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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the conflict in West Asia is an evolving situation and the entire world is affected in some form. In such a situation, all efforts must be made to safeguard citizens from its impact. The Prime Minister said this while chairing a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security to review the situation and mitigation measures in the context of the ongoing West Asia conflict on Sunday. An Akashvani correspondent reports that during the meeting, the Cabinet Secretary, T V Somanathan, gave a detailed presentation on the global situation and the mitigating measures taken so far, as well as those being planned by various ministries and departments. The meeting also made a detailed assessment of the availability of critical needs for the common man, including food, energy, and fuel security. Furthermore, short-, medium-, and long-term measures to ensure the continued availability of essential commodities were discussed.

Union Minister of Jal Shakti C R Patil today said that over 16 crore homes have been provided accessibility to tap water under the Jal Jeevan Mission. The Minister said this while addressing the inaugural session of the World Water Day Conclave 2026 in New Delhi. The Minister said that the Conclave will act as a platform for providing suggestions and sharing ideas on water conservation and sustainable water management. Mr Patil lauded initiatives like the Namami Gange Mission and reaffirmed government's commitment of cleaning river water. The Minister further urged the citizens to adopt the practice of conserving and storing water.

The 3rd Arunachal State Film Awards 2025–26, organised by the Department of Information & Public Relations, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, was held at Hotel Golden Orchid, Naharlagun, on Sunday. "10%" was awarded Best Feature Film, while Tumken Sora won Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male) for his performance in the same film. Sita Samnam received Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female) for Tears of Lune, and Kadum Tarang was honoured with the Best Director award for the same film. MLA Toko Tatung attended the ceremony as the Chief Guest and appreciated the initiative of the IPR Department. Senior scientist Dr Krishna Chowlu and Guest of Honour entrepreneur Ha Tatu also addressed the gathering.

The filing of nomination papers for assembly elections in Assam, Keralam and Puducherry will end this evening. The scrutiny of nomination papers

will be taken up tomorrow. Candidates can withdraw their names by Thursday. Single phase polling in these states and the Union Territory will be held on the 9th of next month. Nomination filing closed at 3 pm today. In Nagaland also the process of filing nomination papers for the upcoming Assembly bye-election to the Koridang Constituency ended today. The counting of votes will take place on May 4.

Promising young writer from Arunachal Pradesh Miss Subi Taba has been awarded with prestigious Best Debut Author award 2026 in New Delhi. The award, Auther Awards 2026 for her book "Tells From The Dawn Lit Mountains" is presented to her by The Times of India and JK Paper. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein congratulated her for her achievement. Her book has earned widespread praise from readers and literary circles which was published by Penguin India, which itself is a big honour to many authors in the world.

The Naharlagun police have arrested four drug peddlers and seized suspected heroin weighing approximately 25.75 gms from them in two separate raids conducted at Dokum Colony and Kerekjuli, Pichola. A police team led by Naharlagun SDPO Rishi Longdo conducted a raid at Dokum Colony. During the operation, 10 vials of suspected heroin, weighing approximately 12.90 grams, were recovered from the room of suspected peddler Tony Gamlin, originally from Tirbin in West Siang district. A second operation was carried out by a police team and intercepted three alleged peddlers – Dibjyoti Kutum alias Raju, Boluram Doley, and Mitunjoy Pegu; all from Dahgharia village in Assam's Lakhimpur district.

The 'Arunachal Fashion Week 2026 – The Artisans' Movement' concluded on a high note at Interior Park, Itanagar, on Saturday, marking the culmination of an eight-day celebration of indigenous textiles, creative enterprise, and cultural identity. The grand finale, held as the 'Cultural Heritage Day and Awards Night', was attended by Textile and Handicrafts Minister Nyato Dukam and Doimukh MLA Nabam Vivek, among others. Model Millo Antu won the Arunachal's next top model – Miss 2026 while Tapang Taba won the Arunachal's next top model – Mr 2026 title. Osum Jerang Karlo declared as the winner of the Arunachal's next top fashion designer.