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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says yoga offers pathway to peace amid growing stress, unrest, and instability
- International Yoga Day marked with zeal and inclusivity across India; Nagaland joins celebration
- Kohima Police nabs accused in 11 burglary cases including at KMC
- And, Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio emphasizes unifying power of music on World Music Day

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, said that today yoga offers a pathway to peace amid growing stress, unrest, and instability in various parts of the world and called for a collective effort to advance a peaceful, balanced, and sustainable world. He said Yoga should guide the world from conflict to cooperation. Addressing the celebrations on the 11th International Day of Yoga at Vishakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, the Prime Minister said Yoga is the pause button humanity needs to breathe, to balance, to become whole again.

He said the theme of this year, 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health', reminds us how the world comes together to secure a happy and healthy future for present and future generations. Mr Modi said to spread Yoga in the world, India is further strengthening the science of Yoga through modern research.

International Yoga Day was observed with zeal and inclusivity across the country today. President Droupadi Murmu took part in a yoga camp held at the Police Line in Dehradun. Highlighting India's pivotal role in promoting yoga on the world stage, she said the global community now holds greater respect for yoga, with people across continents reaping its benefits.

Around the globe, thousands of Yoga enthusiasts also participated in the International Yoga Day celebrations by joining events focused on wellness, mindfulness, and sustainable living.

Nagaland also celebrated the 11th International Yoga day today. A state-level event was organised by National AYUSH Mission, Department of Health & Family Welfare, and Department of Youth Resources & Sports at Indira Gandhi Stadium Kohima this morning. Health Minister P Paiwang Konyak, Advisor Youth Resources & Sports, S. Keoshu Yimchunger, along with department officials, students, NCC, NSS, and Assam Rifles took part in the Common Yoga Protocol. Speaking to media after the event, State Programme Officer of AYUSH, Nagaland, Dr. Seyiekhrietuo John, expressed delight over the enthusiastic participation witnessed during the celebrations. Dr. John highlighted the growing awareness among Nagas about the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of yoga. Addressing common misconceptions, he stressed that Yoga is not a religion, nor is it confined to any particular faith. He said, Yoga is a practice of union, a connection between the self and one's own understanding of God.

He also underscored the global relevance of yoga in today's fast-paced world, where people are increasingly seeking happiness and healthier lifestyles. Dr. John added that this celebration brings together people from various communities, religions, and backgrounds, which is the true beauty of yoga and its universal message.

In a significant breakthrough, Kohima Police has successfully apprehended the accused in a string of 11 high-profile burglary cases including the recent heist at Kohima Municipal Council (KMC) Office. The accused, identified as Kekietuo Solo, approximately 35 years old and a resident of Kohima, was arrested yesterday at 4 PM. Addressing media at SP office this evening, Additional SP & PRO Kohima, K Soriso Quinker informed that the accused has confessed to all crimes. He revealed that Solo is employed as a government driver in the Police Engineering Project. The burglaries include stolen cash of 45 lakh rupees from Baptist College, over 22.5 lakh from D. Khel Kohima Village, 35,000 rupees from Oriental College, 3 lakhs from Kohima College, 38,000 from Nexa Showroom below Meriema Junction, over 4.5 lakhs from Vuto Motors, over 1.8 lakhs from North Treasury, 10.83 lakhs from Entrepreneurs Development Agency, 69,000 rupees at Mato Complex PR Hill, 2.13 lakhs from Okusa Toyota and about 95 lakh rupees from KMC Office.

Mr Quinker said Police have recovered 38 lakh rupees cash, two vehicles and burglary tools from the accused. He further informed that Mr Kekietuo remains in police custody. He also said efforts are actively ongoing to recover the stolen property based on the accused's statements. Further, the police are also probing possible links to other unsolved cases. The PRO assured the public of their continued vigilance and commitment to maintaining law and order.

Along with the global community, Nagaland today celebrated World Music Day with vibrant events held across the state under the aegis of the Task Force for Music and Arts, TaFMA. At Kohima, the celebration took place at Old NST, drawing music enthusiast and people from different cultures to an open-air Musical showcase. The event began with a special performance by all artists joined by Chairman TaFMA Theja Meru, Project Director TaFMA Dr Hovithal Sothu, and popular artist Mengu Suokhrie.

The celebration featured performances by a range of artists including Azi Rudy, Lino, JV Kelio, The Ace Crew, Chen L, Samuel Subba, VK Khusoh, and others.

On World Music Day, Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio emphasized the unifying and transformative power of music. Reflecting on the state's rich musical heritage, he said, from the rhythms of our log drums to the harmonies of modern melodies, music unites, uplifts, and tells our stories. Dr Rio emphasized upon the enduring power of music as a cultural bridge and a timeless expression of the human spirit.

Kohima Press Club (KPC) in collaboration with Silviculture Division Kohima today organised a workshop on Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation at Botanical Garden Kohima. The workshop was held as part of the yearlong celebration of the 25th Anniversary of KPC. State Silviculturist, Dr Prabhat Kumar emphasised the need to practice meaningful conservation, approaching it with purpose and strategy. Highlighting the multi-dimensional nature of conservation, Dr. Kumar said there is a need to consider direct protection, raising awareness, providing sustainable livelihood options, and supporting species multiplication whether through plantation drives or breeding programmes. He further called for integrated efforts from all sectors to ensure long-term environmental sustainability and greater community engagement in conservation

practices. Resource persons Chairman, Sendenyu Community Biodiversity & Wildlife Conservation Board Gwasinlo Thong, and Project Lead, Wildlife Conservation Society-India, Bano Haralu, spoke on Community Biodiversity & Wildlife Conservation and Conservation Challenges in Nagaland, respectively.

