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President Ram Nath Kovind has said, rights of divyangs should be preserved and people should be sensitive towards their needs. Addressing an event in New Delhi to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on Sunday, Mr Kovind said, divyangs are full of confidence and people need to change their mindset towards them. He said, the government is making efforts to provide facilities to divyangs in the country. On the occasion, the President also conferred National Award for Divyangjan to individuals, institutions, organisations, states, districts. The award was given for their outstanding achievements and work done towards empowerment of persons with disabilities under different categories.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to first President of India Dr Rajendra Prasad on his birth anniversary on Sunday. In a tweet, Mr Modi said, as the first President of India his leadership and guidance was extremely valuable for the nation during the formative years. He said, inspired by Mahatma Gandhi, Dr Rajendra Prasad became an active part of India's freedom struggle and participated in grass root level movements. The Prime Minister said, generations of Indians are inspired by Dr Rajendra Prasad's distinguished service.

Along with rest of the globe, the World Day for the Disabled was celebrated today in various parts across Arunachal Pradesh. In the state capital at Itanagar, the celebration was held at Donyi Polo Mission School for the Hearing and Visually Impaired, Chimpu. Gracing the occasion, the better half of State Governor Neelam Misra said that every member of the society must contribute to help the differently abled children to integrate themselves to the mainstream. The children of special need deserve respect, not pity. It is the social responsibility of all to assist these children to be independent, she emphasised while assuring that she will remain connected with the school. Yumlam Kaha, Director, Social Justice, Empowerment & Tribal Affairs, Swami Vishweshananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar and Chairman Donyi Polo Mission Gegong Apang also spoke. Further, Smt Misra gave away prizes to the best students in various competitions on the occasion.

Meanwhile, the World Day for the Disabled was also observed at Khonsa under the aegis of SSA District Mission, Tirap. Drawing, painting and solo song competitions were held at BRC's office hall, Khonsa to mark the occasion.

BJP and Congress have chosen their respective candidates for by-polls to Pakke-Kessang and Likabali constituencies. Biyuram Wahge and Kardo Nyicyor have been chosen BJP's candidates. Opposition Congress on Saturday nominated Kameng Dolo and Modam Dini as its official candidates for the by-election to the Pakke-Kessang and Likabali seats. The elections are scheduled to be held on December 21.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Saturday declared open the first ever Sports Carnival at Kamba. On the occasion, the CM also launched the Arunachal Pradesh Sports Policy 2017. The sports carnival is hosted by Kamba Banggo Sports Association and organised by the state Sports department. Khandu, in his speech, said the sports policy will provide necessary incentive and recognition to the budding sportspersons and achievers from the state. He said the objective of the policy is to pursue excellence and to put in place a system to foster the identification and development of young talents and promotion of sports for all.

Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba launched the cashless challan payment system in Itanagar on Friday. Gauba distributed PoS machines to traffic wardens during the event. Capital Complex DC Prince Dhawan informed that the project has been started on a pilot basis at eight locations in Capital Complex. It will later be implemented simultaneously in other districts, he said.

Special Secretary cum Mission Director (NHM) Dr. Tapasya Raghav on Saturday chaired a meeting to review the performance of National Health Mission programmes in the 2nd quarter for seven districts - Tawang, West Kameng, East Kameng, Papum Pare, Lower Subansiri, East Siang and Lower Siang. Reviewing the performance of the districts, Dr Raghav stressed on a slew of measures to boost their feat.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu laid the foundation stone for the circuit house in Yingkiong, followed by a visit to the Gandhi bridge. He also inspected the under-construction motorable suspension bridge being executed by the PWD. The project that started in March 2006 will be completed by this month, informed DC Duly Kamduk. Khandu also visited the under-construction 50-bedded multi-storeyed district hospital and interacted with the hospital authorities.

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According to the Met Centre, the sky will remain foggy in the morning and then clear later in Itanagar and surrounding areas during the next 24 hours. The maximum temperature recorded today was 28.8 degree Celsius and a minimum of 13.8 degree Celsius.

That's all in this bulletin, Namaskar.