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India and China have agreed to work with urgency and redouble their efforts to achieve complete disengagement in the remaining areas along the LAC. This emerged during a meeting between National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Member of the Communist Party of China Political Bureau and Director of the Office of the Central Foreign Affairs Commission Wang Yi yesterday in Saint Petersburg, Russia. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the Meeting of BRICS High-Ranking Officials Responsible for Security Matters and National Security Advisers. During the meeting, Doval conveyed that peace and tranquillity in border areas and respect for the Line of Actual Control (LAC) are essential for normalcy in bilateral relations.

Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt General (Retd) KT Parnaik interacted with the students of Rashtriya Raksha University, Gujarat at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar today. The RRU students are on a fortnight-long visit to Arunachal Pradesh. They have visited the Vibrant Border Village of Zemithang in Tawang district. The students shared their experiences of visiting various vibrant villages in the Tawang sector with the Governor. The Governor, while commending the RRU and the ITBP for the students' tour, called for more student exchange programmes with States, which are developed in IT and MSME sectors. He said that such action will open avenues for entrepreneurship and start-ups, and create awareness about Arunachal Pradesh amongst the youth of the nation and strengthen goodwill.

The Arunachal Pradesh Governor has ordered transfer of the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme from the Department of Education to the Social Justice, Empowerment and Tribal Affairs (SJETA) Department, with immediate effect. According to a notification issued on September 4, the Education Department will hand over all files, beneficiary data, and related documents to the SJETA Dept, which is also the parent department, for smooth implementation of the scheme. It, however, said that the Education Dept will complete the disbursement of scholarships for the academic year 2023-24 and the SJETA department will carry out the implementation from the academic year 2024-25.

While highlighting the importance of the nationwide campaign 'Swachhata Hi Seva' scheduled from 14th September to 2nd October which marks the 10th anniversary of the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission, Upper Siang Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman, DUDA, Hage Lailang has urged for mass participation from all, including the head of offices, and officers of line department to make this programme a grand success. The DC said that the main purpose of 'Swachhata Hi Seva' is to facilitate large scale advocacy and citizen participation for Swachhala (cleanliness). He called for mega cleanliness drives and cleaning of dirty and difficult garbage spots (black spots), plantation drives, and conducting awareness campaign through painting & essay competitions on cleanliness and environment in schools, etc.

The 2nd edition of Ziro Badminton Championship was kicked off today at the Hapoli Indoor Badminton Club by Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Vivek HP. Speaking on the occasion, the DC urged the young participants to maintain a fine balance between academics and sports for a healthy life. 'A healthy body is essential to develop a healthy mind. Hence, young children need to pick up any sport to remain physically fit and badminton is one of the best sport to maintain fitness', remarked the DC, who is also the chief patron of the Lower Subansiri Badminton Association. Altogether 70 badminton players including boys and girls starting from under-13 to super veteran 45 years and above from Lower Subansiri, Keyi Panyor and Papum Pare districts are participating in the three-day tourney.

All eligible senior citizens covered under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PMJAY) will be issued a new, distinct card under the scheme. Anyone aged 70 or above, as per their Aadhaar card, will be eligible to apply for the scheme. The scheme is expected to be operational within a week. It is an application-based scheme, and people need to register on the portal. The portal will offer face authentication and will have a designated link for senior citizens above 70 years of age official sources said. The Union Cabinet has on Wednesday approved health coverage for all senior citizens above 70 years, irrespective of income, under AB PMJAY, with an outlay of 3,437 crore rupees.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) instructed all States and Union Territories to strictly monitor the manufacturing and sale of adulterated sweets, savouries and dairy products during the festive season. It also requested them to

conduct frequent enforcement and surveillance drives during the festive season to prevent such malpractices. FSSAI noted that the demand for sweets, savouries, milk, and milk products like ghee, khoya, and paneer increases during the festive season. This heightened demand also increases the economic motivation to adulterate these products. It emphasized that preventive measures, including special surveillance and enforcement drives at hotspots, can effectively curb these practices while ensuring product safety.