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The government has called for an all-party meeting on Sunday to ensure smooth proceedings for the upcoming Budget Session of Parliament. The session starts on Monday, with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presenting the Union Budget 2024-25 on Tuesday. This will be the first budget of the Narendra Modi Govt in its third term. Earlier, President Droupadi Murmu has emphasized that the budget will reflect the government's forward-looking policies. Six new bills are expected to be introduced during the session.

A significant discussion convened by Deputy Commissioner, Capital Itanagar, Talo Potom brought together headmasters and teacher in-charges of Government Upper Primary Schools in Itanagar and representatives from the Adhyayan Foundation yesterday. The meeting aimed to enhance educational outcomes in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the Shaala Siddhi framework. The Adhyayan Foundation presented their initiatives to improve quality of education through school complexes as mandated by NEP 2020. Speaking on the occasion, the DC emphasized the crucial role of teachers and the importance of foundational learning to boost students' academic performance. On the occasion, the school heads shared practical examples of how they utilize available resources to create efficient teaching-learning materials which were highly appreciated. The discussion fostered a collaborative spirit and commitment to advancing education in the Capital region.

East Siang Deputy Commissioner Tayi Taggu in a review meeting on Friday called for 100% immunisation coverage in all health centres, including outreach vaccination sessions, to protect every child from vaccine-preventable diseases. It was the first quarterly district task force meeting on immunization for East Siang district. Speaking on the occasion, DMO Dr. Komling Perme emphasized the importance of thorough household surveys for successful routine immunisation and addressing floating populations. He called for health centres to prepare for NQAS (National Quality Assurance Standards) certification, targeting 50% by 2025 and 100% by 2026.

Meanwhile, WHO Consultant Dr. Aishwarya RG provided inputs for strengthening routine immunisation and measles and rubella surveillance while emphasizing the importance of support from stakeholders, regular training for health workers, and comprehensive surveys. The meeting also highlighted the overburdened ASHAs in urban health centres and the need for a three-month advance micro plan for routine immunisation.

National Testing Agency, NTA has uploaded the centre-wise results for medical entrance exam NEET-UG. NTA has published the results following the direction of the Supreme Court. Earlier, the apex court had directed NTA to publish the results city-wise and centre-wise on its website, masking the identity of the candidates by 12 noon today. The results have now been made available on neet.ntaonline.in.

The Independence Day Football Tournament 2024 kicked off this morning at the newly inaugurated FIFA-standard artificial turf at Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso High Altitude Stadium in Tawang. Abbot Shelding Tulku Thupten Tender of Tawang Monastery led prayers for peace to open the event. The tournament, featuring 46 teams from Tawang district, is organized by multiple local and regional associations, with a total of 140 matches scheduled, including 104 men's and 36 women's games. It will run until Independence Day 2024. Speaking on the occasion, Secretary, Tawang District Sports Association, Urgen Dorjee conveyed thanks to key supporters, including Chief Minister Pema Khandu and former MLA Tsering Tashi. In the opening match, D-Club Jang thrashed Prime United Tawang 7-0.

The five-day North East National Service Scheme (NSS) Festival concluded on Friday at Manan Kendra, Gangtok. The festival featured vibrant cultural performances from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Sikkim. The Arunachal Pradesh team from Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) excelled, winning the Best Contingency award and securing third place in cultural competitions. Overall, Assam clinched the first position, followed by Sikkim at second spot while Arunachal Pradesh was ranked third. Deputy Mayor Tshering Palden Bhutia graced the concluding ceremony, in the presence of notable personalities from the Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Gangtok. 32 NSS volunteers from RGU were led by PO Rima Kalita.

As many as 24 Armed Forces personnel are among the 117 Indian athletes who are taking part in the Paris Olympics, beginning 26th of this month. Among these 24 athletes, 22 are men including star Javelin Thrower Subedar Neeraj Chopra and two are women. Defence Ministry said, Indian contingent will witness the maiden participation of two women military personnel.

That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar