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President Droupadi Murmu said that the presence of women in a peacekeeping mission makes it more diverse and inclusive as they were better equipped to address gender-based violence, build trust, and promote dialogue. She was addressing the group of participants of Conference for Women Peacekeepers of the Global South at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi today. The President noted that peacekeeping missions with a higher percentage of female personnel have been more effective in reducing violence and achieving long-lasting peace agreements. She added that it was essential to induct more women in UN peacekeeping missions. The women peacekeepers are in New Delhi to participate in a Conference on the theme "Women in Peacekeeping: A Global South Perspective". The event is being organized by the Ministry of External Affairs in partnership with the Ministry of Defence and Centre for UN Peacekeeping, New Delhi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 19th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme from Bhagalpur in Bihar this afternoon. More than 22 thousand 700 crore rupees of assistance were directly released to the bank accounts of 9.8 crore beneficiary farmers. The program was organized on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of PM-KISAN. PM Modi also inaugurated and dedicated various development projects, including farmer-related schemes in Bihar.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has lauded philanthropist Deepak Nabam for his selfless dedication in providing care and shelter to the destitute. Khandu said this while inaugurating the 50-bedded inmates' hostel at Sopo, Doimukh today. His relentless service has even been acknowledged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Mann Ki Baat, the CM reiterated in a social media post. He further informed that, the 'A Home for No Home' hostel, spread over 21,000 sq mt is the fulfillment of the assurance made during his 2021 visit to Deepak Nabam Living Home. On the occasion, Mr. Khandu also laid the foundation for the 'Halfway Home' for the Mentally Disabled at Sopo. Meanwhile, the CM has assured to provide budgetary support to DNLH.

Arunachal Pradesh has achieved hundred percent completion of houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin. This was informed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media post. Mr. Khandu said that the target in the state was achieved on February 21. As on date, Arunachal Pradesh has completed the targeted 35,591 houses under the scheme in the state. Mr. Khandu further said that it's a milestone in the government's journey towards housing for all, bringing security, dignity and a better future for countless families. The CM also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the scheme.

The Reserve Bank of India has launched the Financial Literacy Week 2025 today. It is an annual initiative aimed at promoting financial awareness among the people. This year, the campaign runs from February 24 to 28, under the theme "Financial Literacy – Women's prosperity". In Arunachal Pradesh, the campaign was launched by Abhijit Mazumdar, General Manager, RBI Regional Office Itanagar, in a function held at DK Convention Centre in Itanagar today. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mazumdar said that the theme this year emphasizes on empowering women financially and socially. He asked the bankers to reach out to the customers and encourage them to use all digital, financial and banking apps provided by the government and the banks. He also asked them to create awareness about the risk and precautions while using these platforms.

A review-cum-district task force meeting along with capacity building and training on key health programs was conducted at the DC's Office, Tawang today. Addressing the health officials, Deputy Commissioner Kanki Darang emphasized the importance of such review meetings in assessing achievements, evaluating services, and identifying challenges for further improvements. He commended the dedicated efforts of the medical officers and supporting staff, acknowledging their crucial role in successfully implementing various health programs in the district. Strategies to enhance healthcare delivery and overcome existing challenges, reinforcing the district's commitment to ensuring quality healthcare services for all were some of the key areas of discussions.

In a significant step towards strengthening mental health services, the District Counseling Centre, Tawang today launched a comprehensive initiative under 'Targeted Interventions for Anxiety Disorders, Stress, Depression, PTSD, and General Mental Health'. The initiative under the aegis of National Mental Health Programme aims to enhance accessibility to psychological care, promote awareness, and provide effective mental health interventions across Tawang district. The event was inaugurated by DC Tawang Kanki Darang.

The India Meteorological Department has issued a Yellow Alert for 17 districts of Arunachal Pradesh for the next 24 hours. IMD has predicted rainfall with thunderstorms and lightning at isolated locations. Isolated snowfall is also forecast at higher altitudes of Tawang, Upper Subansiri, Shi-Yomi and Upper Siang districts.

That's all, in this news bulletin, Namaskar