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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today spoke to his Nepalese counterpart Balendra Shah and conveyed condolences on the loss of lives due to the floods in Nepal. In a social media post, Mr Modi said, the people of India stand in solidarity with their sisters and brothers in Nepal at this difficult time. He said, India is ready to provide all possible humanitarian assistance to Nepal. The Prime Minister said, our teams are coordinating closely on rescue and relief efforts. The Indian Embassy in Kathmandu issued emergency numbers for assistance and information regarding Indian nationals affected by the flash floods in Nepal today. The Embassy said that people requiring assistance can contact the embassy on helpline +977 985 131 6807 and +977 970 910 7500. According to the official sources, India is preparing to send relief material as soon as possible to Nepal. According to the Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) the 384 missing tourists include 291 foreign nationals and 93 Nepali citizens. It said, the foreign nationals are from several countries, including 105 from India.

Under the ongoing Operation Dawn 2.0, East Siang Police successfully apprehended four alleged drug peddlers in an intelligence-based operation conducted under Pasighat Police Station jurisdiction and recovered 8.26 gm of suspected heroin from the 2-Mile area. Acting on credible information regarding illegal trafficking of narcotic substances, a police team led by DySP (HQ) Toni Tatak conducted a discreet operation. The searches and seizures were conducted in the presence of an Executive Magistrate, Pasighat. Police recovered three tobacco containers and two vials containing suspected heroin weighing 8.26 gm, one brass-metal hookah, one plastic hookah and two syringes. The seized contraband was weighed, packed, sealed and documented as per legal provisions, and the entire operation was video-graphed for transparency. Accordingly, a case has been registered under the NDPS Act and further investigation is underway.

The Indian Medical Association has urged people to remain vigilant amid a seasonal rise in Influenza A (H1N1) cases, saying that the majority of infections are mild and self-limiting and there is no

cause for panic. The IMA has advised people not to take antibiotics over the counter for flu symptoms, stressing that H1N1 is a viral infection and antibiotics do not kill viruses. It specifically cautioned against self-medication with antibiotics such as azithromycin, amoxicillin-clavulanate and cefixime. According to the association, antibiotics should be taken only when prescribed by a qualified medical professional.

MLA of 32-Rumgong, Er. Talem Taboh today formally flagged off the construction of the 26-km stretch of the Bille–Miging Road from the Bille end (Package-I) under the Arunachal Frontier Highway (NH-913) at Payum in Siang District. Addressing the gathering, MLA Er. Talem Taboh appealed to the people of Payum Circle to extend full cooperation to the executing agency and refrain from creating any hindrance during the construction process. He also urged the executing agency to carry out the work at a fast pace while strictly adhering to the prescribed technical specifications, quality standards and project norms. The project is expected to provide a major boost to connectivity and facilitate improved movement of people and goods in the region.

A meeting of the District Task Force for Immunization on Routine Immunization and the HPV Vaccination Campaign 2026 was held today at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Upper Subansiri District, Daporijo. The meeting was convened with the objective of reviewing and strengthening the implementation of the Routine Immunization programme and the HPV Vaccination Campaign 2026 in the district. During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner, Tasso Gambo, emphasised the need for coordinated efforts among all concerned departments and stakeholders to ensure effective outreach and successful implementation of the immunization programmes across the district. He stressed the importance of reaching eligible beneficiaries, creating awareness among communities and ensuring that no eligible beneficiary is left behind.

The Upper Subansiri district administration conducted a blackout mock drill in Daporijo town yesterday night to create public awareness about emergency preparedness and assess the administration's response capabilities in the event of any unforeseen situation. The

mock drill was led by Deputy Commissioner, Upper Subansiri, Tasso Gambo, and Superintendent of Police, Upper Subansiri, Pawan Kumar Yadav along with officials from the district administration, police department and other concerned stakeholders. The exercise simulated a blackout situation to familiarise the public with the necessary precautions and response measures that may be required during an emergency. It also aimed to assess coordination and preparedness among various departments and emergency response teams.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued orange alert warning for Lower Siang district and forecast thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places. Additionally, MCI has also issued yellow alert warning for 12 districts in Arunachal Pradesh including Papumpare.

That is all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar