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In West Bengal, campaigning has reached feverish pitch ahead of the second and final phase of Assembly elections to 142 seats, scheduled for the 29th of this month. Prime Minister and Senior BJP leader Narendra Modi addressed a rally today at Panihati in support of party candidates. West Bengal registered a record voter turnout of 92.72 per cent in the first phase of assembly polls yesterday, while Tamil Nadu recorded unprecedented voting of 85.14 per cent. In the first phase, 152 constituencies in West Bengal went to polls, while voting for the 234-member Tamil Nadu assembly was held in one go.

In a stellar display of martial arts prowess, Ms. Dugi Lulu clinched double Gold medals at the prestigious All India Inter-University Ju-Jitsu (Men & Women) Tournament 2025–26. A student of Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar, Ms. Lulu represented Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, as part of a specialized 11-member contingent. She competed in the 57kg weight category. She secured her first Gold medal in the Fighting System and her second Gold medal in the Ne-Waza event. Ms Dugi Lulu hails from Toll Village (Power House) in the Keyi Panyor district. The Arunachal contingent delivered a powerhouse performance from April 20 to 24, 2026, securing a total of six Gold medals and one Bronze medal. Alongside Ms. Lulu's double victory, Gold medals were claimed by Langkung Adam in the 48kg Ne-Waza event, Kago Asung in the 45kg Contact category, Byabang Popai in the 57kg Fighting System, and Bikash Sungkurang in the 57kg Contact category. Adding to the tally, Chera Ado secured a Bronze medal in the 63kg Ne-Waza event.

On the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day, today, Chief Minister Pema Khandu and Deputy CM Chowna Mein have extended their greeting. CM Khandu said nation's Panchayati Raj Institutions are the backbone of rural governance, empowering communities and ensuring that development reaches every doorstep. He called upon everyone to continue to strengthen grassroots democracy and work together for a more inclusive and self-reliant India.

A new rare species of "fanged frog," *Limnonectes motijheel*, has been discovered from Namdapha Tiger Reserve in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh. It highlights the hidden wonders of the state's rich biodiversity. The newly identified species, also known as the "mud-nesting

fanged frog," is notable for building underground cup-shaped nests beneath moist soil layers, concealed under thick evergreen forest leaf litter. This unique nesting behavior, together with its distinct fanged jaw, separates it from other amphibians and provides new understanding of evolutionary adaptation and survival strategies.

A five-day In-Service Teachers' Training Programme for teachers from Pre-Primary to Class VIII is underway, at HakumHapa Hall, under Netaji Subash Chandra Bose AwasiyaVidyalaya, Yupia. The programme is scheduled to continue until April 27, 2026. The training programme was inaugurated by Papum Pare DC LobsangTsering. More than 200 teachers from government schools across the Doimukh Block under Papum Pare District are participating in the training programme. The primary objective of the training programme is to equip teachers with updated teaching methodologies and enhance their understanding of key areas such as NEP 2020, educational psychology, teacher behaviour, classroom management, integration of AI in the teaching-learning process, and holistic teaching approaches.

A comprehensive joint inspection of rehabilitation facilities in Likabali, Lower Siang district was conducted on Thursday to review their operational standards and ensure adherence to prescribed guidelines. The inspection team, led by Deputy Commissioner Gobi Nyicyor, Superintendent of Police Bomken Basar, and District Medical Officer Dr. Nyage Geyi, visited the Siang Rehabilitation Centre, Sober Rehabilitation Centre, and New Life Serenity Nexus Rehab Centre. During the inspection, the team carried out a thorough assessment of each facility, focusing on infrastructure, living conditions, medical records, and administrative documentation.

The Deputy Commissioner of Upper Siang District, Talo Jerang, officially launched the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan-100 Days Campaign 2.0 in the district today from District Hospital Yingkiong by flagging off the Nikshay Vahan. As part of the campaign activities, teams from the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme and National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases visited Sub-Jail Yingkiong to conduct health screenings of inmates. The screening included TB detection using a hand-held X-ray device, sputum sample collection, as well as general health check-ups such as blood sugar, blood pressure, height, and weight measurements.

2 Arunachal Pradesh Battalion NCC, Tawang successfully conducted the Thembang Baileys Trek from 17 to 23 April 2026 in the scenic Thembang-Pangma-Thungri area of West Kameng district. The trek witnessed participation of 50 NCC cadets from Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, aimed at fostering the spirit of adventure, environmental awareness, and cultural exposure among the cadets. Cadets also visited and interacted with local communities in the heritage villages/remote hamlets such as Semnak, Pangma, Lagam, Panchvati, and Gunthung.

That is all in this News Bulletin, Namaskar.