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President Droupadi Murmu has nominated four prominent personalities to the Rajya Sabha from fields of arts, literature, science, and social services. The distinguished figures include, eminent lawyer Ujjwal Deorao Nikam, Social Worker C Sadanandan Master, former Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla and historian and academician Dr Meenakshi Jain. Ministry of Home Affairs informed about the decision in a notification. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a series of social media posts congratulated the four renowned personalities on being nominated to the Upper House of Parliament. In the meantime, Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media post has also extended his congratulations to the nominated personalities.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said that after Operation Sindoor, the demand for BrahMos missiles has increased in foreign countries. Mr. Singh said this after unveiling the statue of former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Chandra Bhanu Gupta at the National PG College on the second day of his two-day visit to his parliamentary constituency Lucknow. The Defence Minister added that 14 countries have asked for Brahmos missile and it will be exported from Lucknow.

External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar today met his Singaporean counterpart Vivian Balakrishnan and reviewed the progress in bilateral cooperation. In a social media post, Dr Jaishankar who is on a visit to Singapore, said, the country is at the heart of India's Act East Policy while Singapore's Foreign Minister said, as the world inexorably transitions into multi-polarity, India will play an increasingly important role as one of these major poles of opportunity. After his visit to Singapore, the External Affairs Minister will reach Tianjin in China to participate in the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

The Centre has directed States and Union Territories to take immediate and strict action against the issue of counterfeit and substandard fertilizers. In this regard, Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has written a letter to the Chief Ministers of all States and Union Territories. This letter has been issued with the objective of curbing the sale of fake

fertilizers, black marketing of subsidized fertilizers, and illegal activities such as forced tagging across the country.

Indian Astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and three other crew members of the Axiom-4 mission are expected to begin their journey back to Earth tomorrow. Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh in a social media post said, the undocking has been scheduled for tomorrow at 4:30 PM Indian Standard Time. He said the crew will arrive on earth on Tuesday at around 3:00 PM IST.

In Ladakh, the Indian Army today organized a commemorative bike rally from Kumbathang to Randhawa Top, in run up to mark the 26th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas on the 26th of July next. This rally is part of a series of events being held across the country in remembrance of the heroes of Kargil.

The people of Riga village of Siang district have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Government in a meeting held on Friday. The MoU was signed in presence of Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Minister Ojing Tasing and Chief Secretary Manish Kumar Gupta pledging to support the Government of India and the Government of Arunachal Pradesh in the conduct of survey, drilling etc. for preparation of the Pre-Feasibility Report of the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project. In the meantime, Khandu thanked all residents of Riga village for wholeheartedly supporting the interest of the nation and the State. The Chief Minister has re-committed to hold frank and fair deliberations with all likely Project Affected Families after the successful conduct of the PFR.

Para Athlete Tingong Wangpan has secured another gold medal at the 7th International Para Athletics Championship 2025 which concluded in Bengaluru on Saturday. Wangpan clinched his second gold medal in the men's 200m race in the T35 category. He had earlier secured a gold medal in the men's 400m race on Friday.

Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has announced the opening of nominations for the prestigious Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2024.