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Chief Minister Pema Khandu has informed that posts of 134 specialist doctors in the state has been already advertised and would be recruited shortly through APSC for different hospitals in the state. He said this at the State Assembly on Monday responding to a questioned raised by former chief minister Nabam Tuki on posting specialist doctor in Community Health Centre at Sagalee. Chief Minister Pema Khandu also informed that the Central Govt is yet to approve and allocate funds for construction of the greenfield airport in the state capital. He said the state government has recommended Hollongi as the final site for construction of Green Field Airport. The Assembly passed two bills, the Kameng Professional and Technical University Arunachal Pradesh Bill, 2017 (Amended) and the Arunachal Pradesh Agriculture Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2017 on the third day of the thirteen session of the Assembly on Monday. The Assembly adopted a private member resolution in modified form to ease the suffering of small tea growers of Arunachal Pradesh due to Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Supreme Court order of Dec 12 1996.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has said that a balance package for the Itanagar-Banderdewa road shall be included in the annual plan of the Ministry for the year 2017-18. This was communicated to Governor Dr. B.D. Mishra on Monday by senior officials of the Ministry in New Delhi. Earlier Governor Mishra had called on the Union Minister for Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari and submitted the issues related to the national highway projects in Arunachal Pradesh on priority. He highlighted major projects pending for approval from the ministry and for budgetary support including proposals such as balance packages of Itanagar-Banderdewa road.

In another meeting with Union Minister of State for Communications Manoj Sinha, Mr. Mishra drew the attention of the Minister on tardy progress of optical fibre cables laying works across the State and requested the minister to resolve all pending issues and direct RAILTEL Corporation limited to expedite the work. The Governor added that providing internet connectivity in remote locations of Arunachal Pradesh is the need of the hour.

India has taken several measures to tackle malnutrition in children and mothers. The NITI Ayog has said, pregnant women and lactating mothers will now receive 5,000 rupees cash on fulfilling basic conditions of health and nutrition. It said, the Ayog released the National Nutrition Strategy focusing on interdepartmental convergence, targets and real-time monitoring. NITI Aayog vice chairman Rajiv Kumar said additional 12,000 crore rupees have been allotted to fight malnutrition over next 3 years by revising cost norms for supplementary nutrition. Mr Kumar said, fortification of food provided under government welfare programmes, like Integrated Child Development Services and Mid-Day Meal has now been made mandatory.

The Arunachal Pradesh Bharatiya Janata Party on Monday organized Jansuraksha Pad Yatra to express support and solidarity to the nationwide movement to protest against alleged atrocities and killings of BJP and RSS karyakartas in Kerala. The rally started from Tennis Court IG Park and culminated near Vidyut Bhawan. The Yatra was led by the State BJP President Tapir Gao and was joined by ministers, parliamentary secretaries, MLAs and large number of BJP office bearers and workers.

Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority has opened its 19th Legal Aid Clinic at Additional District and Session Judge Complex in Bomdila in West Kameng district on Monday. Member Secretary of the Authority Budi Habung inaugurated the legal aid clinic. Additional District and Session Judge, Bomdila and Chairman of West Kameng DLSA Gote Mega, President of West Kameng Bar Association Khamu Desisaw and layers were also present in the event.

Secretary, Dept. of Social Justice & Empowerment & Tribal Affairs, Onit Panyang has flagged off a bus for the Donyi Polo School for Hearing and Visually Impaired here on Sunday last on the occasion of the 26th Foundation Day of the school. The Bus is sponsored by the Dept. of Social Justice & Empowerment & Tribal Affairs, Naharlagun as per the promise made by the Chief Minister Pema Khandu during his visit to school.

The festival of Dhanteras is being celebrated across the country today. People consider it auspicious to purchase gold or silver articles or at least one or two new utensils. It is believed that new Dhan or some form of precious metal is a sign of good luck. Lord Kuber, the God of wealth is worshipped along with Goddess Lakshmi today.

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According to the Met Centre, the sky will be generally cloudy rain/thundershower may occur in Itanagar and surrounding areas during the next 24 hours. The maximum temperature recorded today was 35 degree Celsius and a minimum of 19.5 degree Celsius.