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After being sworn in as Chief Minister for the third consecutive term, Pema Khandu signed the first file today approving release of fund to the tune of Rs 100 crore under the Chief Minister's Social Security Scheme (CMSSS) benefitting about 80000 beneficiaries across the state. Signing the file, Khandu said that a scheme that benefits the vulnerable sections of the society should be continued without hindrance. "Considering the fact that preparation of state budget has been delayed due to the general elections, it is necessary that the benefits under CMSSS reach the needy beneficiaries at the earliest, Khandu apprised. Along with him, 11 other cabinet ministers were also sworn-in on the occasion which was administered by the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. Gen. KT Parnaik (Retd.).

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, congratulated Shri Pema Khandu on taking oath as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. PM also congratulated the other ministers who also took the oath; he wished them luck in their future endeavours of serving the people by ensuring even faster-paced development through a social media post today.

Also, after the swearing in ceremony Chief Minister Khandu interacted with the press fraternity where he extended his gratitude to the press and stated that Press being the fourth pillar of a democratic nation had incredibly played its role in the last general election in the state by reaching out to the people to exercise their fundamental rights. Chief Minister also extended his greeting to the PMO and the Bharatiya Janta Party President JP Nadda and hopeful towards creation of better and developed Arunachal Pradesh. Also, Khandu apprises that the newly formed Cabinet ministers will soon plan on 100 days developmental work in the state which will help in development and progress in the state.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General K.T. Parnaik extended his warm greetings to the people of the State on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day. He expressed his hope that the occasion will raise awareness of the need for regular blood donation to ensure the availability of quality blood for people in need of it. The Governor complimented all the Blood Donors of Arunachal Pradesh on the special occasion for their precious gift of blood to the blood needy people. Governor also urged every abled-bodied

person, within the permissible age and health limits, to donate blood.

The Centre today told the Supreme Court that the decision to give grace marks to 1,563 NEET-UG, 2024 candidates for admission to MBBS, BDS and others courses has been cancelled. A vacation bench of justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta was told by the counsel for the Centre and the National Testing Agency (NTA) that the students, who were given grace marks, will be given an option to appear for the re-test likely to be held on 23rd June. The counsel representing NTA said that the counselling schedule announced earlier will not be disturbed since the results of the re-test would be declared by June 30.

Also, the Government yesterday said that no evidence of question paper leak has been found in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Under Graduate (NEET-UG) 2024 examination and also refuted allegations of any corruption in the exam. Ministry of Education Dharmendra Pradhan gave assurance to the parents and students that the Centre is committed in providing justice. Education minister said that the matter is in the Supreme Court and a committee of academicians has also been formed over the specific issue raised with regard to the examination.

The Department of Horticulture, Papum Pare District, conducted one month training program on "Flower Arrangements, Bouquet, Flower Base Making, etc." for the inmates of District Jail, Jilly, from 13th May till 13th this month, under Modernization of Prisons Project, a MHA, GOI, sponsored scheme. The basic objective of the training was to impart skill development as well as reformation and rehabilitation of the inmates. The training covered both theoretical and practical sessions on various styles and methods of floral arrangements, different types of bouquet and flower base makings as well as the various cultivation aspects of important ornamental crops. Altogether, 32 nos. of inmates attended and successfully completed the training program.

Among the Eight-members of Indian karate team Johny Mangkhiya, Abab Sangdo and Mesom Singhi from Arunachal Pradesh will participate in the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Games, scheduled to be held in Kazan, Russia from today till 23rd of this month.