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75 international visitors from Election Management Bodies of twenty-three countries have arrived in India to witness the Lok Sabha elections in the country. The delegates are participating in the six-day programme beginning today and will continue till 9th of this month. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Dr Sukhbir Singh Sandhu will address the delegates tomorrow. Thereafter, the delegates will embark on visits to Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh to observe polls and related preparedness in various constituencies.

The Centre today lifted the ban on onion exports. In a notification, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade said that the order effective immediately, is subject to a Minimum Export Price of USD 550 per Metric Ton (MT). In December last year, the export of Onion was prohibited to ensure adequate domestic availability against the backdrop of estimated lower Kharif and Rabi crops in 2023-24 as compared to the previous year.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) is all set to conduct the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) Undergraduate tomorrow. More than 24 lakh candidates will appear for the examination this year at various centres across 557 Cities throughout the country and 14 cities outside India including three centres across the United Arab Emirates. Over 2200 students from the UAE have registered to appear for the pen-and-paper-based NEET 2024 exam.

The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj jointly organized the Side Event along with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) at the UN Headquarters Secretariat Building in New York yesterday. The event featured impactful interactive presentations by three iconic women Elected Representatives namely Supriya Das Datta from Tripura, Kunuku Hema Kumari from Andhra Pradesh and Neeru Yadav from Rajasthan, who shared their experiences and innovations in local governance and advancing the Localization of SDGs in many thematic areas.

The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) today revised the red alert for high-energy swell waves to

orange alert along the Kerala and Tamil Nadu coasts. The warning is expected to persist till 11:30 pm on Sunday. Meanwhile, Kerala continues to be on alert of high caution in coastal areas. The Kerala State Disaster Management Authority has issued directions for the public not to travel to the coastal areas. Coastal residents are also urged to temporarily evacuate as needed. Fishermen are cautioned against venturing into the sea in Kerala coast until the warning is lifted.

The Upper Subansiri District administration today organized a mass cleanliness drive at Daporijo Township along with various NGOs and organization. Spearheading the drive, DC Talo Potom urged the public to extend their cooperation with the concerned department in cleaning the town. He further informed that third party will be endorsed for garbage collection from door to door and interested party, mostly NGOs, would be invited for the tender to implement it soon.

The Gajraj Corps of Indian Army today organized a one-day training program called Continuous Medical Education (CME) for the troops, paramedics and para military serving in Tawang region. During the training, Indian Army medicos shared their experiences on saving lives of troops affected by high altitude illnesses and unpredicted incidents due to adverse weather condition at high altitude terrain. The demonstrations on preventive care were also done. Further, the medical professionals from Para Military and Civilian Administration were also present during the training.

10 athletes from Arunachal Pradesh were selected by the Ju-Jitsu Association of India, who are representing the country in the 8th Asian Ju-Jitsu Championship-2024 in Abu Dhabi, UAE from 1st to 8th of this month. In a social media post, Chief Minister Pema Khandu congratulated and wished 'Jeet' to Ju-Jitsu team! He said it is a moment of pride for the state. CM Khandu also congratulated arm wrestler Pakjar Taipodia for her double appointment as Treasurer of the Indian Arm-Wrestling Federation and President of the North-East Arm-Wrestling Federation.