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An earthquake of magnitude 5.2 on the Richter scale occurred in Kamjong, Manipur at 05.59 AM, this morning. Tremors were felt in Guwahati, Itanagar and various parts of North East India. No immediate casualties or damage were reported.

Biri Takar of Arunachal Pradesh won two gold medals and one bronze medal at the BWF Czechia Para Badminton International 2026. The tournament was held in Prague, Czech Republic, from April 14–19. Takar won his first gold in the men's singles SL4 category by defeating Germany's Nils Boening, who is ranked World No. 16. His second gold came in the men's doubles SL3-SU5 category. He also earned a bronze in mixed doubles SL3-SU5. In the men's singles quarterfinals, Takar defeated Rickard Nilsson, a six-time European Games medallist.

Arunachal's Johny Mangkhiya secured a bronze medal at the recently concluded 15th Silent Knight International Karate Cup 2026 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Her consistent performance, including a gold medal at the 5th KIO National Karate Championship, has earned her a place to represent India at the upcoming World Karate 1 Series in Spain, to be held from 24 to 26 April, 2026.

Representatives of Arunachal Pradesh University, Pasighat, met Union Minister of Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju here in New Delhi on Monday, seeking his intervention on fellowship support for the University's PhD research scholars and basic campus infrastructure development. Rijiju assured the APU delegation of his support on the infrastructure matters and advised the University to submit its proposals through the proper channel via the State Government and the relevant central portal, so that scheme benefits under applicable Central Government programmes could be sanctioned in favour of the University. On the fellowship matter, Rijiju acknowledged the concern and assured the delegation that he would look into the possibilities and take up the matter in discussion with the Union Minister of Education. Further, the APU representatives also participated in the EU–India Higher Education Cooperation Networking Seminar held on April 20 at The LaLiT Hotel, New Delhi.

The Arunachal Rising Campaign 2026 was launched today in Changlang district by the Deputy Commissioner Vishal Sah. It highlighted flagship initiatives like Dulari Kanya Scheme, education support measures, and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, promoting welfare, inclusion, and empowerment overall. Awareness on NDPS Act, student stipends, uniform assistance, and women empowerment was promoted through outreach activities and flagged vehicles. Meanwhile district-wide programs ensured messages reached remote villages, encouraging responsible, informed, and drug-free communities well connected.

Human Rights Council of India (HRCI) organised a declaration of state unit cum felicitation programme for 'The Art of Human Peace Mission - 2026' awardees, yesterday at Itanagar. Founded in 2012, HRCI is a registered NGO dedicated to protecting human rights, supporting the underprivileged, and promoting justice and equality. Chief Guest of the occasion, Alo Libang, MLA cum Advisor to Chief Minister, felicitated the awardees and encouraged them to continue their good work. Among the awardees, Taku Tacho, Smti Yatum Gangkak, Smti Aruna Tatin, Onil Tatin were conferred with Dr BR Ambedkar Global Peace Award - 2026. Meanwhile, a total of 14 others were conferred with 'The Art of Human Peace Mission -2026'.

The three-day training program for enumerators and supervisors for Census 2027 commenced yesterday in Papum Pare district. The training is being conducted in a decentralized manner across sub-divisional headquarters at Balijan, Doimukh, and Sagalee. In Balijan, the training covers participants from Balijan and Sangdupota circles. At Doimukh, sessions are being held for both urban and rural charges, while in Sagalee, participants from Sagalee urban and rural areas as well as Toru circles are attending. A total of 29 in Balijan, 32 in Doimukh and 50 in Sagalee, enumerators and supervisors are participating in the training. The second batch of training will commence on 23rd April at Sagalee, Balijan, and Kimin, while door-to-door enumeration is scheduled to begin from 1st May 2026.

Arunachalee students Geyon Talom, Lukshmi Sikom and Jennifer Neri have been selected for Indian Space Research Organisation- ISRO's prestigious Young Scientist Programme (YUVIKA) 2026. YUVIKA is a two-week residential programme for the high school students to impart basic knowledge to learn about space science. The programme is also expected

to encourage more students to pursue in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) based research /career.

Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued Orange Alert of Very Heavy Rainfall very likely at isolated places for Namsai and Lohit districts of Arunachal Pradesh. Additionally, it has forecast thunderstorm and lightning with heavy rain at isolated places for Papumpare, Lower Subansiri, Lower Siang, Lepa Rada, Siang, Lower Dibang Valley, Anjaw, and Changlang districts.

That is all in this News Bulletin, Namaskar.