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Today is International Mother's Day. It is a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. This day serves as a heartfelt tribute to motherhood and the remarkable influence mothers have on our lives and a time to reflect on the tireless efforts and unwavering devotion of mothers, who selflessly dedicate themselves to nurturing and supporting their loved ones.

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Wishing all mothers on Mother's Day, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said motherhood is a gift from God, rooted in compassion, nurturing & endless sacrifices making the home and hearth a place of warmth & blessings. He said, mothers are the sustaining force for the family & society. Rio said we honour all mothers and those who play the role of a mother.

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Sendenyu has made a pioneering example by creating the first Biodiversity Education Experience Center, BEEC in Nagaland, which is home to numerous community conservation initiatives. It was inaugurated on May 9 during the two-day Sendenyu Youth Biodiversity Fest 2024 under the theme: "My Forest, My Biodiversity, My Time" at Sendenyu Ecotourism Destination Centre, New Sendenyu in Tseminyu district. Altogether, The fest was organised by the Sendenyu Community Biodiversity & Wildlife Conservation Board and Kenono Foundation. The BEEC is dedicated to creating a space where intergenerational learning of the past, the present and the future of our biodiversity could be fostered. Another key highlight of the fest was the launching of the centre's first capacity-building and awareness program which was supported by the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board under a project funded by the International Climate Initiative.

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Sainik School, Punglwa in Nagaland commemorated its 17th Founders' Day yesterday with a series of events. DIG (Range/NAP) Nagaland Police Headquarter, Uniel Kichu graced the occasion as chief guest. The ceremony commenced with a poignant tribute to the gallant soldiers with wreath laying at the war memorial, followed by a Guard of Honour by the cadets. The Half Yearly Newsletter 'Voice of the Young Warriors of Morung' was also released on the occasion. The cultural extravaganza

presented by the cadets showcased their multifaceted talents, encompassing cultural dances, group and solo performances, blending entertainment with education seamlessly. Cadet Rakesh Nalo was adjudged best Officer Like Qualities cadet.

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Union External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar discussed the emerging landscape, its challenges and opportunities and changing practices with Indian Foreign Service Officer Trainees. He attended the valedictory ceremony of the Indian Foreign Service Officer Trainees of the 2023 batch and Bhutanese diplomats in New Delhi yesterday. He said that the Officer Trainees will help shape India's journey to Viksit Bharat. The External Affairs Minister welcomed them to a life in diplomacy and wished them the best in times ahead.

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Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has raised objections over the methodology adopted by the Election Commission to publish the aggregate voter turnout after every phase of elections. In a letter to the Election Commission, Kharge suggested the commission put out the absolute number of votes polled in the public domain. He said, many voters who are deeply interested in the elections would also like to see the absolute number of votes polled. Kharge also wondered why the urgency was not shown by the Commission in taking action against blatantly communal and casteist statements being made by the leaders of the ruling party that vitiates the election process.

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Senior BJP leader and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has said that India needs a strong leadership in order to make the economy strong and India the guide to the world. He was speaking while campaigning for Mahayuti candidate Murlidhar Mohol of BJP in Pune yesterday. Gadkari appealed to the voters to support his party for the progress of the country. He claimed that the central government has done three times the work in ten years compared to the performance of Congress in sixty years. Gadkari charged that the Congress does not have any development agenda. Talking about the future development of Pune city, Gadkari reiterated for creation of another Pune city as the current infrastructure is falling short for its progress.

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