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The world-famous Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra began today in the holy town of Puri, in Odisha. The Grand Trunk Road of Puri, where the three chariots of the Lords were rolled this evening, had become a sea of devotees. President Droupadi Murmu joined in the annual festival where lakhs of devotees from different parts of the world have congregated to witness the 2-day event. Odisha Governor Raghubar Das, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and several other Union Ministers and other dignitaries also attended the Rath Yatra. A two-day public holiday has been declared in Odisha by the state government for the Rath Yatra.

Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama turned 89 on Saturday and in his birthday message he said that he is physically fit and is determined to continue his service to Lord Buddha's teachings. The Dalai Lama is in the US, where he is recovering from a knee-replacement surgery. Chief Minister Pema Khandu joined his holiness Dalai Lama's birthday celebration organised at the Tawang Monastery. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein attended the celebration at the Dhargyeling Tibetan settlement camp in Tezu in Lohit district. The event was also attended by education minister Pasang Dorjee Sona, WCD Minister Dasanglu Pul and a few other MLAs and religious leaders.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a three-day official Visit to Russia and Austria from tomorrow. In the first leg of his visit, Mr Modi will be in Moscow at the invitation of the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin to hold the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit. The leaders will review the entire range of multifaceted relations between the two countries and exchange views on contemporary regional and global issues of mutual interest. After wrapping up his Russia visit, the Prime Minister will reach Austria on Tuesday. This will be the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Austria in 41 years. Modi will interact with members of the Indian community in Moscow as well as in Vienna.

In the Kashmir Valley, 5 terrorists were eliminated by security forces in twin encounters in south Kashmir's Kulgam district. The encounters had started yesterday in the afternoon after specific intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists hiding in the areas. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, VK Birdi confirmed that 4 terrorists were neutralized in Frisal Chinnigam area whereas one terrorist was gunned down by security forces at Motergam hamlet in Kulgam district. 2 security force personnel grievously injured in the line of duty lost their lives during the ongoing gunfights.

India Meteorological Department Itanagar Centre has forecast isolated heavy rainfall all over the state till 13th July. IMD also predicted that Tawang, West Kameng, East Kameng, Kurung Kumey, Pakke Kessang, Papumpare, Lower Subansiri, West Siang, Shiyomi, Dibang Valley, Lower Dibang Valley, Namsai, Lohit, Anjaw and Changlang District may witness scattered heavy rainfall during this period. West Kameng and Papumpare districts are likely to have continuous heavy rainfall from tomorrow to 13th July.

The Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission has invited suggestions from the public for refinement of the draft 'Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission Manual for Conduct of Examination, 2024'. The suggestions may be submitted on or before 5 pm of 14 July through the 'suggestion box' on the commission's official website APPSC.GOV.IN. The draft manual has been uploaded to the APPSC website, the commission said.

An unidentified body of a woman was recovered from Dikrong River near Prem Nagar at Naharlagun on Friday. Naharlagun SP Mihin Gambo has requested citizens to help the police in identifying the body. The deceased is estimated to be aged between 25 to 35 years and is suspected to be a non-tribal woman. She is suspected to have been drowned and washed away from upstream due to heavy rain. The body is being preserved for 72 hours at Naharlagun morgue for identification and claiming.

Rajiv Gandhi University's admission process is underway, and its Combined Entrance Test-2024 is being conducted in 6 entrance centres of the university. On the first day of RGUCET-2024 today, 1,568 candidates appeared their examination in four programmes

namely MA in Defense and Strategic Studies, LLB, MA in Sociology and Post Graduate Diploma in Functional Hindi.

To mark the Vana Mahotsav Week, a group of NGOs in Itanagar cleaned-up the Yagamso River in Itanagar Energy Park and conducted tree plantation drive at Government Secondary School, Chimpu on Saturday. The clean-up drive, organized by the Youth Mission for Clean River (YMCR) and the Abralow Memorial Multipurpose Society, was supported by the Itanagar Smart City Development Corporation Limited. Intern students from Dehradun colleges, currently undergoing social internship with the YMCR, also actively participated in the cleaning effort.

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