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Chief Minister Pema Khandu today said district-quota recruitment in Arunachal Pradesh has been put on hold as the matter is currently sub judice before the Guwahati High Court. Responding to a query in the Assembly, Khandu said more than 100 vacancies exist under the Staff Selection Board but recruitment based on district quota cannot proceed due to a stay order from the court. He added that the government is pursuing the case through the Advocate General and hopes for an early resolution. Once the court vacates the stay, the Staff Selection Board will immediately carry out district-specific recruitment, he said.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein said there is very little awareness about Arunachal in the mainland. Strongly supporting the condemnation by the Arunachal Assembly against the racism faced by three young women from the North East in Delhi last month, Mr Mein said people welcome and greet each other with 'Jai Hind' in Arunachal. He added people of Arunachal have been guarding the borders of the country since ages and don't deserve to be called names with racial connotation.

Arunachal Pradesh Commerce and Industries Minister Nyato Dukam today informed the Assembly that the government has formulated a new industrial policy aimed at transforming the Northeastern state into an industrial hub, offering a host of incentives to attract private investment and support new and expanding industrial units. Mr Dukam said the Arunachal Pradesh Industrial Development & Investment Policy, 2025 provides several incentives, including reimbursement of stamp duty and registration fees, capital investment subsidy, capital interest subvention and power subsidy. He said the policy also includes incentives under green initiatives, along with SGST reimbursement, VAT exemption, quality certification subsidy, transport subsidy, export incentives, special incentives for underprivileged sections of society and reimbursement for utilisation of common facilitation centres.

Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri stressed that India's crude oil position is secured. He said, domestic supply of LPG is fully protected and the standard time for booking to delivery for domestic LPG cylinders remains unchanged at 2.5 days. He said, the government's priority is to provide uninterrupted LPG supply to 33 crore families,

especially poor and the underprivileged. The Minister today made a statement in the Lok Sabha about the steps taken by the government in response to the disruption to the global energy supply arising from the ongoing conflict in West Asia.

Indian Air Force, in a great effort covering 4 days, has helped in controlling forest fire over Mebo circle and surrounding areas in East Siang district. A recce of the affected zone was first conducted followed by trial lifting and thereafter an exercise comprising of total 54 shuttles, lifting more than one lakh litres of water from the mighty Siang river for dousing the fire. It was conducted with collaborative ground support from the DC East Siang and team, Incidence Commander Mebo, Department of Civil Aviation, Fire and Emergency Services, Department of Disaster Management and other stakeholders including team from Sigar Military Station. Forest fire has affected approximately 140 hectare of reserve forest areas, nearly 200 community forest land, agricultural and horticultural land in Sigar, Ralling and Mebo under Mebo Sub-division of East Siang district. No human casualties or livestock losses have been reported.

Continuing the growing support for the Pre-Feasibility Report activities of the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project in Upper Siang district, 56 more residents of Komkar village submitted their consent for conducting the PFR survey to Deputy Commissioner Talo Jerang. With the latest development, the total number of consenting households has now reached 297 out of 302 households in Komkar village.

Gusty winds followed by heavy showers lashed Ruksin, Pasighat and Mebo areas of East Siang district and adjoining Dhemaji areas of Assam early this morning. The strong winds made mild damages by breaking tree trunks, bamboo and areca nuts in some pockets at Assam-Arunachal boundary area. The rain has given respite to residents from hot weather and long dry spell in the region. Due to long spell of dry weather, water level in the rivers and perennial streams in the region are declining, while many trees, bamboo grooves and grasses in the riverine areas are drying up. Lack of rainfall has also created water crisis in many pockets in the districts.

An oil tanker, carrying crude oil, arrived in Mumbai yesterday after safely transiting the strategic Strait of Hormuz. The vessel is the first India-bound ship to pass through the waterway after maritime traffic slowed following recent United States and Israel strikes on Iran. The vessel is carrying more than one lakh thirty-five thousand metric tonnes of crude oil and has docked at Jawahar Dweep, where unloading operations have begun.

That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar