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## :::THE HEADLINES::

- 1. CBI registers FIR and starts investigation in connection with alleged paper leak in NEET-UG examination.
- 2 Centre forms seven-member High-Level Committee of experts to overhaul examination process conducted by NTA; Director General of NTA, Subodh Kumar Singh removed from his post.
- 3 Union Home Minister Amit Shah chairs high-level meeting to review preparedness of flood management in the county.
- 4. And, Kenguruse Memorial Run organised in Dimapur to commemorate Kargil Rajat Jayanti.



CBI has registered FIR and started investigation in connection with alleged paper leak in the NEET-UG examination. According to the CBI sources, the FIR was registered on the complaint of Director of the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education. Special teams have been formed by the CBI to investigate the matter. Special CBI teams are being sent to Patna and Godhra where local police cases have been registered. The allegations in the FIR states that the NEET-(UG) 2024 Examination was conducted by the National Testing Agency on 5th of last month and over 23 lakh candidates appeared in the examination. The complaint also states that certain isolated incidents occurred in a few states during the

conduct of the NEET(UG) 2024 examination. The Education Ministry has requested the CBI to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the entire gamut of alleged irregularities. CBI is also taking steps to take over the cases filed across the country in the matter for comprehensive probe and unearthing larger conspiracy.



Union Education Ministry has constituted a High-Level Committee of Experts to ensure the transparent, smooth, and fair conduct of examinations by the National Testing Agency (NTA). The seven-member committee, chaired by former ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, has been tasked with recommending reforms in the examination process of NTA to enhance efficiency and prevent breaches, improve data security protocols, and review the structure and functioning of the agency. It comes after few irregularities came to government's notice with regard to the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) Under Graduate 2024 examination for admission to medical programmes which is conducted by NTA. The committee has been given two months to submit its report to the Ministry. The members of the committee include former AIIMS Delhi Director Dr. Randeep Guleria, Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Hyderabad Prof. BJ Rao, Professor Emeritus at IIT Madras Prof. Ramamurthy K., and Dean of Student Affairs at IIT Delhi Prof. Aditya Mittal. Meanwhile, amid controversy over NEET examination, Director General of NTA, Subodh Kumar Singh has been removed from his post. Singh has been put on compulsory wait in Department of Personnel and Training. India Trade Promotion Organisation Chairman and MD Pradeep Singh Kharola has been given additional charge of NTA's Director General.



Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah today chaired a high-level meeting to review preparedness of flood management. Shah also reviewed long-term measures to formulate comprehensive and far-reaching policy to mitigate menace of floods in the country. During the meeting, Shah directed the concerned departments to conduct detailed study of recent floods in Sikkim and Manipur and submit a report to the Ministry of Home Affairs. He said, at least 50 large ponds in the Northeast should be constructed so that the water of the Brahmaputra River could be diverted and stored in those ponds. The Minister further said, this will help agriculture, irrigation and tourism benefiting the local economy.



As a mark of respect for the courageous sacrifice of Captain Neikezhakuo Kenguruse, the Spear Corps organized Kenguruse Memorial Run at Bhagat Stadium, Rangapahar Military Station, Dimapur. The event was held to commemorate Kargil Rajat Jayanti and honor the supreme sacrifice of Kenguruse, a valiant son of the soil from Nagaland. Addressing the event, General Commanding Officer, Spear Corps of the Army's Eastern Command Lieutenant General Harjeet Singh Sahi said, Kenguruse Memorial Run is not just an event but a symbol of our endearing respect and remembrance for Captain Neikezhakuo Kenguruse and added that his bravery during the Kargil War is an inspiration to all. The General Officer also felicitated the parents of Kenguruse and motivated the participants by awarding prizes to the winners in each run category. The memorial run witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 500 individuals, including all ranks and families of the Spear Corps. In order to ensure an inclusive event for all ages and fitness levels, participants had the option to compete in 2, 5 and 10 kilometer runs.



Department of Land Resources, Nagaland has informed all farmers, growers, individuals or groups, of plantation crops namely, Rubber, Coffee, Areca nut (betel nut) etc. to contact

their respective District Project Officers from 1st July for registration of their farms and crops along with documents. The documents include, Aadhar card and Passport size photo and mobile number. This process is aimed to capture details of names and ID of the growers, name and variety of the crop, area coverage in hectare, Geo-locations of the plantations, current or anticipated yield kilogram, quintal or Metric Tonnes, year of planting and quality or grade of produces. The Department further informed that it aims to protect the interests of the farmers from market exploitation, facilitate formation of Farmers Producers Organizations, prevent duplication of works with other departments and facilitate registered farmers to get access to future assistance.



The Conference on India's progressive path in the administration of criminal justice system was held at Chennai in Tamil Nadu today. As the three new criminal laws, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam are set to take effect from 1st July, the Conference was a precursor to implementation of the laws. Speaking at the event, Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said, colonial rulers established the Indian Penal Code with the goal of punishing Indians. He added that to offer Justice, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita has been introduced. Meanwhile, Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr.L.Murugan said, Bharatiya Nyay laws have been made suitable for a more digitalised society.



Union Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary felicitated 32 healthcare professionals for successfully completing the B1 level of German language training. Speaking during the ceremony in New Delhi Chaudhary emphasised that every skilled Indian professional is an ambassador of India. The Minister highlighted the successful

placement of over 58 thousand skilled Indians in various countries as part of India's mission to become global skilling powerhouse. German Ambassador Dr. Philipp Ackermann praised the skilling ecosystem of India and hoped this would be the start of many other such opportunities.



Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has said that the third and final landing experiment of its Reusable Launch Vehicle 'Pushpak' was successful today. The landing experiment was conducted at Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga, Karnataka this morning. In a social media post, ISRO said, RLV LEX-03 which stands for Reusable Launch Vehicle Landing Experiment 3, re-demonstrated the autonomous landing capability under more severe wind conditions. The Chinook helicopter released Reusable Launch Vehicle Pushpak at an altitude of 4.5 kilometers from the runway.

