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:::THE HEADLINES:

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi calls upon citizens to adopt spirit of Swadeshi and support locally made products.
2. Election Commission doubles BLO Remuneration, introduces honorarium for EROs and AEROs.
3. FSSAI releases definitive list of ‘Ayurveda Aahara’ to mainstream time-honoured food wisdom.
4. And, one man killed by elephant at New Riphyim village.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that India is on the path to becoming the world’s third-largest economy. Therefore, India must remain vigilant about its economic interests. He was addressing the gathering after laying the foundation stone and inaugurating the development works worth around 2,200 crore rupees in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, yesterday. Mr Modi highlighted that the global economy is currently facing multiple uncertainties and an atmosphere of instability. The Prime Minister said that citizens also have certain responsibilities. He urged everyone to take a pledge for Swadeshi. He defined Swadeshi as anything made with the sweat and effort of an Indian, calling upon the nation to adopt the mantra of “Vocal for Local.” The Prime Minister urged citizens to pledge to promote “Make in India” products. Mr Modi said that every new item entering our homes must be Swadeshi, and this responsibility must be embraced by every Indian.



Election Commission has doubled the remuneration for Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and enhanced the remuneration of BLO Supervisors involved in preparation and revision of electoral rolls. In a statement, the poll body informed that as per revised structure, the annual remuneration for BLOs has been doubled from six thousand rupees to twelve thousand rupees. Additionally, the incentive for BLOs for revision of electoral rolls has been increased from one thousand rupees to two thousand rupees. BLO Supervisors, who play crucial role in overseeing electoral roll preparation process, will now receive eighteen thousand rupees annually, up from twelve thousand rupees. Election Commission has provided an honorarium for Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) for the first time. EROs will be given 30 thousand rupees, while AEROs will get 25 thousand rupees.



Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, in consultation with Ministry of Ayush, has released a definitive list of Ayurvedic food preparations under the category of “Ayurveda Aahara.” This significant step brings India’s time-honoured food wisdom into the mainstream, following the introduction of Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations in 2022. These regulations recognise foods based on recipes, ingredients, and processes from authoritative Ayurvedic texts, and the new list brings unprecedented clarity and confidence to consumers and businesses alike. The list, issued under Note (1) of Schedule B of the regulations, draws directly from classical Ayurvedic texts listed in Schedule A, ensuring authenticity and traditional basis of these food formulations.



A 72 year old farmer, Rentsamo Odyuo of New Riphyim Village, was tragically killed in a wild elephant attack yesterday while returning home from his rubber plantation. His disappearance last evening sparked concern among villagers, who launched a search operation early this morning. His lifeless body was later discovered, bearing fatal injuries consistent with an elephant attack.

(According to local residents, a herd of around 15 elephants including calves has made the area near the village their habitat, causing widespread disruption to farming, plantation work, and other daily activities. The villagers expressed deep frustration over repeated damages and the authorities' failure to intervene effectively. Interacting with media, they warned that if no concrete actions are taken soon, they may be forced to resort to traditional methods to protect their lives and livelihoods. Following the incident, Wildlife Warden of Dimapur Tokaho, under the Nagaland Wildlife Department, visited New Riphym Village to assess the situation and meet with the bereaved family and concerned residents.)



Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off the Bhavnagar-Ayodhya Cantonment weekly train from Bhavnagar railway station today. The Minister also virtually flagged off two other trains between Rewa to Pune, and Jabalpur and Raipur. The Minister said that with 34,000 kilometres of new railway tracks laid in the past 11 years, Indian Railways is witnessing a massive transformation. Addressing the gathering at Bhavnagar railway station, he reaffirmed Government's commitment to develop, modernise and expand railway network and ensure safety and cleanliness in railways.



National Awardee for Persons with Disabilities Temsutola Jamir, received a special invitation today to attend the prestigious 'At Home Reception' hosted by the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan during the upcoming Independence Day celebrations. She was conferred the National Award in 2022 under the Hearing Impaired (Female) category in recognition of her outstanding contributions to empowerment of persons with disabilities, particularly in field of sports and education. Currently serving as a resource teacher for the Deaf under Samagra Shiksha in Chümoukedima, she provides home-based education to children with hearing impairments who are unable to attend school. An alumna of Deaf Biblical Ministry, Dimapur, and member of Deaf Baptist Church, Ms. Jamir is also a decorated

sportsperson. She has represented Nagaland and country in various competitions, winning medals in disciplines such as shot put and badminton at both state and national levels, including Special Olympics Bharat. Beyond academics and athletics, Ms. Jamir is a founding member of Deaf Community of Nagaland and plays an active role in Bible Sign Language Translation team.



In a move to make medicines more affordable for patients, National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has reduced retail prices of 35 essential drugs sold by leading pharmaceutical companies. The formulations, which will now cost less, span wide range of medicines including anti-inflammatory, cardiovascular, antibiotic, anti-diabetic and psychiatric medicines. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers notified the order based on price regulation by NPPA. The price reductions, which apply across drugs, are expected to bring relief to consumers, particularly those managing chronic conditions.

