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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today expressed pride that science is progressing with renewed energy in 21st-century India. Addressing the nation in his Mann Ki Baat program on Akashvani, Mr. Modi spoke about Indian Air Force Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's return from space. He noted that there was a wave of happiness, and the entire country felt a sense of pride when the Indian astronaut landed safely on Earth. The Prime Minister recalled that the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 in August 2023 created a new atmosphere in the country. He said that children began to show curiosity about science and space, developing ambitions of becoming space scientists. Mr. Modi highlighted the INSPIRE-MANAK Abhiyan, a campaign to promote innovation among children. Under this initiative, five children are selected from each school, with each child presenting a new idea.

The Prime Minister expressed happiness that lakhs of children have participated in the initiative so far. He also mentioned the rapid growth of Space start-ups in the country, pointing out that there were fewer than 50 start-ups in space sector five years ago, and the number has now increased to over 200.



Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today highlighted that seamless logistics management was a deciding factor in success of Operation Sindoor. The Minister said this while virtually addressing the convocation ceremony of Vadodara-based Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya. Mr Singh emphasised that logistics should be seen through the prism of strategic importance and not just as a process of delivering goods. Mr Singh highlighted the importance of logistics in the economic progress of the country, terming it as one of the main pillars which connects every step - from pre-production to consumption. The Union Minister termed the contribution of logistics in India's GDP as important both directly and indirectly, while also underlining the crucial role it played during COVID, when lakhs of vaccines, oxygen cylinders and medical teams reached from one place to another in a time of need.



Chief Justice of India (CJI) B R Gavai today, said that Rights without knowledge are of no use. He emphasised the importance of making citizens aware of their rights. Addressing the North Zone Regional Conference of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), the CJI also said there was a need to undo the aberrations of the past and restore the old Kashmir where all communities lived in harmony. Mr. Gavai said, judges and lawyers together have to ensure justice for the last citizen of the country. The CJI said, NALSA works in this direction, and we try to take the NALSA work to remote areas of the country, be it in Ladakh, the Northeast or Rajasthan. The CJI further said that unless people have the knowledge of their rights, the rights are of no use.



The landslide affected stretch at Old KMC Site Dumping site along National Highway - 29 will remain temporarily closed to all forms of vehicular traffic with immediate effect until further notice. In view of this, Deputy Commissioner Kohima, B. Henok Buchem in an order, notified on alternative routes for categories of vehicles. Jotsoma Bypass route are allowed for only Light Motor Vehicles, while all heavy vehicles, other district bound vehicles, all military or paramilitary vehicles, all compact or mid size pick up vehicles and all types of heavy and mid size commercial passenger vehicles are allowed the alternative route at Peducha Bridge - Tsiesema (10 mile road). The DC further informed that violation of the order will be liable for prosecution under relevant sections of law.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the valedictory celebrations of the Aadi Thiruvathirai festival, marking the birth anniversary of the legendary Chola emperor Rajendra Chola I in Ariyalur district of Tamil Nadu this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Modi said he prayed at the Gangaikonda Cholapuram Temple in the district today for the welfare of 140 crore Indians and for the continued progress of India. He said, the names of Raja Raja Chola and Rajendra Chola are synonymous with India's identity and pride.

The Prime Minister also released a commemorative coin in honour of one of the greatest emperors of India, Rajendra Chola I. Today's celebrations also mark the 1,000th anniversary of Rajendra Chola I's maritime expedition to Southeast Asia and the construction of the UNESCO-listed Gangaikonda Cholapuram temple.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's strong resolve and the support of fellow citizens sent a strong message of zero tolerance towards terrorism across the world. Addressing 8th National Security Strategies Conference in New Delhi, he said that India's rising stature will lead to increasing national security challenges in the years to come. Mr. Shah said that the next 5 to 10 years will be very important for development and security of the country. He urged that the use of national databases like NATGRID, NIDAAN, iMoT and CBI's fugitive database be inculcated amongst young officers by including them in all training programs. The Home Minister also directed each State Police force and Central agencies to strive towards excellence, and nurture a spirit of healthy competition to address internal security challenges.



Residents of Airfield Colony, Wokha, has called for urgent government intervention to repair a long-neglected stretch of the Wokha-Bokajan road which has become severely waterlogged during rains, making it nearly impassable.

(Students commuting on foot suffer the most, as they often wade through knee-deep water, while some children are being carried by their parents to avoid the water. Vehicles also get stuck in the muddy water, causing inconvenience to all. Colony Chairman Nzio Mozhui said, the council and Ward 3 Councillor W. Myingthungo Kikon had filled the road with boulders, but without a drainage system, waterlogging persists. Downhill drainage would flood homes, and uphill construction risks landslides. Despite repeated appeals, no action has been taken by the concerned department. Residents stressed that only a government-led solution can resolve the issue without harming property or public safety.)



Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal was felicitated in Mumbai today after the signing of the India-UK Free Trade Agreement, which marked a historic moment in India's international trade journey. The event also included a special session on "Export Opportunities in the UK Market", which highlighted the new opportunities available to Indian entrepreneurs and exporters due to the agreement. Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said that the India-UK Free Trade Agreement is not just a trade agreement; it is a bold and transformative step towards a developed India. He informed that this agreement will provide new competitive opportunities in the international market for sectors like fisheries, textiles, gems and jewellery, IT, services sector and MSMEs.

