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22 Bills passed by both houses of Parliament during Monsoon Session: Govt

Government has said that 22 Bills were passed by both the houses of Parliament during the Monsoon Session. The Bills include the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2021, the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Bill and the National Commission for Homoeopathy (Amendment) Bill, 2021. Four Bills replacing the Ordinances, namely, the Tribunals Reforms (Rationalisation and Conditions of Service) Ordinance, 2021, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Ordinance and the Essential Defence Services Ordinance, 2021 which were promulgated by the President before Monsoon Session, were passed by the Houses.

The Monsoon Session of the Parliament which was commenced on 19th July, has been adjourned sine die yesterday. The Session provided 17 sittings spread over a period of 24 days. The Session, which was originally scheduled to have 19 sittings was curtailed due to continuous disruptions in both the Houses.

Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur launches nationwide Fit India Freedom Runs 2.0

Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur today launched the nationwide programme of Fit India Freedom Runs 2.0 from Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium in New Delhi. The programme is being organized throughout the country, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. Through this campaign, citizens will be given call to make a resolve to include physical activity of at least 30 minutes daily in their lives Fitness Ki Dose- Aadha Ghanta Roz.

Pune based Agharkar Research Institute develops technology that converts agricultural residue into Hydrogen, Methane

In order to overcome the problem of agricultural residue and reduce pollution created by burning it, Pune based Agharkar Research Institute (ARI) has developed a technology which converts

agricultural residue into Hydrogen and Methane. ARI is an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. Researchers claim that it is world's first technology that generates hydrogen directly from agricultural residue for use in fuel cell-powered vehicles.

Govt announces Prime Minister's Shram Awards for year 2018

Government today announced the Prime Minister's Shram Awards for the year 2018. These awards are to be given to 69 workers employed in the Departmental Undertakings and Public Sector Undertakings of the Central and State Governments and Private Sector Units employing 500 or more workers. These awards are in recognition of their distinguished performance, innovative abilities, outstanding contribution in the field of productivity and exhibition of exceptional courage and presence of mind.

This year Prime Minister's Shram Awards are given in three categories. These are – Shram Bhushan Awards which carry a cash prize of one lakh rupees each, Shram Vir/Shram Veerangana Awards which carry a cash prize of 60 thousand rupees each and Shram Shree/Shram Devi Awards which carry a cash prize of 40 thousand each.