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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stressed on the role of BIMSTEC as an engine for economic and social growth, reaffirming India's commitment to a peaceful, prosperous, resilient and safe BIMSTEC region. The Foreign Ministers from the BIMSTEC Member States yesterday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi. The Prime Minister had fruitful discussions with the Ministers on strengthening the regional cooperation in areas including connectivity, energy, trade, health, agriculture, science, security and people to people exchanges. During the meeting, Modi highlighted BIMSTEC significance to India's 'Neighbourhood First' and 'Look East Policies' as well as in its SAGAR vision for Security and Growth for All in the Region. The Prime Minister expressed country's full support to Thailand for the upcoming BIMSTEC Summit to be held in September.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi considers North Eastern states as the gateway of India's progress and the Union Government is working to transform the vision of the Prime Minister into reality, said Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and Communications, Jyotiraditya Scindia, who is on a two-day visit Meghalaya and Assam. Talking to media persons at LBB Airport in Guwahati yesterday, Scindia informed that the Centre has increased the budgetary allocation for the DoNER Ministry from 24 thousand crores to around 82 thousand crores. He said that NE is the repository of our age old culture and the Central Government is focusing on infrastructure, connectivity, healthcare, education, startups, entrepreneurship, and tourism development aligns with the vision of 'Viksit Bharat' and 'Viksit Purvottar'.

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NITI Aayog yesterday released SDG India Index 2023-24 and said India is progressing towards the Sustainable Development Goals despite global headwinds. SDG India Index is the country's principal tool for measuring national and subnational progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. The Index was launched by NITI Aayog Vice Chairperson Suman Bery in the presence of NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam among others.

Subrahmanyam said the composite score for India improved from 57 in 2018 to 66 in 2020-21 to further to 71 in 2023-24. SDG India Index measures and tracks national progress of all States and UTs on 113 indicators..

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The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying conducted a regional training on the 21st Livestock Census focusing on software application and breed documentation for State and District Nodal Officers from Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, and Tripura yesterday at Dimapur. The training was hosted by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Nagaland. During the inaugural session Advisor (Statistics) from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Jagat Hazarika, said the training is aimed to equip State and Union Territory officers with the necessary tools, including a mobile app and software, for efficient data collection during the census which will be conducted between September and December this year across the country. Director of Economics and Statistics Neidilhou Kreditsu, said, the share of the livestock sector in Nagaland's GSDP has decreased dramatically from 7.31 percent in 2013 to 2.19 percent in 2024, impacting the state's economic security. He urged for meticulous data collection in the 21st Livestock Census to ensure reliable and accurate data, essential for effective policy execution and economic stability. The second session featured presentation by ICAR-NBGAR on breeds specific to Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, and Sikkim. Altogether, 66 delegates/trainees from Nagaland and other states attended the training programme.

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The Regional Transport Authority, Kohima has constituted a task force to study the issue of phasing out unfit commercial taxis and city buses. A meeting of the Regional Transport Authority Kohima presided over by Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant held yesterday addressed a range of transport-related issues. During the meeting, a rationalization exercise regarding fares of commercial vehicles has also been approved. Other critical issues discussed included fitness of school buses for safety of school children, relocation of food carts/night bazars, enforcement of no-parking zones, and a comprehensive review of Kohima's overall traffic situation. A follow-up review meeting is scheduled in the month of August.

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