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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, with country's GDP growing at 8 per cent, day is not far for it to become world's third largest economy.
- Central says Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region is being promoted North Eastern States.
- Atleast 84 killed in a major landslide in hilly Wayanad district of Kerala.
- And in Paris Olympics, India's Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh clinches Bronze in mixed 10 meter air pistol shooting.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the country's GDP is growing at eight per cent and the day is not far when it will become third largest economy globally. Addressing the inaugural session of

Journey Towards Viksit Bharat: A Post Union Budget 2024-25 Conference in New Delhi today, Modi said, India has reached new highs even after battling pandemic. He said, Government is focusing on all sectors. Modi said, the speed and scale at which the government is building infrastructure is unprecedented. He said, in 2004, in the first budget of the UPA government, Capital expenditure was around 90 thousand crore rupees and it increased to two lakh crore rupees in 2014. The Prime Minister said the budget size has now increased three times to 48 lakh crore rupees. He said the government has made a record increase in allocation of Ministries. Modi said, India is the only country with high growth and low inflation. The day-long Conference is being organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry.

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Central Government is promoting organic farming using organic manure through the schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, PKVY in all the states other than the North Eastern States. The government is promoting Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region, MOVCDNER exclusively in the northeast states. Informing the Lok Sabha through a written reply today, Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ramnath Thakur said that under the MOVCDNER scheme, farmers are directly provided financial assistance of 32 thousand 500 rupees per hectare for three years for off-farm and on-farm organic inputs.

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In Kerala, at least 84 people have been killed in a major landslide in the hilly Wayanad district this morning following heavy rains at Mundakkai, Attamala and Chooramala regions. The death toll is likely to go up. More than 120 injured persons have been admitted to various hospitals. Official sources said, over 100 persons are

reportedly missing. President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have expressed condolences over the loss of lives in the landslides in Wayanad. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced an ex-gratia of two lakh rupees from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund for the next of kin of each deceased in the landslides. The injured will be given 50 thousand rupees. the Prime Minister said that rescue operations are currently underway to assist all those affected. NDRF, Indian Army Units have been pressed into rescue and relief operations.



Nagaland Governor La Ganesan and Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio have extended warm Naknyulüm greetings to Chang brothers and sisters. The Governor in his greeting message said that Naknyulüm festival marks our deliverance from darkness and coincides with the first harvest of the year. He said it is also a time for strengthening bonds through the exchange of gifts and delicacies among friends and relatives. The Governor expressed hope that Naknyulüm festival brings peace and unity among the community. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio in his greeting message said that Naknyulüm festival celebrates the triumph of good over evil. Rio hoped that Naknyulüm festival will bring blessings of good health, peace, and foster unity and goodwill.



Noklak District Administration in collaboration with District Hub for Empowerment of Women Noklak and Hope Channel Dimapur, organized the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2024. Speaking at the programme, Noklak Deputy Commissioner Arikumba said that Noklak district is very vulnerable to trafficking due to various economic and social issues. The DC appealed the gatherings to learn from the

resource person and spread awareness to every citizen and village about human trafficking. Director of Prodigals' Home Dimapur, K Ela, in her speech as the resource person, talked about illegal adoption method practiced by the Naga community stating that such comes under human trafficking. She said that for human traffickers, humans become a mere commodity for sale. Ela encouraged the students to be a channel to disseminate information and spread awareness around them. The programme was held under the theme Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking. Representatives of Khiamniungan Tribal Council, Khiamniungan Menyu Hoikam, Student's from different schools, Police department and education department amongst others attended the programme.

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In Assam, Lakshman Prasad Acharya today took oath as the new Governor of the state. The Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court Justice Vijay Bishnoi administered the oath of office to the new Governor. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and his cabinet colleagues were also present on this occasion. Acharya earlier served as the Governor of Sikkim.

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The 20th Nagaland State Chess Championship 2024 is underway at the Nagaland Olympic Association Office complex in Kohima. The tournament organized by the Nagaland Chess Association, NCA was declared open by the association's Vice President, P Khezhie. In his speech, Khezhie said that chess originated in ancient India as Chaturanga and evolved over centuries to become a global game of skill and strategy. He said that chess improves memory, problem-solving skills, and creativity, making it a valuable educational tool.

Khezhie said that NCA has a legacy of successful players and an International Arbiter. He said that NCA also conducts coaching classes in some districts and would be doing the same across districts. NCA Honorary Secretary, Mughaho Awomi, announced that the tournament is being conducted according to FIDE Laws of Chess and the FIDE Swiss System, with nine rounds. A total of 76 participants are competing in the tournament including Reku Haikam, a 6-year-old from Peren district. The tournament will conclude on August 1.



The Li-Ning 46th Inter District and State Badminton championship commenced today at Nagaland Armed Police Training Centre, Chumoukedima. Over 180 players, both male and female, from 14 districts including Nagaland Police team are competing in the championship hosted by Nagaland Police and sponsored by Li-Ning. The championship will witness Senior and Junior categories, Men and Women Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles, Junior Boys and Girls and under 19 Singles and Doubles. The championship will continue till August 2.



In Paris Olympics, Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh today clinched the Bronze in the mixed 10 meter air pistol shooting event by defeating South Korean pair of Oh Ye Jin and Lee Wonho 16-10. With this win, Manu etched her name in the history of Indian sports by becoming the first Indian athlete to win two medals at the same edition of the Olympics. Earlier, Manu won a bronze in the women's 10m Air Pistol event. President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have congratulated Manu

Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh for winning the Bronze medal in the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event at the Paris Olympics.

