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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today interacted with eminent economists at NITI Ayog in New Delhi to elicit their views and suggestions ahead of Union Budget 2024-25. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Suman Bery, Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, PK Mishra and leading economists and experts also attended the meeting. The Budget Session of Parliament will begin on 22nd of this month and on 23rd Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Union Budget 2024-25 in the Lok Sabha.

The Supreme Court has adjourned the hearing of NEET UG 2024 case to the 18th of this month. A bench led by Chief Justice of India, D Y Chandrachud granted the adjournment to enable parties to file their responses to the affidavits filed by the Centre and the NTA. The Apex Court was scheduled to hear a series of petitions today, concerning the controversial NEET-UG 2024 medical entrance exam. In an additional affidavit submitted on Wednesday, the Centre stated that, in compliance with the Supreme Court's directives, the Ministry of Education had requested IIT Madras to conduct comprehensive data analytics of the results of NEET-UG 2024 candidates. Earlier on Monday, the Supreme Court said, the integrity of NEET-UG 2024 had been compromised.

Indo-Tibetan Border Police, ITBP has seized 108 gold biscuits weighing 108 kg worth ₹84 crores, near Sirigaple in Eastern Ladakh. ITBP in a social media post said, a team led by Deputy Commandant Deepak Bhatt from the 21 Battalion while conducting a Long-Range Patrol seized it. The smugglers, Tenzin Targy, 40, and Tsering Chamba, 69, both residents of Hanle in Nyoma sector, were arrested around 1.30 pm by an ITBP patrol around a km short of the border in Sriraple area. Initially, the smugglers tried to mislead the ITBP patrol claiming that they were medicinal plant dealers.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today announced that the state government is preparing a roadmap called 'Mission Olympic 2028' and 'Mission Olympic 2032' under its ambitious 100-day action plan. According to Khandu the roadmap will be finalized and implemented within hundred days of the new government, which will scout and nurture talented athletes for the world's biggest sporting event, the Olympics. Inaugurating a FIFA Standard Artificial Turf Football Ground at Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso High Altitude Stadium in

Tawang this morning, he said that the aim is to send as many athletes as possible from the state to the Olympics representing the country. Khandu also revealed that a new Youth Policy is also under preparation.

After a week of continued efforts in restoration, the Kurung Kumey district administration has successfully opened the Damin Road for vehicular movement. The restoration work was carried out by the Rural Works Department, Koloriang with the assistance of the Border Roads Organization. The district administration further informed that with the restoration of the Damin Road, the second batch of essential items and ration was delivered to Damin on Wednesday.

In Assam, another five people died in the last 24 hours, taking the number of flood-related deaths to 84 this season. Over 14 lakh people are reeling under the deluge across 27 districts as reported by the Disaster Reporting and Information Management System Assam.

Arunachal Pradesh Fisheries Minister Gabriel D. Wangsu made a maiden visit to Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI) at Barrackpore in West Bengal for gathering first-hand information and to get familiarized with its activities, plan and policies under outreach programmes. CIFRI is known as one of India's premier fishery institutes. Minister Wangsu had an extensive discussion with the Director of CIFRI, Dr. Basanta Kumar Das on a wide range of topics regarding fisheries and aquaculture.

Two fish farmers from Arunachal have been recognized with best fish farmer awards on the occasion of the 24th National Fish Farmers' Day. Yamoty Pigyor and Kesang Naksang, both from Shi Yomi were awarded 'Best Fish Farmer' awards. The two progressive fish farmers were nominated by the directorate of fisheries, GoAP, for their remarkable performance in trout culture.

The 11th Dorjee Khandu Memorial State Badminton Championship- 2024 with the theme 'No to drugs, yes to badminton' will be held at Namsai from 18 to 22 August. The tournament will feature singles, doubles and mixed doubles for seniors, boys' and girls' under-15, under-17, under-19, singles for boys' and girls' under-11, and singles and doubles for boys' and girls' under-13 and under-15.