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Today was the last date of withdrawal of candidature for the seventh phase of the Lok Sabha polls. A total of 57 Lok Sabha Constituencies in seven States and one Union Territory will go to poll in this phase on the 1st of the next month. Thirteen seats each in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, nine seats of West Bengal, eight seats of Bihar, six seats of Odisha, four seats of Himachal Pradesh, three seats of Jharkhand and one seat in Union Territory of Chandigarh will go to polls in the seventh and last phase. The counting of votes for all the phases will take place on the 4th of June.

Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman today said that the Private sector will play a major role in making India a developed country by 2047. Speaking at a function organised by traders organisation in New Delhi, Ms. Sitharaman called the country's development a compelling growth story. Quoting different economic observations, she asserted that India will contribute 18 per cent to global growth in the next five years. Stressing on India's rising capabilities in manufacturing and service sector, the finance minister said the fastest growing economy will continue to grow fastest in coming years.

In a significant step towards alleviating traffic congestion, two new multi-storey parking facilities near the ESS Sector and Ganga APST bus terminal have been made functional on a trial basis starting yesterday. During the trial period, the Urban Development Department will oversee the operation of these facilities. These state-of-the-art parking lots, constructed at a total cost of Rs 29.5 crores, will offer free parking for the first six months of operation. The facilities include three hydraulic car lifts and one passenger lift per facility. Both premises are equipped with advanced fire extinguisher systems and power generators to ensure safety and operational efficiency.

The Arunachal Civil Society, reacting to the recent reports of child sex trafficking, has appealed to the state government to compensate the victims under the Arunachal Pradesh Victim compensation scheme. Appreciating the state police in rescuing the minors from trafficking, Society's women wing chairperson yesterday appealed to the police not to grant bail to the arrested accused under any circumstances. She said that the accused should be punished by the law and the punishment should not be affected by their status. It also appealed to the state government and the NGOs to come forward in providing the victims with good education, counselling and a safe environment to live in. The Society had earlier met with the Itanagar Capital SP, and OJU mission Chairperson to discuss the safety and future of the minors rescued by the police.

As a part of International Day for Biodiversity 2024 celebrations, the Arunachal Pradesh Biodiversity Board in collaboration with the Roots Arunachal performed Street Plays at various locations in Itanagar yesterday. The theme for this year's celebrations is "Be part of the Plan" which is a call for action to all the stakeholders to halt and reverse the loss of biodiversity. Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, non-governmental organizations, lawmakers, businesses, and individuals are encouraged to highlight the ways in which they are supporting the implementation of the Biodiversity Plan.

In a significant step towards ensuring the safety and well-being of the Puroik community in East Kameng district, a dedicated emergency helpline number was officially launched yesterday by Sachin Rana, Deputy Commissioner, East Kameng. Recognizing the need for immediate and effective assistance due to recurring incidents happening towards the Puroik community, the helpline number 7085721317 will serve as a crucial lifeline for the Puroik community members. Any individual can call or send Whatsapp message on helpline number expressing the concern regarding Puroik Community members. This initiative is part of the administration's ongoing efforts provide timely assistance to members of Puroik Community. The emergency helpline number will be operational 24/7.

The Rajiv Gandhi University has invited application from eligible candidates for admission to Post Graduate, Post Graduate Diploma and PhD Programmes for academic session 2024-25. The last date for filling up of the application form is 26th May of this month. Unlike previous year the admission process for this year is in compliance with the directives received from the Ministry of Education, New Delhi. All courses registration process is being hereby done through the SAMARTH portal.

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