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India has asked the International Monetary Fund to reconsider its financial assistance to Pakistan. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has said that a large portion of the funds will be directed toward supporting terror-related infrastructure within Pakistan. Addressing the Air Warriors at Air Force Station Bhuj this afternoon, he said, in today's times, any form of economic assistance to Pakistan is no less than terror financing. Mr. Singh commended the Indian Air Force for its swift and decisive action during Operation Sindoor, stating that it made all Indians proud, both at home and abroad. Mr. Singh said that it took just 23 minutes for the Air Force to dismantle terrorist infrastructure being harboured in Pakistan.

Over 125 top leading trade leaders from across the country have decided to boycott all forms of trade and commercial engagement with Turkiye and Azerbaijan including travel and tourism. The decision was taken at a National Conference of Trade Leaders convened by the Confederation of All India Traders in New Delhi today. In a statement, CAIT said, the resolution comes in response to the recent stand taken by Turkey and Azerbaijan to extend full support to Pakistan at a time when India is facing a sensitive and critical national security situation. It said, the Indian trading community views this as a betrayal, particularly considering the humanitarian and diplomatic support extended to both countries in the past by India during the crisis situation.

President Droupadi Murmu today conferred the 58th Jnanpith Award on Sanskrit scholar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya in New Delhi for the year 2023. Rambhadracharya and the renowned Urdu poet and lyricist Gulzar have been selected for this prestigious award for 2023. These eminent personalities have been honoured with this award for their outstanding contribution in the field of literature. Speaking on the occasion, the President congratulated both the literary personalities. On the occasion, Rambhadracharya expressed happiness on receiving the award saying his literary work was recognised.

The Golden Jubilee of Sikkim's Statehood was celebrated at the Raj Bhavan in Itanagar on Friday in the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, K. T. Parnaik graced the occasion and interacted with members of the

Sikkimese community residing in the State. Extending heartfelt greetings to the people of Sikkim on this historic occasion, the Governor lauded the State's remarkable achievements over the past 50 years.

The Aalo-Mechukha road has been reopened for light motor vehicles, much to the relief of stranded tourists and people of Shi-Yomi district. The road had remained closed since Tuesday evening after multiple blockages were reported in various places. The GREF, a key component of the Border Road Organisation, which looks after the Aalo-Mechukha road, has reported 15 blockages in these stretches. For now, the road has been opened only for LMVs, and heavy vehicles are not being allowed to cross. Meanwhile, members of the AdiSU's Shi-Yomi district unit extended help to some of the commuters who were stranded at the BB Camp Bridge by arranging tents on both sides of the Bridge.

In a powerful demonstration of patriotism and solidarity with the Indian Armed Forces, around ten thousand emotionally charged citizens took part in a massive "Tiranga Yatra" in Jammu last evening. Under the banner of 'Citizens for National Security', the Yatra commenced from JDA Parking at Indira Chowk and traversed through the city's bustling streets before culminating at the Press Club, Jammu. Waving the national flag and chanting slogans like Jai Hind, Vande Mataram, and Indian Army Zindabad, the participants expressed unflinching support for the nation's soldiers.

Slamming China for renaming some places in Arunachal Pradesh, Lok Sabha MP Tapir Gao on Thursday urged the Centre to take steps for "correcting historical wrongs" by reclaiming areas inhabited by Lhoba Tani and Mishmi communities beyond the McMahon Line. In a statement, the BJP MP of Arunachal East constituency said communities living beyond the McMahon Line share "deep civilisational roots with Bharat", and it's time for India to reclaim the regions "that are rightfully part of our country".

Earlier Beijing announced Chinese names for 27 places in Arunachal Pradesh -- 15 mountains, four passes, two rivers, a lake and five inhabited areas.