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Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, who is also the State Finance Minister, presented a 2.08 percent deficit budget for the financial year 2024-25 in the state assembly today. Mr. Mein informed the assembly that since 2016, Arunachal Pradesh has witnessed about 135 percent increase in the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), 105 percent rise in the per-capita income and 186 percent expansion in the state budget. He said this financial year, the projected total receipts of the state is Rs.35,840.79 Crore, which is 20.85 percent higher than the previous financial year. The Deputy Chief Minister said that the state budget focuses on three important pillars of development – Healthy Human Resources, Robust Infrastructure and Vibrant Economy. Speaking on the resource position of Arunachal, Mr. Mein said that the share of Central Taxes for the state has increased by over 19 percent this financial year and thanked the union government for the enhancement. He also added that state's own resource for the Budget Estimate of 2024-25 is estimated to be Rs. 4016.71 crore which is 17.35 percent more than the previous year. He said that Arunachal Pradesh government will work and focus more on increasing the state's own resources in this financial year.

Government has exempted customs duty on Cancer medicines to improve the affordability of these drugs. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the exemption of three additional cancer medicines from customs duty in the proposed Union Budget 2024-25 in Parliament yesterday. The Union Health Ministry informed that 27 lakh cancer patients in the country will benefit from this decision. The Ministry further informed, the Finance Minister has also revised the custom duty rates on X-ray tubes and flat panel detectors. These revised rates are expected to positively impact the X-ray machine industry by enhancing component availability at lower costs. Meanwhile, The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum has commended Union Budget and said that the inaugural budget supports both consumers at home and foreign investors with steps to enhance the ease of doing business in India. The forum congratulated Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and the Indian government on presenting a commendable Union Budget for 2024-25. The Budget 2024 has also been warmly embraced by

the Indian diasporas for its commendable emphasis on economic growth and innovation.

The government today clarified that there is no proposal to discontinue NEET (UG) and restore state-wise entrance examinations at present amid controversies over the medical examination. This was stated by Minister of State for Education, Dr Sukanta Majumdar in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha. On UGC (NET) examination, he informed that the examination held in June this year was cancelled and now it has been decided that it will be conducted between 21st August and 4th September 2024 in Computer Based Test mode.

In a significant move to clear pending cases and promote amicable settlements, the Supreme Court will organise Special Lok Adalat from 29th July to 3rd August 2024. This initiative marks a milestone in the Supreme Court's 75th year of establishment. Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud has appealed to citizens whose cases are pending before the Apex Court to take benefit from this initiative.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, the Government is committed to taking all possible actions to control the spread of fake and misleading information which has the potential to weaken the country's democracy and create fissures in society. He said this in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today. Mr Vaishnaw said the Government has statutory and institutional mechanisms in place to address fake news on various media platforms. He said a Fact Check Unit (FCU) has been set up under the Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in November 2019 to counter fake news relating to the Central Government. The Minister also said, that from 2021 to 2024, the Press Council of India has adjudicated five complaints of fake news with regard to the state of Maharashtra.

India has been ranked first in milk production contributing 25 percent of global milk production. Milk production in the country is growing at an annual growth rate of about 6 per cent over the past 9 years whereas world milk production is growing at 2.1 per cent per annum. In a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Rajiv Ranjan Singh said that the procurement price and sale prices of milk in the country are

decided by the cooperative and private dairies based on their cost of production and market forces.

The District Administration in collaboration with Women and Child Development and Health Department, Papum Pare district today organized "Beti Janmotsava" under (BBBP) Scheme at Community Health Centre, Sagae. While addressing the gathering Deputy Director, District ICDS Cell, Papumpare highlighted the various programmes under BBBP scheme and it's benefits. She advised the women participants to take advantages of women centric central/state schemes. She further highlighted the provisions under Protection of children from Sexual Offence Act 2012 (POCSO), Domestic Violence Act 2005 and urged all to seek assistance from the concern authorities by dialling Child Help Line 1098 which is available for 24×7 as and when required.

That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar