

## **REGIONAL ENGLISH NEWS BULLETIN**

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Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and his Bhutanese counterpart Tshering Tobgay inaugurated the Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Mother and Child Hospital, a state-of-the-art hospital in Thimphu, Bhutan, built with the assistance of the Government of India, today. The development of the 150 – bedded Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Wangchuk Mother and Child Hospital has been supported by India in two phases. Phase one of the Hospital was constructed at a cost of 22 Crore rupees and has been operational since 2019. The construction of the second phase was taken up in 2019, as part of the 12th Five Year Plan at a cost of 119 Crore rupees and is completed now.

King of Bhutan Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck conferred Bhutan's highest civilian award, the Order of the Druk Gyalpo, on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Thimphu on Friday. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Modi said it is a very big day in his life. He said, every award is special, but when one receives an award from another country, it shows that both countries are moving on the right path. He said, this honour is not his personal achievement, but the honour of India and 140 crore Indians. Prime Minister Modi is the first foreign leader to be given this prestigious award. The citation of the Order states that the award recognises Prime Minister Modi's personal accomplishments and leadership, and his contributions to strengthen the bonds of friendship between India and Bhutan.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Friday filed his nomination for the upcoming assembly polls. He will contest from Mukto constituency in Tawang district as a BJP nominee. The chief minister filed his nomination papers at the additional deputy commissioner's office in Jang in Tawang district, in the presence of his supporters and cabinet colleagues. In a social media post Khandu said that it was a special day as he filed his nomination paper as a candidate for 3-Mukto (ST) Assembly constituency. Interacting with the people there, Khandu assured his commitment for all-round development of his constituency and the state as a whole. Tsering Dorjee, the BJP candidate for Tawang constituency also filed his nomination papers in Tawang on Friday.

In the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', the State foundation Day of Bihar was celebrated in the Raj Bhavan of Arunachal Pradesh on Friday. Large number of people from Bihar in Arunachal Pradesh participated in the programme. The Governor said that the people of Bihar in Arunachal Pradesh were the partners in the developmental progress of the State. He said that Biharis are known for their hard work and progressive mind. A cultural programme depicting the rich cultural heritage of Bihar, including traditional dances and "Holi Geet" were presented by the people of Bihar residing in Arunachal Pradesh on the occasion.

In a major political twist in the state, Congress leader and two-time MLA Takam Pario left his party and joined BJP even after the Congress party nominated him as Congress Candidate from Palin Assembly Constituency. Pario joined BJP on Friday at State BJP office in presence of State BJP President Biyuram Wahge, Palin Constituency BJP Candidate Balo Raja and many others. State congress condemns Pario for his act of joining BJP. The State Congress Party in a press statement said that the party listed Pario's name as its Candidate from Palin considering his application for party Ticket, but Pario did not receive the ticket from Congress office and went to BJP office to join the BJP Party.

Former union minister and sitting MLA Ninong Ering on Friday filed his nomination paper for the Pasighat West assembly constituency at the Ruksin election office on Friday. Ering is the official candidate of the ruling BJP for the Pasighat West constituency in East Siang district. He was accompanied by senior BJP leaders and PRI leaders of the area during filing of his nomination. Ering was elected as an MLA on a Congress ticket in the last election. He later joined the ruling party and applied for the party ticket on the eve of the election notification.

A total of 31,95,700 in cash, in addition to IMFL worth approximately Rs 32,410, were seized by the flying squad over the last two days in East Siang district. According to official information, the police seized Rs 1,50,000 from Mirmir Charali area, Rs 29,69,700 from near Kalibari, and Rs 76,500 from Raneghat area during a search operation on Thursday.

## **Now the Weather Forecast...**

According to the Met Centre, the sky will remain cloudy with one or two spell of rain/thundershower in Itanagar and surrounding areas during the next 24 hours. The maximum temperature recorded today was 25 degree Celsius and a minimum of 14.7 degree Celsius.

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