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The Election Commission of India has issued directions for the handling and storage of Symbol Loading Units in compliance with the Supreme Court Order. The Commission has directed all Chief Electoral Officers to create the necessary infrastructure and provisions to implement the new protocols for handling and storage of SLUs. Last week, the Supreme Court directed the Election Commission to seal and secure the Symbol Loading Unit for 45 days after the declaration of election results.

International Workers' Day, also known as Labour Day was observed across the world today. It's a day dedicated to honoring the contributions of working people in every industry and sector. In a social media post, Chief Minister Pema Khandu greeted all the workers and labourers on the occasion. He said they play a critical role in improving our ease of living. He said as a mark of respect and recognition to their resilience, he reaffirms his commitment to provide them with better working conditions and fair wages. Khandu said, given their phenomenal contributions to the economic and social fabric of society, the workers' rights should be protected and upheld for the well-being of all.

Online nominations and recommendations for the Padma Awards 2025 have begun today. The last date for nominations for Padma Awards is the 15th of September 2024. The nominations/recommendations for Padma Awards will be received online on the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal. The Padma Awards, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri, are amongst the highest civilian awards in the country. Instituted in 1954, these Awards are announced on the occasion of the Republic Day every year. The award seeks to recognize 'work of distinction' and is given for distinguished and exceptional achievements and service in all disciplines. Government servants including those working with PSUs, except Doctors and Scientists, are not eligible for Padma Awards.

The Election Commission of India- ECI has published a total voter turnout data for phase one and two of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. The commission on Tuesday said that 66.14 percent voter turnout was recorded in phase one and 66.71 per cent in phase two. ECI highlighted that the first phase data comprises 66.22 percent male voters, 66.07 per cent female and 31.32 percent third gender

voters, while in second phase, 66.99 percent male voters, 66.42 percent female voters and 23.86 percent third gender voters used their franchise.

A Veterans Service Kendra for Veterans, Veer-Matas and Veer-Naris has been established at the Pasighat Outdoor Stadium in East Siang district. The Kendra was inaugurated by General Officer Commanding, Likabali, Major General Akash Johar on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, Major General Johar informed that in an effort to reach out the veterans of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, Spear Corps of Indian Army has established the second Veterans Service Kendra in Arunachal Pradesh with an aim of reinvigorating the bond with the veterans. Through the Kendra the stakeholders can register and follow up their grievances and anomalies in documentation, avail facilities of CSD, Aadhaar authentication, SPARSH, library and internet facilities. The VSK would also provide information about the post-retirement benefits, government beneficial schemes and details of various entries in the Army including Agniveer recruitment training etc.

The India Meteorological Department has predicted heavy rainfall in most part of Arunachal Pradesh till tomorrow. IMD has issued warning that thunderstorm with lightning and very heavy rainfall is very likely in the districts of Lower Dibang Valley, Anjaw, Lohit, Namsai, Tirap and Changlang. The condition will prevail till tomorrow. People residing in these areas have been advised to avoid going to areas that are vulnerable to landslides and also to avoid staying in vulnerable structures.

Senior Indian Information Service officer, Maushumi Chakravarty assumed the charge of Director General of Akashvani News today. A 1991 batch IIS officer, Chakravarty has vast experience of working in several media organisations of the I&B Ministry, including the Press Information Bureau and Central Bureau of Communication. Chakravarty assumed the charge after superannuation of Vasudha Gupta as Principal DG yesterday.