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1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan has emerged as transformative initiative in revolutionising India's infrastructure.
2. Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Jual Oram arrives in Nagaland on a three day visit; discusses various developmental works with Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio.
3. Association of Minority Tribes of Nagaland, says they are in support of implementation of RIIN
4. And, Assam Rifles organizes National Integration Tour for students and teachers

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lauded the completion of three years of the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, stating that the initiative has emerged as a transformative in revolutionising India's infrastructure. In a social media post, Mr Modi said that Gati Shakti has significantly enhanced multimodal connectivity, driving faster and more efficient development across sectors. He added that the seamless integration of various stakeholders has led to boosting

logistics, reducing delays, and creating new opportunities for several people. The Prime Minister also said that with Gati Shakti, the country is adding speed to fulfil the vision of a Viksit Bharat, and it will encourage progress, entrepreneurship, and innovation.

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Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Jual Oram is on a three day visit to Nagaland from today. On his arrival, the Union Minister called on Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio at his private residence in Sovima. On behalf of the people of Nagaland, Mr Rio extended gratitude for his visit, and for his continued support for the State. He wished the Union Minister a pleasant stay in the state. The Union Minister also visited the Durga Temple at Dimapur and offered prayers to Maa Durga. Speaking to Akashvani News Kohima exclusively, Mr Oram apprised of his meeting with Chief Minister Rio. He said they discussed about various developmental works within the state. He also mentioned that he had discussions regarding fund utilisation of the Eklavya Model Residential School.

Later he also had a meeting with the Marwari Samaj. Mr Oram will visit Zunheboto tomorrow, wherein he will have a meeting with the district administration and other departmental officers to review various central government schemes implemented in the district. He will also take a site visit in the district, including interaction with local leaders and organisations. On the last and third day of the visit, Mr Oram will attend the inauguration programme of the new Community hall at Indisen village in Dimapur. Followed by a state level review meeting at Dimapur DC conference hall and a press meet.

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Representing the Association of Minority Tribes of Nagaland, President, Kuki Inpi Nagaland L. Singsit said, they are in support of

implementation of Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN) by the state government which the Nagaland Cabinet has approved to start implementing the RIIN on 20th September 2024. He said, they were surprised that RIIN will be only for the four tribes and as minority tribes they have become very apprehensive. He said, they have spoken out in support of RIIN in both the district and state level consultations.

He said, they are not against RIIN as such and there has been lots of deliberations and consultations in the Government level with all Tribal Hohos in Kohima. Mr. Singsit said, several times, there was state level committee and district level coordination committee and they have been participating in this process.

While acknowledging that the government may have taken this decision because of technicalities, they have submitted a representation expressing their concerns. Mr. Singsit expressed that they are the citizens of this state and are ready to follow whatever the government says and to treat them in the same way as other tribes of Nagaland.

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The Assam Rifles organized a National Integration Tour for 20 students and 4 teachers from Meluri in Phek District. The tour, spanning several cities including Bengaluru, Belgaum, and Delhi, concluded with a Flag-in Ceremony held at Kenguruse Hall in Kohima today. During the ceremony, Major General Manish Kumar, SM, Inspector General of Assam Rifles (North), commended the participants, and emphasized the importance of travel in fostering an understanding of India's cultural diversity.

The event included a short film on the tour, memento presentations, and experience-sharing sessions. The event highlighted that the tour aimed to broaden the horizons of students from remote areas of Nagaland, exposing them to India's rich history and modern advancements. The students visited important landmarks including military memorials, training centers, and cultural sites, gaining insight into the nation's heritage and the Indian Army's operations.

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Ministry of Home Affairs has requested all central departments and administrations in the states and Union territories to fly the United Nations Flag along with the national tri-colour atop all important buildings in the country on 24th of this month to mark the United Nations Day. The directive issued by the Ministry states that the United Nations Flag is not to be flown on the Rashtrapati Bhawan, Vice-President's House, Parliament House, Supreme Court building, Raj Bhawans, Raj Niwases, or buildings housing Legislative Councils, Legislative Assemblies, and High Courts across the country.

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International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is being observed today. The day highlights the crucial role of education in reducing disaster risks globally. This year's theme focuses on, Empowering the next generation for a resilient future. In his message on the occasion, UN Secretary-General António Guterres, urged global action to protect children, who are increasingly vulnerable to climate-driven disasters. Mr. Guterres called for universal early warning systems, disaster-resilient schools, and involvement of young people in building resilience.

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Chumoukedima Men's team emerged as the Champion of the Ultimate Table Tennis 27th Inter-District and State Table tennis Championship

2024, while Kohima Women's team walked away with the Champion trophy for 3rd consecutive time concluded on 11th of this month at Kohima Indoor Table tennis Stadium. Speaking as a special guest in the closing ceremony, Deputy Director, Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Dr Asalie Khezhie exhorted the participants to be committed, dedicated and punctual to their choice of sport and pursue excellence. Dr. Khezhie lamented on the absence of Table Tennis coach in Nagaland for the last 30 years and mentioned that friendly neighboring states have been brought in by the Association to continue coaching the young talents in the sport. Altogether, 12 districts participated in the championship with 130 athletes vying for the coveted title.

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