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:: THE HEADLINES ::

- Union Government releases tax devolution of 1,78,173 crore rupees to State Governments; Nagaland receives 1,014 crore rupees.
- Prohibitory orders imposed in Peren and Dimapur amid fresh violence.
- World Mental Health day being observed today; Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio calls upon all to de-stigmatize mental health issues by having open conversations.
- And, Hindu community in Kohima celebrates Durga Puja with enthusiasm and devotion.

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Union Government has released tax devolution of 1,78,173 crore rupees to State Governments today as against the normal monthly devolution of 89,086.50 crore rupees. It includes one advance installment, in addition to the regular installment due in October, 2024. This release is in view of the upcoming festive season and to enable States to accelerate capital spending, and also finance their development/ welfare related expenditure. Uttar Pradesh received the largest chunk of tax devolution of 31 thousand 962 crore rupees followed by Bihar and Madhya Pradesh. For Nagaland, the State received 1,014 crore rupees.

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Following fresh conflict and unrest in the areas of Lamhainamdi and adjoining Kiyevi village, causing apprehension of breach of public peace and tranquility, Deputy Commissioner Peren Hiazu Meru has imposed prohibitory order under relevant sections of the law. In the order yesterday, it deemed necessary to take immediate preventive measures to maintain law and order and prevent further escalation of violence in the said areas. As per the relevant laws, the DC has prohibited any persons from carrying weapons or other prohibited arms in the areas of Lamhainamdi and adjoining Kiyevi village with immediate effect. In view of urgent circumstances, the DC issued the order ex-parte. Meanwhile, Commissioner of Police Dimapur, Kevithuto Sophie, under relevant sections of the law, has prohibited assembly of not more than five persons carrying lethal weapons and firearms

including lathis, dagger/machete, sticks, spears, catapults, or any other dangerous articles in the highway stretch from Vihuto Village- Kehoyi Village-Kiyevi Village area and along the Chumoukedima-Peren Border. This order issued today comes with immediate effect and will remain in force until further order.

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World Mental Health Day is being observed today across the globe. The day aims to raise awareness about mental health issues and mobilize efforts in support of mental health care worldwide. The theme for this year is Mental Health at Work. The theme emphasizes the importance of taking collective action to ensure that workplaces foster mental health, protect against harm, and support those who need help. According to the National Mental Health Survey conducted in 2015-16, nearly 10.6 percent of adults in India suffered from mental health disorders. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said, Mental health is as important as physical health. In a social media post, Mr. Rio called upon all to de-stigmatize mental health issues by having open conversations. He said, Tele-MANAS is a 24x7 free tele mental health service, which is available in Nagaland. Chief Minister Rio further urged those in need to avail the service.

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Durga Puja, the festival dedicated to Goddess Durga is being celebrated in Nagaland with religious fervor and gaiety. Young and old from Hindu community in Kohima dressed in their best attire attended various Puja pandal and mandirs to seek blessing of Durga Maa. Speaking to Akashvani News Kohima, President Kohima Bazar Durga Puja Committee Sujit Sutradhar called for maintaining of peace across the Country and the state. He also expressed gratitude to the the people of Kohima for the support rendered during the festival.

On the occasion, Governor La Ganesan offered prayers and sought the blessings of Durga Maa. He also extended greetings the people on the auspicious occasion.

Meanwhile, around seven pandals are being set up in various parts of Kohima for the devotees to offer prayers and perform religious rituals. In addition, several programme are also being organised, including Aarti Competition. Bisarjan of Durja Maa will be carried out on Sunday.

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National People's Party (NPP), Phek District, has given an ultimatum to the General Manager (P) PMU Pütsero of National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), demanding immediate action on deteriorating Kohima-Jessami road, particularly Chakhaba-Kikruma stretch (Package II). In a letter issued yesterday, the NPP condemned NHIDCL's continued negligence despite repeated pleas to address the poor road conditions that caused immense hardship to commuters. The party noted that before the two-lane road project began, the road was functional, with only minor repairs required during the rainy season. However, since the project's commencement, the road has fallen into disrepair, leaving it almost impassable in some areas. In their ultimatum, the NPP demanded, immediate termination of the current contractor for incompetence; issuance of a fresh tender for the completion of the project and immediate commencement of road maintenance to restore the road's safety and functionality. The party warned that if these demands are not met promptly, the NPP would escalate the matter through protests, demonstrations, or legal action to hold NHIDCL and the contractor accountable for the ongoing suffering inflicted on the people of Phek District.

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A ceremonial attestation parade with full military fanfare of spirited recruits was conducted at the parade ground of the Assam Rifles Training Centre and School at Shokhuvi, Dimapur today. The parade marked the culmination of 44 weeks of rigorous recruit training who were imparted with various grueling trainings. This attestation parade was unique for the fact that it had not only 270 male recruits but also 30 female recruits of General Duty Trade and with this a total of 1897 recruits shall now join the Force as trained soldiers. Addressing the recruits, Reviewing Officer Brigadier Raman Sharma, Sena Medal Commandant Assam Rifles Training Centre emphasised the huge responsibility now being bestowed upon the shoulders of newly attested recruits as the sentinels of the North East. The newly passed out Rifleman will now join their respective units in all frontline duties and continue to serve the country thereby making it a moment of glory not only for the Assam Rifles but also for the entire nation.

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