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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has left on a two-day visit to Russia beginning today to attend the 16<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit in Kazan. The Summit is themed on Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security. India's Ambassador to Russia, Vinay Kumar said that Prime Minister Modi will hold a bilateral meeting with Russian President Valadimir Putin. Briefing reporters in New Delhi on the Prime Minister's visit to Russia, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said, India is a founding member of BRICS and has participated in all of its activities, initiatives and engagements since its inception.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that India's banking system has remained robust, with low levels of non-performing assets and high capital adequacy ratios. She added that the financial sector has been crucial in sustaining growth by providing the necessary credit to fuel investment in key industries. The finance minister said this while addressing a session at Columbia University in New York, USA. The finance minister underlined that despite the increasingly complex global environment, India's macroeconomic fundamentals remain sound, acting as a strong foundation upon which to build future growth. She added, presently, India is the fifth-largest economy in the world at market exchange rates, which was 10th largest economy in 2013.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Monday reviewed the progress of 15 ongoing national highway projects covering 423 kms in Arunachal Pradesh. During the meeting, he emphasised the importance of expediting development to ensure timely completion of these critical infrastructure projects, highlighting the Modi government's commitment to enhancing mobility and driving economic growth in the Northeast region. The review meeting was also attended by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, union MoS for Road Transport & Highways Ajay Tamta, MPs Harsh Malhotra and Tapir Gao, besides Chief Minister Pema Khandu and other officials from the ministry and state government. The union minister for road transport & highways shared this in a social media post.

Union Minister for Communication Jyotiraditya Scindia has said that since the beginning of the rollout of 4G, the subscribers of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited have increased from 75 lakh to 1.8 crore in the last six months. Unveiling the new logo and seven services of BSNL in New Delhi today, the Minister said that India is among the six countries in the world to develop its own 4G telecom network, which will soon migrate to 5G. The new logo of BSNL symbolizes strength, trust, and accessibility.

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, KT Parnaik presented a cheque of 5 Lakhs rupees to Mother's Vision, Aalo on Monday, which he had announced during his visit to the rehabilitation center. Mother's Vision Chairperson, Jumde Yomgam Gamlin and Secretary Kirbom Padu received the Grant-in-aid in the presence of Pawan Kumar Sain, Commissioner of Health. The Governor commended the remarkable work of Mother's Vision in the fight against drug addiction.

A police constable deployed as the personal security officer of Environment & Forest Minister Wangki Lowang was detained by the Tirap police at Deomali for allegedly opening fire in a resort. The video of the constable firing from his service rifle went viral on social media, which angered the residents. The incident occurred on the intervening night of 18 and 19 October. As per the report, the constable, identified as Bijoy Dodum, got into an altercation with some locals, after which he fired five rounds from his service rifle. However, no one was injured in the incident. The Tirap police detained him for a night after the situation turned tense in the area. Later he was transferred back to the security cell in Itanagar.

The artworks of Behelti Ama, a senior volunteer of the Lohit Youth Library Movement, brought laurels to Arunachal Pradesh for the second consecutive year at the Tribal Art Exhibition, which was held in New Delhi from 17 to 19 October. The second edition of the four-day exhibition, 'Silent conversation: From margins to the centre' was inaugurated by External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar at the India Habitat Centre. Dr Jaishankar, who went through the exhibition keenly, heartily appreciated the artworks of Behelti. The exhibition featured over 200 paintings and 100 art pieces from 49 artists from 22 tiger reserves across India.

Pani Manju Joram of Arunachal Pradesh shined at the Asian Cup Muaythai Championship held in Taipei, Taiwan. She won a Silver medal in Wai-Kru and a Bronze medal in the 57-kg (Elite) category. Joram has scripted history as she is the first athlete from Arunachal Pradesh to win medals at the Asian Cup Muaythai Championship. Chief Minister Pema Khandu, in a social media post, congratulated her for her achievement and wished her all the best for her future sports events.

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