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NDA nominee and Maharashtra Governor CP Radhakrishnan have been elected as the 15th Vice President of India. He secured a total of 452 votes. Radhakrishnan, the ruling alliance's candidate, contested against INDIA bloc nominee Justice B. Sudershan Reddy, a former Supreme Court judge. Voting took place earlier in the day in Parliament, where Members of Parliament exercised their franchise between 10 am and 5 pm. The Vice-Presidential election was necessitated after Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned from the post on July 21 citing health reasons.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a financial assistance of 1600 crore rupees for the flood affected Punjab in addition to 12,000 crore rupees already granted. There will be advance release of the second instalment of SDRF and PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. He also announced an ex-gratia of 2 lakh rupees to the next of kin of the deceased and 50,000 rupees to the seriously injured in the floods and natural calamity. He said the children orphaned due to these floods will be extended comprehensive support under the PM CARES for Children scheme. Earlier, after reaching Gurdaspur in Punjab to take stock of the ground situation of the flood ravaged state, PM Modi held a review meeting with senior officials on the extent of damage.

Governor Lt. General K.T. Parnaik (Retd.) has extended his greetings to the people of the State, especially to the Khowa community, on the joyous occasion of Pham Kho Sowai. He expressed his hope that the festivity would bring a season of good harvests, prosperity, and happiness to every household. In his message, the Governor said that festivals are the soul of our communities. They reflect who we are, what we cherish, and the values we pass on to the next generation. In Arunachal Pradesh, where agriculture is central to our way of life, our festivals are deeply rooted in the rhythms of the land. On this special day, I join my Khowa brethren in offering prayers to the Almighty for good health, peace, and contentment in everyone's lives, the Governor said in his message.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has extended congratulations to Dr. Krishna Chowlu and her team on the remarkable discovery of a new orchid species *Hemipilia basifoliata* from Myodia in Dibang

Valley district of Arunachal Pradesh. In a social media post, Khandu emphasised that, this addition to the orchid flora of India highlights the rich biodiversity of our state and the dedication of our researchers. He further added that, such achievements not only bring pride to Arunachal Pradesh but also reinforce our responsibility to protect and conserve our natural heritage.

Minister for Urban Affairs, Balo Raja today attended the VC jointly convened by Union Ministers for Housing, Urban Affairs & Jalshakthi to discuss planning and preparatory arrangements for Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 scheduled to be rolled out on September 17th next. The theme for Swachhata Hi Seva 2025, "Swachhotsav", aims to promote cleanliness and sanitation through collective efforts. Speaking in the meeting, Minister Urban Affairs, Balo Raja emphasized the importance of community participation in achieving the objectives of Swachhata Hi Seva 2025. He urged all stakeholders to come forward and contribute to the initiative's success and take part in the nationwide shramdaan, 'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' on the 25th of September.

The Department of Disaster Management, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority, Government of India, organized an orientation-cum-coordination meeting today with all key stakeholders to prepare for the upcoming Statewide Mock Exercise. The State-Level Mock Exercise, simulating earthquake, landslide, and Glacial Lake Outburst Flood scenarios will be conducted simultaneously across all districts of Arunachal Pradesh on 17th September (Table-Top Exercise) and 18th September (Physical Mock Exercise). The coordination meeting was attended by members of the Incident Response Teams, State Disaster Management Authority, District Disaster Management Authorities, the National Disaster Response Force, State Disaster Response Force, armed forces and other stakeholders.

Following the recommendation of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights for the implementation of POCSO and Child Rights awareness, the District Administration, Upper Siang has launched a series of awareness sessions across the district, including administrative outposts. In this regard, a sensitization cum awareness programme on implementation of POCSO and Child Rights was organized yesterday at the Conference Hall, DC office, Yingkiong for all Govt officers and staffs. The programme was organized under the supervision of Deputy Director

(ICDS), Ine Pertin. Similar sensitization programmes have been scheduled to be conducted across Upper Siang.

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