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1. Rural Development Minister, Metsübo Jamir, emphasizes on sustainable agricultural practices at first Garlic Festival
2. Nagaland joins Nation in celebrating Holi with joy and excitement
3. Naga MLAs in Manipur assures support government in restoring peace
4. And, Union Home Minister Amit Shah to embark on three-day visit to the Northeast; to review implementation of New Criminal Laws for region



Khonoma village today organized the first Chümerie (Garlic) Festival. Gracing the event as special guest Minister for Rural Development, Metsübo Jamir, emphasized the importance of processing agricultural products as a systematic approach to long-term economic viability. Commending the initiative, he urged the villagers to maintain sustainable agricultural practices, assuring the department's continued support. Addressing the youth, he stressed that competitive examinations alone should not be their only focus, and encouraged skill development and entrepreneurship.

Encouraging Khonoma to apply for innovative schemes, the minister assured that the rural development department would provide wage support. Mr Jamir also announced the establishment of a Garlic Processing Unit in the village, and pledged a Tata Mobile vehicle to facilitate transport of agricultural produce.



Holi, the festival of colors, is being celebrated across the country today with traditional joy and excitement. The festival marks the arrival of spring, symbolizes the victory of good over evil, and fosters a spirit of unity and harmony. Nagaland joined in the celebrations as well, with thousands of people gathering at the Dimapur District Sports Complex to participate in the vibrant festival. Organized by the Unity Circle Club in collaboration with the Human Rights Help Association Nagaland, the grand Holi Mohatsav was held with great enthusiasm.

The funds raised from the event will be donated to local Old Age Homes and the Tribal Orphanage Home, ensuring that the celebration also contributes to the welfare of the community. Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan also celebrated Holi with the officers, staff and families of Raj Bhavan at Kohima.



Six Naga community MLAs of different political parties on Thursday assured Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla of cooperation at every step to ensure peace, officials said. During the meeting, the six MLAs apprised Mr. Bhalla on various issues faced by the common people, and also exuded confidence that the state would return to peace and normalcy under his leadership. The six MLAs include former Water Resources Minister and Naga People Front's (NPF) Manipur unit President, Awangbow Newmai, and NPF members Khashim Vashum, Losii Dikho, Leishiyo Keishing, as well as National People's Party's Janghemlung Panmei, and independent MLA J. Kumo Sha. Of the 16 districts in Manipur, the Naga community-inhabited districts are Tamenglong, Chandel, Ukhrul, Kamjong, Noney and Senapati. In the over 22-month-long ethnic violence between the Valley-based non-tribal Meitei community and the hills-based tribal Kuki-Zo community, the Naga-dominated areas remained more or less peaceful.



MLA Achumbemo Kikon today emphasized the urgent need to resolve the Naga political issue. Addressing the general conference of the Lotha Officers Association at Wokha today, he highlighted the issue as a pressing concern, and stressed that it should not be passed on to the coming generation. He added, Nagas will not progress as long as they remain confined by tribalism. Reaffirming his concerns about the 'one nation, one election' concept, Mr Kikon cautioned that a single approach cannot be applied to all, given the diversity in India. Further, the MLA encouraged officers and the public to give their best and work to their full potential.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah is on a three-day visit to Assam. During his stay, he is scheduled to attend multiple programs. More from our Correspondent:

Tomorrow morning, the Union Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the state-of-the-art Lachit Barphukan Police Academy and lay foundation stone for housing projects of the Police Academy in presence of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal at Dergaon before departing for Mizoram. The Union Minister will attend a programme of Assam Rifles at Aizawl in the afternoon and later return to Guwahati for an overnight stay. The Home Minister on Sunday will address the 57th Annual Conference of All Bodo Students Union at Dotma in Kokrajhar district and later in the day, Mr. Shah will review the Implementation of New Criminal Laws for North-Eastern States in Guwahati with the Chief Ministers of North Eastern states before returning to New Delhi in the evening. Aminul Haque Jwadder, AKASHVANI Guwahati.)



Penthrill Publications today released its 100th book, "Where The Light Finds Us", a collection of short stories, written by Vishü Rita Krocha. Reflecting on the centennial publication, Ms Krocha said reading and writing are fundamental pillars of communication of the society. She shared on the need to raise a generation of readers and writers for the society to fully progress.

The book was released by Asia-Pacific, Deputy News Director, The Associated Press, Yirmiyan Arthur Yhome.



Reserve Bank of India Governor, Sanjay Malhotra has said that India has taken the lead in providing finance to renewable energy projects by including them in 'priority sector lending' to accelerate the country's transition to a low carbon economy in the fight against climate change. Addressing a policy seminar on Climate Change Risks and Finance in New Delhi yesterday, the RBI Governor highlighted that India's priority sector lending guidelines support the allocation of credit to renewable energy projects including solar, biomass based, windmills, micro-hydel plants and non-conventional energy based public utilities such as street lighting systems, and remote village electrification projects.



Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed his gratitude to several world leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump, for their continued attention to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. At a joint press conference with Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko last evening, Mr Putin acknowledged the efforts of various world leaders for their commitment to seeking peace in the war-torn region, despite the many global challenges they face. Earlier, the US proposed a 30-day ceasefire, urging Russia to accept the deal without any conditions. President Putin, while expressing support for a ceasefire, acknowledged there are nuances that need to be addressed.

