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1. Prime Minister Modi says India needs to become economically self-reliant in the next 10 years.
2. Union Home Secretary Bhalla warns of security threats arising from new technologies in today's times.
3. Strong wind damages church building, houses and paddy fields at Lihtsaoung village Kiphire.
4. and, Union External Affairs Minister Jaishankar describes G-20 event under India's Presidency as an example of political and economic rebalancing.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that India needs to become economically self-reliant in the next 10 years so that the nation is not impacted much by the global factors. Speaking at the commemoration ceremony of the 90 years of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in Mumbai, the Prime Minister said the transformation of Indian banking sector is a case study. He said the banking sector has become profitable and credit growth has been increasing due to the steps taken by his government and the RBI in the last decade. Modi said, the RBI has played a significant role in all these accomplishments. He said, RBI is known in the world for its professionalism and commitment. Speaking on the occasion, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said, the Reserve Banks' evolution as an institution has been closely intertwined with the development of the Indian economy. He said, from being a central bank primarily concerned with allocation of scarce resources during

the planning period, the RBI has transitioned into being an enabler for the market economy.



Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla has warned of the security threats arising from new technologies in today's times. Addressing a gathering on the occasion of the 38th raising day of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Services (BCAS) in New Delhi today, Bhalla said that now new technologies such as Artificial intelligence (AI), Global Positioning System (GPS) jamming, drones and cyber threats are creating more trouble. He emphasized the need for collective efforts to ensure security and directed BCAS to stay updated with new technologies. He further highlighted that the aviation sector in the country is witnessing rapid growth and it is going to set a record in the year 2024. He said it is necessary to ensure that any quantitative increase in the aviation infrastructure does not lead to dilution of the security system.



In an unfortunate incident a strong wind damaged the church building at Lihtsaoung village, 12 km from Kiphire town today at around 12:30 pm. The strong wind also damaged four private buildings, destroyed paddy fields, kitchen garden and uprooted electric poles. There has not been any report of any human injury or casualty by the incident.



Union External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has described the G-20 event under the Presidency of India as an example of political and economic rebalancing. Speaking at a Delhi heritage programme hosted by the Sabhyata Foundation in the national capital, Jaishankar said that the focus has shifted to 'cultural rebalancing' after the 'political and economic rebalancing' at the G20 event. Jaishankar said, after political and economic rebalancing, today, the battle is for cultural rebalancing and that is why it is crucial today for us to project our own heritage, our civilization, our culture, our way of life, our faith, and our beliefs.



Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has said that for the first time the country's defence Exports have crossed 21 thousand crore rupees mark in 2023-24. In a social media post, Singh said, the defence export have witnessed a spectacular

growth of over 32 per cent over the previous fiscal year. He said, the Defence ministry has taken several initiatives to spur India's defence manufacturing and exports. The Minister said, country's defence industries including the Private Sector and Defence Public Sector Undertakings have registered a commendable performance in the recent years. Singh congratulated all stakeholders on crossing the new milestone in defence exports.



India bid heartfelt farewell to Subedar Thanseia, a distinguished veteran of the Indian Army's Assam Regiment, who passed away at the remarkable age of 102 yesterday. In a press release defence PRO said Thanseia hailed from Mizoram and his valor at the Battle of Kohima and his pivotal role in shaping the legacy of the 1st Assam Regiment during their deployment at Jessami will forever be etched in the annals of India's military history. The PRO said his unwavering courage at Kohima, against insurmountable odds, played a crucial role in securing a decisive victory for the Allied forces, turning the tide of the conflict in the East. He said that even after retirement, Subedar Thanseia continued to inspire generations with his dedication to community and country, actively engaging in veteran affairs and educational initiatives.



The Election Commission of India (ECI) has censured BJP MP Dilip Ghosh and Congress leader Supriya Shrinete for derogatory remarks against women. Strongly condemning the statement made by BJP MP Dilip Ghosh against West Bengal Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee, the ECI warned Ghosh to remain careful in his public utterances as Model Code of Conduct, MCC) is in force. The Commission also warned Congress leader Supriya Shrinete for her derogatory remarks against BJP Lok Sabha candidate Kangana Ranaut and asked her to remain careful in her public utterance during MCC. In its orders, the Commission said, they made a personal attack and violated the provisions of the Model Code of Conduct.



The Oil Marketing Companies have reduced the prices of 19 kilogram commercial LPG cylinders across the country. The revised reduction in prices ranges from 30 to 32 rupees in different cities.



Senior Information Service Officer Sheyphali B Sharan today took over the charge of Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau. A 1990 batch IIS officer, Sharan assumed the charge following the superannuation of Manish Desai. Earlier, Sharan had served in the Election Commission and the Finance Ministry.



A one-day Skills Training to Promote self-employment amongst youths was conducted at Phesama Village on Saturday. The program was organised by Village Level Organisation (VLO) Phesama Village under RD Block Jakhama, Kevi and promoted by Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission as part of the Social Developmental initiative towards addressing the issues of School drop-out among the youths. Speaking at the training, Area Coordinator Sokhrienuo Rüp-re-o said that the number of school drop-out and unemployed youth is increasing each year because of which a lot of youths are falling in the wrong direction. She encouraged the younger generation particularly the unemployed youths towards an honest and self-sustained livelihood without depending on others. During the training, different skills trainings ranging from traditional weaving, tailoring, basket making, pickle and biscuits making, hair cutting, sketching were taught to the participants. A total of 20 Youths participated in the training.



The Assam Rifles organized a medical camp for the villagers of Yezashi in Aghunato under Zunheboto district on Saturday. The camp was aimed to address the healthcare needs of the local population, many of whom face challenges in accessing medical facilities. With a dedicated team of medical professionals and support staff, the camp offered a wide range of essential healthcare services including general check-up, consultations, screenings, distribution of medicines. Altogether 324 individuals availed the opportunity.

