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The Union Cabinet has approved the Digital Agriculture Mission with total cost of 2817 crore rupees. Addressing media in New Delhi this afternoon, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said major decisions have been taken in the cabinet meeting for improving the lives of farmers and increasing their income. He said the Digital Agriculture Mission is being developed on lines of the structure of Digital Public Infrastructure for agriculture. Cabinet has approved crop science for food and nutritional security at a total cost of 3979 crore rupees. Government has also decided to strengthen agriculture education, management, and social science at a cost of 2291 crore rupees and sustainable livestock health and production with cost of 1702 crore rupees. It approved sustainable development of Horticulture with cost of 860 crore rupees. The Union Cabinet has decided to strengthen the Krishi Vigyan Kendra with the cost of 1202 crore rupees.

Major General Jarken Gamlin (Retd) was sworn in as the new State Chief Information Commissioner of Arunachal Pradesh today. The 'Oath of Affirmation' was administered by Governor Lt General KT Parnaik (Retd) during a ceremony at Raj Bhavan's Darbar Hall in Itanagar. Chief Minister Pema Khandu, along with other dignitaries, attended the event. Gamlin's appointment fills the position previously held by Rinchen Dorjee, who retired on August 12. The new Chief Information Commissioner will serve for three years or until reaching age 65, whichever comes first. Meanwhile, taking it to the social media, Chief Minister Pema Khandu has expressed pride and congratulated Major Gamlin (Retd) on this significant appointment and lauded his distinguished military career and exemplary service, noting that his leadership and strategic vision will be invaluable in his new role.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed a chargesheet against three individuals, including, the former Deputy Commissioner of West Kameng, Bomdila, in a case related to corruption and misappropriation of public funds. The case, registered on March 4, 2021, involves allegations that Jaishwal abused her official position by withdrawing cash from government accounts for personal use. She is accused of directing her subordinates, Financial & Accounts Officer and Cashier to withdraw government funds, which were then misappropriated. It is alleged

that Jaishwal conspired with the two officials to misuse ₹28 lakhs by issuing Demand Drafts and Deposit at Call Receipts for purchasing properties in the names of her relatives. The CBI's investigation has established evidence of a criminal conspiracy, procedural violations, and embezzlement of government funds by the accused.

The "Hathkargha Mela" State Handloom Expo 2024 was inaugurated today at the DK Convention Complex by Advisor to the State's Minister of Textile and Handicrafts, Dr. Mohesh Chai. The 14-day expo features weavers and artisans from Jammu & Kashmir, Nagaland, Manipur, Assam, and Arunachal Pradesh. The event aims to showcase and promote traditional handloom crafts and textiles.

The Supreme Court has constituted a committee today, led by former Punjab and Haryana High Court judge Justice Nawab Singh, to resolve the grievances of farmers protesting at the Shambhu border near Ambala. A bench comprising Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan directed the committee to hold its first meeting within a week and to address the farmers' concerns in a phased manner. It emphasized that the farmers' issues should not be politicized and allowed them the option to relocate their peaceful protests to alternative sites. The decision came while hearing the Haryana government's plea challenging a high court order to remove barricades at the protest site, where farmers have been camping since February 13.

On Day five of the Paris Paralympics 2024, India added to its medal tally with impressive performances. Yogesh Kathuniya secured a silver medal in the men's discus throw F56 final, while Indian shuttler Nitesh Kumar clinched gold in the Men's Singles SL3 para-badminton, raising the country's overall medal tally to nine. Earlier, Thulasimathi Murugesan has guaranteed herself at least a silver medal in Women's Singles SU5 badminton. Murugesan reached the finals after defeating compatriot Manisha Ramadass. She will compete against China's Yang Qiuxia in the final match.

The Faculty of Life Sciences of Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar organized a National Seminar on the topic "Prospects and Challenges of Bioresource Management in the Eastern Himalayas, India" at the college premises yesterday. Speaking on the occasion, DNGC Principal Dr. M.Q. Khan, encouraged students to understand the value of bioresources and their sustainable use, stressing the need for teachers, researchers, and students to communicate this message to local communities,

particularly rural stakeholders. The seminar saw the presentation of 22 research papers by participants from various institutions.