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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today reiterated India's support for safe and unimpeded navigation through the Strait of Hormuz, underscoring its importance for regional stability as well as global energy and food security. After high-level talks with UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi, Prime Minister Modi strongly condemned recent attacks on UAE. The talks yielded a wide range of agreements. On energy, India's Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company signed a strategic collaboration agreement to raise UAE's participation in India's strategic petroleum reserves to thirty million barrels. A long-term LPG supply arrangement between Indian Oil Corporation and ADNOC was also concluded. On defence, the two sides signed a framework for a strategic defence partnership, covering industrial collaboration, maritime security, and cyber defence and information exchange.

Member, NITI Aayog, Dr Joram Aniya today called on Governor KT Parnaik at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar. The Governor congratulated Dr Aniya on her appointment to NITI Aayog, the apex public policy think tank of the Government of India. He expressed confidence that she would make valuable contributions towards the economic development of both the Nation and Arunachal Pradesh through inclusive and people-centric policymaking. Parnaik highlighted that Arunachal Pradesh has unique challenges due to its difficult terrain, sparse population, and rich cultural diversity. He said that development parameters used for the plains and other States should not be applied uniformly to hill States like Arunachal Pradesh. The Governor also emphasized the strategic importance of Arunachal Pradesh and its immense potential in hydropower, tourism, environmental conservation, and cultural heritage.

Governor KT Parnaik has expressed profound grief over the passing away of noted social activist and respected community leader Bengia Tolum. The Governor said that Late Tolum was a visionary social reformer, dedicated educationist, and tireless cultural crusader who devoted his life to the welfare and upliftment of society. He said that Tolum worked relentlessly to strengthen unity and harmony among different tribes and communities, while also serving as a messenger of peace and understanding. The Governor said that the demise of Bengia Tolum is an irreparable loss not only to his family and community, but also to the

entire State, as his life and works inspired countless people towards social service, harmony, and collective progress.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has directed the conduct of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls in 16 States and 3 Union Territories, with Arunachal Pradesh included under Phase-III of the nationwide exercise. According to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Arunachal Pradesh, the schedule for the revision has been aligned with the ongoing Census house-listing exercise to ensure effective utilization of the common field machinery. In Arunachal Pradesh, a total of 2,288 BLOs and 3,131 BLAs will be involved in the exercise for verification of 8,87,607 electors as on May 12, 2026. The timeline for the SIR in Arunachal Pradesh begins with preparation, training and printing activities will begin from June 5 to June 14 next followed by house-to-house visits by BLOs from June 15 to July 14. In the meantime, the CEO has appealed to all eligible voters, political parties, and stakeholders to extend full cooperation for successful completion of the Special Intensive Revision process.

Department of Tirap, Changlang and Longding (DoTCL), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, secretary, Wayong Khimhun, today convened a comprehensive review meeting of the various line departments, including RWD, PWD, PHE&WS, Horticulture Department, Agriculture Department, and Rural Development. During the meeting, the respective line departments presented the status of their ongoing schemes and projects through PowerPoint presentations. Detailed discussions were held regarding the progress, implementation and impact of various developmental activities being undertaken across different locations under DoTCL. Tirap DC Techu Aran, ADC Khonsa Namneet Singh, Deputy Director DoTCL Wangton Lowang, and Assistant Director, DoTCL Montu Mossang, along with officers from the concerned departments attended the meeting.

Lower Siang District Administration is going to organize a district-level TEJAS workshop at the Circuit House, Likabali on Monday. The TEJAS initiative aims to identify, nurture, and support aspiring entrepreneurs, startups, innovators, and students from non-metro and underserved regions by facilitating access to institutional support, mentorship, funding opportunities, and other essential resources required for building and scaling enterprises. The initiative is a part of the Startup India under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

East Siang District Administration, Police along with the Forest Department, carried out a destruction drive yesterday of wild Cannabis Sativa (ganja) growing over an area of approximately 12 acres behind the Veterinary Training Institute located at 2 Mile, Pasighat. The operation was conducted by police personnel, forest officials, and staff from the district administration in the presence of SDO, Town Magistrate, Sanjay Taram, and Ayup Boko, DySP (In-charge of the Anti-Drug Squad). Meanwhile, SP Pankaj Lamba, has reiterated the district police's zero-tolerance policy against the drug menace. He further urged the public to remain vigilant and report any such illegal cultivation or growth of cannabis within the East Siang district.