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THE HEADLINES :-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi leads National Unity Day celebration; Calls upon every citizen to reject any thought or action weakening nation
- Nagaland joins nationwide observance of Sardar Patel's 150th birth anniversary
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio calls for upholding spirit of Unity in Diversity on National Unity day
- And, Advisor Imkong L Imchen emphasizes on meritocracy in all government policies

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed to the citizens to unite and dedicate themselves to the nation's progress to achieve the dream of Viksit Bharat. Addressing the gathering at National Unity day celebrations in Ekta Nagar Gujarat marking the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, he highlighted the nationwide participation in the unity oath taken by crores of people, reaffirming the collective resolve to strengthen national unity. He emphasized that every citizen must reject any thought or action that weakens the fabric of the nation, calling it the need of the hour.

He lauded the country's linguistic diversity, calling it one of India's greatest strengths. Earlier, the Prime Minister offered floral tribute at the Statue of Unity and administered the Ekta Diwas pledge on the occasion. The Prime Minister also witnessed the grand Ekta Diwas Parade that featured various contingents and ten vibrant tableaux, reflecting the theme 'Unity in Diversity'.

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Nagaland joined the rest of the nation in celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel today. On the occasion, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio paid tribute to Sardar Patel, stating that Patel's vision and determination were instrumental in uniting the nation. The Chief Minister urged everyone to reaffirm their pledge to uphold the spirit of unity in diversity and work together for a stronger, more united India. Meanwhile, several events were organised across the districts to mark the occasion. In Dimapur, a 'Unity March' was held as part of the District Level Padayatra, organised by Mera Yuva Bharat under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, in collaboration with the District Administration and Dimapur Police. Hundreds of students from various schools and colleges, along with government officials, participated enthusiastically. Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, urged the youth to emulate the hard working spirit of Sardar Patel.

Zunheboto also hosted a Unity March with participants from schools, youth clubs, and local groups waving flags and singing patriotic songs. In Mokokchung, around 400 individuals took part in the Unity Rally, including the Deputy Commissioner, Senior Superintendent of Police, other departmental officials and participants from various schools, the NCC, the CRPF, and the public. Meanwhile, Head of Engineering Akashvani Kohima, D. Adaphro administered the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge' to the officials and staff.

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Advisor, Information & Public Relations, Imkong L Imchen called for meritocracy to be the guiding principle in all government policies and decisions. He was speaking at the Triennial meet of the Mangmetong 'A' khel putu menden and

Okotso village council yesterday. Mr Imchen called for avoiding favouritism in any form. Voicing deep concerns over tribalism, he described it as a serious social menace that fosters division and mistrust. Calling for collective effort to overcome tribalism, the Advisor stressed that true progress and peace can be achieved only through unity and inclusivity.

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MLA and Naga People's Front (NPF) Secretary General Achumbemo Kikon reaffirmed that the early resolution of the Naga political issue remains the party's top priority. Addressing the oath-taking ceremony of the party's newly elected office bearers at the NPF Central Headquarters in Kohima today, he urged members to uphold the party's principles of peace and an honourable solution, in addition to developmental activities.

Emphasizing upon unity, discipline, and active participation, Mr Kikon called for strengthening coordination between the elected representatives and party functionaries. The Secretary General also informed that the party's central office will be shifted to Secretariat–High Court Road, Kohima.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended greetings to the Kuki, Chin, and Mizo communities on the occasion of Chavang Kut. He described the festival, which marks the completion of the harvest season, as a time for gratitude, hard work, and strengthening unity. Mr Rio hoped that the festival would bring happiness, prosperity, and peace to all.

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A book titled 'The Light After the Storm' authored by Vibeituonuo Kuotsu Solo was released today by the Joint Director of Information & Public Relations, Asangla Imsong, in Kohima. The book marks the debut of Ms. Solo, a journalist by profession, and the 112th publication under PenThrill. Speaking at the launch programme, Ms. Imsong described the book as deeply reflective touching on

themes of self-discovery, motherhood, love, and the strength of a woman rooted in tradition.

Ms. Imsong also lauded PenThrill publisher, Vishü Rita Krocha, for her pivotal role in nurturing and promoting local writers, bringing new voices to the literary forefront. Sharing her thoughts, the author said 'The Light After the Storm' is a work born from both imagination and raw emotion - blending fiction with deeply personal truths. Ms. Solo expressed hope that the book would serve as a guide for those trapped in unhealthy relationships, helping them understand that breaking free is not wrong or taboo, but an act of courage.

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Independent candidate Krokulo Khutso has won the vacant Pfutsero Town Council seat for Ward 11 Zipa. In the election held on October 28, Mr Khutso secured 315 votes, defeating his rival independent candidate Tewu Mero, with 51 votes. Counting of votes took place today. The victory certificate was presented by ADC Pfutsero, Mhalo Humtsoe, with Deputy Commissioner Phek, Rhosietho Ngouri, and Election Observer T.L. Kiusumong Tikhir in attendance.

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And, in weather, The India Meteorological Department has forecast above-normal maximum temperatures for most of northeast India in November. Similar conditions are also expected in the northwest, southern peninsular, and the Himalayan foothills.

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