## **REGIONAL NEWS UNIT, ITANAGAR**

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Overall more than 62 Per cent voter turnout has been recorded in the fourth phase of Lok Sabha polls till 5 PM today. Ninety six Parliamentary Constituencies spread over nine States and one Union Territory, are being covered in the fourth phase. These include, 25 seats in Andhra Pradesh, 17 in Telangana, 13 in Uttar Pradesh, eleven in Maharashtra, eight seats each in Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal, 5 in Bihar, four seats each in Jharkhand and Odisha along with one seat of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. A total of one thousand 717 candidates are in the fray for the fourth phase.

The Central Board of Secondary Education today declared the results of Class 10 and 12 board examinations in which girls have outshined boys. In a statement, CBSE said, 87.98 per cent of students have passed 12<sup>th</sup> board exams. The passing percentage is 0.65 per cent higher than the last year. Over 24 thousand candidates have scored above 95 per cent and over one lakh sixteen thousand students got above 90 per cent in this examination. In 10<sup>th</sup> board examination, overall passing percentage is 93.60.

The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of India - France Joint Military Exercise SHAKTI commenced today, at Umroi, in a fully developed and modern Foreign Training Node in Meghalaya. The Exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 13<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. The Opening Ceremony of the joint exercise was attended by H.E. Thierry Mathou, Ambassador of France to India and Major General Prasanna Sudhakar Joshi, General Officer Commanding 51 Sub Area. Exercise SHAKTI is a biennial training event conducted, alternatively, in India and France.

Gujarat's Chief Secretary, Raj Kumar, visited Malinithan on Sunday and offered prayers in the Malini Mandir. During the visit, Kumar spoke to the people and mentioned the unique link the state of Gujarat and the Malinithan temple had in the past. It is believed that Lord Krishna had tied the nuptial knot with Devi Rukmini in Malinithan while proceeding on his way back to Dwarka. He expressed hope that the Krishna-Rukmini epical link would form a strong base for cultural ties between the two states of Arunachal Pradesh at the easternmost tip of the country and Gujarat at the westernmost end.

The members of Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society, today, met Itanagar Capital Region Deputy Commissioner Ms. Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta, and submitted a representation requesting urgent action to combat trafficking of minor girls in the capital region. The apex women's organization expressed concern regarding a recent incident of trafficking of minor girls for illegal activities in Itanagar. It said that the gravity of the situation necessitates immediate and stringent action to address the root causes and prevent further exploitation of vulnerable individuals.

Asum Tamut of Lileng village of Siang District has won Gold medal in the 7<sup>th</sup> National Mix Martial Art Championship held at Raipur in Chhattisgarh yesterday. She beat her Chhattisgarh rival Priyanshi Baghel in the final match of MMA Senior Female Straw weight 52.2 kg category. Along with Tamut, Yumter Taipodia, Tadar Righi and Kamjo Taku had won bronze medal in their respective categories in the championship.

In Arunachal Pradesh, Spearhead Gunners of the Indian Army organized a series of events including an informative lecture and plantation drive at Sigar Military Station in East Siang District commemorating the International Plant Health Day on Saturday. The main objective of the event was to curb the century old farming practices being followed in the surrounding villages and to encourage the local farmers to initiate measures to conserve plant health and foster the overall ecosystem. The event witnessed participation of farmers from various villages of Mebo Tehsil in the District.

Itanagar Capital Complex Deputy Commissioner, Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta, has issued an 'advisory', urging the pet owners to vaccinate their pets and confine the aggressive ones for the public safety in the city. According to a report from the District Medical Officer, Itanagar Capital regional has reported a total of 117 dog bites last week. The advisory directs all the pet owners in the city to ensure that their pets are administered with the requisite vaccination, and confine their aggressive animals and dogs safely within 15 days. If any owner fails to comply with the advisory, authority will carry out eviction drive, the order stated.

Nepal's legendary mountaineer Kami Rita Sherpa made history yesterday by breaking his record for the highest number of ascents of Mt. Everest as he scaled the world's highest peak for the 29<sup>th</sup> time.

The expedition was organised by the Seven Summit Treks and had 20 climbers. They scaled Everest yesterday morning.