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President Droupadi Murmu conferred the 'Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar' on 17 children for their exceptional achievements in seven categories in New Delhi today. The children, who hail from 14 states and union territories, were recognized for their accomplishments in Art and Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Science and Technology, Social Service, Sports, and Environment. Each awardee received a medal, a certificate, and a citation booklet. Speaking on the occasion, President Murmu paid homage to the bravery and sacrifice of the Sahibzadas. She highlighted that this day is observed every year to honor the unparalleled sacrifice and courage of the younger sons of the tenth Guru of the Sikhs, Guru Gobind Singh. President Murmu also urged everyone to share these achievements on a large scale using different mediums to spread awareness among all citizens.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembers the unparalleled bravery and sacrifice of the Sahibzadas on Veer Baal Diwas today. He said that their sacrifice is a shining example of valour and a commitment to one's values. PM Modi also remembers the bravery of Mata Gujri Ji and Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

The Health Ministry today said that the number of annual malaria cases declined from 7.5 crore at the time of Independence to 20 lakh by 2023, with over a 97 percent reduction. India has exited from the World Health Organisation's High Burden to High Impact group in 2024, signifying a turning point in its fight against malaria. In 2023, zero malaria cases were reported in 122 districts across various states. India is making strides in its march toward a malaria-free nation while setting global benchmarks in public health. The government is working with the vision of achieving malaria-free status by 2030, with comprehensive and multi-pronged strategies like the National Framework for Malaria Elimination and the National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination.

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, KT Parnaik participated in the 100th birth anniversary celebration of Bharat Ratna, Atal Behari Vajpayee, former Prime Minister of India at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on 25th December. The Governor

paid tribute to Late Vajpayee and recalled the contributions of the former Prime Minister towards the nation in the function, which was organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, New Delhi. He said that Late Vajpayee was a distinguished parliamentarian and stalwart leader, who served as a member of both houses of parliament for four decades. He said that he was a versatile genius, who was a skilled politician, poet, sharp thinker, and an excellent orator. Highlighting infrastructure development projects, initiated by Late Vajpayee, the Governor said that the 'Golden Quadrilateral' highway project was initiated to connect India's major industrial, agricultural, and cultural centers.

The Indigenous Faith and Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh (IFCSAP) is celebrating its Silver Jubilee from December 26th to 28th at IG Park, Itanagar. The event, themed "Honouring our Ancestors, Celebrating our Faith, and Inspiring Future Generations," marks 25 years of preserving the state's indigenous faith and cultural heritage. The celebration will feature traditional dances, rituals, exhibitions, and local cuisines. Dignitaries including the Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Arunachal Governor, Chief Minister, Ministers, and MLAs will attend the event. This milestone highlights IFCSAP's journey and commitment to promoting Arunachal's vibrant indigenous traditions and uniting its diverse communities.

Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society president Padmashri YD Thongchi has been named as the winner of the prestigious "Assam Publication Board Literary Award 2024" today. In a press release issued by Assam Publication Board secretary Promod Kalita informed that Mr. Thongchi has been selected for the award for his short story book "Dhar Aru Anyanya Galpo" published in the year 2021 by "Banalata" publication house, Guwahati. This award contains citation, and a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh. The award will be conferred on Mr. Thongchi on 31st January at Guwahati during the ongoing Assam Book Fair 2024.

The nation is remembering Shaheed Udham Singh on his 125th Birth Anniversary today. Born in 1899 at the village Sunam of Punjab in undivided India, this revolutionary avenged the Jallianwala Bagh massacre by assassinating Michael O'Dwyer, the then Lieutenant Governor of Punjab. While in the custody of the Britishers, he used the name 'Ram Mohammad Singh Azad',

representing the three major religions in India and his anti-colonial sentiments.

That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar