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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today held a meeting with Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al Sabah. They discussed on cooperation in key sectors like pharmaceuticals, IT, FinTech, Infrastructure and security. The leaders recalled the strong historical and friendly ties between the two countries and re-affirmed their full commitment to further expanding and deepening bilateral cooperation. In this context, they agreed to elevate the bilateral relationship to a 'Strategic Partnership'.

Kuwait has bestowed its highest honour the Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Meanwhile, the Prime Minister has also addressed a massive gathering of the Indian diaspora at a special event in Kuwait City.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar has said Agriculture is the spine of rural development and until the rural landscape changes; the country cannot aspire to be a developed nation. During an interaction with the recipients of the Chaudhary Charan Singh Awards 2024 in New Delhi today, Mr. Dhankhar also said, the village economy can look up only when the farmer and their family are involved in marketing, value addition and generating clusters to become self-sufficient.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah who is on a three day visit to Tripura today visited the Bru settlement camp at Haduklau in Dhalai district of Tripura. While interacting with the Bru settlers, the Union Home Minister assured the inhabitants to provide them with Ayushman Bharat Card (ABC) and 5 lakh rupees for the treatment of serious ailment and surgery. The Home Minister also appealed the youth to undergo skill development training and start own businesses.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will distribute more than 71 thousand appointment letters to newly appointed recruits tomorrow through video conferencing. He will also address the gathering on the occasion. Rozgar Mela will be held at 45 locations across the country. The recruitments are taking place for various Ministries and Departments of the Central Government.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu yesterday attended the 12th Meeting of the North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC) Society, chaired by Union Home Minister [Amit Shah](#) at Agartala in Tripura. In a social media post, CM Khandu has informed that the meeting highlighted the transformative role of space technology in boosting development across the North East. Further, the discussions held, were focused on leveraging NESAC's applications for better governance, disaster management, connectivity, and natural resource mapping in the region.

The [Good Governance Week 2024](#) is being observed across the country. Regarding it, Chief Minister Pema Khandu has asserted the state government's commitment to people-centric initiatives and last-mile delivery of inclusive schemes. In a social media post today, he informed that through Sewa Aapke Dwar and Sarkar Aapke Dwar, the state government is tirelessly working to improve living standards of the citizens. He further said various schemes under the Prime Minister's & Chief Minister's flagship programs are being efficiently implemented in remote villages through the camps. He further informed about recent appointment of 26 Mentor Secretaries to monitor developmental projects and oversee the effective execution of Sewa Aapke Dwar.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein yesterday participated in the 55th GST Council Meeting held in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. The meeting was chaired by Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman. During the meeting, Deputy CM Mein reiterated Arunachal Pradesh's commitment to supporting GST reforms for fostering economic growth and ease of compliance for all stakeholders.

The discussion centered on key areas aimed at enhancing the GST framework to drive economic growth and improve taxpayer support. Proposed amendments to strengthen the legal structure of GST and efforts to simplify GST rate structures for goods and services were highlighted. Meanwhile, enhancing the grievance redressal mechanism, expanding exemptions in health & life insurance and research, advancing procedural rules for GST Appellate Tribunals (GSTAT) and ensuring timely and fair settlements of IGST revenues to states for greater fiscal stability were also discussed.

Minister of State for Minority Affairs George Kurian has expressed his gratitude to the Union Minister of Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw for granting special train services for Kerala on the occasion of Christmas and Sabarimala pilgrimage. The Ministry of Railways has announced the operation of 10 special trains to specifically cater to the increased travel demand to and from Kerala during the Christmas Festival and 149 special train trips across various Railway Zones. Further, 416 special train trips to and from Kerala have also been announced for smooth travel for the Sabarimala pilgrims.

The Department of Consumer Affairs will launch Jago Grahak Jago App, Jagriti App, and Jagriti Dashboard on the upcoming occasion of National Consumer Day 2024 on Tuesday. These apps aim to enhance the capability of the Central Consumer Protection Authority-CCPA in taking suo moto action against dark patterns.

In a major relief for fliers and air passengers, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has announced the launch of Udaan Yatri Cafe, an eatery outlet at the airport for providing food and water at affordable and reasonable rates. The one-of-its kind initiative is being launched at Kolkata airport on a pilot basis.

The traditional dance and drama competition was organized today by Arun Jyoti under Vivekananda Kendra, Kanya Kumari at VKV School Kuporijo in Upper Subansiri district. Many cultural troupes from various villages in the district have participated in it. Further, the cultural troupes from Dumporijo, Gusar, Aya Marde and Dugi villages were selected to compete ahead in January next year.

That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar