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India and Finland today exchanged several agreements in different areas including environmental cooperation, migration and mobility partnership and statistics in New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi held discussion with President of Finland Alexander Stubb on strengthening bilateral cooperation across a wide spectrum of areas. They also exchanged perspectives on regional and global issues of mutual interest, including cooperation in multilateral fora. In his joint statement, Prime Minister Modi said today the world is going through a phase of instability and uncertainty. He said, from Ukraine to West Asia, several regions across the world are witnessing ongoing conflicts. Modi said, India and Finland are unanimous that military conflict alone cannot resolve any issue.

The conflict in West Asia is escalating rapidly as several countries are becoming involved. United States and Israel are carrying out joint air strikes against Iran while Tehran is responding with missiles and drones. Fighting is spreading across different parts of the region, and Iran-backed armed groups Hezbollah have joined the attacks. Many countries are expressing concern and are calling for de-escalation, as the situation is threatening regional stability and global security. Earlier in the day, Iran launched a new wave of attacks at Israeli and American bases and threatened that the United States will regret torpedoing an Iranian warship in the Indian Ocean.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah today soft-launched four digital tools and formally unveiled the mascots, Pragati and Vikas, symbolizing women and men for Census-2027 in New Delhi. The tools include Houselisting Block Creator Web Application, HLO Mobile Application, Self-Enumeration Portal, and Census Management and Monitoring System Portal.

Budget session of Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly will commence tomorrow and continue till March 12 with five sittings. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein will present the Budget Estimates for the financial year 2026–27 on March 10. The Budget will be taken up for discussion and passing on March 11. Seven government bills are scheduled to be introduced on the opening day, including the Arunachal Pradesh Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) (Amendment) Bill,

2026; the Arunachal Pradesh Teachers' Transfer and Posting (Regulation and Management) Bill, 2026; and the Arunachal Pradesh Fire & Emergency Services Bill, 2026. An amendment bill to revise salaries, allowances and pension of MLAs will also be tabled.

Troops of the Spear Corps carried out an integrated live firing exercise in Arunachal Pradesh, demonstrating operational coordination among security forces. Personnel of the Indian Army, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), and Assam Rifles participated in the drill, showcasing lethal precision, rapid target engagement and seamless multi-agency combat synergy. The exercise was conducted in challenging high-altitude terrain to enhance joint operational readiness and strengthen coordination among the forces deployed along the frontier areas of the state, the Army's Spear Corps said.

NHPC Limited has achieved a major milestone in the 2000 MW Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project (SLHEP) with the successful lowering of the generator rotor of Unit-5 into the generator pit on March 1 last. Weighing 673 metric tonnes, the rotor is the heaviest equipment ever handled in a hydropower plant in India. The operation was executed with meticulous planning and coordination among project teams.

Tawang Police has apprehended a tourist from West Bengal on Wednesday for allegedly stealing religious items from Buddha Park. Acting on inputs, a police team led by the officer-in-charge of Tawang Police Station swiftly traced the accused and recovered the stolen items, including a medium-sized Buddha idol, a pair of Tingsha cymbals and two metal butter lamps. However, the caretaker monk of the park pardoned the accused and chose not to lodge an FIR. The prompt action of the police in retrieving the sacred items was widely appreciated by locals.

The Lower Siang district administration organised a Sewa Aapke Dwar 2.0 camp at Telam General Ground on Wednesday to deliver essential government services at the doorsteps of the people, benefiting residents of Seren circle. The camp was inaugurated by Seren ZPM Mikir Koyu Doye in the presence of Nari ADC Ainstein Koyu and others. Several departments, including RD & Panchayati Raj, Textile & Handicrafts, Agriculture & Allied, APRB, Aadhaar, Power, PHED, ICDS and DA/GA, set up stalls to provide services and disseminate information on various government schemes.

A health and hygiene awareness programme was conducted at Simong village on Wednesday as part of community outreach initiatives linked to the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP). Organised under the banner of AARRO Welfare Society, the programme aimed to promote preventive healthcare, improve sanitation habits, and strengthen awareness on personal and public hygiene among villagers. Sanitary pads and other hygiene items were distributed, while informational materials on SUMP were also circulated.

In the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, India will face England in the second semi-final at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai this evening. The match will start at 7 pm. The winner of today's match will face New Zealand in the finals on Sunday at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar