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President Droupadi Murmu addressed the Indian diaspora and Friends of India at a community reception held today in Auckland. The reception was attended by the Minister of State, Government of India, George Kurian, Lok Sabha MPs Jugal Kishore Sharma, Saumitra Khan, High Commissioner Neeta Bhushan and a large gathering of the Indian diaspora. In her address to the Indian diaspora, the President said that India has become an example of a vibrant democracy in the world and is going to be the third-largest economy very soon. She said that New Zealand has the expertise and experience to contribute to the growth of India, especially in the field of education.

Both the Houses of Parliament were adjourned sine die today. The Budget Session of Parliament which began on 22nd of the last month was due to conclude on Monday. Speaker Om Birla today said, 15 meetings were held in this session which lasted for 115 hours. The Speaker further said that the Lok Sabha witnessed 136 percent productivity during the session.

The Har Ghar Tiranga campaign is set to take place nationwide from today onwards until August 15 next, aiming to strengthen patriotism among citizens. In the meantime, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a social media post has appealed to make this year's #HarGharTiranga a memorable mass movement by changing our profile picture into the Tricolour. The campaign, launched in 2022 as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, saw over ten crore selfies with the Tiranga uploaded last year. This year, the initiative will feature more than 200 cultural programs across the country.

The Central Government has constituted a committee to monitor the current situation on the Indo-Bangladesh border. The committee will maintain communication channels with their counterpart authorities in Bangladesh to ensure the safety of Indian nationals and people belonging to minority communities in Bangladesh. The committee will be headed by the ADG of the Border Security Force, Eastern Command, and will include the IG of BSF Frontier Headquarters South Bengal, the IG of BSF Frontier Headquarters Tripura, the Member of Planning and Development from the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI), and the Secretary of LPAI as its members.

The Defence Research and Development Organisation has developed the Bullet Proof Jacket consisting of the lightest Front Hard Armour Panel. In a written reply in Lok Sabha Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth today said, it is the lightest bulletproof jacket of level 6 with an approximate weight of over 10 kilograms for medium size, which enhances the wearability and comfort during the operation. He added, that this Jacket has a unique feature of the Quick Release Mechanism along with other associated features.

The Parliament has successfully passed the Finance (No.2) Bill, 2024, The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2024, and The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2024, with the Rajya Sabha returning these bills to the Lok Sabha after comprehensive discussions. The Lok Sabha had previously approved these bills, thereby completing the budgetary process for the financial year 2024-25. In her response to the discussion on these bills in the Rajya Sabha, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman emphasized the government's commitment to increasing capital expenditure, which has risen to 15.02 lakh crores, representing an 18 percent increase over the previous year. She highlighted that this investment is crucial for the Indian economy to maintain its position as the fastest-growing economy globally.

At the 2024 Paris Olympics, the Indian hockey team achieved a historic milestone by securing a bronze medal for the second consecutive Games, a feat not accomplished in 52 years. Meanwhile, India's track and field star Neeraj Chopra delivered an impressive performance, securing a silver medal in the men's javelin with a season-best throw of 89.45 meters. This achievement marks a significant milestone, making Neeraj the first Indian track and field athlete to win two Olympic medals post-independence.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media today has greeted the people on the occasion of World Tribal Day. Reaffirming the State Governments commitment to preserve the languages, traditions & cultures of Arunachal Pradesh's tribes, the CM in his post appealed the people to ensure that the vibrant tribal heritage continues to thrive & guide future generations as we embrace modernity. The World Tribal Day also known as International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed on August 9 every year to raise awareness and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population. This event also recognises the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated a new drinking water supply project at TRIHMS Naharlagun today. This futuristic project is a testament to our commitment to enhancing infrastructure and services in capital region, the CM said in a social media post. Congratulating TRIHMS and thanking the Itanagar Smart City Mission and PHED Department for making this valuable project a reality, the CM further informed that there are plans for a super speciality complex for TRIHMS and a establishing a state cancer institute at Midpu.