

## **REGIONAL ENGLISH NEWS BULLETIN**

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.), on Wednesday attended the concluding session of the Acharya Vishesh Prashikshan Shivir at Vivekananda Kendra Vidhyalaya, Nirjuli. The week-long camp, celebrating the 50th year of Vivekananda Kendra, focused on innovative educational techniques and was organized by the Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalayas Arunachal Pradesh Trust (VKVAPT). Speaking on the occasion, the Governor highlighted the historical and modern significance of teachers, praised Vivekananda Kendra for their contributions to education and rural development, and urged teachers to foster discipline, inquisitiveness, and problem-solving abilities in students, and to teach beyond textbooks using nature and innovative methods. He also expressed concern about rural education standards and suggested adopting VKV's teaching culture state wide. The camp saw participation from 586 teachers, including 208 women, from 44 VKV institutions and the Vivekananda Kendra College of Teacher Education, Nirjuli.

The Indian Army recently joined hands with locals in Taktsang Gompa, Tawang District, Arunachal Pradesh, to celebrate Buddha Purnima. The event, held near the picturesque Shungetsar Lake, honoured the area's spiritual heritage, with Taktsang Gompa being a significant site where Guru Padmasambhava meditated. The celebration, part of the Army's commitment to nation-building, featured various activities aimed at fostering community welfare and strengthening ties. A medical camp provided free check-ups and medicines, while a lively volleyball championship promoted physical fitness and unity among the youth. The festivities included a communal lunch showcasing local cuisines, infrastructure donations, and a captivating performance by the Indian Army band. Traditional dances and songs highlighted the rich cultural heritage of the region.

Buddha Jayanti was celebrated with religious fervour today at Itanagar Gonpa Monastery, Siddhartha Vihar, Itanagar. His Eminence Tulku Thupten Tender Rinpoche, Abbott of Tawang Monastery, led the devout in offering prayers, marking the auspicious occasion in presence of large number of devotees and people from the Buddhist community. Speaking on the occasion,

Bhikshu Tawang Math, Jamba Sangey, elaborated on the significance of the Buddha Jayanti. Later, a voluntary blood donation camp was organized at the Siddhartha Vihar complex in commemoration of Buddha Jayanti coordinated by the Arunachal Life Saving Foundation in collaboration with medical representatives from TRIHMS and RKM Hospital, which saw active participation from various sectors.

“Clean rivers are the lifelines of our ecosystem,” emphasized Itanagar Municipal Corporation Ward No-6 Corporator Gyamar Taz as nearly 3.5 metric tonnes of garbage were removed from the Yagamso River, Division IV area, Itanagar on Wednesday. The cleanliness drive was organized by the All Abotani Colony Welfare Association (AACWA) and NGOs including Youth Mission for Clean River (YMCR) and Abralow Memorial Multipurpose Society, supported by the Itanagar Smart City Development Corporation. Speaking on the occasion, IMC Ward No.6 Corporator Taz urged residents to stop dumping waste into the river, highlighting daily garbage collection by IMC trucks and calling for home waste segregation to reduce landfill use. He also praised the ward’s youth and public for their participation and pledged on-going support for YMCR’s environmental initiatives. Over 80 volunteers participated in this extensive clean-up drive.

Buddha Purnima is being celebrated across the country today marking the birth anniversary of Lord Buddha. This major festival is observed by Buddhists worldwide, including India, Nepal, Bhutan, Burma, Thailand, Tibet, Korea, Laos, Vietnam, Mongolia, Cambodia, Singapore, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka. President Droupadi Murmu and Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar have extended their greetings. President Murmu highlighted Lord Buddha's teachings of truth, non-violence, and love for all beings, inspiring service to humanity. While Vice-President Dhankhar highlighted the transformative power of Buddha’s teachings, including the four Noble Truths and the Eight-fold Path, which promote compassion and non-violence.

Campaigning for the sixth phase of Lok Sabha elections ended today at 5 pm. 58 constituencies spread over eight states and union territories will go to polls in this phase on Saturday, May 25. These include 8 seats in Bihar, all 10 seats in Haryana, one seat in Jammu and Kashmir, 4 in Jharkhand, all 7 seats in Delhi, 6 in Odisha, 14 in Uttar Pradesh and 8 in West Bengal. As many as 889 candidates are in

the fray from these 58 Lok Sabha constituencies. The voting will begin at 7 a.m. and end at 6 p.m.

The Secretary for Information and Broadcasting, Sanjay Jaju today, announced plans for a national centre of excellence dedicated to training youth in animation and visual effects at an event in Chennai. Speaking on the occasion, he highlighted the critical need for skilled professionals in the film production industry, which is valued at three lakh crores. The proposed centre aims to address industry demands for modern technical skills. Jaju also engaged in discussions with media leaders from the Information and Broadcasting sector, urging them to develop a strategic roadmap to advance the Ministry's objectives.

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