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The 10th International Yoga Day will be celebrated tomorrow. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be leading the Yoga Day celebration in Srinagar by participating in a yoga session. In Arunachal Pradesh too, the Yoga Day will be celebrated with a series of yoga sessions at various locations, showcasing a range of asanas, pranayama and meditation techniques. The International Day of Yoga, established by the United Nations in 2014, focuses on physical health benefits, mental well-being, and the ancient practice of yoga. "Yoga is the gateway to happiness and the secret to healthy mind. It is a holistic practice that enhances strength & flexibility and reduces stress. With just 1 day left until International Day of Yoga, immerse yourself in the transformative power of yoga and elevate your quality of life through this ancient Indian tradition!" Information & Broadcasting Ministry said in a social media post. This year's theme is Yoga for Self and Society.

Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today chaired the second pre-Budget consultation with leading experts of the financial and capital markets sector in New Delhi. The meeting was held in connection with the forthcoming General Budget 2024-25. The pre-Budget consultation meeting was also attended by Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, Finance Secretary, Secretaries of Departments of Economic Affairs, Revenue, Financial Services and Corporate Affairs, and Chief Economic Adviser. Earlier yesterday, the Minister chaired the first round of pre-Budget consultations with leading economists.

The UGC-NET June 2024 Examination has been cancelled by the government after the inputs from the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre indicated that the integrity of the examination may have been compromised. A fresh examination will be conducted later for which the information will be shared separately. The matter is being handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for thorough investigation. The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted the UGC-NET June 2024 Examination on Tuesday in two shifts across different cities of the country.

In the matter pertaining to NEET(UG) Examination-2024, the issue related to grace marks has already been fully addressed. As regards certain irregularities alleged in the conduct of the examination in Patna, a detailed report has been sought from the Economic Offences Unit, Bihar Police. Government will take further action on receipt of this report.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has on Wednesday said that ensuring the safety and well-being of citizens was his government's top priority. CM Khandu, who chaired a review meeting with the Department of Disaster Management to assess the state's monsoon preparedness, posted on X: "Ensuring the safety and well-being of our citizens is our top priority. We are committed to proactive measures and coordinated efforts to effectively manage and mitigate monsoon-related challenges. Let's stay alert and work together for a resilient Arunachal Pradesh." He also said, we discussed and decided to accelerate the pace of efforts to ensure the safety of our citizens and their properties during monsoon.

State's Agriculture Minister Gabriel D Wangsu while engaging in an interaction cum review meeting with his department's officers at the Civil Secretariat urged that the schemes should be implemented with proper planning rather than distributing on piecemeal basis. Emphasizing on proper identification of beneficiaries under PM KISAN scheme, he urged the department to maintain strict vigil in registration of farmers under PM KISAN and strictly adhere to the guidelines. The Minister instructed the department to develop a training module for BSc (Agri) graduates and unemployed youths for self-employment in the farming sector in the state.

A team of researchers from the Arunachal Pradesh Regional Centre (APRC) of the Botanical Survey of India has discovered a new plant species from Mandala region of West Kameng district in Arunachal Pradesh. It has been named *Petrocosmea arunachalense*. Belonging to the family Gesneriaceae, *Petrocosmea arunachalense* is notable for being only the second known species of the genus *Petrocosmea* found in India. This significant discovery adds to the botanical diversity and underscores the rich flora of Arunachal Pradesh. The detailed research findings have been published in the latest issue of the Nordic Journal of Botany. The discovery was led by Dr Krishna Chowlu, along with researchers Akshath Shenoy and Ajit Ray from APRC, Itanagar.

After NPP, PPA and Independent MLAs, the legislators of the Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar), a partner of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA), have extended their 'unconditional' support to the Pema Khandu-led Bharatiya Janata Party government in Arunachal Pradesh. In this regard, the NCP-AP MLAs - Nikh Kamin from Bordumsa-Diyun, Likha Soni from Lekgang, and Toko Tatung from Yachuli constituency met Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Wednesday and handed over their letter of support to him.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted that light to moderate rain is very likely to occur at most places over Arunachal Pradesh today. IMD also forecasted, thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places in Papum Pare district today. The weather office also predicted that thunderstorm and lightning with heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places of Arunachal Pradesh during the next five days.

That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar.