

## **REGIONAL ENGLISH NEWS BULLETIN**

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The second day of the 18th Lok Sabha today began with newly elected MPs taking oath as members of the House. A total of 266 MPs took oath yesterday and the remaining MPs took oath today. Senior BJP MP Om Birla will be the NDA nominee for the Lok Sabha Speaker, while the opposition INDIA bloc has fielded Congress MP K. Suresh for the post. Both candidates filed their nominations for the Speaker's post today, for which the election is scheduled to be held tomorrow. Earlier, the government and opposition failed to reach a consensus for the post. The Lok Sabha Speaker has been elected without any contest since Independence, and this is probably the first time there will be a contest for the post.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has taken over five cases from Bihar, Gujarat and Rajasthan to investigate the alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG examinations. According to officials, the CBI has re-registered one case each from Gujarat and Bihar, and three cases from Rajasthan. The CBI is also expected to take up another case from Latur in Maharashtra. The officials also said that while the FIR filed by Bihar police pertained to alleged paper leak, the other four cases were related to alleged malpractices such as impersonation and cheating involving the candidates, local officials and invigilators. The NEET-UG results were declared on the 4th of this month where 67 candidates topped the examination after scoring the maximum possible 720 marks which sparked a huge outcry over the integrity of the exam.

The first meeting of the High-Level Committee of Experts constituted by the Ministry of Education to ensure transparent, smooth, and fair conduct of examinations through the National Testing Agency, was held yesterday. Speaking to the media in New Delhi, the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, said that the priority of the committee is to elicit concerns and suggestions from the students and parents, for which the Committee will engage with them. Dr. Radhakrishnan said the Committee is also looking at developing a robust and tamperproof system, aiming to lessen the difficulties and stress of the students.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted favourable conditions for further advance of Southwest Monsoon into some more parts of the country. Isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall is expected over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim, Assam, Meghalaya, and Arunachal Pradesh till the 29th of this month. In Arunachal Pradesh, IMD has declared red alert in two districts, Orange in 12 and rest districts are given yellow alert. The two districts where red alert is declared are Leparada and West Siang.

A clean-up drive was organized by Youth Mission for Clean River in collaboration with the Capital Complex district administration, following Sunday's intense rains that ravaged Itanagar and adjoining areas. 9,000 kgs of legacy waste were removed from the Energy Park stretch of the Yagamso River during the cleaning effort on Monday.

Two drug peddlers were arrested by Sille-Oyan Police, Pasighat following the registration of NDPS Act and a total of 90.4 grams of suspected heroine were seized. The arrested persons have been identified as Olak Panggeng of Oyan village and Yapi Tagi @ Api Hazarika of Silapathar, Assam, East Siang SP Sachin Kumar Singhal informed. The SP also briefed that information was received from reliable sources on June 20 that one Olak Panggeng (a retired forest staff) of Oyan village was in possession of some contraband substance. The police team led by SI Yike Lomri, ASI R. Naroh and others were constituted under the guidance of ASP Pankaj Kumar Lamba and under the overall supervision of the SP East Siang.

The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), East Kameng organized a one-day training programme on importance of intercropping and extraction of fibre at Koto village on Monday. Horticulture specialist explained the importance and goal of intercropping and methods to choose perfect companion crops for better utilization of resources. KVK community science specialist equipped the participants with necessary skills and knowledge to engage in banana fibre extraction. A total of 30 farmers attended the programme.

And in ICC T20 World Cup 2024, India will take on defending champions England while first-timer Afghanistan will clash with fancied South Africa in semifinals on 27th June. The final will be played on 29th June.

## **And Now, the Weather Forecast...**

According to the Met Centre, there will be generally cloudy sky with a few spells of rain or thundershowers in and around Itanagar during the next 24 hours. The maximum temperature recorded today was 28.8 degree Celsius and a minimum of 25.9 degree Celsius with a rainfall of 0.2 mm.

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