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Minister of State for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh today launched several key initiatives under Sadhana Saptah in New Delhi, including the UNNATI portal and the roadmap for national rollout of the Karmayogi Kartavya Karyakram. Addressing a special session, Dr Singh said, Mission Karmayogi has completed five years, marking significant progress in capacity building of civil servants.

He said that Sadhana Saptah, being observed from 2nd to 8th April, aims to strengthen the culture of continuous learning and promote skill enhancement among government officials. Dr. Singh added that an MoU was also exchanged between the Capacity Building Commission and the Research and Information

System for Developing Countries to enhance research and collaboration in capacity building.

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Nagaland State Finance Department has directed all state government pensioners to register immediately to generate their Digital Life Certificate (DLC) online following the successful onboarding of the Government of Nagaland onto the Jeevan Pramaan portal. It stated that Jeevan Pramaan enables pensioners to verify their life certificates online, eliminating the need for in-person visits to Pension Disbursing Agency offices. The Department said this initiative is designed to make the verification process more convenient and accessible.

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Vice President C P Radhakrishnan today emphasized the importance of peace of mind and self-introspection, stating that meditation is a key instrument for holistic well-being. Addressing the Global Conference of Meditation Leaders in New Delhi, the Vice President said that meditation helps in reducing stress, improves focus and enhances emotional resilience, while promoting a calm and composed approach to life.

Referring to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, Mr. Radhakrishnan said that the country's progress towards becoming one of the world's leading economies is linked to focused and disciplined efforts, which are strengthened through a balanced mind, body and soul. He also underlined the importance of such initiatives in addressing social challenges, including substance abuse. Mr.

Radhakrishnan said that awareness campaigns and meditation programs can play a role in discouraging narcotics use and promoting a healthier society.

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Nagaland celebrated Easter Sunday with prayers, sunrise services, and messages of hope, as churches across the state marked the resurrection of Jesus Christ with deep spiritual fervour. Easter also marks the culmination of the Holy Week, including a period of special fasting and reflection by believers beginning from Good Friday and leading up to Easter Sunday. Churches across Nagaland witnessed special dawn services, with hymns echoing through hill towns and congregations gathering in traditional attire. In the state capital, the Kohima Baptist Pastors' Fellowship (KBPF) organized a sunrise service at Khuochiezie (Kohima Local Ground), drawing large numbers of believers from various churches. Delivering the Easter message, KBPF president Rev Ruokuovilie Sachu highlighted the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the foundation of Christian faith and the ultimate victory over sin and death. He urged believers to remain steadfast amid growing social, political and spiritual challenges, and to live out their faith beyond church walls. The service concluded with prayers and benediction, as the message of hope, redemption and new life resonated across the state, marking Easter as a celebration of faith, renewal and enduring hope in Nagaland, a Christian-majority state.

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The Government is making all efforts to ensure availability of Petrol, Diesel and LPG across the country. It has advised citizens to use digital modes for booking LPG cylinders and avoid visiting distributors unless necessary. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas informed that Delivery Authentication Code (DAC)

based LPG deliveries have increased from 53 percent in February 2026 to 90 percent yesterday to prevent diversion at the distributor level. The ministry said that 5 Kg FTL cylinders are available at nearby LPG Distributorships and can be purchased by showing any valid ID proofs and without address proof. It stated that Since March 2026, about 3.6 Lakh PNG connections have been gasified. Further, more than 3.9 Lakh customers have been registered for new connections.

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The Election Commission has said that the seizures related to cash, liquor, drugs and other inducements have crossed 650 crore rupees ahead of the upcoming assembly elections and by-polls across multiple states. The seizures include cash, liquor, narcotics, precious metals and other freebies aimed at influencing voters. Over five thousand 100 flying squads have been deployed to respond swiftly to complaints, with a mandate to act within 100 minutes. Additionally, more than five thousand 200 Static Surveillance Teams have been set up to conduct surprise checks at key locations. At the same time, the Commission has emphasized that the enforcement authorities should not inconvenience or harass ordinary citizens during the checking and inspection.

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Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has taken cognizance of heavy rainfall and hailstorms in several States and directed officials to assess the crop damage. According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Mr. Chouhan has asked the officials to review the impact of unseasonal rains and hailstorms and gather detailed information from the affected States. The Union Minister also instructed the officials to remain in close

coordination with State authorities to monitor the situation. The Ministry noted that Mr. Chouhan will also hold discussions with Agriculture Ministers of the concerned States to review the extent of damage and take necessary steps to address the situation.

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On the occasion of National Maritime Day today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi recalled India's rich maritime heritage and acknowledged the invaluable contribution of all those associated with the sector. Mr. Modi stated that the dedication of individuals in the maritime sector strengthens the nation's economy, trade and connectivity. The Prime Minister further reaffirmed the government's commitment to harness the immense potential of the maritime sector for ensuring a prosperous future for the nation. Union Ministers Amit Shah, Sarbananda Sonowal and Dharmendra Pradhan has extended greetings to the personnel of India's maritime sector on National Maritime Day. Mr. Shah said that their professionalism and courage have played a crucial role in steering the nation's growth, whether in peacetime or during trying times. Mr. Sonowal highlighted that India's maritime sector is rapidly transforming. Mr Pradhan said that India's maritime sector continues to play a vital role in economic development and global engagement.

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