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Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a special meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) to review measures taken by various Ministries and Departments and also discussed further initiatives to be taken in the context of the ongoing West Asia conflict, at his residence in New Delhi yesterday. This was the second special CCS meeting on the issue. During the meeting, the Prime Minister assessed the availability of critical needs for the common man. He also discussed the availability of fertilisers in the country and steps being taken to ensure its availability in the Kharif and Rabi seasons. The Prime Minister also directed that all efforts must be made to safeguard the citizens from the impact of the ongoing conflict. Mr Modi underlined the need for timely and smooth flow of authentic information to the public to prevent misinformation and rumour mongering. During the meeting, interventions across agriculture, fertilizers, shipping, aviation, logistics and MSMEs to mitigate emerging challenges were discussed. Further, a review of supply diversification for LPG and LNG, fuel duty reduction and power sector measures was also undertaken to ensure stability of essential supplies.

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Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav, has underscored the spirit of unity in diversity. Addressing the Utkal Divas celebrations yesterday at Lok Bhavan Kohima marking the formation of Odisha, the Governor highlighted the historical significance of the day, commemorating the formation of Odisha on April 1, 1936, as India's first state created on a linguistic basis. He said the occasion reflects cultural pride, linguistic identity, and the resilience of the people of Odisha. Appreciating the state's cultural vibrancy, he acknowledged Odisha's contributions to art, literature, and classical dance forms such as Odissi. He further noted that celebrations like these in Kohima highlight India's unity in diversity.

Commending the Odia community in Nagaland, the Governor praised their efforts in preserving traditions while contributing to the social fabric of the state. He added that Nagaland and Odisha share common values of cultural pride and strong community bonds.

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Dimapur Police, in coordination with Bengaluru City Police, have arrested two absconding accused in connection with the July 22, 2024 highway crime near Old Showuba in Dimapur. According to police, the accused have been identified as Vikekhe Yeptho, aged 34, and Hesato Yeptho, aged 28. Both were also wanted in similar cases at Chumoukedima Police Station. Police said investigations uncovered a premeditated network targeting vulnerable persons along highway stretches. During the operation, one suspect died in an accident while trying to escape. Another accused linked to the extortion was arrested, with stolen gold ornaments recovered and identified by the victim. In the July 22 incident, a woman and her relative were abducted, assaulted and forced to transfer money through digital payment, while their valuables were looted.

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Nagaland University has led a significant research study using advanced GIS and remote sensing technologies to map environmental degradation in Kohima district. The study conducted in collaboration with PNG Government PG College, Nainital to investigate environmental change and degradation in Kohima district, highlights rapid land-use changes, rising temperatures, declining rainfall, and increasing seismic vulnerability in the region. Researchers found that Kohima district is undergoing rapid environmental transformation. Its natural landscapes have shrunk considerably over the past two decades, while human activities such as urban expansion and agriculture have increased. The study also recorded over 1,100 seismic events between 1982 and 2022, pointing to the area's geological fragility. Published in a peer-reviewed journal, the findings provide crucial insights for policymakers to strengthen climate resilience, improve environmental monitoring, and promote sustainable development across the North East Hill Region.

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And, In the SAFF Men's Under-20 Football Championship, defending champions India thrashed Bhutan 5-0 to storm into the final in Malé, Maldives last night. India will now face Bangladesh in the summit clash tomorrow.

The two sides had met earlier in the group stage, where the match ended in a 1-1 draw. Organised by the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF), Under-20 Championship is a yearly tournament. India are the most successful team in the competition's history, with four titles.

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