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The conflict in West Asia intensified as Iran and joint forces of Israel and America have launched a new wave of missile and drone attacks. Iran and Iranian-backed militias fired missiles at Israel and Gulf countries, while Israel and the United States pounded targets in Iran. Britain, France and Germany have said they are ready to work with the US to counter Iran's attacks, and a group of Gulf countries said it reserved the right to respond to Iranian strikes. Amid the growing tension, top Iranian security official Ali Larijani has vowed that Iran will not negotiate with the United States. Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has strongly condemned the recent US air strikes that killed Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei.

President Droupadi Murmu today said that Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers have a crucial role in the nation-building process and must rise above departmental boundaries to strengthen governance across the country. The officers, inducted from the State Civil Services and attending the 128th Induction Training Programme at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, called on the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. Addressing the officers, the President said, they now carry responsibilities that extend far beyond district or state priorities.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that India and Canada are vibrant democracies, two major economies of the world and societies based on shared values. Sharing his remarks during the India-Canada CEOs Forum in New Delhi today, Modi said, democracy, diversity and development inspire both nations to move forward as natural partners. He said, today, India is the world's fastest-growing major economy. The Prime Minister said, behind this transformation is the strength of robust domestic demand, a young population, large-scale investment and digital technology. He said, this is the result of the continuously racing reform express.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu today stressed the need for strong internal security, technology-driven policing and conviction-oriented criminal justice delivery while addressing the State-Level Conference of SPs and Commandants at DK Convention Centre. Emphasising that development and law and order must go hand in hand, Khandu urged

strengthening cyber capabilities, digital forensics and responsible use of official social media platforms. He urged coordination with law and judiciary departments to improve conviction rates. He called for improved border vigilance, particularly along Myanmar, and proactive measures to check illegal immigration through a digitally upgraded Inner Line Permit system.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu, accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and MP Tapir Gao, on Sunday held a meeting with C M Ramesh, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, to discuss key railway projects in Arunachal Pradesh. The leaders deliberated on strengthening rail connectivity and expediting ongoing infrastructure works to improve mobility and economic prospects in the state.

A three-day film festival is being organised by the Information and Public Relations Department, government of Arunachal Pradesh, from March 6 to 8 at TNZ Cinemas, Itanagar. The festival will feature storytelling sessions, panel discussions, workshops and interactions with filmmakers and artists from across the region. The event aims to promote emerging voices from the Northeast, especially talents from Arunachal Pradesh, providing a platform to showcase creativity. Chief Minister Pema Khandu urged filmmakers, students and cinema enthusiasts to be part of the cinematic celebration.

The Adi Artist Association celebrated its first Foundation Day-cum-Annual Award function at Napit, Pasighat on Saturday, honouring distinguished contributors to Adi art and culture. Ten major awards were presented across categories, while the prestigious Talut Mize Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred on veteran artiste Guni Pertin for his lifelong contribution to Adi music. Pertin began his journey in 1969 and earned recognition with his song "Donyi E Sadak Anggong."

In Cricket, India stormed into the semi-final of ICC Men's T20 World Cup beating West Indies by 5 wickets in a must-win Super Eight clash at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata last night. Chasing a target of 196 runs, Sanju Samson's unbeaten innings of 97 runs off just 50 balls helped Men in Blue to chase the target with 4 balls remaining. Earlier, after being invited to bat first, West Indies made 195 runs at the loss of 4 wickets in the stipulated 20 overs. India will meet England in the second semi-final match on March 5 (Thursday).

Arunachal Pradesh karatekas delivered an impressive performance at the 5th KIO U-21, Senior and Para-Karate Championships, which concluded at the Talkatora Stadium on Sunday. The State's senior male kata team comprising Abab Sangdo, John Sangdo, Khyoda Talik and Tai Bengde clinched the gold medal with a commanding display of precision and coordination. Ace karateka Johny Mangkhiya also struck gold, winning the individual kumite title in the senior female +68 kg category. In the U-21 female category, Lipin Ete secured a bronze medal in individual kata.

That's all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar