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Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday lauded several citizens for their outstanding contributions towards nature conservation, solving local problems and other social causes, highlighting their inspiring initiatives and achievements. Addressing the nation in his monthly programme Mann Ki Baat on Akashvani, Mr. Modi also reflected on the government's continuous efforts to preserve the country's priceless cultural heritage. Expressing concern over the prevailing heatwave conditions, the Prime Minister urged people to follow official advisories and take precautions to stay safe. He also encouraged the consumption of traditional summer beverages.



Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will launch the Khet Bachao Abhiyan from Raisen District in Madhya Pradesh today. The month long campaign will continue till 30th of June. The focus of the campaign will be on balanced and judicious use of fertilisers, timely advice to farmers in the view of weather related challenges, active participation at panchayat level and delivering the benefits of the schemes directly to the villages. Ahead of the launch of the campaign, Mr Chouhan has spoke to the Chief Ministers of all States for their participation in this campaign. The Minister also appealed to Union Ministers and other public representatives to join the initiative. He also virtually interacted with the Krishi Vigyan Kendras, ICAR institutes, agricultural universities, senior agriculture officials of Central and State governments and urged them to take the campaign forward with public participation. The Minister further stated that the campaign should be given a multi-dimensional character by ensuring that the benefits of schemes like the Kisan Credit Card, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, Crop Insurance Schem and Soil Health Cards reach farmers.



Thungchibemo N. Ezung, a 24-year-old entrepreneur and youth leader from Nagaland, has been selected to participate in the Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2026, one of the flagship gatherings of the World Economic Forum. The meeting, popularly known as the "Summer Davos", will be held in Dalian, China, from June 23 to 25 under the theme "Innovating at Scale". Mr. Ezung will attend as part of the Global Shapers Community youth delegation. Sixty young leaders from across the world have been selected to contribute youth perspectives to discussions on innovation, entrepreneurship, healthcare, sustainability and economic transformation. He is among only seven delegates representing South Asia. Founder and Director of Wealth Track Health Services Private Limited and Curator of the Global Shapers Community Kohima Hub, Thung said he was honoured to represent Nagaland, Northeast India and South Asia on a global platform.



A team of researchers has discovered a new species of cascade-dwelling frog in Nagaland, highlighting the rich but unexplored biodiversity of the northeast. Officials said, the newly discovered species belongs to the genus Amolops, a group of stream-dwelling frogs typically found in fast-flowing hill streams across Asia. The discovery was made by researchers from the Zoological Survey of India and collaborating institutions during field surveys in Nagaland. Lead author Bhaskar Saikia said the species was named after the late Dr Kamal Choudhury, a zoologist and his former mentor. The frog species was discovered in Singrep village of Nagaland's Kiphire district during surveys conducted in August 2024.



And, In cricket, Defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru successfully retained the IPL title, defeating Gujarat Titans by five wickets in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad yesterday . Put in to bat first, Gujarat Titans posted 155 for eight in the stipulated 20 overs, with the help Washington Sundar's unbeaten 50 off 37 balls. For Bengaluru, Rasikh Salam Dar picked up three wickets, while Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Josh Hazlewood claimed two wickets each. In reply, Royal Challengers Bengaluru comfortably chased down the target, scoring 161 for five in 18 overs, powered by Virat Kohli's unbeaten 75 off

42 balls. For Gujarat Titans, Rashid Khan scalped two wickets. Kohli has been named the player of the match.

