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Indian cargo vessel Nanda Devi, carrying 46,000 metric tonnes of LPG has safely arrived at Vadinar Port in Devbhoomi Dwarka district of Gujarat from Qatar this morning after crossing the Strait of Hormuz amid ongoing tensions in West Asia. Deendayal Port Authority Chairman Sushil Kumar Singh announced that the LPG of mother vessel 'Nanda Devi' will be transferred to smaller vessels for delivery to Ennore in Tamil Nadu and Haldia in West Bengal. Yesterday, Indian cargo vessel Shivalik carrying LPG from Qatar safely arrived at Mundra Port in Gujarat. Both shipments are set to significantly bolster the national gas reserves. Another Indian flagged vessel Jag Laadki with 81 thousand tonnes of crude oil is also on route to India.

The Government has clarified that LPG Biometric Aadhaar Authentication (eKYC) is only required for unauthenticated LPG customers. In a social media post, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has said, this is not a fresh direction and is part of the Government's efforts to encourage more LPG consumers to complete biometric Aadhaar authentication. Non-Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana customers who have done it before, need not do it again. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana customers need to do it only once every financial year, and only for receiving targeted direct benefit transfer subsidies after 7 refills, for the 8th and 9th refill. The clarification is in regard to news reports circulating on the issue of Biometric Aadhaar Authentication for LPG consumers.

A tragic Landslide incident occurred at Niti Vihar, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh at around 4:00 PM on 16 March during the construction of a retaining wall. Despite swift response and efforts by the District Administration, Police, SDRF teams, and all emergency responders, four lives were lost. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General (Retd.), KT Parnaik has expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives. Chief Minister has extended condolence and also announced an ex-gratia of Rupees four lakh to be provided to the next of kin of each deceased. Additionally, Rupees 16,000 will be extended to the injured as per admissibility, along with necessary medical assistance.

The Arunachal Pradesh government has transferred and posted 27 senior police officers, including several from the IPS and state police service cadre. The transfers were ordered by the governor following a Police Establishment Board meeting held recently, according to an official notification issued by the state home department. According to the notification, the reshuffle has been done to streamline police administration and strengthen the law-and-order machinery in the state. Senior IPS officer Chinmoy Biswal has been appointed as IGP (security/crime), while Joy Tirkey has been assigned the charge of DIG HQ (additional). Mangesh, an IPS officer from Delhi, will take over as DIG (Tirap Changlang Lohit districts). Achin Garg has been posted as SP crime, and Anjitha Chepyala will take charge as SP SIT/cyber crime. Dekio Gumja has been appointed as SP of the Special Task Force (STF), and Sepraj Perme will be the new SP for SDRF/Home Guards/civil defence.

The Potential Linked Credit Plan for 2026–27 for Upper Subansiri district, prepared by NABARD, was launched by Deputy Commissioner Tasso Gambo during the District Consultative Committee and District Level Review Committee meeting held at Daporijo, today. As per projections for Financial Year 2026–27, the total potential for priority sector credit has been estimated at Rupees 66.22 crore. Of this, Rupees 29.88 crore has been projected for the agriculture sector, including crop loans, Rupees 32.95 crore for the MSME sector, and Rupees 3.38 crore for Other Priority Sectors, covering activities such as housing, education and others.

In a historic first, executive members of the Nyishi Elite Society from eleven districts and forty-two blocks took the oath of affirmation in the Nyishi language for the 2025–28 session, during a ceremony held today at the Research and Heritage Centre. It marked a significant step towards preserving and promoting indigenous identity. Addressing the media, Tana Showren , president Nishi Elite Society, stated that the unified approach is aimed at ensuring coordinated efforts and safeguarding the greater interests of the Nyishi community as a whole.

The Department of Social Work, Arunachal Pradesh University, organised a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp on the occasion of World Social Work Day 2026, today. It was held in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh University Students Union and the Blood Centre, Bakin Pertin General Hospital, Pasighat. A total of 25 units of blood were successfully collected during the camp.

The three-day Phase-I training for Principal Census Officers, Additional District Charge Officers, and Sub-Divisional Charge Officers of Tawang district commenced on Monday at the DC Conference Hall, Tawang. This initiative marks an important step towards strengthening data-driven governance and ensuring comprehensive census coverage in the region.

That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar