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The Election Commission of India today issued an advisory to all national and State political parties to immediately cease and desist from any activities that involve registering individuals for post-election beneficiary-oriented schemes through any advertisements, surveys or Apps. The Commission has directed all District Election Officers to take appropriate actions against any such advertisements within the statutory provisions.

India has registered strong protests with China against their illegal attempts to alter facts in connection with construction activities in the Shaksgam Valley. Briefing media in New Delhi this evening, MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, India considers Shaksgam Valley to be its territory and it has never accepted the so-called China-Pakistan boundary agreement of 1963 through which Pakistan unlawfully attempted to cede the area to China. Jaiswal said, India further reserves the right to take necessary measures to safeguard its interests.

Seventh Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting between India and Indonesia will be held tomorrow in New Delhi. The meeting will be co-chaired by Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane and Indonesian Defence Secretary General, Air Marshal (Retd.) Donny Ermawan Taufanto. The Indonesian Secretary General, who is on a visit to India from today to 4th of this month, will also have discussions with Indian Defence Industries in New Delhi and Pune.

The India Meteorological Department has forecast a heavy rainfall along with thunderstorms and gusty winds is also very likely to continue over Northeast India till today. Meanwhile, the Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecast seven districts namely Siang, East Siang, Upper Siang, Dibang Valley, Lower Dibang Valley, Anjaw and Lohit are in both orange and yellow alert zones. These districts will receive thunderstorm with lightening and heavy to very heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places. Further, the rest of the districts are in yellow alert zone and will receive thunderstorm with lightening very likely at isolated places. Furthermore, the weather of Itanagar today is partly cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers with maximum Temperature of 28° Celsius and minimum temperature of 21.8° Celsius.

Tribute was paid to Late Sangay Lhaden, an IAS officer, on her birth anniversary yesterday by her fellow batch mates Barun Kumar Ray, Additional Chief Secretary West Bengal and Deepak Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary Bihar. They also dedicated a bust of Late Lhaden to Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy at Chimpu, Itanagar.

The Spear Corps yesterday inaugurated One Mega Watt Solar Power Plant at Sigar in East Siang district. The Green Energy project will provide clean energy to Sigar Military Station. Built over an expanse of 18,000 sqm, the Solar Power Plant is the commitment of Indian Army in contributing to the National Solar Mission under Government of India to reduce Carbon Footprint.

Israel has reopened the Erez crossing into the northern Gaza Strip, the sole humanitarian entry point raising hopes for improved aid access after months of crisis. The long-awaited reopening coincided with a visit by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who has been pushing for enhanced aid deliveries into Gaza during meetings with Israeli leaders including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The Flying Squad of District Tobacco Control Cell, Itanagar Capital Region yesterday raided the shops near the schools of Naharlagun particularly near Kankar Nallah and G-sector areas. During the raid, the Squad team seized huge amount of tobacco products including cigarettes and alcohol from various shops situated within 100 m radius area of the educational institutions. All the shop owners violating COPTA Act were fined 200/- rupees each and let off with a warning. Further, the team urged all to cooperate and help the youths in living a Tobacco Free life. Later, all the seized products were destroyed at Mini Secretariat in Naharlagun.