the functioning of government's departments in isolation and stressed on coordination among the departments of Central and State governments. He was delivering the inaugural address on a three-day National Conference of Central and State Ministers and Secretaries of Tourism, Culture and Sports at Kutch in Gujarat today through video-conferencing. The Prime Minister asked the participants to share their best practices to solve the outstanding problems. He asked the Departments to chalk out a blue-print to channelize the youth power for the betterment of the country and the world. The Prime Minister said, each state should pick at least five destinations and create world class tourism infrastructure.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has said that different states of Northeast have distinct culture, language, customs and traditions and it was unfair to club all of them as one. He was interacting with 18 IAS probationers who called on him yesterday in Itanagar. Under the Bharat Darshan programme, the trainee IAS officers are on a two-day visit to the state. Khandu said that Arunachal Pradesh is behind other states in various fields, particularly in education and expressed hope that, with the Central Government giving due attention the scenario is expected to change. The interaction was joined by Parliamentary Secretary, UD & Housing, Techi Kaso and Chief Secretary Shakuntala D Gamlin among others.

Arunachal Christian Forum (ACF) organized a relief drive for the victims of recent fire incident at Wakka in Longding district. The ACF collected more than Rs three lakhs from various donors among Christian Community within the Capital Complex. The collected amounts along with winter items were handed over to the District Disaster Management Officer, Longding by ACF General Secretary Toko Teki on Thursday.

Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein while reviewing the progress of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) of various departments in the State called for its timely implementation. He said this yesterday while speaking at the office of State Planning Department in Itanagar. He asked the heads of the executing agencies to improve the performance of CSS saying that the plan size of the next year will depend on the performance of this year. He urged them to submit the utilization certificates at the earliest.

Along with the rest of the country, Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaign will be launched in Arunachal Pradesh on the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on January 30 next. Gram Sabhas will be organized across the state in collaboration with allied sector of health department/ministries in order to intensify leprosy detection and treatment campaign. A preparatory orientation meeting cum workshop is being held on January 23rd at the Directorate of Health Services, Naharlagun.

Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) organized awareness programmes at Namsai and Sunpura recently. It was organized with the aim of safeguarding women and children from domestic violence. APSCW Chairperson Mitali Tingkhatra urged the participants to spread the message of the Domestic Violence Act and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) to the masses. Advocate K. Dorjee of District Legal Service Authority explained about different types of domestic violence, salient features of Domestic Violence Act and the process of getting free legal aid and services. Resource person Nani Mamung, Assistant Professor of Arunachal Law Academy also spoke on the occasion.

The Anganwadi Workers and Helpers, ASHAS and all Contingency Workers have called for implementation of minimum wages of Rs 18000/- and 100% job Reservation for Anganwadi Workers to the post of Supervisors and helpers to the post of Workers. The West Siang district unit Associations thronged the streets of Aalo today to press their demands. They also pressed for regularization of ASHA as Permanent Rural Health Workers. They later met the West Siang DC to apprise their grievances.

Now the weather forecast...

According to the Met Centre, the sky will remain mainly clear in Itanagar and surrounding areas during the next 24 hours. The maximum temperature recorded today was 28.6 degree Celsius and a minimum of 9.6 degree Celsius.

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