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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today reviewed the flood situation and damage caused due to cloudbursts, rains and landslides in the affected areas of Uttarakhand in Dehradun. After reviewing the situation, the Prime Minister announced financial assistance of 1200 crore rupees for Uttarakhand. The Prime Minister emphasised the need for a multi-dimensional approach to help the entire region and its people recover. Mr. Modi also announced an ex-gratia of 2 lakh rupees for the next of kin of the deceased and 50,000 rupees for those seriously injured in the floods and related disasters. The Prime Minister declared that children orphaned by the recent floods and landslides will receive assistance through the PM CARES for Children scheme, ensuring their long-term care and welfare.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah today inaugurated the Fast Track Immigration-Trusted Traveller Program in the Lucknow, Thiruvananthapuram, Trichy, Calicut, and Amritsar airports through video conferencing. The program aims to facilitate international mobility with faster, smoother and secure immigration clearance. It will provide more facility for the Indian Nationals and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) passengers coming from other countries. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Shah highlighted that the Fast Track Immigration program is a trusted traveller program, which makes immigration simpler, faster and hassle-free. He said that this will also promote both convenience and national security.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today hailed the IASV Triveni all-women circumnavigation expedition as a historic moment in India's history, which will be remembered by future generations with pride. Mr Singh virtually flagged off the 'Samudhri Pradakshina' expedition, the first-ever tri-services all-women crew, comprising 10 women officers from the Army, Navy and Air Force, embarking on a circumnavigation mission onboard the Indian Army Sailing Vessel (IASV), Triveni from the Gateway of India in Mumbai today. Speaking on the occasion, he asserted that this mission is a testament to India's advancements in every sector, from the heights of the sky to the depths of the oceans.

Chairperson of the Administrative Reforms Commission, Promod Jain called on the Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.),

at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar today. They discussed ways in which administrative reforms can strengthen public trust, empower grassroots institutions, and enhance service delivery, paving the way for inclusive growth and good governance in Arunachal Pradesh. The Governor underlined the importance of strengthening the administrative framework of Arunachal Pradesh to meet the aspirations of its people. He highlighted the need for reforms that promote participatory governance, administrative modernization, transparency and accountability, and sustainable development-oriented administration.

Chief Secretary Manish Kumar today chaired the first meeting of the State-Level Coordination Committee via video conference with stakeholders including all Deputy Commissioners. The meeting deliberated on the preparations for the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Swachhata Hi Seva campaign. During the meeting, the CS emphasized on strict adherence to Government of India timelines and directed the Commissioners of Urban Affairs and PHED to conduct weekly review meetings with municipal and district authorities to ensure compliance. He further instructed all government offices and institutions to carry out cleanliness drives, dispose of unserviceable items and launch Plastic-Free Campaigns during festivals and public events.

Deputy Commissioner, Papumpare, Vishakha Yadav today attended the Universal Brotherhood Day celebration at Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Nirjuli, commemorating Swami Vivekananda's historic address at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago. While addressing the gathering, the DC underlined the pivotal role of VKVs in nurturing a pool of educated and responsible youths. She urged the students to remain proud of their culture, rooted in their traditions, and to pursue success with perseverance, while balancing personal growth with service to society and the nation.

The newly recruited Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Combined Competitive Examination 2024 officers today organized a plantation drive at IG park, Itanagar. The officers planted 140 saplings representing the total selected officers, symbolizing their pledge and commitment to work for a greener and sustainable Arunachal Pradesh. The drive not only aimed at enhancing the green cover but also sent out a strong message of responsibility and public service.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued Yellow Alert for fifteen districts of Arunachal Pradesh. MCI has predicted thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain is very likely at isolated places.

In badminton, India's top men's doubles pair, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, today advanced to the quarterfinals of the Hong Kong Open Super 500 badminton tournament after defeating Thailand's Peeratchai Sukphun and Pakkapon Teeraratsakul. World No. 9 Rankireddy and Shetty will next face Malaysia's Junaidi Arif and Roy King Yap tomorrow.