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Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered the bravehearts of the nation today on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, stating that India is continuously scaling new heights, be it defence production, defence exports, or political cooperation with friendly nations. Addressing the nation in his Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani, Mr Modi said today, the 26th of July, is a date that does not require a calendar to be remembered, as Kargil Vijay Diwas is being celebrated today. Mr Modi said this day fills everyone with pride and reminds people of the extraordinary courage of the nation's brave soldiers. He bowed to the martyrs and soldiers, saying they sacrificed their all for the defence of Mother India. Mr Modi urged everyone to pay tribute to the martyrs and further strengthen the resolve to build a secure, capable, and self-reliant India. The Prime Minister said that a special 'Shaurya Vijay Yatra' has been organised this year, which began on the 14th of July from the National War Memorial in Delhi. This motorcycle rally will reach the Kargil War Memorial in Drass. Its message is - "One Ride, One Nation, One Salute." Mr Modi said that this journey reminds everyone that the sacrifice made for the nation can never be forgotten.

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi today assumed charge as the Education Minister. He was given the charge yesterday following the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan. Mr Joshi also continues to hold the portfolios of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and New and Renewable Energy. Soon after taking charge, he chaired a review meeting of the Education Ministry to assess the implementation of various schemes and key initiatives. Minister of State for Education Jayant Chaudhary and several senior ministry officials attended the meeting.

Later, speaking to the media, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for entrusting him with this responsibility. Mr Joshi said he is currently holding review meetings to gain a comprehensive understanding of the Ministry's functioning, policies and ongoing initiatives. He added that it is a large and important department, and his immediate priority is to understand Education Ministry's operations thoroughly before taking forward its programmes and implementing new initiatives.

Governor Lt Gen KT Parnaik (Retd.) today participated in the Kargil Vijay Diwas celebration held at Rupa in West Kameng District. The Governor laid a wreath at the War Memorial, 5 Mountain Division and paid floral tribute to the indomitable courage and supreme sacrifice of the brave hearts of the Indian Armed Forces personnel during the Kargil War. He also interacted with officer and JCOs who participated in the War. The Governor emphasized that Kargil was not only a military victory but also a triumph of national unity, where citizens across the country stood firmly behind the Armed Forces. He called upon the youth to draw inspiration from the courage, integrity, and selfless service of the Kargil heroes and contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047 through dedication, innovation, and patriotism.

Home Minister Mama Natung along with his cabinet colleague Kento Jini and Chief Secretary, Manish Kumar today flagged off the Kargil Vijay Diwas Rain Run 2026 at IG Park, Itanagar. Organised by the Department of Youth Affairs in association with CYRUNS – Fitness for All and KABOS ADVENTURE, the run aimed to pay tribute to the courage, valour, and supreme sacrifice of our brave soldiers. A large numbers of students, youths and citizens across all age groups participated in the run.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued yellow alert for twelve districts in Arunachal Pradesh including Papumpare. These districts are likely to receive thunderstorms with lightening at isolated areas.

The 33rd Merag Lama Lodroe Gyatso Independence Cup Football Tournament commenced today at the Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso High Altitude Sports Stadium, in Tawang. A total of 14 men's teams and 7 women's teams are participating in the prestigious tournament, which is being organised by the Tawang District Football Association in collaboration with the Tawang District Sports Association with the support of the District Administration and the Tawang Brigade of the Indian Army.

At the ongoing Commonwealth Games, India's Rishikanta Singh Chanambam won the silver medal in the Men's 60kg weightlifting event in Glasgow today. The silver medal is India's second medal at this year's Commonwealth Games and first in an able-bodied event. Earlier, Para-

powerlifter Jhandu Kumar opened India's medal account with a bronze in the Men's heavyweight event.

**That is all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar.**