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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds bilateral talks with President of Chile Gabriel Boric Font; Signs several agreements
- Governor La Ganesan emphasizes on collective efforts to tackle homelessness and begging in state
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio announces plans for Nagaland International Gold Cup to host international football event
- Parliamentary panel recommends prompt action for early set up of High Court in Nagaland



India and Chile today exchanged agreements for cooperation in Disaster Management and Cultural Exchange. Both sides also exchanged Letter of Intent on Antarctica cooperation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with President of Chile Gabriel Boric Font in New Delhi. In his press statement, Mr Modi said, Chile is an important friend and partner for India in Latin America. He said, in today's discussions they identified several new initiatives to enhance cooperation in the coming decade. The Prime Minister said both sides have instructed their teams to begin discussions on a mutually beneficial Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.

Mr Modi said, partnership in the field of Critical Minerals will be emphasized. He said, work will be done to establish resilient supply and value chains. Expressing joy that the people of Chile have adopted Yoga as a healthy lifestyle, Mr Modi said, declaring 4th of November as National Yoga Day in Chile is inspiring for all. He said, both sides also discussed on increasing

cooperation in Ayurveda and traditional medicine in Chile. The President of Chile arrived in New Delhi today on a five-day visit to India. This is President Boric’s first visit to India as President.



Governor La Ganesan has emphasized on collective efforts to tackle homelessness and begging in the state. Inaugurating the Hope Channel's Shelter Home for Beggars and Homeless in Dimapur today, the Governor highlighted that the government alone cannot eliminate beggary, and urged civil society organizations and faith-based institutions to collaborate in addressing this social challenge.

He advocated for a society where compassion leads to action and empathy results in empowerment. During his address, the Governor referred to the Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959, which criminalizes begging in several states and allows authorities to detain beggars and place them in rehabilitation homes. Expressing hope that similar measures could be adopted in Nagaland, he underscored the need for compassionate implementation of such laws to effectively address the issue. Lauding the initiative, the Governor described the shelter as a step towards restoring hope and purpose to those abandoned by society.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today announced plans to set up the Nagaland International Gold Cup to host an international event with four local teams, four national teams and four international teams. This event will prepare our local clubs for the national level, Mr Rio said at the Nagaland Super League finals this evening.

The Chief Minister also announced cash incentives of 2 crore rupees per annum to the team which qualifies first at national level. He also announced the Chief Minister's Sports Scholarships, to select young talents for top football academies. This will be funded by the Chief Minister's Sports Fund in collaboration with the Nagaland Olympic Association, the affiliated sports associations and the national federations. Further, Mr Rio said, a state-supported Nagaland Football Academy will be set up at the Chumukedima Football Stadium in collaboration with an internationally reputed institution to nurture young talent and elevate the sporting landscape of Nagaland. In the Finals, Longterok FC is taking on Barak FC at Chümoukedima Football Stadium.

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President Droupadi Murmu has said that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has played a key role in making India a global leader in digital payments by continuously modernizing the country's payment infrastructure and nurturing a vibrant fintech ecosystem. Speaking at the closing ceremony of the commemoration of RBI's 90th year in Mumbai today, the President highlighted that the central bank's remarkable journey over the past nine decades has been aligned with the vision and policies of the government. She emphasized that as India approaches the centenary of its independence, the mission of Viksit Bharat 2047 calls for a financial ecosystem that is innovative, adaptive, and accessible to all.

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A parliamentary panel has recommended prompt action for the early establishment of a High Court in Nagaland. In its report on Judicial Infrastructure in the Northeastern States presented in Parliament last week, the department-related Standing Committee on Law and Personnel suggested that the Department of Justice expedite the necessary process, including consultations with the Home Affairs Ministry, for early set up of the Nagaland High Court. The matter has been in motion since 2021, the committee said,

highlighting that there is merit in Nagaland's demand for a separate High Court. The panel called upon the Ministry of Law and Justice to coordinate with Home Affairs Ministry to address the demand.



Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw today called for a techno-legal approach to tackle crime, as law alone cannot be sufficient in the new age. The Minister said this while delivering the 21st D P Kohli Memorial Lecture in New Delhi on the occasion of the Central Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) 62nd Foundation Day. Mr Vaishnaw mentioned that rapid technological, economic and social growth have altered the context of conventional investigation. He said that to solve new age challenges, especially the ones raised by AI, the CBI should look at more collaboration with startups, industry and academia.

Mr Vaishnaw called for state-of-the-art cyber forensic labs by partnering with various institutes and Ministries.



The Business Association of Nagas (BAN) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) under the Programme for Capacity Building of Business Member Organizations scheme. The MoU aims to develop the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) ecosystem in Nagaland with focus on capacity building and improved access to credit for BAN members. The MoU was signed by BAN president, L. Mongkum Jamir, and General Manager, Guwahati Region, SIDBI, Bhanu Prakash Verma in the presence of officials from both organizations. Through this MoU, SIDBI and BAN reaffirm their commitment to empower entrepreneurs, facilitate access to credit, and promote sustainable business development in Nagaland. SIDBI is also actively working with the Nagaland government to fund various MSME-linked projects under the SIDBI Cluster Development Fund.

