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India has refused to sign a joint declaration at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' meeting in Qingdao, China. Official sources said that India is not satisfied with the language of the joint document and there was no mention of cross-border terrorist activities. It is believed that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's refusal to endorse the document resulted in the conclave ending without a joint communique. Earlier, Mr. Singh addressing the Ministers' meeting at the SCO called for united global action against terrorism, radicalisation, and extremism, citing them as the biggest threats to regional peace and trust.

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed today globally. The day is observed to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse. Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, B L Verma today in a function on the occasion at New Delhi, said that over 14 crore people across the country have joined the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan so far. In Arunachal Pradesh, various programmes were held across the state to commemorate the day. In Papum Pare District, a series of events were held today with the aim to raise awareness about the dangers of substance abuse and promote a drug-free society.

The two-day Orientation Programme for the Members of the Eight Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh begun at the state Legislative Assembly premises in Itanagar today. The orientation programme on Rules, Procedures, and Conduct of Business is being organized by the Parliamentary Research & Training Institute for Democracies Lok Sabha Secretariat, and Arunachal Pradesh Assembly. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein in a social media post said that the programme is crucial for legislators as it equips them with the knowledge and skills needed for effective lawmaking, meaningful debates, and responsible conduct in the Assembly. State's Home Minister Mama Natung said that such programmes will strengthen the democratic institutions.

State's Education Minister Pasang Dorji Sona said that North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology, NERIST in Nirjuli is playing a crucial role in nurturing academic excellence and providing a platform for dialogue in the North East Region and beyond. He said this in a series of social media post while mentioning about his participation in the International Conference on Mathematical Sciences and Computing-Innovations and Applications held at NERIST today. Mr. Sona said that conferences like these play a vital role in promoting knowledge exchange, fostering collaboration, and advancing scientific research that can contribute meaningfully to national development.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has announced that Class 10 board exams will be held in two terms starting from next year. According to the new framework, the initial examination will take place in February which will be compulsory for all students. Meanwhile, the subsequent examination in May will be optional for those students who seek to enhance their performance. All passed students will be allowed to improve their performance in any of the three subjects out of Science, Mathematics, Social Science and languages.

State's Chief Secretary Manish Gupta today chaired the 9th Senior Officers Meeting in Itanagar. The meeting focused on the review of 38 Major Budget Announcements for this financial year, and 24 key Action Points. Progress of major projects such as the Golden Jubilee Model Schools and Toru Engineering College was assessed. The meeting also reviewed three proposed sports projects under PM-DevINE in the state. The status of pending utilization under Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment was also discussed, with a call for early compliance.

CBSE will have a temporary Sub-Regional Office in Itanagar and will start functioning from the 2025-26 academic year. An agreement regarding this was signed between Arunachal Pradesh's State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) and CBSE, Regional Office, Guwahati, in Itanagar on Wednesday. The office will be housed within the SCERT campus at Chimpu. This Sub-Regional Office will handle all CBSE-related matters exclusively for schools in Arunachal Pradesh.

Papum Pare Deputy Commissioner Vishakha Yadav has categorically stated that teacher salaries will be processed based on attendance registers. She said this during a review meeting with the district education department yesterday. She cautioned that absenteeism in the Education Department would not be tolerated. She also instructed the officials to prepare a list of students without bank accounts, and facilitate the account-opening process.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has also issued a yellow alert for 12 districts in Arunachal Pradesh. It has predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated in these districts.

A two-day Military-Civil Fusion Seminar was conducted at Rayang in East Siang District. The seminar focused on critical themes including border management and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief coordination. The seminar brought together key stakeholders from the Military, Civil Administration, BRO, NHPC, Rashtriya Raksha University, State Police and others.

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