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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that decline in tuberculosis incidence is an outcome of India's dedicated and innovative efforts. Commending the country's progress, Modi said in a social media post that through a collective spirit, the government will keep working towards a TB-free India. He added that the government remained steadfast in commitment to creating a TB-free India. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), India has recorded a decline of 17.7 percent in TB incidence from 2015 to 2023. This rate is more than double the global decline of 8.3 per cent. Sharing the information in social media post yesterday, Health Minister JP Nadda emphasised that this acknowledgment reflects India's transformative approach to TB care and control.

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has started the country's first analog space mission at Leh in Ladakh, where the space agency will simulate life in an interplanetary habitat. The move assumes significance as India is planning to send a human to the Moon in the near future. Analog space missions are field tests in locations on Earth that have physical similarities to the extreme space environments and play a significant role in problem solving for spaceflight research. Ladakh has been chosen for such a mission as the geographical features of the area – dry and cold climate, barren land, high-altitude terrain and extreme isolation – are considered to closely resemble Martian and lunar landscapes. The month-long mission comes in the wake of India's plans to set up lunar habitats, which could provide a base to launch interplanetary missions.

State's Health & Family Welfare Minister Biyuram Wahge, while attending the 3rd conference of the Trained Nurses Association of India (TNAI), Arunachal Pradesh State Unit held at Itanagar on Saturday, emphasized the crucial role of nurses in providing compassionate care. In his address, the Minister urged the nurses to treat patients with the tenderness of a mother and the care of a sister. National vice president of TNAI's Northeast Region, Cheryl Susan Tada, in her address, stressed the need for positive change and urged nurses to prioritize patient welfare and societal betterment. Director of Health Services Dr Riken Rina also encouraged the nurses to serve with sincerity and dedication.

Chief Secretary Manish Kumar Gupta while inaugurating a multi-sport stadium at Bomdila, West Kameng district under the 'Khelo India' project, urged the youth to engage in sports and help deter the drug menace within society. "Arunachal Pradesh is one of the most beautiful states in the country, blessed with stunning ecology and immense potential for adventure tourism. Youth may engage with institutes like NIMAS, Dirang, and pursue adventure tourism courses, which can effectively promote tourism in the region," exhorted the Chief Secretary, who was on his maiden tour of West Kameng district.

The Gajraj Corps of Indian Army today launched an inspiring National Integration Tour under Operation Sadbhavana, sending off 15 enthusiastic students and a teacher from Mahabodhi School, Tawang, on a 10-day journey of discovery through Delhi, Agra, and Bharatpur. A Defence spokesperson said, this initiative is set to broaden young minds from Arunachal Pradesh, giving them an exciting chance to experience the spirit of a growing and vibrant Viksit Bharat. The students will explore some of India's most iconic sites, including the breathtaking Taj Mahal, the historic Qutub Minar, the spiritual center of Vrindavan, and the fascinating Nehru Planetarium to name a few.

A cultural competency workshop for healthcare professionals was 'successfully' conducted at Zion Institute of Nursing, Nirjuli on Saturday by Tribal Health Collaborative, Piramal Foundation. The event aimed to enhance the understanding and skills of healthcare professionals in addressing health disparities within tribal communities across India. Dr Kaling Dabi, Program Manager at Tribal Health Collaborative, Piramal Foundation, highlighted the health disparities faced by tribal communities, emphasizing that these are influenced by various cultural and social determinants. The workshop concluded with an interactive session where participants discussed practical strategies to integrate cultural competency into their healthcare practice, ensuring more inclusive and effective service delivery for tribal populations.

As part of their relentless efforts to combat drug trafficking under the 'Operation Dawn' initiative, Banderdewa Police on Friday apprehended an inter-state drug peddler and seized a significant quantity of suspected heroin from his possession. Naharlagun SP Mihin Gambo on Saturday said that the police team intercepted the scooty-borne peddler at Borum village and apprehended him. During the search, the police recovered a soap case containing suspected heroin, weighing 13.46 grams from him. A case has been registered at Banderdewa PS under Section 21(b) of the NDPS Act, 1985 and the accused Babul Islam (38) was arrested.

In cricket, New Zealand defeated India by 25 runs in Mumbai Test clinching the series 3-nil. Chasing a target of 147 runs, India crumbled to 121 all out. Despite a fightback, India lost their last four wickets for just 21 runs on day third of the match. New Zealand's Ajaz Patel was the architect of India's downfall, claiming four crucial wickets. The Indian innings faltered early when skipper Rohit Sharma fell for just 11, followed by the dismissals of Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli for 1 each. This series victory for New Zealand marks their first Test series win in India since 1955, ending India's 18 Test series unbeaten streak at home. This is India's first Test series loss at home in 12 years.

That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar