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India has expressed deep concern over the rising number of civilian casualties in Lebanon amid continued strikes by Israel despite the two-week ceasefire in West Asia. It asserted that the protection of civilians remains its foremost priority. Addressing an Inter-Ministerial Briefing on recent developments in West Asia in New Delhi, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the current situation is very disturbing, particularly given India's longstanding commitment to peace and stability in the region.

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The government has said that it has successfully met the peak demand of electricity and energy requirements of the country amid the West Asia crisis. Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Power, Piyush Singh said that all thermal power plants are running in full capacity with adequate coal stocks.

Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Sujata Sharma said, domestic LPG and fuel supply is stable in the country. Ms Sharma assured that there is sufficient availability of petrol and diesel, and no dryout has been reported.

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Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya today reaffirmed the country's commitment to deliver a world-class, athlete-centric, and sustainable Commonwealth Games in 2030. The Minister held a high-level meeting with Commonwealth Sport President Dr Donald Rukare. During the meeting, Dr Mandaviya said that the discussions focused on preparatory actions, coordination mechanisms, and timelines to ensure the efficient delivery of the Games. During the meeting, India presented its vision for CWG 2030 as athlete-centric. He also outlined Ahmedabad's strong infrastructure base, connectivity, and institutional backing as key strengths for hosting CWG 2030. Dr Mandaviya also said that India is ready to welcome the sporting world, with all its colour and cultural vibrancy.

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Department of School Education and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) partners held token distribution of sports kits and digital devices for 15 Government Schools in Nagaland yesterday. Principal Director, School Education department Shashank Pratap Singh said this initiative aligns with the vision for improving student engagement, encouraging physical fitness, and fostering digital inclusion in government schools. As part of the programme, One Alexa-enabled device to 60 selected Government Schools and 2 Cricket sets each to 50 selected Government Schools was provided. Additionally, one set of Sepaktakraw equipment

was distributed to all Government High Schools (GHS) and Government Higher Secondary Schools (GHSS) across the state.

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An awareness programme on 'Accurate Measurement, Safe Products – Confident Consumers' was organized in Pughoboto by the Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection department, Zunheboto on Thursday. Assistant Controller highlighted the significance of proper measurement standards. He also spoke on the role of consumers in safeguarding their rights to ensure safety and fairness in the marketplace.

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Task Force for Music & Arts (TaFMA) organised a send-off programme for singers selected to join TaFMA partner resorts in Uttarakhand under the Espire Hospitality Group. TaFMA chairman Theja Meru said that initiative is aimed at expanding professional opportunities for Naga artists beyond the state and to enable them to showcase their talent on national platforms while gaining valuable industry exposure. The selected candidates are Aloino Shohe from Kohima, Nikiho Kahoto-Dimapur, Mhao Yanthan- Wokha, Kojungli Jingrii from Tuensang and Levietsholo Koza from Phek district.

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Tening Town Council has made registration of all domestic dogs mandatory within its jurisdiction. In an order, it has asked all dog owners to register their pets within stipulated period while noting that registration will enable authorities to monitor vaccination status and take preventive measures against spread of rabies. It has informed that registration forms are available at the Council office during working hours.

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