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The External Affairs Ministry has informed that 21 Indian nationals from Tamil Nadu, who travelled for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, have been rescued in Nepal. Meanwhile, India has stepped up efforts to trace and rescue Indian nationals stranded in Nepal due to flash flood tragedy. Addressing media in New Delhi today, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that contact has not been established with 288 Indian nationals who were present in Nepal when the tragedy occurred. It includes 73 Indians who were working on the Trishuli-1 power project. He said, the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu is in touch with the project authorities to collect information, as communication links in the affected area have been disrupted. Mr Jaiswal said that the Indian authorities are making all possible efforts, in coordination with the Nepalese authorities, to establish contact with the stranded Indians and ensure their safety. On the Indian national stranded in Chinese side, Mr Jaiswal that Indian Embassy in Beijing is making all efforts for their safe evacuation. Meanwhile, the death toll in the massive flash floods in Nepal rose to 270 today.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the government is fully committed to creating a modern sports ecosystem for India in the 21st century. He said that, from sports universities to modern training centres, an ecosystem is being developed across the country where talent receives support at every stage. Addressing the Khelo India Dialogue through video conferencing today, Mr Modi said that sports is not limited merely to winning medals, rather, it is a mission to unite India's sporting prowess and youth power in the building of a developed India. He said every district has the potential to shine on the global sports map. The Prime Minister expressed happiness that today sports has emerged as an excellent career and profession in India. He said, 'The Khelo India Samvad is not merely a program for discussing sports, but it is a platform for dialogue where every single idea can give a new direction to the nation's sports vision.

The Khelo India Samvaad, a Yuva Connect Programme on the occasion of National Sports Day 2026 was successfully organized today as a nationally synchronized youth engagement initiative at Roing, Lower Dibang Valley. The programme featured the virtual address by Prime Minister, followed by a Khelo India Dialogue with local sportspersons, youth icons, public representatives and participating youth. The Youth Icons present during the programme were Kesaya Elapra (Under-17 National Badminton Player), Prisha Kachari (Under-17 National Badminton Player), Abida Begum (District and State Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament Winner; represented Arunachal Pradesh at the National Parliament) and Agano Linggi (Khelo India Football Coach). The programme witnessed active participation from youth of JTGMD College and Government Polytechnic College, Roing. Similarly, Khelo India Yuva Samvad, (Khel ki Baat PM Modi Ke Sath) - 2026 was also held today at Don Bosco College, Jullang, Itanagar. A large number of students, NSS volunteers, Social media influencers and teachers actively participated in the Khelo India Yuva Samvad.

As part of the Raksha Bandhan celebrations, students of Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Chimpu, accompanied by their teachers, called on Governor Lt Gen KT Parnaik (Retd.), at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar today and tied Rakhis to him. Interacting with the students, the Governor said that Raksha Bandhan is a celebration of a brother-sister relationship and also a reminder of the collective duty of every citizen to protect and nurture the values that bind society together. He emphasized that the festival inspires individuals to uphold compassion, harmony, respect for women, and a sense of responsibility towards one another. The Governor advised the students to grow into responsible and useful citizens by cultivating discipline, integrity, empathy and a spirit of service. Later in the day, members of the Brahma Kumaris, led by Brahma Kumari Junu, also tied Rakhis to the Governor on the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan.

The District-Level Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan (RAA) 2026 was held today at PM SHRI GUPS Anguli, Anini, with the objective of fostering scientific temper, curiosity, creativity, innovation and mathematical aptitude among school students. The programme brought together students from various schools across Dibang Valley, providing them a platform to showcase their knowledge, scientific

understanding and problem-solving abilities through Science Quiz, Science Exhibition and Mathematics Olympiad competitions. Conducted under the chairmanship of the DDSE, Anini, the programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and teachers.

The 24th District-Level NCORD Meeting of East Siang district was held today under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Sonalika Jiwani, to review the Action Taken Report on the key issues and directions issued during the previous NCORD meeting. Reviewing the progress, the Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned departments and stakeholders to intensify coordinated action against drug abuse and illicit activities. She stressed the need for surprise drug testing in schools, police establishments and other major government departments as a preventive measure. The District Medical Officer informed that surprise drug-testing drives have been initiated in rural areas through 13 health centres, with 950 drug-testing kits distributed for the purpose. The meeting also reviewed the functioning of rehabilitation centres.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued yellow alert warning for 13 districts in Arunachal Pradesh including Papumpare. These districts are very likely to receive thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain at isolated places.

That is all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar