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- 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi urges women to join politics in larger numbers for country's development; Asserts BJP is synonymous with Women Empowerment**
- 2. India Reaffirms Commitment To It's Neighbourhood First Policy To Strengthen Bilateral Cooperation With Sri Lanka**
- 3. Government assures uninterrupted LPG supply with 53.5 lakh deliveries; crackdown on hoarding with 2,400 raids**
- 4. Supreme Court issues series of pan-India guidelines to enhance road safety**



Prime Minister and senior BJP leader Narendra Modi today urged women to join politics in larger numbers for country's development. He was addressing a public meeting at Bishnupur in West Bengal's Bankura district. Mr Modi asserted that the BJP is synonymous with women empowerment and is committed to their safety and security. He alleged that the Trinamool Congress conspired with the Congress to prevent the passage of bill to provide women's quota in 2029, and said the people will punish them.

Addressing a poll rally in Purulia, Mr Modi said, people are now placing their faith in the BJP. He alleged that corruption and atrocities under the TMC rule have created fear among people in West Bengal.



Vice President C P Radhakrishnan met Sri Lanka's President Anura Kumara Dissanayake at the Presidential Secretariat in Colombo today. The two leaders held wide-ranging and productive discussions aimed at further strengthening the multifaceted ties between the two countries. During the meeting, Mr. Radhakrishnan reaffirmed India's commitment to its Neighbourhood First policy, emphasizing continued cooperation for mutual growth and development.

Vice President C P Radhakrishnan also announced a series of measures aimed at strengthening ties with Sri Lanka while addressing members of the Indian community, in Colombo. A key announcement was the extension of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) scheme up to sixth generation, along with simplified documentation norms. Vice President also announced a major expansion of scholarships under the Ceylon Estate Workers' Education Trust, increasing number of beneficiaries and financial assistance to enhance socio-economic mobility.



The government today said domestic LPG cylinder deliveries remain normal against bookings, with more than 53.5 lakh cylinders delivered yesterday. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas said over 39 thousand PNG consumers have surrendered their LPG connections through the MYPNGD.in website. The Ministry said the supply of petroleum products and LPG is being ensured across the country, with no shortages reported at LPG distributorships. It further stated that enforcement actions are continuing nationwide to curb hoarding and black marketing, with more than 2,400 raids conducted yesterday. Online LPG bookings have also increased to about 98 per cent across the industry.



Supreme Court has issued a series of pan-India guidelines to enhance road safety, observing that expressways must not become corridors of danger due to administrative lapses or infrastructure gaps. A bench of Justices J K Maheshwari and A S Chandurkar noted that national highways account for only about two percent of India's total road network but nearly 30 percent of road fatalities. It ordered that no heavy or commercial vehicle shall park or stop on any national highway carriageway or paved shoulder, except at designated bays or authorised wayside facilities. Among other directions, the Court also prohibited with immediate effect the construction or operation of any new dhaba, eatery or commercial structure within the Right of Way of national highways.



ISRO Chairman V Narayanan has said that the G20 satellite, designed to study climate, air pollution and monitor weather, is expected to be launched in 2027. He said, India is the first country to succeed in placing more than 100 satellites using a single rocket without any collision. Dr Narayanan was addressing scientists from DRDO, ISRO, and the Aeronautical Society of India at the

Engineering Staff College of India in Hyderabad yesterday. He said, India is taking the lead role in launch of the G20 satellite for G-20 countries.



District stakeholder consultative workshop on Viksit Nagaland 2047 was held in Niuland yesterday. Deputy Commissioner Niuland, T L Kiusumong Tikhir urged the public to actively participate in the mission noting that Vikshit Bharat 2047 envisions a fully developed nation by 2047. He informed that it aligns with national vision and coincides with 100 years of Indian independence. The DC asked all stakeholders to identify the problems of the district emphasizing that the newly created district will face many challenges and difficulties ahead. A sectoral assessment overview was presented by line department covering five sectors of development including economic, social, environmental, infrastructure and governance.



Kohima District Legal Services Authority, in collaboration with Kohima Science College, Jotsoma, held a legal awareness programme at the college yesterday. Principal Dr. Temjenwabang highlighted key societal challenges, particularly climate change and cybercrime, stressing the need for awareness to protect individuals from online threats and exploitation. Nagaland State Legal Services Authority Member Secretary Neiko Akami said free legal aid is available to vulnerable sections and urged the public to make use of these services. Principal District and Sessions Judge Mezivolu T. Therieh emphasized students' right to study in an environment free from humiliation and discrimination. She called on teachers to monitor students' mental well-being and encouraged reporting of discrimination to Internal Complaints Committee. Officer-in-Charge of North Police Station, Kohima, Gurpreet Kaur attributed the rise in cybercrime to low awareness and increased reliance on digital technology. She advised against sharing personal or sensitive information on social media or unknown platforms.



Assam Rifles interacted with children at a Shelter home in Meluri district yesterday. Inspector General Assam Rifles (North) Major General Harinder Singh Mavi motivated the children by emphasising the importance of education, discipline and perseverance. He distributed essential items including school bags, umbrellas, geometry boxes and stationery. Portable solar lights, sports equipments were also distributed.



India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast thunderstorms and lightning in Nagaland and several other parts of the country tomorrow. Over the next few days, it has also predicted fairly widespread light to moderate rainfall with thunderstorm, lightning gusty winds with speed reaching 30-50 km per hour. Meanwhile, heat wave conditions have been predicted over East Rajasthan, East Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha tomorrow. The Met Department has predicted hot and humid weather conditions over Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Coastal Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal during the next two days.

