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Indian Army 'successfully' conducted a week-long Forward Area Tour (FAT) for defence experts from May 12 to 19 encouraging civil-military fusion in defence technology. The tour facilitated the defence experts to get a first-hand experience of the operational & administrative challenges faced by troops deployed in forward areas of Arunachal Pradesh, thereby motivating them to formulate inventive technological solutions to the problems. Seven qualified defence experts from various defence industries, StartUps & academia formed part of the FAT team. From May 13 to 15, the delegates visited the forward areas in Anjaw district along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and gained insights about the operational and logistics challenges of the Armed Forces. They got a comprehensive understanding of the technological & operational requirements of the Indian Army operating in the remote and inhospitable terrain of Arunachal Pradesh. The experts also visited Army establishments in Lohit and Namsai districts of Arunachal and Dibrugarh district of Assam and interacted with senior officers who acquainted them with challenges related to surveillance, habitat, communications and logistics in these remote areas.

Election Commission's concerted crackdown on money power and inducements in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections has resulted in seizures by the agencies worth 8 thousand 889 crore rupees. The poll body said in a statement that enhanced vigil against inducements including drugs and psychotropic substances has resulted in big seizure actions and continuous surge. Drug seizures worth over three thousand 958 crore rupees amount to 45 per cent of seizures. With increasing intensity of campaigning, the Commission is keeping close tab on attempts to influence voters through inducements. It has directed the CEOs and enforcement agencies to step up the vigil.

All arrangements are in place for the fifth phase of Lok Sabha elections tomorrow. Forty-nine constituencies spread over six states and two Union Territories will go to polls in this phase. These are 14 seats in Uttar Pradesh, 13 in Maharashtra, seven in West Bengal, five each in Bihar and Odisha, three in Jharkhand, and one each in

Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. A total of 695 candidates are in the fray for this phase. 35 Assembly Constituencies of the Odisha Legislative Assembly will also go to polls on Monday. So far, the polling has concluded smoothly and peacefully in 379 Parliamentary Constituencies of 23 States and Union Territories in the first four phases of the General Elections 2024. These elections have registered a total voter turnout of about 66.95 per cent.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice, Arjun Ram Meghwal said that Union Government replaced the colonial era criminal justice system to provide justice to people in a time bound manner. Speaking at the inaugural session of the Conference titled 'India's Progressive Path in the Administration of Criminal Justice System', at IIT Guwahati on Saturday, Meghwal pointed out the need for changes in the criminal justice system, which was initially brought into effect from the perspective of colonial rulers and lacked Indian spirit and ethos. The British coded those laws to punish Indians but the present Government wants to give justice, added Meghwal.

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has alerted traders, fruits handlers and food business operators operating ripening chambers to strictly ensure compliance with the prohibition on calcium carbide for artificial ripening of fruits. Health Ministry said in a statement that FSSAI is also advising Food Safety Departments of States and UTs to remain vigilant and take serious action against persons indulging in such unlawful practices. Calcium carbide, commonly used for ripening fruits like mangoes, releases acetylene gas which contains harmful traces of arsenic and phosphorus. These substances can cause serious health issues such as dizziness, frequent thirst, irritation, weakness, difficulty in swallowing, vomiting and skin ulcers.

The Supreme Court Collegium has approved the proposal for appointment of two Additional Judges, namely, Justice Susmita Phukan Khaund and Justice Mitali Thakuria as permanent Judges of the Gauhati High Court. The SC Collegium also approved the proposal for the appointment of Justice Rajesh Sekhri, Additional Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, for a fresh term of one year with effect from 29 July 2024.

Altogether 102 boys and girls are participating in a summer football coaching camp that got underway at Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Naharlagun on Saturday. Organised by the Grassroots Development Committee of Arunachal Pradesh Football Association (APFA) for the children aged seven to 13 years, the camp will continue till May 25. The children are being trained on the basics of football by All India Football Federation (AIFF) and Asian Football Confederation (AFC)-licensed coaches, organizers said.

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