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Nagaland Governor La. Ganesan today greeted the people of Nagaland on the historic occasion of Statehood Day. In his message delivered on the eve of Nagaland Statehood Day, Mr Ganesan said today, as we commemorate the day when our beloved state began its journey, let us reflect on the path, celebrate our achievements, and look forward to a brighter future. He called upon the people to enjoy the hard-earned peace, by recognizing that it is a precious gift.

The Governor said our shared goal should be to continue building a society based on mutual respect, understanding and unity. He said throughout these six decades, Nagaland has progressed significantly while our cultural heritage continues to thrive, blending tradition with

modernity in a way that enriches the fabric of our state.

Mr Ganesan stressed that efforts must be intensified to boost sustainable growth and provide opportunities for all.

Nagaland's Lok Sabha MP and President of state Congress, S. Supongmeren Jamir in his Statehood Day eve message said the road to statehood was paved with the sweat and tears of a generation, while the journey forward since then has been fuelled with vision, courage, and dedication. Mr Jamir called upon the people of Nagaland to celebrate this significant milestone by reaffirming the commitment towards the growth and development of the state, guided by the age old values of honesty and integrity as espoused by the forefathers. The MP also urged fellow citizens, especially the youths, to align their dreams and aspirations with the collective story of progress and development, as an individual and for the State.

Nagaland's Minister for Women Resources and Development and Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse, inaugurated the Flower Festival at the Mary Help of Christians Cathedral Parish, Kohima, today. Addressing the event, Minister Kruse termed the festival a celebration of faith, beauty, and community. She noted that the theme, "Worship the Lord in Beauty" underscores the transformative power of worship and nature's beauty. She commended the recent designation of the Cathedral as a National Pilgrimage Centre by the Government of India and highlighted the collaborative partnership with the Horticulture and Tourism Departments to enhance the Cathedral's landscaping and spiritual ambiance. Ms Kruse urged attendees to let the festival inspire them to cultivate beauty in their hearts, minds, and surroundings. Rev. Dr. James Toppil DD, Bishop of Kohima, spoke on the Cathedral's significance as a fusion of Naga culture and Christian faith. He highlighted its historical importance, notably as the site of a 1991 reconciliation service between Japanese and British war veterans.

Neivakrano Christina, Convenor of the Organizing Committee said the festival focuses on sustainable gardening, environmental awareness, and the spiritual message of God's creation. Winners of the Fresh Flower Arrangement Competition were awarded by Minister Kruse, with the first prize going to Rokohuno Regina. The festival, coinciding with the Hornbill Festival's 25th celebration, will continue until December 8.



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has said that developed India is no longer a dream but a challenging goal and the nation with its resolve will achieve this goal. Addressing a conclave titled Developed India 2047: Vision of New India 3.0 in New Delhi this morning, Mr Dhankhar said, Indian Economy and Infrastructure, Digital Infrastructure and Digital penetration is being accolade by IMF, World Bank and World Economic Forum. He said, IMF has said that India is the favourite destination of investment and opportunity. The Vice President said that transparency and accountability has come into the system and over 50 crore people have been connected to the banking system in the shortest possible time. He also stressed on Vocal for Local. Mr Dhankhar also urged people to use resources as per their need. He said, people should act like a trustee and should not engage in reckless exploitation of resources.

The Election Commission has asserted that all poll procedures it followed in Maharashtra were transparent and assured that it would review all legitimate concerns flagged by the Congress party. In its interim response to the party today, the poll body has invited a Congress delegation on 3rd December to discuss concerns expressed by it. The Commission reiterated that the process was transparent with the involvement of candidates or their agents at every stage. It asserted that a transparent electoral roll updation process was undertaken with the involvement of all political parties. It said, the gap in 5 PM polling data and final voter turnout is due to procedural priorities, as presiding officers perform multiple statutory duties near the close of the poll before updating voter turnout data. The poll panel has said it will review all legitimate concerns of Congress and provide written response after hearing the party's delegation.

The Government has said approximately 7.43 crore beneficiaries have been registered under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). This program provides life-saving vaccines to pregnant women and children (from birth to 16 years) for 12 vaccine-preventable diseases. In a written reply in Lok Sabha yesterday, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Anupriya Patel stated that 1.26 crore vaccination sessions have been held, and nearly 27.77 crore vaccine doses have been administered. recorded as on the portal.

In view of slope protection works being undertaken along the Pagla Pahar stretch of National Highway near Chathe Patkai Bridge by NHIDCL, Commissioner of Police, CP Dimapur has informed that the Hill side of the area marked as rock fall zone is closed for all traffic movement. The CP Dimapur advised commuters to ply the valley side of the noted stretch of National Highway for safety concerns and to avoid untoward incident.