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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the Nari Shakti Vandan Sammelan in New Delhi today. The national-level conference is being organised to reinforce the commitment towards greater participation of women in shaping India's development trajectory. It will highlight the increasing role of women in governance and leadership across all levels, from Panchayats to Parliament. The programme will also underscore the importance of enhanced representation of women in decision-making processes. Women achievers from diverse fields will attend the event, along with representatives from different sectors such as government, academia, science, sports, entrepreneurship, media, social work and culture. The Sammelan will highlight the role of women in India's journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047.

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Nagaland Police has intensified Inner Line Permit (ILP) enforcement across border districts following the Assembly elections in neighbouring Assam and the by-election in Mokokchung, detecting over 600 violators in a two-day crackdown aimed at curbing illegal movement and maintaining law and order. According to Police, a total of 777 ILPs were checked across six districts bordering Assam on the 10th of this month, during which 436 defaulters were identified. The drive continued on April 11, with 1,217 ILPs checked and 208 defaulters detected. Police informed that necessary action has been initiated against all defaulters as per the law, and cases have been forwarded to the respective district administrations for further proceedings. The intensified checking was carried out as a post-poll preventive measure to regulate the movement of non-indigenous persons and to ensure strict compliance with ILP regulations. District Police units have been directed to sustain regular ILP enforcement drives in close coordination with district administrations to ensure effective implementation of ILP provisions and to uphold public order.

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Indian Railways is expanding under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, with an investment of over 1.53 lakh crore rupees in 2025-26, covering more than six thousand kilometres of railway network. The Ministry of Railways said this expansion marks a jump of 110 per cent compared to the last financial year. It said, a total of 100 railway projects involving new lines, doubling, multitracking and other works have been sanctioned in 2025-26, with a strong focus on inclusive growth, national integration and last-mile connectivity.

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India has categorically rejected any attempts by the Chinese side to assign fictitious names to places which form part of the territory of India. New Delhi said China should refrain from actions which inject negativity into relations and undermine efforts to create better understanding. In response to media queries regarding China giving fictitious names to places, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said such attempts by China cannot alter the undeniable reality that these places and territories, including Arunachal Pradesh, were, are, and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India.

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The Government has said, domestic LPG cylinder deliveries remain normal and more than 52 Lakh domestic LPG cylinders were delivered yesterday. In a statement, Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry informed that enforcement actions continue across the country to curb hoarding and black marketing of LPG. It said that more than two thousand 700 raids were conducted across the country.

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Search operations to recover the body of a youth feared drowned in the Doyang Reservoir will resumed today, with NDRF seeking the deployment of an underwater drone to aid the search. The missing person has been identified as 26-year-old Yilobemo Kikon from Pangti village, who is suspected to have fallen from his canoe on April 11. Search operation by NDRF and SDRF began yesterday morning. According to Assistant Commandant of 12 NDRF, Itanagar, Phuleswar Lahon, the body could not be recovered and the search was suspended after 4 p.m. Officials said the operation is being hampered by the reservoir's depth, estimated at 300 feet, and difficulty in locating the exact spot. Despite deploying deep divers, efforts were affected by extremely cold water conditions.

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And, India concluded its campaign at the Asian Wrestling Championships with a total of 17 medals, adding two silver and one bronze on the final day in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan yesterday. On the concluding day, Olympic medallist Aman Sehrawat won silver after a 13-10 loss to Kwang Myong Kim of South Korea in Men's 61 kg freestyle category. With this, India finished with two gold, seven silver, and eight bronze medals.

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