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Newly elected BJP Legislature Party leader and current Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu today met Governor Lt General (Retd) KT Parnaik at Raj Bhavan in Itanagar and staked claim to form the next government in the state. Subsequently, the Governor invited him to form the new government. Earlier, in the BJP Legislature Party meeting, Khandu was unanimously elected as the new leader of the legislature party, paving the way for formation of the new government. The name of Khandu for the chief minister's position was proposed by State BJP President Biyuram Wahge and seconded by all 46 party legislators. The swearing-in ceremony of the new Chief Minister will be held at Dorjee Khandu Convention Centre in Itanagar tomorrow. The CM and his Council of Ministers will take oath at 11 am in presence of BJP national president JP Nadda, senior leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah and party's national general secretary (organisation) BL Santosh.

First session of the 18th Lok Sabha will be convened from the 24th of this month. During the session, oath and affirmation of newly elected members and election of Lok Sabha Speaker will take place. President Droupadi Murmu's address to the joint sitting of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha and a discussion on her address will also be held in this session. The session of Rajya Sabha will commence on the 27th of this month. The Parliament session will conclude on the 3rd of next month. This was informed by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju in a social media post. Rijiju said people of the country have decided and now MP must serve the nation. He said Parliament is the perfect platform to discuss, debate and deliver to fulfil the aspirations of 140 crore Indians.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has shared a Vrikshasana yoga video on his social media account describing the benefits of this Asana in view of the upcoming International Yoga Day. In a social media post today, Modi said that Vrikshasana or the tree pose has several benefits including helping improve balance and posture.

According to a recent World Bank report, India is to remain the world's fastest-growing economy, with a steady growth rate of 6.7 percent over the next three fiscal years. This robust growth is fuelled by strong domestic demand, a surge in investment, and vigorous activity in the services sector. In its Global Economic Prospects report, the World Bank retained its growth forecast for India at 6.6 per cent

for the financial year 2024-25. This projection underscores India's strong economic momentum, driven by robust domestic demand, increased investment, and vigorous services sector activity.

Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi has been appointed as the next Chief of the Army Staff. He will take charge on the 30th of this month. The present Chief of the Army Staff, General Manoj Pande will demit office on 30th June. Born on 1st July 1964, Lt Gen Dwivedi was commissioned into the Infantry (Jammu and Kashmir Rifles) of the Indian Army on 15th December 1984. During his long and distinguished service spanning nearly 40 years, he has served in different capacities. In the rank of Lieutenant General, the officer has tenanted important appointments including Director General Infantry and General Officer Commanding in Chief (Headquarters Northern Command) from 2022 to 2024, before getting appointed as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff.

The ongoing construction of the Kameng Cultural and Heritage Museum at Nyukmadung under Dirang sub-division of West Kameng district will be completed by the 1st week of August next. This was disclosed in a coordination meeting the West Kameng district administration had with the Indian Army and staff members of the Indian Institute of Heritage (IIH) at Nyukmadung village on Monday. The meeting was convened to discuss the establishment and progress of Kameng Cultural and Heritage Museum at Nyukmadung. During the meeting, representatives of the Indian Army outlined the museum's plans and layouts, detailing additional facilities that will be available to the public. These include a children's park, souvenir store, cafeteria, audio video hall (movie theatre), a traditional Monpa hut, etc.

The month-long skill development programme (SDP) on 'unarmed security guard' skills for rural unemployed youth conducted in Namsai successfully concluded on Tuesday. Sponsored by NABARD Arunachal Pradesh Regional Office, the SDP was implemented by the Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust in collaboration with the Namsai District Administration and Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ArSRLM). During the programme, the trainee youths were equipped to work as unarmed security guards in various cities across India. Additionally, the personnel from Arunachal Pradesh Police provided training on traffic management and fire-fighting.