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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stressed on the need to provide reservation for women in the democratic structure. Addressing the Nari Shakti Vandan Sammelan in New Delhi today, Mr Modi said that women's participation strengthens the country's democracy. He said, India's Nari Shakti has made immense contributions and a special session of Parliament's budget session is going to be held from 16<sup>th</sup> of this month. Speaking on the occasion, Women and Child Development Minister Annapurna Devi said that the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam ensures women's empowerment, self-respect, and democratic participation. She stated that today, the daughters of the country are becoming the flag bearers of the nation's development journey.

India on Sunday categorically rejected China's renaming some places in Arunachal Pradesh, and said such claims and attempts to manufacture baseless narratives cannot alter the "undeniable reality" that they are part of Indian territories. External affairs ministry of India said China should refrain from actions which inject negativity into relations and undermine efforts to create better understanding. New Delhi's reaction came in response to Beijing's announcing Chinese names for several places in Arunachal Pradesh. He also added that India categorically rejects any mischievous attempts by the Chinese side to assign fictitious names to places which form part of the territory of India.

The United States military starts a maritime blockade of Iranian ports from Monday, following orders from President Donald Trump to block the Strait of Hormuz. According to the United States Central Command, the blockade will apply to all ships going in and out of Iranian ports and coastal regions. However, ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz to non-Iranian ports will be allowed. In response, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps has warned that any attack or misstep by the US or its allies would face a strong reaction. Iran also claimed that it has full control over the Strait of Hormuz. President Trump said the move is necessary to curb Iran's nuclear ambitions and expressed hope that Tehran would return to negotiations.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. Gen. KT Parnaik, (Retd.), has extended his warm greetings and best wishes to the people of the State on the auspicious occasion of Sangken. He expressed his hope that the sacred

festival would inspire all to walk the path of compassion, peace, and righteousness as shown by Lord Buddha.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu today flagged in and felicitated the state contingent that participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 held in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, from March 25 to April 3, 2026, congratulating athletes and coaches for their outstanding performance. Arunachal Pradesh secured an impressive fifth position among 30 States and Union Territories, while emerging as the best-performing state from the Northeast, winning a total of 11 medals – 6 Gold, 1 silver and 4 bronze. Addressing athletes, coaches, officials and members of sports associations during the felicitation ceremony, the Chief Minister described the achievement as a moment of pride for the entire state.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik (Retd.), participated in the Youth Interaction programme 'Let's Speak Arunachal' at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar, on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Organized by the NGO Let's Speak Arunachal in collaboration with the Governor's Secretariat, the event sought to inspire students to overcome hesitation and express themselves with clarity and confidence.

One of the Nocte Oral Historians and Oldest Male of Borduria Village, Wakham Tangjang, Dies at 101 at Borduria, on Sunday. A deep sense of grief has engulfed Borduria village following the sudden demise of Wakham Tangjang, the oldest male resident of the village, who passed away due to a stroke.

Arunachal Pradesh is witnessing heavy and moderate rainfall in the last 24 hours in the state. In Lingding it is reported that in the last 24 hours the district witnessed 29 millimeter rainfall whereas in Deomali in Tirap District recorded 18.5 millimeter of rain. Itanagar Met Centre in its weather forecast says that widespread rainfall is expected in East Siang and Upper Subansiri district and fairly widespread rainfall in Siang, Upper Siang, Shi Yomi and Lower Dibang Valley in the next 24 hours.

Global oil prices jumped above 100 US dollars a barrel as energy markets reopened in Asia after the US announced a blockade of Iranian ports. Global benchmark Brent crude is up by 8.5 per cent at 102.37 US dollars a barrel, while West Texas Intermediate is 9 percent higher at 105.34 US dollars a barrel. Major stock indexes in Asia slipped in trade

today. The Nikkei 225 in Japan fell by 0.8 per cent, while South Korea's Kospi was down by 1.8 per cent.