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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today lauded the country's nuclear scientists for enhancing India's pride with the Fast Breeder Reactor in Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu, achieving Criticality. Addressing the nation in his Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani, Mr Modi said Criticality is the stage during which a reactor successfully attains a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction for the first time. This stage signifies the reactor entering the operational phase. Prime Minister Modi termed this a historic milestone in India's nuclear energy journey. Prime Minister Modi also spoke about the power of wind energy, saying that this power is propelling India forward. He was pleased to note that India's wind energy generation capacity has now exceeded 56 gigawatts. Prime Minister Modi highlighted the ongoing Census campaign. Mr Modi said people's participation is crucial and assured that the information provided is completely secure, confidential, and protected with digital security. He urged everyone to participate in this process and make Census 2027 a success.

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt General KT Parnaik, (Retd.), participated in the Ex-Servicemen Rally at Likabali Military Station, Lower Siang district, today. He addressed Ex-Servicemen and Veer Naris and acknowledged their immense sacrifices and continued contribution to nation-building. The Governor underscored that the Government of India's provisions for reservation of vacancies for Ex-Servicemen must be implemented in letter and spirit to ensure justice and dignity for veterans. He also urged the State Government to introduce stronger provisions for Ex-Servicemen welfare. He further called for enhanced job reservations in civil offices and robust medical support through the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme. The Governor, along with Member of the State Legislative Assembly (Mebo), Oken Tayeng, and General Officer Commanding, 56 Infantry Division, Major General Vivek Bakshi, felicitated Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris, Next of Kin (NOKs) and dependents. Governor Parnaik also handed over wheelchairs to immobile Ex-Servicemen. More than 1,300 Ex-Servicemen and Veer Naris from Arunachal Pradesh and Assam participated in the rally.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu called on Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, today. The CM shared in a social media post that he sought Defence Minister's continued support for strengthening critical infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh. Further, they also discussed key priority projects to enhance road connectivity, including the Akajan-Likabali-Bame corridor, along with the proposed bridge over the Taro Tamak river of East Siang district. CM also expressed gratitude towards Minister Singh for his unwavering support towards development of border infrastructure and the transformation of forward areas in Arunachal Pradesh.

The Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein, attended the Responsible Media Initiative 2026 workshop organised by the Arunachal Pradesh Union of Working Journalists at the Multi-Purpose Cultural Hall, Namsai on Saturday, and addressed members of the media fraternity on the theme 'Responsible & Legal Aspects of Reporting'. The Deputy Chief Minister said that in his more than three decades of in public life, he had seen the press in Arunachal Pradesh how it evolved from a very nascent stage to the present day. He recalled that he had seen journalists travel for days into difficult terrain to bring out a story that no one else would tell. DCM encouraged young journalists to uphold integrity, responsibility, and ethical standards in their profession, noting that responsible media practices strengthen democracy at every level.

An incident occurred in Dibang Valley District, yesterday due to high-velocity winds, resulting in a tree falling on a vehicle (Camper) bearing Registration No. AR 21 1362. A total of three individuals sustained injuries in the incident and were brought to the District Hospital at approximately 3:40 PM. The three persons are Asiruddin Ali, 35 years Rajkumar, 45 years, Ashraf Ali, 14 years. Among the injured, Asiruddin Ali sustained critical head injuries. After receiving initial medical attention at the District Hospital, he was referred to Dibrugarh for advanced treatment. The other two individuals, Rajkumar and Master Ashraf Ali, sustained minor injuries and are currently under treatment.

Deputy Commissioner West Kameng, Dr. Dilip Kumar, visited Kameng Hydro Power Station, Kimi NEEPCO along with Topek Kakki, Additional Deputy Commissioner ADC Thrizino, today. They reviewed operations, power generation, infrastructure and maintenance. During the visit, safety, environmental safeguards, and Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives

were emphasized. Further, the DC assured full support for smooth functioning.

Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecast thunderstorm and lightning with heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places in Papumpare, Lower Subansiri, Lower Siang, Anjaw, Lohit, Namsai, and Changlang districts of Arunachal Pradesh. Additionally, it forecast heavy rain very likely at isolated places for Lower Dibang Valley district.

That is all in this News Bulletin, Namaskar.