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Israel destroyed Iran's internal security headquarters in Tehran yesterday while Iranian missiles struck a major Israeli medical facility, marking a dramatic escalation in the seven-day conflict between the West Asian adversaries. The simultaneous attacks on critical infrastructure represent the most intense phase of direct military confrontation between the two nations in recent history. Israeli forces targeted multiple strategic sites across Iran, including government facilities in Tehran and the nearby city of Karaj, as well as Payam airport.

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As part of Operation Sindhu, the Government has decided to evacuate Indian nationals from Israel after Iran. In a statement yesterday, the Ministry of External Affairs said that the travel of Indian nationals who wish to leave Israel will be facilitated through land borders, and thereafter by air to India. The Ministry added that the Embassy of India in Tel Aviv will be making arrangements for the evacuation and urged all Indian citizens to register themselves with embassy. A 24x7 Control Room has been established at the Embassy of India in Tel Aviv. Indian citizens are requested to contact the Embassy at 972 54-7520711 and 972 54-3278392, or email at cons1.telaviv@mea.gov.in.

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The Ministry of Culture will mark the 11th International Day of Yoga by organizing yoga sessions at 100 tourist-based iconic destinations and 50 more cultural sites across the country. These events, scheduled for 21st June, will complement the main celebrations being organized by the Ministry of Ayush in Vishakhapatnam which will be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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In an exclusive interview to Akashvani News, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Prataprao Jadhav said, Yoga is a lifestyle and not just a one day event. He appealed to people that they should include yoga in their life and encourage their family members also to practice yoga.

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MLA and Secretary General of the Naga People's Front (NPF), Achumbemo Kikon, met with the President of the Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) and Minister in charge of Agriculture, Border Affairs, and Implementation of the Assam Accord Atul Bora, at his office in Guwahati. The two leaders held an in-depth discussion on strengthening regional parties in the Northeast. They reaffirmed the age-old relationship between the NPF and the AGP. During the meeting, Mr. Kikon also brought to the Minister's attention the issue of illegal immigrants attempting to encroach on the Merapani Seed Farm. He highlighted the ongoing Assam-Nagaland border disputes and strongly advocated for a peaceful resolution, emphasizing the importance of mutual respect for each other's rights.

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Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Jual Oram said that around 2.5 lakh crore is being spent by the government for the development of Tribal Communities. In a podcast with Akashvani News, the minister said that the money is being spent by different ministries for the development of tribal communities

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