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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that no country should weaponise critical minerals, technology and supply chains to further its own selfish gain. He said, in addition to greater cooperation in critical minerals and technology, there is a need to focus on securing and making their supply chains resilient. Prime Minister said this while participating in the Outreach Session on 'Strengthening Multilateralism, Economic-Financial Affairs and Artificial Intelligence' in Rio de Janeiro. On the sidelines of the ongoing BRICS Summit, Prime Minister Modi held bilateral meetings with his Malaysian counterpart Anwar Ibrahim, President of Cuba Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez in Rio de Janeiro.

India has said the BRICS Leaders declaration has captured most of the concerns of the global south. Addressing the media after the conclusion of the first day of the BRICS summit in Rio de Janeiro, Secretary Economic Relations in the Ministry of External Affairs Dammu Ravi said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi strongly articulated the need for the reform in the multilateral global organizations. Secretary Dammu Ravi also said that the condemnation of the Pahalgam terrorist attack in the strongest terms unanimously by all the countries was another highlight of the summit.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has said the capability of India's domestic equipment demonstrated during the recent Operation Sindoor has increased the global demand for its indigenous defence products. Speaking at the Controllers' Conference in New Delhi today, the Defence Minister highlighted that India's defence industries have immense possibilities. He stressed upon defence economics in today's era where re-armament and related investments are rapidly increasing. Mr Singh said, that today almost all the major countries, including USA and European nations, are rapidly increasing their defence expenditure.

A special dedicated web portal will be available for self-enumeration during the upcoming Census. It will be available for both phases of Census -2027. In a series of social media posts, the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India said it will be the first digital census in the country, and the data will be collected using Mobile Apps in English, Hindi and regional languages. It added

that enumerators and supervisors will use their own mobile devices for data collection. The Gazette Notification for the Census – 2027 was issued last month, and all States and Union Territories have been asked to republish the notification of intent in their State Gazette and also appoint Nodal Officers for the Census.

Information and Public Relations Minister Nyato Dukam today announced that the state government is set to regulate content across all media platforms to curb misinformation and ensure responsible journalism. Speaking at the inauguration of an English daily newspaper, The Arun Khabar, in Itanagar, the Minister said that all individual media will be scrutinized, and a comprehensive plan will be devised to tackle the spread of misinformation through various channels. The minister also revealed that the state government has formulated a new policy for the welfare of journalists, which has already received cabinet approval. The event was also attended by Gijum Tali, Director of the Information and Public Relations Department, and Dodum Yangfo, President of the Arunachal Press Club, along with several senior journalists and media professionals.

A review meeting on the collection of user fees/charges for Solid Waste Management in Tawang Township was convened at the Conference Hall of the DC's office today. The meeting was chaired by Tawang DC Namgyal Angmo and witnessed the active participation of all key stakeholders involved in the urban waste management system. The session focused on streamlining the collection of nominal user fees from hoteliers, restaurant owners, government offices, staff quarters, and other commercial establishments availing garbage collection services provided by the Urban Development Department.

In a concerted effort to enhance coordination, refine response protocols and ensure the safety of lives, the Indian Army in collaboration with the Fire Services Department, Pasighat, conducted a joint fire safety drill. The exercise was a direct outcome of the recent Military-Civil Fusion Seminar and sought to strengthen emergency preparedness across agencies. The drill simulated fire emergency scenarios to test reaction times, interoperability and standard operating procedures. Fire tenders, rescue equipment and Quick Reaction Teams were mobilized rapidly to execute containment, evacuation and rescue drills under realistic conditions.

The Bamboosa Library, Tezu and the Forum of Library Activists, Medo jointly organized a workshop "Fun with Maths – beyond the Book" in Tezu recently. A total of 35 students from class 7 to 12 from 7 schools of Tezu and neighbourhood attended the workshop.

The India Meteorological Department has issued a yellow alert for ten districts of Arunachal Pradesh. IMD has forecast thunderstorms with lightning and heavy rain very likely at isolated areas.