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India and Laos PDR yesterday signed six MoUs and agreements in various fields including defence cooperation, customs, audio-visual, and preservation of heritage. India also decided to provide one million US dollar financial assistance to Laos through the India-UN Development Partnership Fund for a project to improve nutrition security. The MoUs were exchanged in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his counterpart Sonexay Siphandone in Vientiane.

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The Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation (ENPO) has requested the State Government to send its comment on the draft Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) on FNT on or before 31 of this month. The ENPO said, a coordination & consultative meeting of the Frontal & Tribal Organisations at Mon Town yesterday where the members unanimously resolved to request the State Government to send its comment on or before 31st October 2024. In a press communiqué, the ENPO stated that it had earlier submitted a request letter to the Chief Minister on 23rd of August and a reminder note on 14th of September concerning its comment as expected by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The ENPO recalled that, on 18 of December, 2023, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had handed over the "Highlight of the draft Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) with ENPO on FNT" to the state Government for its comment at the earliest. However, the ENPO stated that the issue is being stalemated till date for reason best known to the state government. The ENPO therefore reminded the Chief Minister to consider the need of the Eastern Nagas in its quest to fulfil its long-cherished aspiration. Further, the members resolved to convene the Central Executive Council Meeting on the 1st of November, to deliberate the next course of action regarding the issue.

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Peren District Celebrated the International Day of the girl child yesterday at District Head Quarter Peren. Deputy Commissioner Peren Hiazu Meru released an awareness Video title "When Numbers have". The awareness video is produced by district Hub for empowerment of women Peren under the aegis of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Peren.

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World Arthritis Day is being observed today. The objective of the day is to create awareness among the people about rheumatic musculoskeletal disorders and their prevention. The theme of the day this year is Informed Choices, Better Outcomes. Talking to Akashvani News, Head of the Department of Rheumatology at AIIMS, Dr Uma Kumar advised the patients and public not to self diagnose themselves by reading materials from Social Media platforms.

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The festival of Vijayadashmi or Dussehra is being celebrated across the country today. The festival is celebrated to remember Lord Ram's victory over Ravana, marking the triumph of good over evil. The day also marks the culmination of Navratri and Durga Puja. President Droupadi Murmu has greeted people on the occasion of Vijayadashmi. In her message, the President expressed hope that this festival of faith and zeal will bring success, prosperity and happiness for all.

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India has expressed concern over the situation in Lebanon. In a statement, the External Affairs Ministry said, New Delhi is continuing to monitor the situation closely and is concerned at the deteriorating security situation along the Blue Line. The Ministry added that inviolability of UN premises must be respected by all, and appropriate measures taken to ensure the safety of UN peace keepers, and the sanctity of their mandate. Tensions along the Israel-Lebanon border have escalated dramatically as Israeli forces targeted the main base of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for the second time in two days.

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Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has notified Scheme Guidelines for implementation of innovative projects under PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana. Under the scheme component Innovative Projects, five hundred crore rupees has been earmarked to encourage advancements in rooftop solar technologies, business models, and integration techniques. The component seeks to identify and support startups, institutions, and industries in piloting new concepts, with a focus on emerging solutions like rooftop solar integrated with electric vehicles and battery storage. The Central Government had approved the PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana in February this year, with the aim to increase the share of solar rooftop capacity and empower residential households to generate their own electricity.

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