Morning News Script

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The Election Commission will issue the notification for the seventh and last phase of Lok Sabha election tomorrow. Elections will be held in 57 Lok Sabha seats in seven States and one Union Territory in this phase. 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 this seventh and last phase. Nominations can be filed till 14th of this month. Voting for this phase will be held on 1st June.

National Testing Agency NTA yesterday conducted the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test NEET. Over 24 lakh students were eligible for the exam. It was conducted at different centres across 557 Cities throughout the country and 14 cities outside India. NTA said, at one of the exam centre in Sawai Madhopur in Rajasthan there was incorrect distribution of question papers and by the time the invigilator could correct the mistake, some candidates left the center with question papers. The NTA said, apart from the incident, the NEET (UG) 2024 examination conducted smoothly and peacefully at all other examination centers across the country. It emphasized that this incident has not compromised the integrity of the examination process at other centers. NTA said, the examination of approximately 120 affected candidates from the center in Rajasthan was conducted yesterday itself to ensure that their academic aspirations are not affected due to this incident. It

also assured its commitment to conducting examinations with transparency, integrity and fairness.

Governor of Manipur Sushri Anusuiya Uikey inaugurated 'School on Wheels' yesterday at a ceremony held in Imphal. The initiative which is being implemented by Vidya Bharati Shiksha Vikash Samiti Manipur aims to reach out to the students in the relief camps in the State. The school bus is equipped with a library, computers and sports items with a teacher and visits relief camps in different places in the State. The Governor appreciated the initiative and said that children living in the camps should not face any deficiency in education. She said that the initiative will help in reaching out to the displaced students staying in the relief camps. The Governor also directed the Chief Secretary to take steps to extend support to the Samiti in enhancing the number of such buses.

7th Assam Rifles yesterday commemorated the 33rd anniversary of Operation Dudhi, which took place in Kupwara, Jammu and Kashmir on May 5, 1991. In operation Dudhi, 72 terrorists were neutralized, and 13 were apprehended and a total of 118 weapons (largely AK -47 series) were seized. On the occasion, Director General of the Assam Rifles, Lt. Gen PC Nair laid a wreath at Unit War Memorial of 7 Assam Rifles at Ghaspani and paid homage to the two Bravehearts who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty during Operation Dudh. On the occasion, soldiers who were part in the operation were invited to Assam Rifles and were felicitated. In addition, General Nair also interacted with retired Junior Commissioned Officers and Other Ranks. During his interaction with Ex-servicemen, General Nair praised the unwavering commitment and bravery displayed by the soldiers during Operation

Dudhi. He acknowledged that their actions have inspired generations and showcased the true meaning of bravery and selflessness in the face of adversity. General Nair expressed gratitude to all the veterans, their families, and the Veernaris for their sacrifices and service to the nation.

Indian Meteorological Department has forecast heavy rainfall spell accompanied with thunderstorms and gusty over Northeast India till 7th May. Fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rainfall accompanied with isolated thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds are very likely over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura during next seven days

Nagaland badminton players made their mark in the 2nd Open Bhutan Badminton Federation 2024 which concluded at Phuentsholing Multi Purpose Hall yesterday. Riku Khape bagged the Men's Singles title while in mixed doubles Zakhuo Seyie and Ekumyala emerged as champions. In Women' doubles, Bendangnaro and Eykumlaya secured the Runners-up position. All together five players from Nagaland took part in the tournament hosted by Bhutan Badminton Federation.

