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International Women's Day is being observed today. The theme this year is "Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls." It highlights the need to strengthen women's rights, ensuring access to justice and accelerating action towards gender equality worldwide. President Droupadi Murmu has extended greetings and best wishes to all citizens of the country, especially to women on the occasion of International Women's Day. In her message, the President said that Women are the foundation of the society and the nation, and that educated, self-reliant, and empowered women can strongly contribute to a prosperous and progressive nation. President Murmu urged every citizen to come together to work towards a society where women have equal opportunities and can move forward and achieve success on the basis of their capabilities.

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On the occasion of International Women's Day, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio honoured the contributions of women everywhere. He stated that women play a vital role in strengthening communities, inspiring progress, and shaping ideas. Mr Rio called upon everyone to continue working towards a world where opportunity is not limited by gender, but defined by potential. RNU

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Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), S. Supongmeren Jamir officially launched the promotional poster for the upcoming Asmita Program in Dimapur yesterday on the eve of International Women's Day. The main event will be held at Greenwood School Grounds, Dimapur, on March 11. The programme will feature track events exclusively for women, including 100 metres and 200 metres sprint races. Winners will be awarded cash prizes and medals, while certificates will be distributed all athletes. The Asmita Program is part of a nationwide initiative supported by the

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports aimed at building a sustainable sports ecosystem for women and inspiring greater female participation in athletics.

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The 11th edition of the Raisina Dialogue concluded in New Delhi yesterday. Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said that India has not compromised on sensitivity with stakeholders in any trade deals. Speaking at the event, the Minister said, India has emerged as a self-confident nation in the last decade and the country can now compete with the rest of the world.

Meanwhile, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar said that the rise of the country will be determined by India and its strength, not by the mistakes of others. While speaking on the theme of 'Heart of the Seas: Future of the Indian Ocean', Dr Jaishankar noted that the countries of the Indian Ocean stand to benefit with the growth of India and those countries working with India will get more benefits.

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In wrestling, 27-year-old Kezhaseluo-o Pienyü successfully defended his champion title at the 30th Nagaland Wrestling Association (NWA) Traditional Wrestling Championship-cum-1st Wrestling Festival held at Khuochiezie, Kohima Local Ground yesterday. Representing the Angami Sports Association, the Mr Pienyü defeated Menuosetuo Yiese in two straight bouts in the final. The Champion received a cash prize of six lakh rupees alongwith a special award of a 10,000-square-foot plot of land in Chümoukedima. The runner up received three lakh rupees. Venuzo Dawhuo secured third place and won two lakh rupees, while 19-year-old Venü Vadeo finished fourth with a prize of one-and-a-half lakh rupees. The Chakhesang Wrestling Association won the group champion title.

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In cricket, Nagaland won by 7 wickets against Sikkim in the Women's Under 23 One Day Trophy plate match yesterday. After winning the toss, Nagaland elected to field and bowled out Sikkim for 103 runs. In response, Nagaland comfortably chased the target in 32 overs. With the win, Nagaland sits at the top of the points table, having won all three matches played so far. They will next face Meghalaya tomorrow.

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