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India has categorically rejected China's continued, unfounded, and absurd attempts to assign new names to locations within the State of Arunachal Pradesh. In response to media queries, the Spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, Randhir Jaiswal, reiterated that such actions are entirely unacceptable and stand in direct contradiction to India's consistent and principled position. He emphasised that no amount of creative renaming can alter the clear and indisputable reality that Arunachal Pradesh was, is, and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India.



Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai today took oath as the 52nd Chief Justice of India. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Justice Gavai at a special ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan this morning.

Justice B R Gavai succeeded Justice Sanjiv Khanna, who demitted office yesterday. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, several Union Ministers, and judges of the Supreme Court attended the ceremony, among others.



Today we will talk about the painful incident that shook the whole country - the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, in which our brave soldiers sacrificed their lives. This attack is not only an attack on the security forces, but also on the sovereignty and peace-loving nature of India. But India has always proved that it neither fears nor bows down. After the attack, the Indian Army destroyed the terrorist hideouts by conducting a surgical strike. This time this operation was carried out in the name of Operation Sindoor, in which many terrorists were killed. This operation is not only revenge, but also a strong message that India can go to any extent to protect its borders and citizens.

Today every Indian will have to unite and not only stand with the security forces, but also reject ideas that try to divide the country. Responsible behaviour on social media, raising voice in support of the army and avoiding fake news, these are small steps that can make a big difference. This is the time to unite for our country and our brave soldiers.

Operation Sindoor has become a beacon of national pride, symbolizing India's courage, strategic strength, and the indomitable spirit of its people. It has reignited the flames of patriotism and reinforced the belief that together, as one nation, we can overcome any threat.



Nagaland state is setting up an enforcement directorate to strengthen implementation of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) system. Speaking to media persons post-cabinet in Kohima today, Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, KG Kenye, said the proposed directorate will be constituted by officials and task forces from various departments and will work as a multi-tiered unit alongside the police and administration. He informed that police and administration have been directed to step up ILP enforcement. Mr Kenye said the Cabinet discussed the need to streamline ILP mechanisms, especially in light of the Citizenship Amendment Act and the National Register of Citizens.

Mr Kenye informed that the government will study digital ILP systems in other states to adopt best practices like online tracking, alerts, and payments. The proposal will then be examined by a subcommittee before being presented in the next Cabinet meeting.



Nagaland government has transitioned the Inner Line Permit (ILP) system to an online platform since the 1st of January this year. This digital process aims to streamline the application process, enhance efficiency and improve accessibility for the benefit of the general public. In a press release, Deputy Commissioner Headquarter Nagaland, Warren Holohon Yepthomi said, individuals wishing to apply for ILP can go through the official website at ilp.nagaland.gov.in or through the website of the Commissioner, Nagaland at commissioner.nagaland.gov.in/online-ilp.



Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, KG Kenye, today criticised NHIDCL for undue delays in the NH-29 road project. He said the government stands with the people. His remarks come amid the ongoing agitation by the Chakhesang Students' Union, which has imposed an indefinite ban on all vehicular movement involving NHIDCL, contractor Ratna Infra Projects Pvt. Ltd., and government vehicles, over unmet demands on the Chakhabama–Kikruma stretch (Package 2). Mr Kenye said the government has taken up the issue and expressed hope for an amicable resolution. On the CNCCI's call for a voluntary shutdown in nine districts from May 19, the minister termed the demands genuine but urged trade bodies not to resort to shutdowns. He said the new Nagaland Municipal Act, is still a "skeleton" and will be built upon. Regarding job reservation, Mr Kenye said the state government will wait for fresh Census data before considering any review. The minister appealed for public patience and understanding as the government works through these issues.



And, President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Dr. Ajay Kumar as the Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission. According to an Order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Dr. Kumar's tenure will begin on the day he assumes charge as Chairman of the UPSC. Dr. Kumar is a retired Indian Administrative Service officer from the 1985 batch of the Kerala cadre. He previously served as the Defence Secretary from August 2019 to October 2022.

