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President Droupadi Murmu has stressed that Audit needs to keep up with technological evolution in order to be able to perform its oversight functions effectively. Inaugurating the 16th Assembly of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) in New Delhi today, the President said that the mandate of public sector audits has expanded beyond traditional auditing to include assessing the effectiveness of public welfare schemes and projects, ensuring that they serve all citizens equitably. She stated that in an increasingly technology-driven world, more and more public services are being delivered using technology.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has reached Tashkent, Uzbekistan today to attend the 9th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. She will attend the meeting tomorrow. India is the second-largest shareholder of the bank. The multilateral discussions will be centred around a broad spectrum of important global issues relevant to the development agenda. Ms. Sitharaman will also sign the Bilateral Investment Treaty between India and Uzbekistan. The treaty aims to promote more extensive economic cooperation for the mutual benefit of both countries on a long-term basis. The Finance Minister will also hold important bilateral meetings with her counterparts from Uzbekistan, Qatar, China, and the AIIB President. She will also interact with the Indian diaspora, representing leading voices from multiple sectors.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today inaugurated the 41st edition of the Indian Coast Guard Commanders' Conference in New Delhi. The three-day meeting serves as a vital forum to engage in meaningful discussions on strategic, operational, and administrative matters in the backdrop of the evolving geopolitical landscapes and complexities of maritime security. Addressing the commanders, Defence Minister described the Indian Coast Guard as India's foremost guard, ensuring the security of the country's vast coastline through constant monitoring of the Exclusive Economic Zone.

All India Institute of Medical Sciences-AIIMS, New Delhi and a technology company Intuitive today signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish an innovative new training centre for robotic-assisted surgery. Director of AIIMS, Dr. Srinivas said that the institution has a pool of experienced robotic surgeons who will mentor and train new surgeons nationwide. He added that this centre will play a crucial role in advancing surgical skills and elevating patient care standards across India.

The first case of the Clade 1B variant of M-pox has been reported in the country. Sources in the health ministry said that the M-pox case of this variant was detected in a youth who landed from UAE in Kerala last week. The ministry said that the patient's condition is stable and under observation.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu called on Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar today. They discussed developmental issues and district tours. Sharing his observations of district tours, the Governor underscored the need for automation of records and district administrations to reach out to the people, inspect the progress of works on the ground and ensure implementations of all yojanas / projects. The Chief Minister briefed the Governor about his recent visit to Tawang, and inspections of projects.

A two-day workshop dedicated to 'Mental Health and Well-being' designed to support both University students and educators concluded today at the Varsity's campus. The workshop was a part of the Project "Mapping and Exploration of Mental Health Status of Students and Teachers of RGU" to cultivate a culture of well-being in the campus. Day 1 delved into the strategies for fostering resilience and self-care among students. The workshop saw active participation of around 600 students from across all Departments, who have just entered into the University system of academic programmes.

The Registering Officer of the Arunachal Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (APB&OCWWB), Tawang, today handed over a cheque amounting to Rs. 2,10,000 as natural death and funeral assistance to Singha Prasad Sharma, the nominee of late Binu Sharma, a registered labourer under the Welfare Board. Earlier, a total of Rs. 30,55,000 had been disbursed through direct

benefit transfers to beneficiaries and nominees of registered BOC workers. These benefits included normal death benefit, funeral assistance, accidental death benefit, disability pension, education assistance, maternity, and medical benefits.

The Itanagar Meteorological Centre has forecast thunderstorm and lighting with very heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places over Papumpare, West Siang, East Kameng, Lower Siang and Upper Siang from 26th to 27th of this month.

That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar