

## **REGIONAL ENGLISH NEWS BULLETIN**

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India has hit out at Pakistan for supporting terrorism saying that Islamabad should be advised to stop terror factories that continue to launch cross-border terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir. This was stated by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh in the Right of Reply against Pakistan during the 148th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Geneva on Sunday. He said Pakistan holds the ignoble record of hosting one of the largest numbers of terrorists banned by the UN Security Council. He added that Osama Bin Laden, the face of global terror, was also found in Pakistan. He asserted that India is the largest democracy in the world, and many consider the Indian democracy a model to be emulated. Describing Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh as integral parts of India, the Deputy Chairman said, no amount of rhetoric and propaganda from anyone can override this fact.

The festival of colours, Holi is being celebrated throughout the country today. The festival signifies the victory of good over evil and celebrates the arrival of Spring season. On this day, people apply Gulal or colours on one another, exchange greetings, savour sweets, and seek the blessings of elders. President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have greeted the people on the occasion. The President said, Holi is a vibrant and joyous festival, which infuses hope and enthusiasm into people's lives. PM Modi in his message said, the festival of colours brings new energy and enthusiasm in everyone's life.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, K.T. Parnaik has extended warm greetings to the people of the State on the festive occasion of Holi. In his message, the Governor said that Holi marks the arrival of spring, a season, when Mother Nature manifests its beauty and grandeur in a colourful splash all around, rekindling the verve and zest for life. Chief Minister Pema Khandu also extended Holi greetings to the people of the state. In his message, he said that Holi holds immense cultural and social significance in our country, and it teaches us the spirit of unity, joy and togetherness, and signifies the victory of good over evil.

Supreme Court judge Justice Surya Kant emphasised the importance of legal awareness, highlighting that despite the numerous rights granted to citizens, lack of awareness often deprived them of these benefits. Justice Kant was addressing a one-day mega legal awareness programme held at Tawang, organised by the Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (APSLSA) and district administration of Tawang. Chief Justice Vijay Bishnoi of the Gauhati High Court, who is also the patron in chief of APSLSA, discussed various welfare schemes for farmers, women, and victims, while Justice Suman Shyam, judge, Gauhati High Court elaborated on Article 21 of the Indian Constitution, focusing on the right to life with dignity.

The Election Commission has announced that the voters above 85 years of age and Persons with Disabilities with 40 percent benchmark disability can vote from home. Volunteers and wheelchairs will be available at every polling station. The poll body is also arranging transport facilities for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly. The Commission has launched Saksham App to facilitate easier voting for Persons with Disabilities and to avail facilities at polling stations. Drinking Water, Toilets, Signage, a Ramp or Wheelchair, Helpdesk, Voter Facilitation Centre, Sufficient Light and Shed will be provided in the polling stations under the Assured Minimum Facilities. There will also be polling stations managed by Persons with Disabilities, polling stations exclusively managed by women and model polling stations.

The Tawang District Health Society observed the World TB Day at Khandro Drowa Zangmo District Hospital, Tawang on Sunday. Speaking on the occasion, ADC Tawang Sang Khandu emphasised the importance of raising awareness to eradicate TB, particularly through the involvement of PRI members, ASHAs, and Anganwadi workers. District TB Control Officer Dr Urgen Lhamu thanked the Nikshay Mitras for their role in providing additional nutritional support to patients through monthly food baskets under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan. National TB Elimination Programme coordinator Phurpa Rinchin provided insights into the schemes available for TB patients.

Congress candidate for Anini assembly constituency, Eri Tayu announced his resignation from the party and withdrew his name from the selected candidates list on Sunday. Tayu, in a letter to the Arunachal Pradesh Congress Committee and the Dibang Valley District Congress unit, cited personal reasons for his step. Former Minister and Congress MLA Takam Pario also joined the BJP a few days ago leaving his congress ticket from Palin constituency for the upcoming Assembly polls.

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