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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed confidence that India is fully geared to compete at the global stage and is marching towards becoming the third largest economy with confidence and decisive policy reforms. He said, the government is going ahead with the vision of Reform, Perform and Transform and the country has boarded the Reform Express. He was replying to the discussion on motion of thanks to the President's address in the Rajya Sabha yesterday.

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On the trade deals signed with several countries including the European Union and the United States of America, Mr. Modi said, the country has finalized trade deals with 9 countries and recently concluded the Mother of all deals with the 27 countries of the European Union. The Prime Minister said, the country has built a robust manufacturing ecosystem supporting its entrepreneurs. The Prime Minister also spoke about the achievements of the several welfare schemes. After the speech of the Prime Minister, the Rajya Sabha adopted the motion of thanks to the President's address by voice vote. Amid the continuous uproar, the Lok Sabha also adopted the motion of Tthanks.

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah has indicated the appointment of a Minister of State for Home Affairs and Home Ministry officials for high level engagement in the Indo-Naga peace talks. This decision came after a high-level delegation led by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio met him in New Delhi to discuss key political and financial issues affecting the state. During the meeting, attended by Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton, state cabinet members, Political Affairs Sub Committee representatives, and Nagaland's two MPs, Chief Minister Rio emphasized that

the Indo-Naga talks were meant to be conducted at the highest political level and urged the Centre to appoint a political or ministerial-level interlocutor to speed up negotiations toward an early and honourable solution. Responding positively, Home Minister Shah indicated that the Centre would restore high-level engagement in the peace process. The Chief Minister also raised concerns about Nagaland's financial crisis, recalling that under the 16-Point Agreement (1963), the Government of India had committed to funding the state's administration and development through the Consolidated Fund of India. He noted that the withdrawal of this arrangement in 1989 severely strained the state's finances and appealed for restoration of the original financial pattern, considering the financial position and political nature of Nagaland. In response, Mr Shah assured that Nagaland's funding request would be considered, and the same appeal was made to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who also promised the Centre's support.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with students across the country at 10 AM today in the 9th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha. The programme aims to discuss exam stress and celebrate examinations as an Utsav and an integral part of life. This year the interactive sessions will be held with Exam Warriors in Devmogra, Coimbatore, Raipur, Guwahati, and at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg in Delhi.

VC: Ministry of Education said that more than four crore fifty lakh students, teachers and parents have registered for the programme through the MyGov portal. The programme will be telecast live on Doordarshan, the Prime Minister's YouTube channel and Ministry of Education's social media platforms. It will also be streamed live on various OTT platforms including WAVES OTT among others. Conceptualised by the Prime Minister, Pariksha Pe Charcha seeks to reshape the examination experience of students by promoting confidence, positivity and holistic well-being in line with the National Education Policy 2020. The initiative has evolved into a nationwide Jan Andolan with growing participation from students, parents and teachers every year.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Mr. P. Nkhao Jami Lotha, former MLA of the 39th Sanis Assembly Constituency. In a condolence message, the Chief Minister described Mr Jami as a hardworking and selfless leader who always prioritized the welfare of the people. The CM stated that the Lotha community and Naga society have lost a respected leader and inspiring figure whose contributions will be cherished. Extending heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, the Chief Minister prayed for strength and comfort for them and for eternal peace for the departed soul.

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