

## **REGIONAL ENGLISH NEWS BULLETIN**

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today led the nation in Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan by joining mega cleanliness drive. People across the country also took part in a mega cleanliness drive today on the clarion call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Mr. Modi has earlier appealed to the citizens for one hour of shramdaan for cleanliness drive at 10 AM today to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his birth anniversary. Over six lakh 40 thousand sites have been adopted for shramdaan from urban and rural India under this mega cleanliness drive. Similarly, Chief Minister Pema Khandu also joined in with the public of Yid Ga Chozin at Tawang today and carried out mass cleanliness drive as a part of Swachta Hi Seva.

Namsai district actively participated in the Pan-India Massive Cleanliness drive program today. During the event, MLA Chau Zingnu Namchoom handed over the keys of a Suction Truck to Executive Engineer, Department of UD & Housing, Namsai and flagged off the vehicle. Meanwhile, PHE&WS Department, Namsai carried out cleanliness drive in all the gram panchayats giving special focus to schools, anganwadis and health centres. Further, the cleanliness drive programmes were also organized at all the outpost administrative circles.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived at Mahabubnagar, Telangana this afternoon. He laid the foundation stone of multiple developmental projects worth more than 13,500 crore rupees, in sectors like road, rail, petroleum and natural gas and higher education at Mahbubnagar in Telangana. Mr. Modi also flagged off the inaugural Hyderabad (Kacheguda) – Raichur – Hyderabad (Kacheguda) train service from Krishna station via video conferencing.

On the occasion of National Blood Donation Day, a voluntary blood donation camp was jointly organized today by the District Health Authorities and Troops of Spear Corps from Rayang Military Station at East Siang district. A total of 104 units of blood were collected. During the camp, Haemoglobin testing and medical screening of the blood donors was done and they were informed about the benefits of blood donation to the donors.

Reserve Bank of India has extended the last date to exchange the 2,000 rupee denomination banknotes to 7th of this month. In its statement, RBI said that the period specified for the withdrawal process has come to an end and based on a review; it has been decided to extend the current arrangement for the deposit or exchange of Rs 2000 banknotes until 7th of this month.

The month long Poshan Maah under Poshan Abhiyan has concluded in a closing ceremony held yesterday at Mebo ADC's conference hall in East Siang district. During the programme, Deputy Commissioner In-charge East Siang Oli Perme has urged all to take the opportunity and avail the schemes implemented by the state and the central governments which provide numerous benefits for individuals and the overall development of the district. Meanwhile, a Haat Bazaar was inaugurated where locally grown organic vegetables, millet, other food items and handicrafts products by the Self Help Groups were displayed. Further, the three Self Help Groups were also awarded for their presentations.

A training programme on 'Integrated orchard management in Khasi mandarin' was organized by the fruit science department of the College of Horticulture & Forestry (CHF) at Mebo village in East Siang district on Friday. CHF Assistant Prof Dr PK Nimbolkar highlighted on the importance of quality planting materials, integrated nutrient management, and pests and disease management of Khasi mandarin orchards. He stressed on propagation and use of disease-free quality planting materials. About fifty progressive farmers attended the training programme.

The Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS) yesterday inaugurated its new APLS branch at Lower Siang district. In his speech, President APLS Padma Shree YD Thongchi said that it is through literature only where one can understand a place and its culture in a true manner. Further, he suggested the district unit to meet at least once a month and conduct literary activities regularly. Meanwhile, Henkar Rokom Bado has been appointed as the president of Lower Siang district unit APLS and Nyatum Doke as its general secretary.

Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society has expressed deep concern over the increasing number of sexual assault cases involving minors in the state. The APWWS team has appealed the state government to take prompt action in establishing the new Arunachal Pradesh Commission for the Protection of Child Rights. Earlier, the team visited the minor victim of the recent sexual assault case in Rajiv Gandhi University. Further, the team appreciated the police for their quick action in arresting the accused, who is an Associate Professor at RGU; while urging to conduct a thorough investigation regarding the matter.

**That's all in this news bulletin, Namaskar**