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Governor La Ganesan emphasized the significance of unity, cultural exchange, and mutual respect in promoting national integration. Addressing the Bihar state foundation day celebration at Raj Bhavan in Kohima yesterday, he acknowledged the contributions of the Bihari community to the state's progress, including educators, artisans and laborers in developing Nagaland's infrastructure, and the entrepreneurial spirit of Bihari traders in boosting economic activity. He highlighted the crucial role of cultural exchanges in connecting different regions of the country to reinforce the spirit of national unity. Reaffirming the vision of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat,' the Governor encouraged citizens to value the nation's shared heritage and work together toward a prosperous and inclusive future.

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Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Raksha Nikhil Khadse, visited Noklak district yesterday to review the progress of the Thonoknyu Aspirational Block Programme and assess the impact of the central government's policies in the region. The Thonoknyu Block has seen significant progress, improving from 465th place in March 2023 to 85th place in September 2024. Ms Khadse lauded the progress, saying it reflects the impact of focused governance and community participation. She also stressed the need for better data management by authorities to ensure full benefits of government schemes.

Ms Khadse further underscored the need for uplifting the nation's most remote and underdeveloped regions, for India to thrive. She assured that the government would continue to provide necessary resources and opportunities to the country's most geographically isolated areas. During the visit, which was the first for a central minister to Noklak district, Ms Khadse interacted with civil

society representatives, and visited key locations. Later, the Union Minister met with Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio at Kohima, and discussed ways to enhance the sporting landscape in the state. She also visited IG Stadium where she interacted with athletes. Ms Khadse reaffirmed the government's dedication to boosting sports infrastructure and empowering youth to excel at both national and global levels.

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India has doubled its Gross Domestic Product or GDP in the last 10 years at a growth of 105 percent, from 2.1 trillion dollars in 2015 to 4.3 trillion dollars in 2025. According to data released by the International Monetary Fund, India is now the fifth-largest country in terms of GDP in the world after the US, China, Germany and Japan. It added that India is set to outpace Japan soon, as the latter's GDP grew nil in the past decade. In comparison, the US' GDP grew by 66 percent and China's GDP grew by 44 percent during the same period.

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Union Industries Minister Piyush Goyal urged startups to prioritize the needs of society and the country while adopting new ideas and innovation. Addressing the 2nd edition of Vejalpur Startup Festival in Ahmedabad yesterday, the Minister emphasized the pivotal role of start-ups in achieving the vision of a Developed India. He highlighted a series of initiatives taken by the government to support start-ups in the country.

Praising the Vejalpur Startup festival, the Minister said such programmes need to be replicated across the country to foster a thriving startup ecosystem.

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A total of 1,242 weavers in Nagaland benefited from the Centre's National Handloom Development Programme and Raw Material Supply Schemes over the last three years. This was informed by Minister of State for Textiles, Pabitra Margherita, in Rajya Sabha on Friday in response to a query by MP S Phangnon

Konyak. The highest number of beneficiaries was recorded in Chumukedima, with 390, while Kohima recorded the lowest at just 4. While these schemes are under implementation till 2025-26, the minister said, impact assessment studies are underway for proposals of new schemes or extending the existing programmes beyond the period.

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