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- Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry says it has taken proactive steps to ensure uninterrupted availability of petroleum products and LPG.
- Anniversary of Battle of Kohima observe at Kohima War Cemetery with team from United Kingdom.
- Union Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar says current global turbulence is not merely situational but also structural
- Chief Minister of Nagaland Neiphiu Rio extends Easter greetings to people of the state.

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The Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry has said that government is making all efforts to ensure availability of Petrol, Diesel and LPG across the country. The Ministry said it has taken proactive steps to ensure the uninterrupted availability of petroleum products and LPG. The five-kilogram cylinders are available at nearby LPG distributorships and can be purchased by showing any valid ID proof. The Ministry added that no address proof is required to purchase five-kilogram cylinders. The Ministry has also encouraged citizens to use alternative fuels such as PNG, induction and electric cooktops. Meanwhile, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is continuously monitoring shipping movements, port operations and the safety of Indian seafarers, while ensuring continuity of maritime trade. The Ministry informed that LPG vessel Green Sanvi has safely transited the Strait of Hormuz yesterday, carrying 46 thousand 650 metric tonnes of LPG cargo with 25 seafarers on board. A total of 17 Indian-flagged vessels, with 460 Indian seafarers, remain in the western Persian Gulf region.

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The anniversary of the Battle of Kohima was observed today at Kohima War Cemetery, marking 82 years since one of the most decisive battles of World War II, fought between Allied and Japanese forces at Kohima. A team from the United Kingdom, led by Charlotte Carty, a World War II enthusiast, Battle of Jessami expert and trustee of the Kohima Educational Trust, paid tributes to those who fought in the historic battle. Ms. Carty is also the granddaughter of Lieutenant Colonel “Bruno” Brown, who served as Commander of the Assam Regiment during the battles of Jessami and Kohima. Sharing insights into the battle, she highlighted that awareness of the Battle of Kohima remains limited in the United Kingdom despite its historical importance.

Ms. Carty also paid tribute to the Japanese soldiers, acknowledging their courage and resilience. She highlighted the historic Deputy Commissioner’s tennis court—now part of the Kohima War Cemetery—as one of the most poignant sites of the battle. The narrow stretch of ground became a fierce battleground and served as a dividing line between the two forces during intense close-quarter combat.

The commemoration concluded with attendees visiting memorials within the cemetery and spending time in quiet reflection at the historic site, which stands as a lasting symbol of courage, sacrifice and shared history besides laying of wreaths.

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External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar has said that the current global turbulence is not merely situational but also structural in nature, as the world order undergoes a significant transformation. Addressing the 15th convocation ceremony of IIM Raipur, Dr Jaishankar observed that there are visible shifts in the relative power and influence of nations. He noted that political systems in some societies are finding it difficult to adapt to these evolving changes.

The Union Minister highlighted that rapid advancements in technology, energy, military capabilities, connectivity and resources have contributed to greater risk-taking in an increasingly competitive global environment.

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Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio has extended Easter greetings to the people of the state. Easter Sunday or Resurrection Sunday, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and signifying triumph of life over death, will be celebrated tomorrow. In a social media post, Mr. Rio said on the occasion of Resurrection Sunday, we rejoice in the risen Christ and the promise of redemption and new beginnings. The Chief Minister expressed hope that this blessed day renew our faith, inspire our hearts, and guide us toward peace, purpose, and compassion. Meanwhile, to mark the day, the Kohima Baptist Pastors' Fellowship will be organizing the Sunrise Service at Kohima Local Ground at 5:00 AM tomorrow. The annual program will bring people from different denominations and churches under one platform to celebrate the occasion.

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Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan today emphasized the role of education in nation-building and urged students to adopt the guiding principle of “Nation First”. The Vice President was addressing the gathering of scholars and faculty on the third convocation ceremony of Mahatma Gandhi Central University in Motihari, Bihar. He also appealed to the youth to take a firm stand against substance abuse and work towards building a healthy and strong society. The Vice President added that in today’s world, Gandhiji’s principle of non-violence remains highly relevant and must guide not only our actions but also our behaviour in the digital world.

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Election Commission has said that voters can access details about their Assembly constituency candidates educational qualifications and criminal antecedents by using ECINET Platform. The voters can also download the entire affidavit submitted by the candidates. ECINET is the world’s largest electoral service platform, bringing all electoral services together in one seamless experience by integrating more that 40 apps and portals of the Election Commission.

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Union Minister Kiren Rijju today said that any misunderstandings regarding the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 (FCRA), will be addressed. He emphasized that violations will invite strict action, but organizations working for the country's welfare will not be disturbed. He also said that concerns raised by Christian missionaries will be taken into account. Mr. Rijju added that Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains committed to the welfare of every Indian. The Union Minister made these remarks during his visit to Kerala, where he interacted with a wide range of stakeholders. He said all foreign contributions to India are regulated under the FCRA framework. Mr. Rijju said there is no cause for concern if funds are used for their intended purpose of public welfare. However, the Union minister warned that strict action will be taken if funds are diverted for illegal activities or used against national interests.

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And in sports.....the 7th edition of Mokokchung Inter-Ward Football Tournament 2026 concluded today at Imkongmeren Sports Complex. Mongsenbai Ward won the title after defeating Sungkomen Ward 2-0 in the final match. The champion walked away with 50,000 rupees along with trophy and certificates, while the runner up pocketed 30,000 rupees along with certificates. The individual prizes included Highest scorer, Best goalkeeper, Best defender, Best midfielder and Player of the tournament. The individual winners were also presented with cash and certificates.

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