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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reiterated that the Government is continuously making efforts to ease the situation in Manipur. Replying to the Motion of Thanks on President Droupadi Murmu's address to the joint sitting of Parliament in Rajya Sabha yesterday, the Prime Minister assured that the Central and State Governments are in discussion with all the stakeholders to ensure peace and cordiality in Manipur. He highlighted that the Home Minister himself led the efforts of peace from the front by being in Manipur. Modi said that the incidents of violence in Manipur are on a continuous downward trajectory. During his reply in the Rajya Sabha, the Prime Minister also expressed concern about the difficult flood situation in Manipur currently. He informed that two companies of NDRF are deployed for the flood relief work and the Central Government is closely working with the State Government in relief efforts.

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The government has constituted different Cabinet Committees on security, economic, and political affairs. In the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, there will be 11 members which will be headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Agriculture Minister Shiivraj Singh Chouhan, Steel Minister H D Kumaraswamy and Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh are among the members of the Committee. The Cabinet Committee on Security to be headed by Modi. Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar will be members of the committee. The ten members Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs will be headed by Rajnath Singh. The Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs will have 14 members including Prime Minister. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet is comprised of

Modi and Shah. Other Cabinet Committees have also been constituted.

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Nagaland Police has made a total arrest of 18 persons and 15 case registered during June 16 to 30. The Police while updating its fortnightly report stated that six cases related to narcotics and psychotropic substances were registered, leading to the arrest of nine persons. In this a total of 950 grams of opium, 308.89 grams of brown sugar, and 94 Spasmo Proxyvon and other tablets were seized during this period. While, in IMFL, seizure of 708 alcohol-related items led to the arrest of eight persons in eight cases. Besides, one person was arrested in possession of a point 32 pistol with a magazine and seven numbers of point 32 live ammunitions. Meanwhile, Nagaland Police has appealed to the public to report any sale or distribution of narcotics, drugs, or IMFL to the nearest police station or Narcotic Police Station. Stating that the identity of informants will be kept confidential, the state police informed that the closed user group Phone numbers of various Nagaland Police Officers and Police Stations are available on the 'Call Your Cop' mobile app.

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The extreme monsoon weather occurrence has caused widespread destruction, including fatalities, damages to infrastructure, crops, and properties across Nagaland. According to an assessment report provided by the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), five individuals were feared drowned reportedly from different locations, leading to recoveries of three bodies so far. As per report, two boys from Kejok village under Sangsangyu block of Tuensang district were swept away at Ayong nullah on June 28. Similarly, On June 29, a youth was swept away in the Dzuvuru stream in Kohima district. In another incident at Nsonji Lake in Tseminyu district on June 30, a soldier who was on vacation lost his life after reportedly getting stuck in mud and weeds while rescuing a drowning friend.

In Noklak district, a man was swept away by strong water currents at Nguhaiu, between Saddle and Noklak on July 1. Meanwhile, several landslides were also reported from Mokokchung, Kiphire, Tuensang, Noklak, Zunheboto, Peren and Phek leading to damages of houses, paddy fields and road blockades. The NSDMA, said it is still compiling damage reports from various locations. The NSDMA urged the District Disaster Management Authorities to be vigilant and prepared keeping in view the ongoing extreme weather condition. Further, water levels in many rivers are rising due to continuous rainfall, the NSDMA advised the public to refrain from fishing, picnicking, or indulge in similar activities during the monsoon season for safety reasons.

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