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A large Indian vessel named 'Jag Ladki' arrived at Mundra Port in Gujarat this morning carrying a significant consignment of crude oil. The ship is transporting approximately eighty-one thousand metric tons of high-quality oil from the United Arab Emirates. It follows the earlier arrival of the vessel 'Shivalik' at Mundra and 'Nandadevi' at the Vadinar port. Authorities at the port have ensured smooth offloading operations to facilitate the distribution of the crude oil to refineries.

Rajya Sabha today bid farewell to 59 members from 20 states including 9 women members. Speaking during the farewell, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that their contribution to parliamentary democracy will always be remembered. He said that in politics there is never a full stop, as their experience and contribution to the nation will always remain relevant and valuable.

Agapetes wardii, a rare epiphytic shrub species, has been recorded for the first time in India from Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh by Society for Education and Environmental Development Team. Previously known only from Myanmar, this discovery marks a significant addition to the country's documented flora. Expressing joy, in a social media post Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein said the dense evergreen forests of the Eastern Himalayas continue to hold immense potential for scientific exploration, often revealing species yet to be documented within the national boundaries.

Rajiv Gandhi University and its affiliated college student athletes performed spectacularly in two All India Inter University championships. The All India Inter University Pencak Silat (Women) Championship 2025–26 was held at Desh Bhagat University, Punjab from 14th to 17th March 2026. Arunachal's Lika Aku of Rajiv Gandhi University secured Silver medal in 60-65 kg category, and Meko Liyak of Government College Doimukh won the Silver Medal in 55-60 kg category. Meanwhile, Santilly Pul of Indira Gandhi Government College, Tezu secures Bronze Medal in 50–55 kg category. Similarly, in the All India Inter University Taekwondo Women Championship 2025–26 held in Odisha from March 16 to 20, Muskan Manyu won bronze medal, under 49 Kg Category. In group Poomsae, Nani Nabam, Eshani Tayeng, and Lumter Uli clinched silver medals.

A 15-Day Workshop on Drama is underway at Pasighat. It is being organised by the East Siang Unit of Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society in collaboration with the Department of Hindi, Arunachal Pradesh University, Pasighat. In the inaugural day on Tuesday the President, Ponung Ering Angu, highlighted the importance of organizing such workshops for inculcating literary and cultural sensitivity in the younger generation. She stressed upon the role of drama to foster social consciousness.

The government has directed the airlines to allocate minimum 60 per cent of seats for selection on any flight, free of charge to ensure fair access for the passengers. The Ministry of Civil Aviation directed that passengers travelling on the same PNR must be seated together, preferably in adjacent seats. It added that carriage of sports equipment and musical instruments should be facilitated in a transparent and passenger-friendly manner. The Airlines have also been instructed to bring out clear, transparent policies for carriage of pets. Strict adherence to passenger rights framework, particularly in cases of delays, cancellations and denied boarding has also been directed by the government.

The Arunachal Body Building Association has announced that it will conduct the 10th State-Level Body Building Championship in the second week of May. The event aims to bring together talented bodybuilders from across the state to showcase their strength, physique, and dedication. The association has extended an open invitation to all interested participants from various districts to take part in the championship and compete for the coveted title. Attractive cash prizes will be awarded to winners in different categories. Registration will be open from April 1 to April 30, 2026 via online submission. Athletes must bear their own lodging and food expenses, except lunch on the event day. ABBA also announced that Katan Nei will represent Arunachal Pradesh at the 17th Senior National Bodybuilding Championship in Indore on March 28, 2026.

Continuing the support for conducting the Pre-Feasibility Report survey on the proposed Siang Upper Multipurpose Project, an additional 12 residents of Janbo village of Upper Siang district submitted their consent today in support of the MoU signed on 15th March 2026, wherein 18 residents had earlier signed the MoU at the meeting hall of the DC Bungalow. With this latest development, a total of 30 households out of 55 households of Janbo village have consented to the PFR survey, reflecting continuing community support for the proposed project.

The Election Commission of India announced the schedule for the General Election to Legislative Assembly of Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal and bye-elections in 6 States on March 15, 2026. To ensure the smooth and orderly progress of the various phases of elections in the 5 States and Union Territories, over 25 lakh election officials have been deployed. The total electors eligible to vote in these elections are over 17.4 crores. This amounts to nearly 1 election official for every 70 electors.