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Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan virtually inaugurated the Grand Finale of the Smart India Hackathon 2024 today. Mr. Pradhan, in his address, expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for inspiring with the vision of the Hackathon. He said it has become a hotspot of innovation and creativity where students from across the country put their minds to find solutions to contemporary challenges. The minister said that students are the drivers of a Viksit Bharat and their innovation and zeal can find solutions to the challenges of the world. The 7th edition of the Smart India Hackathon has begun concurrently at 51 centres nationwide today. The Software Edition will run nonstop for 36 hours and the Hardware Edition will continue from 11th to 15th December 2024.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lauded the young innovators, stating that all of them have a different vision of 21st-century India and their solutions are also different. Interacting with young innovators at the Grand Finale of Smart India Hackathon 2024 through video conferencing, the Prime Minister reiterated that today's India can move ahead at a fast pace only with everyone's efforts. The Grand Finale of the 7th edition of Smart India Hackathon 2024 is being held across various centres in the country. Over 1300 student teams are participating at the Grand Finale being held at 51 centres across the country

Indian Defence Estates Service, Principal Director S.N. Gupta called on Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan in Itanagar today and discussed defence lands, community land and challenges in the State. The Governor emphasized that defence lands require a comprehensive approach, balancing national security needs with the well-being of local communities and the environment. He suggested that through reforms, better land management, and increased collaboration, the State can ensure that its defence infrastructure remains robust while fostering positive relations with its citizens.

The Governor directed to ensure that all acquisitions and hiring of land are done with due diligence, in keeping with established instructions, with the State administration.

Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh Manish Kumar held a meeting with Itanagar Municipal Council Mayor Tame Phassang, Deputy Mayor Biri Bassang and Commissioner IMC regarding key strategies for effective garbage management in the ICR complex. The discussions included exploring the possibility of outsourcing of garbage collection and transportation, as well as processing of Municipal Solid Waste. After a detailed review, it was agreed upon to adopt the best methodologies for garbage management and disposal to ensure a cleaner and more sustainable environment in the city. The Chief Secretary in a Social Media post said that strengthening the Municipal Corporations was a key focus on the meeting along with plans to make them financially viable and capable of running independently.

To improve telecom infrastructure in the North East Region of the country, Government is implementing various projects under Digital Bharat Nidhi. This was informed by the Union Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development, Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today. He said that Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) regularly monitors the performance of Telecom service providers against the benchmark for various Quality-of-Service parameters. He added that as per performance monitoring report of mobile services in the North-East and Assam License Service Areas for the last four quarters, BSNL is meeting the benchmark of most of the network related QoS parameters.

Marking a major milestone in the Industrial development of the state and firmly placing Arunachal Pradesh in the Industry map of the country, Commerce and Industries Minister Nyato Dukam inaugurated the ambitious "Aether Alloys LLP" – a cutting edge manufacturing plant producing Ferro Silicone set up at Industrial Growth Centre, Niglok in East Siang District yesterday. The plant is expected to make a major contribution in the economic growth in addition to creating employment opportunities in the state.

Kurung Kumey District administration led by Deputy Commissioner Vishakha Yadav reviewed the progress of National Highway-713 Joram- Koloriang Highway today. The Deputy Commissioner discussed all the implementation issues hindering implementation of the project with the team of National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation led by its General Manager. In a social media post the Deputy Commissioner informed that the Payu Hydel Block in the district which was pending for two years was also resolved during the meeting. She has also directed the implementing agency to complete the four bridges on the highway by January, 2025.

Students will be allowed to appear for any subject in Common University Entrance Test-UG from 2025 irrespective of the subjects studied in class 12. UGC Chairperson M Jagadesh Kumar told media that this will allow candidates to cross over the rigid disciplinary boundaries in higher education.

That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar