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THE HEADLINES:-

- Governor Nand Kishore Yadav calls on youth to preserve heritage, embrace innovation
- Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang stresses need for greater women participation in politics and leadership
- India Condemns Attack On Commercial Vessel GFS Galaxy Off Coast Of Oman; 10 Indians Rescued, One Reported Missing
- And Union Minister Manohar Lal emphasizes need for adopting environmental friendly technology in construction sector

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Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav has urged youths to preserve their cultural heritage while embracing innovation, entrepreneurship and responsible leadership. He was addressing the 2nd Youth Conclave-cum-Cultural Fest 2026 organised by Linguistic Minority Forum of Nagaland in Dimapur today. The Governor said progress of Dimapur and Nagaland depends on collective efforts of all communities, irrespective of language or ethnicity.

Describing Dimapur as a confluence of diverse cultures, languages and traditions, Governor Yadav lauded the contributions of linguistic minority communities to Nagaland's economy, education and social harmony.

In his welcome address, LMFN president Bishnu Bhattacharjee said the forum was founded to promote unity in diversity and highlighted the contributions of various linguistic minority communities to Nagaland's development. He urged the Governor to consider constituting a state-level advisory board or welfare commission for long-settled permanent residents to address issues related to their safety, dignity and welfare. The LMFN Yuva Excellence Ratna Award was presented to social worker Rajesh Sethi, while South Asian bodybuilding gold medallist Lily Hasnu Dimasa was felicitated for her achievement at the 16th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship 2026 in Bhutan.

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Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang has stressed the need to create safe and inclusive spaces to empower women in politics and leadership. Addressing a seminar on Empowering Women in Politics and Leadership organised by NPF Central Women Wing on Friday, he said women can lead with confidence when they are treated with dignity, respect and equal opportunity. Highlighting the low representation of women in legislatures, Mr. Zeliang said greater efforts are needed to ensure meaningful participation of women in politics, noting that Nagaland elected its first women legislators only in 2023.

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India has condemned the attack on the commercial vessel GFS Galaxy off the coast of Oman earlier today. The External Affairs Ministry informed in a statement that of the 11 Indian nationals on board, 10 have been rescued so far, while one Indian National is reportedly missing. It said the Indian Embassy in Oman is closely monitoring the situation and proactively coordinating with the Omani authorities in the ongoing Search and Rescue operation. The External Affairs Ministry said the targeting of commercial shipping and civilian infrastructure in the region must end, and free and unimpeded navigation and commerce through the international waterways in the region, in keeping with international law, must be restored at the earliest.

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Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal has emphasized the need for adopting environmental friendly technology in construction sector. Speaking at the function organised on the 172nd Foundation Day of Central Public Works Department in New Delhi, the Minister stressed that while constructing any building or structure, the durability strength should not be compromised. He called upon the officers and staff of the CPWD to work with full honesty and morality to enhance the credibility of the organisation. The Union Minister also virtually laid the foundation stone of National Council for Public Works Building at Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh.

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Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has emphasised that planting trees is extremely important for protecting the environment and ensuring a sustainable future. Addressing the Vriksh Mitra Programme and Paryavaran Sanrakshan Sankalp event in New Delhi, Mr Chouhan said, today the entire world is concerned about climate change and global warming.

He added that the Earth's average temperature has risen by nearly 1.5 degrees Celsius compared to 1900, which is a serious warning sign of climate change. Mr Chouhan highlighted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken several key initiatives to tackle this crisis. He said that there has been a significant increase in renewable energy capacity in the country. Mr Chouhan said that India has set a target of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2070.

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The Government has refuted a fake image circulating on social media claiming that ethanol-blended petrol can cause problems in a vehicle's fuel tank. The Press Information Bureau's (PIB) Fact Check Unit has termed the claim as false. It said, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has clarified that E20 petrol supplied by oil marketing companies conforms to standards prescribed by Bureau of Indian Standards and undergoes rigorous testing before being made available to consumers.. The Ministry said ethanol and petrol are completely miscible and do not separate or form layers when the fuel meets the prescribed standards.

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The Government has dismissed as fake a purported loan approval letter offering a 5 lakh rupees loan under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana on payment of a 350 rupees processing fee. The Press Information Bureau's Fact Check Unit clarified that MUDRA does not provide direct loans to individuals but refinances eligible lending institutions. It urged public not to transfer money or share personal and banking details in response to such fraudulent messages.

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Former Qatar Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, who transformed Gulf nation into a major global player in diplomacy, media and investment, has died at the age of 74. He ruled Qatar for 18 years before voluntarily handing over power to his son in 2013. Under his leadership, Qatar emerged as a global energy powerhouse, launched the Al Jazeera news network, expanded its international investments, and successfully hosted 2022 FIFA World Cup. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the demise of the Emir of Qatar, Mr Modi said that Sheikh Hamad binKhalifa Al Thani was a visionary leader who led Qatar to great levels of development and prosperity. The Prime Minister added that India remembers him as a true friend.

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In FIFA World Cup, England booked their semifinal berth with a 2-1 extra-time win over Norway, while Argentina entered the semifinal, defeating Switzerland 3-1 this morning. In the first semi-final, France and Spain will face off on Wednesday. The match will kick off at 12:30 a.m. Indian Standard Time. France reached the semi-finals after defeating Morocco 2-0 in the quarter-finals, while Spain advanced with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Belgium. The second semi-final will be played on Thursday between England and Argentina at 12:30 a.m.

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The India Meteorological Department has forecast widespread rainfall and thunderstorms across Nagaland tomorrow, with heavy rainfall expected at isolated locations. The agency has also has issued an orange alert for heavy to

very heavy rainfall across several states. It said temperatures will range between a low of 21 and a high of 27 degree celsius, alongside consistent humidity.

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