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Today, on World Rhinoceros Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a social media post reaffirmed India's commitment to rhino conservation. Observed every September 22 with the theme "Keep the Five Alive," the day highlights the need to protect the five rhino species—White, Black, Greater One-Horned, Javan, and Sumatran. Mr. Modi praised the workers who have been involved in rhino conservation efforts over the last many years and expressed pride in India's large population of one-horned rhinos. He also recalled his visit to Kaziranga, urging others to experience it firsthand.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu and Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein today in a social media post extended extended their heartfelt congratulations to Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh on his appointment as the new Chief of the Indian Air Force. In his tweet, Mr. Khandu praised Singh's exemplary skills and expressed confidence that his leadership will further strengthen the Air Force. Meanwhile, DCM Mein also lauded the Air Marshal's distinguished career as a fighter pilot, highlighting his strategic vision and leadership, which will propel the IAF to new heights of excellence.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today in a social media post has extended heartfelt congratulations to Rupa Bayor for winning a silver medal in the Under-30 Female category at the Australian Open Recognised Poomsae event, an official Asian Games discipline. Mr. Khandu praised Rupa for overcoming challenges and achieving significant milestones as a professional taekwondo athlete. He expressed pride in her accomplishments and wished her continued success in the future.

The Itanagar Municipal Corporation Mayor, Tamme Phassang yesterday announced that the Urban Local Body will impose fine to individuals and business establishments that litter in public places. He said this while interacting to media after a cleanliness drive organized as a part of "Swachhata Hi Seva" Campaign at different part of the Itanagar Capital Region yesterday. Mr. Phassang emphasized the importance of public participation, or "Jan Bhagidaari", in maintaining a clean and green city. He said fostering a sense of civic responsibility among residents is crucial to

effectively combat the ongoing garbage crisis. He added that this noble work should extend beyond organized drives and become a part of everyday life.

The Centre has issued an advisory to States and Union Territories to curb tobacco use among youth. The Union Ministries of Education and Health have jointly issued advisory to Chief Secretaries to enforce the Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions Guidelines. The goal is to protect future generations by raising awareness of tobacco's harmful effects and promoting control measures in schools and colleges. The advisory highlights alarming data from the Global Youth Tobacco Survey 2019, which found that 8.5% of students aged 13 to 15 in India use tobacco. It also noted that 55% of lifelong users initiate the habit before the age of 20. The advisory encourages educational institutions, including schools, colleges, and universities, to adopt the Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions manual and guidelines to safeguard the health and well-being of students. The advisory also emphasized the need for collaborative efforts of all the stakeholders to safeguard young people from the dangers of tobacco addiction.

As part of the Swachhata Hi Seva fortnight, Government Higher Secondary School in the Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) campus organized Kala Utsav at its premises yesterday. The event saw students participating in various cultural programs that highlighted the symbiotic relationship between humans and nature, showcasing Arunachal Pradesh's nature-based, sustainable lifestyle. Speaking on the occasion, Assistant Nodal Officer for Swachhata Hi Seva, RGU, Dr. Varsha Patnaik, emphasized the importance of conserving green spaces amid modernization and urbanization, a value cherished by the people of the state. Kala Utsav, a flagship initiative launched in 2015 by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, aims to promote and showcase the artistic talents of students at the secondary level.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast isolated heavy rainfall over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura for the next seven days. Assam and Meghalaya are expected to experience heavy rainfall from tomorrow until Friday, while Bihar is likely to see similar conditions until Wednesday.

As part of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign, NSS JNC organized a mass cleanliness drive at Ayeng Village in collaboration with the Ketir Momiir Society on Saturday. During the event Volunteers cleaned roadsides, internal lanes, the bazar area, school, playground, and community hall. A Swachhata awareness session was also held, highlighting the importance of village cleanliness through community efforts.

A one-day skill development programme was organized by Franglaye Self Help Group (SHG) at Chug Village on September 20, 2024, in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) and the West Kameng District Administration, Dirang. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest cum Chairperson of APSCW, Kenjum Pakam, encouraged the participants to work hard persistently and suggested them not to limit their work/ product making at their home but to commercialize their products by citing the success of Lijjat Papad as an example of how community women can achieve financial success. Meanwhile, Vice Chairperson of APSCW, Nabam Yahi Tad, speaking on the occasion applauded the participants for exploring new ventures beyond traditional food products. Further, APSCW Member Komna Moidam offered insights into securing financial support for startups and provided essential tips on improving skills for commercial success.

That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar