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The central government has asked states to enhance their preparedness in view of air pollution. Director General of Health Services, Dr. Atul Goel has written a letter to the health departments of states and union territories regarding air pollution preparedness, highlighting how air pollution worsens health issues like breathing problems, heart, and brain-related diseases. He said, it has adverse effects on vulnerable groups such as children, pregnant women, and the elderly people. Further, Dr. Goel urged states to intensify public awareness campaigns in local languages, train healthcare workers, and closely monitor pollution-related illnesses.

President Draupadi Murmu urged medical students to prioritize serving the underprivileged. Speaking at the convocation of AIIMS Raipur today, she stressed using modern medical techniques to help people in remote areas. She also highlighted efforts over the past decade to provide universal health coverage in India. The President has arrived in Raipur for a two-day visit, where she will also attend the NIT Raipur convocation and launch the 9th Mahtari Vandan Yojana installment for 70 lakh women, with interactions planned with tribal community members.

Justice Sanjiv Khanna has been appointed as the next Chief Justice of India. Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal in a social media tweet yesterday announced that President Droupadi Murmu made the appointment after consulting the current Chief Justice, DY Chandrachud. Justice Khanna will take charge on November 11 and will be the 51st Chief Justice of India. He will retire on May 13, 2025. Justice Khanna became a Supreme Court judge in January 2019 and has made important rulings, focusing on personal freedom and democracy. The current Chief Justice, DY Chandrachud, will retire on November 10.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that the broad consensus achieved by India and China to resolve their differences in certain areas along LAC is proof that continuous dialogue is key to achieving security and mutual understanding. Speaking at the Chanakya Defence Dialogue in New Delhi yesterday, he also discussed the

close link between national security and economic development, stating that security spending creates jobs and supports technological growth.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein inaugurated the 35th Annual College Day and the new Commerce Block at Indira Gandhi Government College (IGGC) in Tezu yesterday. Speaking on the occasion, Mein praised IGGC's growth since 1986, starting with just 59 students and now serving over 3,000 students, calling Tezu an "Educational Hub" in Arunachal Pradesh and further, highlighted the college's role in empowering youth. Meanwhile, honoring College's achievers, he encouraged them to study hard and prepare for future jobs. He also spoke about the government's focus on education with increased funding, and declaring 2024 as the "Year of Youth" and announced plans for expanding IGGC's facilities. Further, he also discussed the government's efforts to boost sectors like agriculture, tourism, and sports, and announced plans for new medical colleges in Namsai and Pasighat.

As part of the 62nd Walong Day Celebration, the Indian Army in collaboration with the state government and NEEPCO held a three-day cycling event, which ended yesterday. The expedition was flagged off on 21st October by Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein at Golden Pagoda, Namsai. The team included 62 cyclists from the Indian Army, Pune, and local enthusiasts. They covered 251 km, passing through places like Kamlang Nagar Tiger Reserve, Wakro, and Parshuram Kund. Along the way, they promoted health, fitness, and adventure tourism while interacting with the local community in Hayuliang. The cyclists rode alongside the Lohit River and through the village of Walong, finishing at Namti in Anjaw District.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has invited applications for the Sports Awards 2024, given every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports. The awards include the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award for outstanding performance, the Arjuna Award for consistent excellence, the new Arjuna Award (Lifetime) for lifetime contributions to sports, and the Dronacharya Award for coaches of medal-winning athletes. Eligible sportspersons, coaches, and entities can submit their applications online at dbtyas-sports.gov.in by 14th November.

The much awaited second edition of Tawang marathon 2024 took place successfully at Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso high altitude stadium Tawang yesterday. The event was jointly organized by the district administration and Indian army and managed by the event manager CYRUNS. Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Union Minister Kamlesh Paswan, Sports Minister Kento Jini, several MLAs, and top Army officials attended the event. A total of 4,400 runners from across India and 11 participants from other countries took part in the marathon.

That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar