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Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone of a road infrastructure project Assam Mala 3.0, four flyovers and two bridges in the BTC area. On the same occasion, the PM laid the foundation stone of a railway Periodic Overhauling Workshop at Basbari in Kokrajhar district and also flagged off three new trains Kamakhya-Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express; Guwahati-New Jalpaiguri Express and Narangi-Agartala Express. The PM also laid the foundation for 36 new bridges for 34 districts of the State.

The supply and availability of LPG and POL products across the districts was reviewed by State Minister for Food & Civil Supplies Gabriel D Wangsu today, along with Chief Secretary Manish Kumar Gupta. The Department of Food & Civil Supplies and the Oil Marketing Companies assured that the supplies of LPG and POL products are operating normally and their distributions are being constantly monitored to ensure continuous availability. He urged general public to avoid panic buying of the LPG and POL products and purchase only what is needed for normal consumption so that artificial shortages are not created. Minister Wangsu informed, as a precautionary measure, a 25 day wait between the bookings of LPG has been introduced. Any person or business entity found engaging in hoarding and black marketing thereby creating artificial scarcity may face strict action under Essential Commodities Act 1955 and other relevant regulations. He also requested to the general public not to fall prey to any rumour mongers or share unverified, alarming messages in social media.

Arunachal Chief Minister Pema Khandu highlighted the importance of the upcoming census exercise in Arunachal Pradesh during the ongoing Budget Session, stating that the process is crucial as several constituencies in the state are witnessing depopulation. Addressing the House, Khandu said that in many constituencies there are areas where the population has significantly declined, making the census an important exercise to assess the actual demographic situation. He also informed that the census will be followed by a delimitation process based on the updated population data. The CM further stated that the upcoming census will be conducted in a digital format, marking a shift

from traditional methods. According to Khandu, the first phase of the census will begin on April 16, 2026, and will focus on house listing and housing census. The second phase, scheduled to be carried out in 2027, will collect detailed social and economic information of the population.

The Arunachal Pradesh Assembly passed the Rs. 36,607 crore state budget for 2026-27 by voice vote after a two-day discussion in the House yesterday. Chief Minister Pema Khandu highlighted the key priorities of the State Budget 2026–27 and thanked members for their constructive participation in the discussion. Deputy CM Chowna Mein, who also holds the finance, planning and investment portfolios, said the 16th Finance Commission's recommendations will influence the State's fiscal position.

Deputy Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Finance Chowna Mein introduced the Arunachal Pradesh Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2026, which was introduced in the assembly during the budget session yesterday. Subsequently, the House took up the Bill for consideration and passed the Arunachal Pradesh Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2026, authorising the Government to withdraw funds from the Consolidated Fund of the State for the financial year 2026–27.

10-day White Water Rafting Course is underway till 17 March 2026 at the Kameng River near Tippi, Bhalukpong in Arunachal Pradesh. It is being conducted by 2 AP Bn. NCC Tawang in coordination with NIMAS. A total of 50 NCC cadets are participating in the course, among them 30 cadets are from Tawang and West Kameng districts, while the remaining 20 cadets are from various districts of Assam.

Met Centre Itanagar has issued orange alert for Papum Pare, Upper Siang, East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley, Anjaw, Lohit and Changlang districts of Arunachal. Met Centre has forecast thunderstorm with lightning and very heavy rainfall very likely to occur at isolated places in these districts. Additionally, Yellow alert of thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain at isolated places was issued for 15 districts.

Double Paralympic Games gold medallist javelin thrower Sumit Antil lived up to his formidable reputations by clinching the top podium spot at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix in New Delhi yesterday. Antil -- winner of back-to-back gold medals at the Tokyo and Paris Paralympics -- spearheaded the Indian charge by clinching the top spot in the men's javelin throw (F43/F44/F64) with a power-packed throw of 69.25 meters. Pushpendra Singh secured the silver medal with a throw of 56.91m, while Poonam Ram took bronze with an effort of 49.48m.

That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar!