

## **REGIONAL ENGLISH NEWS BULLETIN**

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the tenth Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog in New Delhi today. The meeting was attended by Several State Chief Ministers and Lieutenant Governors of Union Territories, Union Ministers, and Vice Chairman, Members and CEO of NITI Aayog. Addressing the meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked the states to develop at least one tourist destination per State at par with global standards and by providing all facilities and infrastructure under One State: One Global Destination. The Prime Minister highlighted that this would also lead to the development of the neighbouring cities as tourist places. Emphasising on the need to work towards future-ready cities, Prime Minister Modi said that India is getting rapidly urbanised. He mentioned that if the Centre and all the States come together and work together like Team India, no goal is impossible.

Thirteen Bangladeshi nationals who were residing illegally in the jurisdiction of Purnagad Marine Police Station in Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra have been deported to their home country after completing a six-month prison sentence. The Anti-Terrorism Squad of the police had raided a quarry on 11<sup>th</sup> November last year and arrested them. They failed to produce any documents proving Indian citizenship. A case was registered against them under the Passport Act and the Foreigners Act. Chief Judicial Magistrate of the district, Nikhil Gosavi, sentenced all 13 individuals to six months of simple imprisonment. During their incarceration, authorities initiated the process of deportation, which has now been completed, according to Ratnagiri police officials.

India has extended notice to Airmen (NOTAM) for Pakistan flights till 23<sup>rd</sup> of the next month. According to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Indian airspace is not approved for aircrafts registered in Pakistan and operated, owned and leased by Pakistani airlines including military aircrafts. Talking to the media in New Delhi, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu said, the NOTAM has been extended and India is maintaining the status quo.

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has expressed gratitude over Germany's support to India's fight against terrorism and its right to defend itself. Addressing an interaction at the German Council on Foreign Relations in Berlin, Dr. Jaishankar reiterated that India has the right to defend itself, its people and secure the country, something much of the world will agree including Germany.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani tomorrow at 11 AM. It will be the 122<sup>nd</sup> episode of the monthly radio programme. The programme will be broadcast across the entire Akashvani and Doordarshan network, AIR News website, and NewsOnAir mobile app.

In a prize distribution function held at the Bamboosa Library, on Saturday, Zen Chikro & her team from the Denning College of Teacher Education, Tezu, received the first prize in Hindi Patriotic Group-song contest in the senior category, while the first prize in the junior category went to Arpita Ram & team. The competition was organised by the NSS Unit & NCC Units of Indira Gandhi Government College, Tezu, jointly with Bamboosa Library on 25 April, 2025. Col. Ravi Panwar of 6 Kumaon Regiment sponsored the Capt. K.K. Venkatraman memorial Rolling Trophy. Eminent children's writer, Vijaylakshmi Nagaraj, Bangalore also presented four boxes of outstanding books.

Five Northeastern states ranked among the top 10 states/UTs with the highest literacy rates, led by Mizoram at the top with 98.2%. Arunachal Pradesh stood at 21<sup>st</sup> position with 84.2% literacy rate among the 28 states and 8 UTs, according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey 2023-2024 of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Besides Mizoram, the other four Northeastern states in the top 10 were Nagaland at 3<sup>rd</sup> with 95.7%, Meghalaya at 5<sup>th</sup> with 94.2%, Tripura at 6<sup>th</sup> with 93.7%, and Manipur at 10<sup>th</sup> with 92%. Assam and Sikkim had literacy rates of 87% and 84.7% respectively.

**That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar**