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## Arunachal Pradesh Current Affairs - January 2017

### Governors Banwarilal Purohit, PB Acharya to take additional charge of Meghalaya,

#### Arunachal Pradesh

The Centre has asked Assam and Nagaland governors to take additional charge of the two states respectively. Assam governor **Banwarilal Purohit** was given additional charge of **Meghalaya** and **Nagaland governor PB Acharya** was asked to take additional charge of **Arunachal Pradesh**

### Arunachal signs MoU with NDDB to promote dairy development

i. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Secretary **Shakuntala D Gamlin** and NDDB Chairman **DilipRath** are signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the presence of Chief Minister PemaKhandu to kick-start a 'white revolution' in Arunachal Pradesh. ii. According to the MoU, NDDB will conduct a **survey** related to milk production and consumption and identify areas of intervention in Arunachal Pradesh

### Arunachal launches 'DulariKanya' scheme to check infant mortality

- i. **Arunachal Pradesh** launched '**DulariKanya**', a special scheme to check infant mortality in the state.
- ii. **Governor V Shanmuganathan** launched the scheme, under which the government will deposit **Rs 20,000** in the bank account of a girl child, born in any government hospital.
- iii. It would be paid along with the accrued interest after she attains 18 years of her age.

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## Arunachal Pradesh Current Affairs - February 2017

### Arunachal first NE state to implement e-Cabinet solution

- i. Arunachal Pradesh became the **first state in the northeast** to implement e-Cabinet solution for the state cabinet members.
- ii. Using this system, the cabinet members can access the cabinet notes before the meeting. The entire business of the Cabinet can be conducted using the e-Cabinet solution.
- iii. “**e-Cabinet** is a powerful tool that the Arunachal Pradesh government plans to use to streamline its decision-making process,”

### Arunachal Pradesh Launches 'Arunachal Civil Service Awards'

- i. The state government of **Arunachal Pradesh** launched the **Arunachal Civil Service Awards** on February 6, 2017 in a bid to encourage good governance in the state.
- ii. Through the award, the government aims to improve the work culture and **boost** the **morale of government employees** by recognising their hard work and innovation.
- iii. The award consists of a **medal, a scroll** and cash awards of **Rs 1 lakh** for an individual and Rs 5 lakh for an organization or a group.

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### **Arunachal Pradesh Current Affairs - March 2017**

**Arunachal Pradesh Finance Minister Presents Rs 285 crore deficit budget for 2017-18** The **Arunachal Pradesh Finance Minister Chowna Mein** presented a **Rs 285 crore deficit budget** for the 2017-18 fiscal in the state Assembly on March 10, 2017 with focus on women empowerment, infrastructure development and law & order.

#### **Major Highlight of the Budget**

◆ In the budget estimate of 2017-18, the state is projecting a **revenue receipt** of Rs 14,599 crore and a **capital receipt** of Rs 1,436.75 crore. This is an increase of over 15 percent from the budget estimates of 2016-17.

◆ The **share of central taxes** has been pegged at Rs 9,306.34 crore. The **state's own tax revenue** is projected at Rs 742.94 crore and the non-tax revenue for 2017-18 at Rs 536.29 crore.

#### **Allocations & Schemes**

- i.** Arunachal Pradesh has announced to launch E-Office to move towards digitalization.
- ii.** JanDhan Accounts, Aadhar Card will be linked to provide citizen services, moving towards a cashless and paperless economy.
- iii.** To provide better IT facilities, Rs.15 crore has been proposed under the Digital Arunachal scheme.
- iv.** 15 crore has been proposed to develop industrial estates in the foothill districts.
- v.** 10 crore has been proposed under Arunachal Pradesh Budget 2017-18 for developing a food park at Tippi in West Kameng.

#### **Arunachal Pradesh Launches Adarsh Gram Yojana for Rural Poor**

- i.** The **Arunachal Pradesh** government has launched a new scheme **Adarsh Gram Yojana** that is in accordance with the basic philosophy of the Prime Minister "**Sabka Saath Sabka Vikaas**" (Collective Efforts Inclusive Growth).

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- ii. The scheme aims to reach the poor people in rural areas of the state to serve them better.
- iii. Under the scheme, **123 villages** (comprising one village per circle) will be developed as '**Model Villages**' during the fiscal year 2017-18.
- iv. The state government has allocated an amount of **Rs.93 crore** in the Budget 2017-18 for infrastructure development and for creating employment opportunities and community assets for the people of those villages.

### Kerala, Tripura & Arunachal Pradesh Takes States' List Under UDAY to 26

- i. The power ministry has informed that a total of **26 states** have now become the part of the **Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana** (UDAY) with the recent entry of **Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh** and **Tripura** for the revival of debt stressed Discoms.
- ii. While the state government of Kerala and Kerala State Electricity Board Ltd along with the government of India signed the UDAY scheme on March 2, 2017, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura joined the scheme on March 29, 2017.
- iii. With the participation of the three states in the UDAY, they would have an overall net benefit of approximately **Kerala-Rs 4,178 crore, Arunachal Pradesh-Rs 309 crore and Tripura-Rs 810 crore** due to cheaper funds, reduction in AT&C and transmission losses, interventions in energy efficiency during the turnaround period.

### Arunachal Teen Develops Goggles to Help Visually Impaired

- i. **AnangTadar**, a Class XI student of New Galaxy Academy, Nirjuli, **Arunachal Pradesh** has invented a unique pair of goggles that uses ultrasound and infrared sensors to help the visually impaired detect obstacles on their path.
- ii. Tadar was awarded the DinanathPandey Smart Idea Innovation Award for inventing the gadget named **Goggle for Blind (G4B)**.
- iii. Impressed by his innovation and keen to launch it in the market, the National Innovation Foundation, set up by the Department of Science and Technology, has asked Anang to create a few prototypes for the visually impaired to test.

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**Arunachal Pradesh Current Affairs - May 2017**

**Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu flags off Naharlagun-Guwahati Shatabdi Express** On May 7, 2017, Union Railway Minister **Suresh Prabhu** flagged off the **Naharlagun-Guwahati Shatabdi Express**.

- i. He also laid the foundation of the **Murkongselek-Pasighat broad gauge line in Arunachal Pradesh**.
- ii. The train will depart on every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from Naharalagun and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from Guwahati. Enroute to Guwahati, the train will have stoppages at Harmuti, Rangapara (North) and Rangiya.

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### **Arunachal Pradesh Current Affairs - June 2017**

#### **Arunachal Pradesh govt raises retirement age of employees to 60 years**

Arunachal Pradesh government has decided to **increase the retirement age of regular state government employees to 60 years**. It will be implemented from **1<sup>st</sup> of January 2018**.

- i.** The government observed that there are various categories of employees who are already having the benefit of retirement age of 60 years.
- ii.** The state government decided to implement the retirement age of such employees from existing **58 to 60 years**.

#### **Arunachal wants separate time zone to improve efficiency, work hours**

**Pema Khandu**, the **Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh**, has demanded a separate time zone for Arunachal Pradesh to improve work efficiency and save electricity in the state.

- i.** Pema Khandu has mentioned that people in Arunachal Pradesh wake up as early as 4am (according to Indian Standard Time). Owing to this, several daylight hours are wasted as government offices open only at 10am and closes at 4pm.
- ii.** Moreover, a study by **Bengaluru-based National Institute of Advanced Studies** claimed in a report that such a move could save up to 2.7 billion units of electricity.

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### **Arunachal Pradesh Current Affairs - July 2017**

**Arunachal, Andaman and Nicobar Islands get exemption from SC highway liquor ban**  
Supreme Court has allowed **Arunachal Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands** to get exemption from the court's **ban on sale of liquor within 500 metres of National and State Highways.**

**i.** A Bench led by **Chief Justice of India J.S. Khehar** took note of the geographical quirks of Arunachal Pradesh and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and concluded that they deserved parity with **Sikkim and Meghalaya.** **ii.** The ban was ordered to prevent drunk driving, one of the major killers plaguing Indian roads

#### **Arunachal Pradesh celebrates 'Dree festival' with traditional pomp & gaiety**

The Dree Festival of Arunachal Pradesh is an agricultural festival celebrated by the Apatani tribe of Arunachal Pradesh at **Ziro**

- i.** The **Dree Festival** of Arunachal Pradesh is celebrated on **5<sup>th</sup> July with the pre-celebration rituals starting from the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> July every year.**
- ii.** It is the biggest festival of the Apatanis and celebrated with zest marked by sacrificial offerings and prayers.
- iii.** The Dree Festival of Arunachal Pradesh is a **celebration of the agricultural way of life for the Apatanis.**

#### **Kiren Rijiju inaugurates RIWATCH Museum and Chimari Bridge in Arunachal Pradesh**

On July 22, 2017, **Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju** inaugurated the **Research Institution of World Ancient, Traditional, Culture & Heritage (RIWATCH) Museum at Roing in Arunachal Pradesh** and hoped that it would serve as a place of exchange of cultural values of various tribes of the state and the North East.

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- **Arunachal Pradesh State Art & Culture Minister, Mohesh Chai** said that according to UNESCO report there are **32 languages in Arunachal Pradesh that are on the verge of extinction** and the state government is initiating programmes and policies to find out and to revive those minor and major tribal languages.
- On the sideline of his visit to Roing, Mr. Rijiju also inaugurated the **235-meter long Chimari Bridge**, which would serve as a life line **between the National Highway 52 of Roing-Tezu**. The bridge has been constructed by Border Roads Organisation(BRO).

### 5th North East Connectivity Summit- 2018 to be held in Arunachal Pradesh

The **5th North East Connectivity Summit- 2018** will be **held in Arunachal Pradesh**. It has been announced on 20th July 2017.

i .The **4th North East Connectivity Summit** will be **held in Nagaland in the month of September 2017**.

ii. The summit organised by the FICCI is one of the most **important forums for action oriented contemplations on sub-regional economic integration and connectivity between North East India and South East Asia**.

### Five states, Puducherry to ink MoU with GeM

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i. As per the government the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will **ensure timely payment by state departments to the vendors registered on the GeM portal**.

ii. The other states that will ink the agreement are **Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh** and **union territory Puducherry**.

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### Wi-fi LAN launched in Arunachal Pradesh civil secretariat



**Wi-Fi Local Area Network** (LAN) was launched at the **Arunachal Pradesh**. The facility would modernize work culture in the civil secretariat on 23rd of July 2017.

- i. It is the first secretariat in the country to be fully under wireless coverage.
- ii. The **secured network can offer connections to up to 6000 employees and 500 visitors can access it at one go.**
- iii. The 157 access points installed across the secretariat premises would allow round the clock wifi access to officials and 8 hours per day to visitors.
- iv. The wireless LAN **project comprises state-of-the-art wireless access points with 1 Gbps bandwidth** in each of its four blocks powered by 10 Gbps NIC backbone link.

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### **Arunachal Pradesh Current Affairs - August 2017**

#### **Arunachal Pradesh, J&K are fastest growing economies: Central Statistics Office**

On 30<sup>th</sup> august ,2017, **Central Statistics Office(CSO)** published new series of gross **State Domestic Product (SDP)** data with 2011-12 as the base year. According to it **Jammu and Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh were the fastest expanding State economies** in 2015-16. Comparison between states plays a healthy role in promoting **competitive federalism** thereby promoting fair competition. On the whole, the **national economy expanded by 8 per cent** in 2015-16 at constant 2011-12 prices.

#### **Highlights: –**

- **Arunachal Pradesh's** gross State domestic product (GSDP) expanded **5 per cent** and that of **Jammu and Kashmir 14.7 per cent** at constant 2011-12 prices.
- The economies of bigger States such as **Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh** expanded about **8-8.5 per cent** that year.

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**Arunachal Pradesh Current Affairs - September 2017**

**Arunachal Pradesh Health Minister JomdeKena passes away**

**Arunachal Pradesh Health and Family Welfare Minister JomdeKena** had **passed away** on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2017.

**Key Points:**

- i. He was a resident of Gensi village in Lower Siang district in Guwahati.
- ii. He **represented Likabali constituency** and was **first elected to the Legislative Assembly in 2004.**

**President Ram NathKovind appoints Brigadier (Retd.) BD Mishra as new Governor of**

**Arunachal Pradesh**

**Brigadier (Retd.) BD Mishra** – He was a Commander of NSG (Black Cat Commandos). He has served in the China war of 1962, Bangladesh liberation operations in 1971, and in LTTE operations in Sri Lanka in 1987-88. He also volunteered for the Kargil war after retirement.

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### **Arunachal Pradesh Current Affairs - October 2017**

#### **Arunachal Pradesh CM PemaKhandu inaugurates Tawang festival**

On 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister PemaKhandu inaugurated the fifth edition of Tawang festival, at Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh.

#### **Tawang festival:**

i. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister **PemaKhandu inaugurated the Tawang festival**. The NEC (North Eastern Council) secretary Ram Muivah inaugurated the traditional games and sports competition.

#### **Arunachal Assembly approves Kamle as 23rd district**

On October 18, 2017, Arunachal Pradesh State Assembly passed **Arunachal Pradesh (ReOrganisation of Districts) Amendment Bill 2017** to create a new district named 'Kamle'. The bill was introduced on October 14, 2017 by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister PemaKhandu.

#### **About Arunachal Pradesh's Kamle District:**

i. **Kamle is the 23<sup>rd</sup> district of Arunachal Pradesh**. It has been created by bifurcating the present Upper and Lower Subansiri districts.

#### **China opens new highway in Tibet close to Arunachal border**

On October 1, 2017 **China opened a 409-km new expressway linking Tibet's provincial capital Lhasa with Nyingchi**, which is close to **Arunachal Pradesh** border. Lhasa and Nyingchi, both are major tourist attractions in Tibet.

#### **More Information about China's new highway in Tibet:**

i. The new expressway has been built at a **cost of nearly \$5.8 billion**.

ii. On account of this expressway, **travel time between Lhasa and Nyingchi will be reduced from eight to five hours** at a speed limit of 80 km per hour.

### Meghalaya, UP and Arunachal Sign MoU to Boost Culture and Tourism

On 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017, a MoU was signed by Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya under the 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat' programme, to boost cultural ties.

#### MoU between Meghalaya, UP and Arunachal Pradesh:

- i. Uttar Pradesh Additional Chief Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education, **Sanjay Agarwal**, Arunachal Pradesh Tourism Secretary, Joram Beda, Meghalaya Education Secretary, **W R Lyngdoh** signed the MoU.
- ii. This MoU under the '**Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat**' programme, aims to enhance cultural relationship between these 3 states.

### Snow Leopard Photographed First Time in Arunachal Pradesh

On October 5<sup>th</sup> 2017, The Snow Leopard has been clicked first time in India **at Thembang village's Community Conserved Area**, a community-owned reserve, in West Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh.

- i. It was spotted in the High Asian region, especially in Jammu and Kashmir's Ladakh region in India. It was clicked at a height above sea level of 3,900 metres.

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## **Arunachal Pradesh Current Affairs – DECEMBER 2017**

### **Orange Festival of Music and Adventure celebrated in Arunachal Pradesh**

On 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017, Orange Festival of Music and Adventure was held in Dambuk village of **Arunachal Pradesh**.

### **Scientists discover new frog species "Odorranaarunachalensis"**

Scientists have discovered a new frog species "Odorranaarunachalensis" in Lower Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh.

- i. The Odorranaarunachalensis species was discovered in **Talle Valley Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS)**, Arunachal Pradesh. It has been named as Odorranaarunachalensis, after Arunachal Pradesh.
- ii. The discovery has been published in the **Journal of Bioscience**