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Prime Minister and senior BJP leader Narendra Modi has said that in 2014, people had expectations from him and in 2019, these expectations turned into trust. He said, it started from hope, reached the phase of trust and has now turned into a guarantee. In an interview to a news channel, Modi said, it was because of hard work, performance, consistency and clarity. He took on Congress, alleging that it is spreading lies claiming that BJP will change the Constitution of India. Modi said, if people look at the history of Congress, they can see that Congress don't believe in the sanctity of the Constitution. He alleged that the manifesto of Congress has a reflection of the Muslim League's ideology and their hidden agenda is quite clear.

Chief Justice of India, Dr. D Y. Chandrachud yesterday said that both doctors and lawyers share the common pursuit of combating inequality and injustice and upholding the dignity of each individual. Addressing the Academic Conclave of the Resident Doctors Association at AIIMS New Delhi, Dr Chandrachud lauded the collective efforts of all stakeholders in providing affordable treatment at AIIMS, which has successfully withstood the tide of commercialization. He highlighted the importance of conscience in the medical profession, expressing concern about the impending crisis of professional credibility. Dr. Chandrachud stressed the need for ethics and conduct in both law and medicine. He underscored the pivotal interplay of the fields of law and medicine in administering justice pertaining to cases related to the queer community and medical termination of pregnancy. The CJI further expressed

concern regarding challenges in front of litigants and doctors due to the rising impact of technology and information overload.

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 yesterday, 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.

Today is the last day of filing of nominations for the fifth phase of Lok Sabha Polls. Scrutiny of nominations will take place on Saturday and Monday is the last date for withdrawal of candidature. Meanwhile, on the seventh of this month polling will be held for phase three of the Lok sabha polls in 93 seats in 11 states and Union Territories.

In Manipur, around five unidentified armed miscreants looted the State Bank of India (SBI) Branch located at K. Salbung Village under Churachandpur Police Station of Churachandpur district yesterday. According to the Police report, around five unidentified miscreants all armed with pistols and concealing their identities by wearing face masks, bike helmets and caps entered the bank and threatened the employees of the bank. The miscreant also fired one bullet round and looted rupees fifteen lakh approximately. Further, they fired a bullet round outside the bank premises and fled away towards Kangvai of Churachandpur district. The bank authority has filed an FIR and the police are

investigating the case. It may be mentioned that four incidents of bank robbery have occurred in the State since the ethnic violence erupted in the State from May last year.

Israel reopened the Erez crossing into the northern Gaza Strip, the sole humanitarian entry point that had been closed since being destroyed by Hamas militants in October 2023. The long-awaited reopening has raised hopes for improved aid access after months of crisis. The move coincided with a visit by U.S. 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.

Wildlife biologist from Assam, Dr Purnima Devi Barman has been honoured with a leading UK wildlife charity award. Dr. Barman won the Whitley Gold Award from the Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN) for her conservation efforts of the endangered Greater Adjutant Stork and its wetland habitat. The WFN, which supports grassroots conservation leaders from all across the world, awarded her with the honor during the Royal Geographical Society awards ceremony in London.

