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### THE HEADLINES:-

- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio emphasizes role of festivals in promoting peace, unity and harmony
- Bharatiya Janata Party retains Benjamin Yepthomi as State party President
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio joins national leaders in greeting Meghalaya, Tripura, Manipur on Statehood day
- And, Advisor Temjenmenba calls for prioritizing identity as Naga



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today emphasized the importance of festivals in promoting peace, unity and harmony among communities. Addressing the Khaozaosie Hok-Ah Festival at Thonoknyu Town in Noklak today, he called upon everyone to use such occasion to strengthen bonds and foster mutual respect. Festivals are not just a reminder of our deep-rooted traditions but also a platform to unite as one people, he said, adding this as crucial for progress and prosperity to Nagaland. Mr Rio also urged Noklak district, situated along the international boundary, to prioritize peace and harmony as the foundation for progress and development. He further encouraged the youth to take pride in the heritage and actively work towards preserving the rich culture and traditions passed down by forefathers. He stressed on the vital role of youth in carrying forward the legacy of the Naga people. The Chief Minister also inspected the handicrafts on display and performances of the cultural troupes.



The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has retained Benjamin Yepthomi as the State party President. The formal announcement was made by National Observer, V. Muraleedharan today during an event at the party Headquarter in Kohima.

Addressing the gathering, Mr Muraleedharan called for unity within the party to drive progress and ensure a "Viksit Bharat" which also translates into a "Viksit Nagaland." In his speech, Mr Yepthomi focused on unity, progress, and social harmony as the key drivers for the party's future.

Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton and Minister Public Health Engineering Department, Jacob Zhimomi also offered their support, emphasizing the importance of working together to achieve greater results for the party and the state. During the event, the party also declared the state's National Council members namely Y. Patton and P. Paiwang Konyak.



President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have extended greetings to residents of Meghalaya, Tripura and Manipur on their Statehood Day. In her message, President Murmu said, the enterprising people of these states have made remarkable contributions to the development of the country. She hoped that their diverse culture, vibrant traditions and rich biodiversity continue to flourish. Vice President Dhankhar said, with their distinct traditions and indigenous wisdom, these States have truly enriched the cultural fabric of the country. Prime Minister Modi also conveyed his greetings to the three states on the occasion.



Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio also extended greetings to the people of Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura on their Statehood Day today. In a series of posts on X, Mr Rio expressed his wishes for peace, unity, and progress to prevail in these states.



Advisor for Transport and Technical Education, Temjenmenba, said sports embody the celebration of the human spirit, friendship, and mutual respect. He made this remark today during the inaugural ceremony of the 33rd Northern Angami Youth and Sports Association, Group-D (NAYSA-D) meet at Botsa under Kohima district. The Advisor encouraged the players to strive for excellence and aim to represent Nagaland on bigger platforms, urging them to become ambassadors of Naga culture, unity, and positivity. He also emphasized the importance of prioritizing one's identity as a Naga over tribal affiliations, noting that reversing this order hinders efforts to unite the Naga community. Mr.

Temjenmenba highlighted the need to preserve the cultural values to ensure a brighter future in an increasingly divided world.



A stakeholder consultation meeting of the District Committee for Lighthouse Schools under the NECTAR Project was held at Dimapur today. Chairing the meeting, Dimapur Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang highlighted the selection of Dimapur Higher Secondary School, Nagarjan, for the project, and assured full cooperation for successful implementation and timely completion. Deputy Project Director, Avelu Ruho, explained that the Project's goals to improve governance, practices, and learning environments in schools. The meeting also reviewed the layout plan for the school, including the academic block and hostels for boys and girls.



A group of 14 journalists from North East states is on a 3-day media tour at the ongoing MahaKumbh Mela in Prayagraj. Among the delegates from Nagaland are Leethongmong Chang of Hornbill TV and Chizokho Vero of The Morung Express. The press tour is being organized by the Press Information Bureau.



Republic Day Parade 2025 is set to showcase India's cultural diversity and military prowess with a special focus on 75 years of enactment of the constitution and Jan Bhagidari. This year, Indonesia's President Prabowo Subianto will be the Chief Guest at the parade. Addressing the media in New Delhi, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh announced that a 160-member marching contingent and a 190-member band contingent from Indonesia will participate in the Parade at Kartavya Path, alongside contingents from the Indian Armed Forces.

*(DAY VC : - The Defence Ministry said 31 tableaux from various States, Union Territories, and Central Government Ministries and Departments will take part in the parade, showcasing the theme Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas. Around ten thousand special guests from 34 categories have been invited, to honour their contributions to nation and society building. These guests have been selected as the Government's Special Guests to witness the event. The Ministry emphasized that these individuals are achievers and the best performers in their respective fields.)*



Centre has said that over four crore Sukanya Samriddhi accounts have been opened across the country. The scheme was launched on 22nd January 2015 as part of the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign, allowing parents to open a Sukanya Samriddhi account for girls. Meanwhile, the 10th anniversary of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme will be celebrated in New Delhi tomorrow. The event will witness participation of women officers from the armed forces, para military forces, girl students and Anganwadi workers. The celebrations will span till 8th March, culminating on International Women's Day. Similar events will be organized at state and district levels.

