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President Droupadi Murmu has approved an increase in the sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court from 33 to 37, excluding the Chief Justice of India, through the promulgation of the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Ordinance, 2026. According to the gazette notification, published by the Law and Justice Ministry, the ordinance amends the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956. With this amendment, the total strength of the apex court, including the Chief Justice of India, will rise to 38 judges.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Gothenburg, Sweden, this evening on the third leg of his five-nation tour after concluding his visit to the Netherlands. During his two-day visit to Sweden, Mr Modi will hold bilateral talks with his Swedish counterpart, Ulf Kristersson today and review the entire gamut of bilateral relations. The two sides are also expected to explore new avenues of cooperation in trade, green transition, artificial intelligence, emerging technologies, startups, resilient supply chains, defence, space, climate action, and people-to-people ties. The two Prime Ministers will also jointly address the European Round Table for Industry, a leading pan-European business forum, along with President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani on the 31st of May. It will be the 134th episode of the monthly radio programme. People can submit their ideas and suggestions for the programme through the toll-free number 1800-11-7800. They can also share their input online via the Narendra Modi App or the MyGov Open Forum. The citizens can also give a missed call on 1922 and follow the link received in SMS to directly give their suggestions to the Prime Minister. Suggestions for the upcoming episode will be accepted until the 29th of this month.

The World Health Organization has declared the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda a public health emergency of international concern. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus announced the decision after more than 300 suspected cases and 88 deaths were reported. WHO in a social media post clarified the

outbreak does not meet the criteria for a pandemic emergency like COVID-19, and advised against closing international borders.

The Arunachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission today organized a heartfelt farewell programme at the Commission office, Itanagar, in honour of Dr. Joram Aniya, former Member of APPEIRC, following her appointment as Full-Time Member of NITI Aayog, New Delhi. The farewell programme was attended by Chairperson Tsering Naksang, officers, and staff members of the Commission. Speaking on the occasion, the Chairperson appreciated the valuable contribution and dedicated service rendered by Dr. Joram Aniya during her tenure in the Commission. He highlighted her commitment and efforts towards strengthening the functioning of the regulatory body and promoting quality education in the state.

Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecast an Orange alert for West Siang, Lepa Rada and Lower Siang district. These districts are very likely to receive thunderstorm with lightning and very heavy rain at isolated places. Additionally, a yellow alert has also been forecast for 13 districts in Arunachal Pradesh.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested another key accused from Pune in connection with the NEET paper leak case. The accused, Professor Manisha Mandhare, is a Botany teacher at a college in Pune. According to the CBI, National Testing Agency had appointed her as an expert in the examination process. Earlier, on 14th May, another accused, Manisha Waghmare, was also arrested in Pune. Both the accused were produced before a Pune court yesterday and later taken to Delhi for further investigation. Meanwhile, the CBI conducted searches at six different locations across the country as part of the probe.

The Government has said that the On-Screen Marking (OSM) system in the CBSE Class 12th examinations has enhanced transparency and objectivity in the evaluation process. Addressing concerns over the Class 12 results, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Sanjay Kumar said that some concerns have been raised by the students regarding marking and a slight decline in pass percentage. He said that the welfare of students is of utmost importance and no child should feel they have received less marks than they deserve. The Secretary explained that CBSE has implemented this year, which ensures greater transparency and objectivity in evaluation.

In Badminton, India's Shriyanshi Valishetty clinched the silver medal in women's singles at the Baoji China Masters in China today. She went down to local favourite An Qi Yuan in straight sets, 14-21, 6-21, in the summit clash of the Super 100 event at Baoji City Gymnasium.

That is all in this News Bulletin, Namaskar.