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Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized the need for 50 per cent of India's population to be part of the decision-making process. He highlighted the importance of Nari Shakti in the country's development and advocated for their representation in policy-making. Mr Modi made the remarks in the Lok Sabha today during the discussion on the three key bills related to the Constitutional Amendments to the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam. The bills are Constitution Bill, 2026, Delimitation Bill, 2026, and Union Territories Laws Bill, 2026. Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said that to implement a uniform and legally consistent distribution of reserved seats for women across the country, it would be necessary to increase the total number of seats in the Lok Sabha by 50 per cent over the current strength.

The Self Enumeration process under the House-listing and Housing Census for Census 2027 began from today, across Arunachal Pradesh. This will continue till April 30, 2026. CM Pema Khandu and Deputy CM Chowna Mein also took part in the Self-Enumeration phase, today, completing their own self-enumeration for the very first time through geo-tagging and digital mapping. Following the completion of the Self Enumeration phase, the House-listing and Housing Census Field Operations will begin from May 1, 2026, and continue until May 30, 2026. The first phase of Census 2027 have commenced across multiple States and Union Territories today.

State Minister Health & Family Welfare Biyuram Wahge today attended the State Level Nexus Planning Meeting under the National Health Research Programme Project on Integrated Emergency Care. The deliberations focused on strengthening integrated emergency and trauma care systems through the proposed Arunachal Pradesh Integrated Emergency Care System for timely and quality management of critical cases. The meeting was attended by senior scientists from ICMR, New Delhi and Professors from JPNA Trauma Centre, AIIMS New Delhi, who have been guiding the State Health Department and TRIHMS Medical College. It is worth mentioning that the Emergency Department of TRIHMS has been declared as a Centre of Excellence (COE) by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. Arunachal Pradesh is the top-performing state in the implementation of this NHRP Project.

The Open National Ski Mountaineering Championship 2026 concluded on a high note at the picturesque slopes of Penga-Teng-Tso Lake in Tawang, yesterday. The championship was organised as part of the ongoing Winter Adventure Tawang initiative and witnessed participation from skilled athletes across the country, along with trainees from across Arunachal Pradesh. In the men's category, Anirudh Berwal secured the top position and in the women's category, Natasha Mahar emerged on top.

One Thousand Cherry Blossom Sapling Plantation Drive was held at Siikhe and Seeh Lakes of Ziro in Arunachal Pradesh, commemorating the occasion of Bohag Bihu, on Wednesday. The Ziro Tourism Organisation, a union of tourism stakeholders of Lower Subansiri district, in collaboration with the Siikhe Multipurpose Co-operative Society and Seeh Multipurpose Co-operative Society, organised the plantation drive. The saplings were sponsored by Lempia Ude Homestay to Ziro Tourism Organisation.

Border Roads Organisation successfully organised a voluntary blood donation camp on April 16, 2026, at the MI Room, 756 BRTF in Ziro. Donation camp was conducted under the leadership of Commander Colonel Aditya Agrawal and Captain Chirag Singhal of 756 BRTF (GREF), Project Arunank, in collaboration with Dr. Hage Yubey and the medical team from the Blood Centre, Gyati Takka Zonal General Hospital. The event saw 43 personnel volunteer to donate, resulting in the successful collection of 33 units of blood. 10 donors were deferred during vital health screenings that detected cases of hypertension.

A Samarthan Mahila Sammelan on Nari Shakti Vandan Adhinyam was convened by the women of Tirap district under the leadership of 56-Khonsa West MLA and Advisor to the Minister for Transport, Smti Chakat Aboh.

Highlighting the aims and objectives of the programme, Smti Chakat Aboh, emphasized that the provision is meant for all women, irrespective of caste, creed, region, religion, or political affiliation. Expressing strong support for the thirty-three per cent women's reservation, several prominent leaders shared their views.

In a major drug haul, Mizoram Excise and Narcotics Department seized over 10 kilogram of metham-phe-tamine and arrested four persons, including a Myanmar national, during operations in Aizawl, an official said today. Narcotics Department spokesperson Peter Zohming-thanga said

that the consignment was intended for distribution in Assam. According to Zohming-thanga, the operation is part of an intensified "Special Drive" launched in the run-up to the Aizawl Municipal Corporation elections slated for April 21.

**That is all in this News Bulletin, Namaskar.**