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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today emphasised that India operates with a spirit of development, not expansionism. He remarked that India has always supported an open, secure, inclusive, and prosperous Indo-Pacific Region. He was addressing the gathering after dedicating three frontline naval combatants INS Surat, INS Nilgiri and INS Vaghsheer to the nation on their commissioning at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.

The Prime Minister emphasized that it was also a matter of pride that all the three frontline platforms were made in India and congratulated all the stakeholders. Mr Modi remarked that, India has emerged as the first responder in the Indian Ocean Region. The Prime Minister also congratulated the armed forces for propelling the Make in India campaign.



On the occasion of Army Day, President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan extended their best wishes to the country's courageous soldiers, respected veterans, and their families. President Murmu lauded Indian Army's humanitarian work during crisis and disasters. She highlighted the Army's pivotal role in ensuring national security. In a message, Prime Minister Modi said the government is committed to the welfare of the armed forces and their families through various reforms and a focus on modernization.



Author and Publisher of the Morung Express, Aküm Longchari has emphasised the importance of authenticity in storytelling for journalists, writers and researchers in Nagaland. In a conversation held on his book "Pushing Boundaries" in Kohima today, Mr Longchari viewed that journalists should be self-conscious of the consequences their stories would impact the society, individuals and families. He pointed out that stories of war and conflict often attract more attention and sell better than those of peace. However, he emphasized that it is crucial for journalists to be responsible in how stories are told and the impact they have. He also said, understanding the power of information and narratives to shape opinions and policies is crucial and that when a journalist recognise this, peace lens becomes all more significant. Highlighting on the changing media landscape since the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr Longchari noted that the media environment has shifted drastically with the rise of news channels and influencers, making it increasingly difficult to distinguish between credible news organizations and others providing information. He pointed out that not all information provided by these platforms qualifies as news, stressing the importance of verifying sources. Mr Longchari also called for a broader effort to create awareness around media literacy, adding that the state need more hands-on journalism schools. For news-based organizations, all information is not news, one need to authenticate its source, he stressed, urging both journalists and consumers to be more discerning in how they consume and share information.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today held a meeting with the Department of Minority Affairs to review various initiatives and discuss the way forward for implementing upcoming projects. Separately, Mr Rio also interacted with the Nagaland Team who won silver at the 37th Senior National Tug-of-War. Congratulating the players, the Chief Minister assured his continued support, and wished them the best in representing India at the World Cup in South Africa.



Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Durgadas Uikey visited several places in Kiphire district yesterday. During his visit to PM SHRI Government High School Yangphi, the Minister inspected the Library project and Smart Class Rooms under NagaED and KeyED, and held a brief interaction with the teachers. The Union Minister also visited Eklavya Model Residential School. He advised setting up a construction committee to monitor the construction project for quality works, and directed the Planning Department to provide

timely update to the District Administration. The Union Minister also visited the Food Processing Unit at Khingkular Azakeh VLO, Amahator Town. Mr Uikey reiterated the commitment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the development of both Agricultural and Non-Agricultural products and promotion of Self Help Groups. He also assured his support towards development activities initiated in the district. Later, the Union Minister and his team paid a visit to the District Hospital, Kiphire.



MLA A. Pongshi Phom has urged the youth to aim higher and pursue quality education. Addressing the inaugural programme of the 72nd General Conference of Phom Laivangh Pangthai at Longleng on Monday, he encouraged the younger generation to excel in competitive exams at the national level. He also highlighted the importance of discovering one's unique talents and using them for the greater good of the community. The MLA also emphasized the rapid changes the Phom community has witnessed in recent years, and stressed the need for further growth in many aspects.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended Tsüngkamnyo greetings to the Yimkhiung community. In a social media post, Mr Rio said this festival of thanksgiving honours unity, peace, and friendship, and celebrates the yearlong harvest and blessings. The Chief Minister wished that the festival may foster harmony and reconciliation among all.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the ‘Mann Ki Baat’ programme on Akashvani on 19th of this month. It will be the 118th episode of the monthly radio programme. More from our correspondent:

(MKB BYTE: The programme will be broadcast on the entire network of Akashvani and Doordarshan, AIR News website and newsonair mobile app. It will also be live streamed on the YouTube channels of the AIR News, DD News, PMO and Information and Broadcasting Ministry. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast.)



India Meteorological Department, IMD, has forecast ground frost conditions in isolated pockets of Nagaland and other Northeastern states during the next couple of days. It said dense fog conditions are very likely to continue during night and early morning hours, with weather remaining dry over the states. IMD said, during the past 24 hours, temperature was above normal by 1 to 3 degree Celsius at isolated places Nagaland, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

