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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the interest of the nation is of prime importance of his government. Addressing the nation yesterday, the Prime Minister stated that, despite the government's best and most sincere efforts, it was unable to secure the passage of the legislation related to the amendment of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam. He said, for this, he sincerely apologises to all mothers and sisters. The Prime Minister emphasised that the Nari Shakti Vandan Amendment is the need of the hour and it was an effort to ensure balanced empowerment across all regions, including north South, East and West. He said, the legislation aimed to strengthen the voice of every state in Parliament, whether big or small, by increasing representation proportionately.

Arunachal Pradesh Minister for Industry, Textile & Handicrafts Nyato Dukam today inaugurated the weaver's crafts centre -cum- office building of Textile & Handicrafts Department at Daporijo, in Upper Subansiri District. He shared that he is planning to upgrade the traditional weaving system to modern technology for more productivity and sustainable development of Indigenous crafts and weaving products. He directed the engineer wings to submit necessary concept and estimate to government for action. During his tour to the district, Minister Dukam inspected on going ground development of Secretariat building of Daporijo. He also visited bridge collapsed site of Menga, which was collapsed with loading dumper recently, and directed BRO authority and District Administration to ensure the smooth flow of vehicular movement and public safety be taken care off in light of monsoon season he stressed.

The 19th Nyishi Day is being celebrated today. The first Nyishi Day was celebrated at the Indira Gandhi Park, on 19 April, 2008. Since then, 19th of April is being celebrated as Nyishi Day to commemorate the historic event of the change of alien nomenclature to Nyishi through an amendment to the Constitution of India.

Miss Geyon Talom, of Riga village, a student of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Geku, Upper Siang district, has been selected for the prestigious Young Scientist Programme (YUVIKA) 2026 conducted by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). 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.

Researchers have documented the presence of *Antepipona bhutanensis*, a species of solitary potter wasp, in Tawang district, marking its first confirmed occurrence in India. Previously reported only from Bhutan, this finding underscore significant faunal connections across the eastern Himalayan landscape.

Two civilians, including a retired Indian Army personnel, were killed in an ambush by suspected armed militants on National Highway 202 in Manipur's Ukhrul district yesterday. The attack occurred around 1:30 PM near TM Kasom village, with over 10 private vehicles ambushed, resulting in three serious bullet injuries and fatalities. Additional security forces rushed to the incident site and started operation. Armed conflict between Kuki and Tangkhul Naga has been continuing in and around the Litan area of Ukhrul district for the last many days, and National Highway 202 is frequently blocked by armed miscreants. Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand condemned the attack.

A one Day Legal Awareness programme at Anini was organised by Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, Itanagar and Mishmi Women Welfare Society, Dibang Valley in collaboration with District Administration Dibang Valley and other stakeholders, on Saturday. Topics covered during the programme were on Cyber Safety for Women and Youth, Mental health awareness, Awareness on women related Government Schemes for SHG, Sexual Harassment at workplace (POSH Act), among others. The programme was attended by Officers from District Administration, Police Department, ICDS, Teachers, various NGOs of Anini and JNV school students.

In Weather, thunderstorm and lightning with heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places in Lower Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh has been forecast by the Meteorological Centre Itanagar.

Iran has said it is reviewing new proposals reportedly put forward by the United States. Iran's Supreme National Security Council stated that further talks require the US to drop "excessive demands". It also said Iran will maintain control over the Strait of Hormuz until a lasting peace is

achieved, and considers the US naval blockade a ceasefire violation. The strait won't reopen until the blockade is lifted, it said. Meanwhile, India has expressed concern over the shooting incident involving two Indian-flagged ships in the Strait of Hormuz yesterday, with the Iranian Ambassador Dr. Mohammad Fathali agreeing to convey India's views to the authorities in Iran.

That is all in this News Bulletin, Namaskar.