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President Droupadi Murmu held bilateral talks with Prime Minister Christopher Luxon and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Vinston Peters at Government House in Wellington today. Discussions were held on wide range issues including customs co-operation, traditional medicine and renewable energy. India and New Zealand inked the bilateral customs cooperation arrangement which is expected to ease trade between the two countries. Both the countries also agreed to exchange the best practices in the field of traditional medicine through the Global Centre for traditional medicine in Jamnagar.

The three-day 'Chintan Shivir cum Education Conclave- 2024' organized by the Department of Education, Arunachal Pradesh, commenced at DK State Convention hall in Itanagar today. The conclave with the theme 'Shikshit Arunachal - Viksit Arunachal', will engage in dialogues, share ideas, and develop strategies to enhance the education scenario in Arunachal Pradesh. Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt Gen KT Parnaik (retired) inaugurated the conclave in presence of state's Education Minister PD Sona. State Education Minister, PD Sona on the occasion that education is one of the most vexed issues in the state today and it needs to be addressed as soon as possible. He said education should be something which all needs to be concerned deeply, come together without any vested interest and try to bring back the whole system into the right track. The state education minister said that the conclave will identify and discuss the weakness that the education department has, and understand it to find out a solution.

Governor Lt. Gen. KT Parnaik (Retired) addressing the participants said that education is the most important means for social transformation. He said the conclave will discuss on how to implement the National Education Policy, 2020, by leveraging technology in education, introducing innovative strategies for school management and assessment. He expressed hope that this will help in transforming the educational landscape of the state, ensuring that the students receive a quality education that is relevant, intuitive and holistic. Deputy Commissioners, officials of Education Department, Principals and Headmaster of Govt. Schools from all the districts and other stakeholders are participating in the conclave.

In an effort to recognize the talents of the younger generation, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein felicitated the achievers of Tai Khamti and Singpho communities in a felicitation ceremony at the Golden Pagoda Eco Resort Auditorium yesterday. Mr. Mein who attended the function as the Chief Guest, extended his best wishes to all the young achievers who have excelled in their respective fields of academics, sports and art & culture. He highlighted the importance of healthy competition among the younger minds towards fostering excellence, which in turn will enable them to embark upon greater success in the future. He underscored the significance of the student phase as a foundational period for future success.

The Government has announced the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar, one of the highest recognitions in the fields of science, technology and innovation in India. The objective of the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar is to recognize the notable and inspiring contributions made by scientists, technologists, and innovators, either individually or in teams, across various fields of science, technology, and technology-led innovation.

The government has rejected media reports of question paper leaks for NEET-PG 2024. Union Health Ministry has termed such reports as false and misleading. The Ministry added that all candidates are assured that the question papers for NEET-PG 2024 are yet to be prepared by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) and claims of paper leaks made in social media platforms are bogus.

The Indian retail market is one of the fastest growing markets in the world, expected to cross USD 1.4 trillion by 2027, said the latest annual report of Reliance Industries. India is poised to become the third-largest retail market by 2030, the report said adding the growth is propelled by factors like increasing urbanisation, rising income levels, expanding female workforce, and an aspirational young population. Moreover, a rising demand for premium and luxury products further fuels this growth trajectory, reflecting the evolving preferences with rising disposable incomes.

The Indian Space Research Organisation, ISRO will celebrate this Independence Day in space by launching an Earth Observation Satellite into orbit. The Small Satellite Launch Vehicle will be used to launch the satellite on August 15th at 9.17 am from Sriharikota.

Once the demonstration flight is successful, it will be transferred to the private sector for production.