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President Droupadi Murmu has dissolved 17th Lok Sabha today. Earlier, the Union Cabinet in its meeting held this afternoon advised the President to dissolve the 17th Lok Sabha with immediate effect. On the same day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan and tendered his resignation along with the Union Council of Ministers. The President accepted the resignation and requested the Prime Minister and the Union Council of Ministers to continue in office till the new Government is formed.

Lok Sabha Secretariat is ready to welcome Members of the 18th Lok Sabha. In a release, the Secretariat said that several measures have been taken to welcome the Members and ensure their seamless registration. The registration of the newly elected Members shall be done through an online integrated software application. Special arrangements have also been made for simultaneous opening of SBI bank account, issuing of permanent Identity Card, Central Government Health Scheme Card to the newly elected Members on the spot. The Secretariat has ensured that the process will remain operational from eight in the morning to eight in the evening starting today till 14th of this month including weekends.

The BJP-led NDA has secured absolute majority in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections by winning 292 seats. Results of all 543 Lok Sabha seats were declared yesterday. The BJP alone has won 240 seats. Telugu Desam has secured 16 seats, and JD (U) 12.

The I.N.D.I.A. bloc has bagged 233 seats. Others have won 18 seats in the lower house of Parliament. The Congress secured 99 seats. Samajwadi Party got 37 seats while Trinamool Congress 29. DMK managed to win 22 seats. Further, RJD and YSR Congress Party won 4 each, AAP won 3 and others won 93 seats.

Janata Dal (United) today said that it fully supports the Narendra Modi-led NDA alliance. On being asked if the party will consider switching sides under any circumstances, Party spokesperson K.C. Tyagi said that the reasons JDU came out of the I.N.D.I.A. bloc still exist and there is no question of going back. Mr Tyagi also said that his party seeks special status for the development of Bihar.

World Environment Day is being celebrated, today, for raising awareness and taking action on urgent environmental issues. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, today, planted a sapling at the Buddha Jayanti Park in New Delhi under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign organized on the occasion of World Environment Day.

State Governor retired Lt. General KT Parnaik and the first Lady Smt. Anagha Parnaik have also planted saplings of Red Sandalwood at the Raj Bhavan premise in Itanagar. Further, the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS) has re-affirmed its commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable practices. NIMAS planted more than 500 saplings in Jyotinagar to NIMAS premises, and road.

Similarly, mass plantation drives were also conducted by the Society for Multi-Dimensional, Innovative, Lead for Education and Environment (SMILE), Ziro and Indian Oil Corporation at Biiri village in Lower Subansiri district and All Tawang Apatani Welfare Association (ATAWA) in Tawang district.

State Chief Electoral Officer Pawan Kumar Sain, today, held a meeting with the officers and staffs of Nirvachan Bhawan in Itanagar after the conclusion of the simultaneous elections 2024 and in observance of the world environment day. The CEO appreciated the entire team for their hard work and dedication for the smooth conduction of election in the state. Further, he also noted the pertinent points raised by the functionary. Later, the plantation of saplings was done around the premises of Nirvachan Bhawan to observe the world environment day.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecasted accompanied widespread light to moderate rainfall with thunderstorm and lightning likely over North East region, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim during next seven days. Meanwhile, the Itanagar Meteorological Centre (IMC) has forecasted that 13 districts in the state are in yellow alert. The districts namely East Kameng, Kurung Kumey, Kraa Daadi, Lower Subansiri, Papum Pare, West Siang, Siang, Lower Siang, Anjaw, Namsai, Changlang, Tirap, and Londing will receive heavy rain likely at isolated places.

The National Testing Agency has declared the result of the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Examination (NEET-UG). The

students who appeared the exam can check their result at exams.nta.ac.in/NEET. The examination for undergraduate medical programmes was conducted on 5^{th} of last month.