

## **REGIONAL ENGLISH NEWS BULLETIN**

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The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has achieved the 100 days target on Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats. Recently, the Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Wildlife Habitat Development Scheme (WHDS) of over two thousand six hundred crore rupees. The scheme includes the critical Project Tiger sub component, Project Elephant and Development of Wildlife Habitat. The Ministry said, the scheme has a livelihood generation of more than 50 lakh man days through direct engagement. A total of 55 tiger reserves, 33 elephant reserves and 718 protected areas and their zones will benefit from the scheme.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes has notified the Direct Tax Vivaad se Vishwas (DTVSV) Scheme, 2024, to resolve pending appeals in the case of income tax disputes. The scheme will come into force on the 1st of next month. The DTVSV scheme provides lesser settlement amounts for taxpayers who file declarations on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December this year.

Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju has called for the upliftment of citizens of the North East in fostering unification of the country. Addressing the 7<sup>th</sup> North East Student Festival (NEST) in New Delhi today, Mr Rijiju said that the recognition and awareness for the North Eastern people have changed since 2014. He added that discrimination against the North Eastern people in other parts of the country has decreased.

The newly inducted State Chief Secretary Manish Kumar Gupta today called on the Governor retired Lt. General KT Parnaik at Raj Bhavan in Itanagar. It was a courtesy meeting by the Chief Secretary, who took office on 16<sup>th</sup> of this month. During the meeting, the Governor advised the Chief Secretary to prioritize issues such as strengthening border villages; combating drug trafficking, enhancing the emergency response mechanism and addressing various challenges faced by the general public. He also highlighted the importance of leveraging technology, including geospatial tools, for real-time monitoring.

The Government-e-Marketplace (GeM) has reduced transaction charges levied on sellers and service providers transacting on its platform as part of the government's 100-day initiative. The Commerce and Industry Ministry said that GeM has reduced its transaction fee by almost 33 percent. GeM announced a new revenue policy for the portal last month. As per this policy, all orders valued up to 10 lakh rupees will now attract zero transaction charges, as opposed to the earlier order value ceiling of 5 lakh rupees. Further, a nominal fee of 0.30 percent will incur the order value above 10 lakh rupees, subject to a maximum of 3 lakh rupees only, irrespective of the size of the order.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast isolated heavy rainfall over several parts of the country during the next few days. The Weather agency said, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, and Meghalaya are likely to experience isolated heavy rainfall from Monday to Thursday.

A mass cleanliness drive under the ongoing fortnight Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign - 'Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskar Swachhata' was conducted today by the Swachh Bharat volunteers at the premises of Malini Temple, Rukmini Temple and Akashi Ganga in Likabali in Lower Siang district. Similarly, a mass cleanliness drive was also carried out at the historical site of the 100 feet high National Flag Podium in Dipa village by the District Administration today.

The Mahila Gram Sabha and Bal Balika Gram Sabha were conducted yesterday at Songking and Phangyak under Miao Subdivision in Changlang district. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Pema Khandu sharing this information in his social media handle said empowering voices of women and children is crucial to achieving inclusive development. This marks an important step towards localization of sustainable development goals and building a more equitable future.

The Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) drive for doctors and staff of Directorate of Health Services (DHS), Naharlagun was conducted by the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) Arunachal at DHS Conference Hall in Naharlagun yesterday. Altogether 158 ABHA numbers were generated. The ABHA drive is a

part of the 10 days celebration of Ayushman Pakhwada which started yesterday and will continue till 30<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) today joined the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2024 with a vibrant campus event aimed at promoting cleanliness and environmental awareness. As part of the celebrations, two selfie stations were installed at key locations on campus – near the RGU Mini Auditorium and the Library – to encourage students and staff to engage with the campaign in a creative and interactive way. Over 100 students participated in the event, which featured a series of cleanliness activities. Meanwhile, the university plans to continue its efforts throughout the month with various activities designed to foster a clean and eco-friendly campus environment.

The Hindi-Diwas was celebrated yesterday by the Post Graduate Department of Hindi, Jawaharlal Nehru College (JNC), Pasighat during now concluded five day long workshop in Pasighat in East Siang district.

**That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar**