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- Central Nagaland Tribes Council appeals Nagaland government to intervene against coercive census practices in Kohima.
- Nation observes Kargil Vijay Diwas, honours fallen heroes.
- Prime Minister Modi says India is continuously scaling new heights, be it defence production, exports, or political cooperation with friendly nations.
- Minister Paiwang Konyak reviews flood situation and public health preparedness in Mon district.

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The Central Nagaland Tribes Council (CNTC) has appealed to the Nagaland government to immediately intervene against alleged coercive census practices in Kohima. The council claiming that temporary residents are being pressured to undergo House Listing and Population Census enumeration despite already being counted in their native villages or districts. In a representation to the Chief Secretary, the CNTC alleged that such practices violate the Census Act, 1948, and infringe upon citizens' constitutional rights. It urged the government to issue clear directives prohibiting coercion during the census, ensure enumeration is conducted strictly as per legal provisions, and prevent essential services such as ration cards and residential certificates from being linked to the place of

census registration. The CNTC said prompt government intervention would uphold justice, equality and inter-tribal harmony in the state.

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Kargil Vijay Diwas was observed today across the country to honour the bravery of Indian soldiers who sacrificed their lives during the Kargil War of 1999. The day marks the 27th anniversary of India's victory over Pakistan in the conflict and the successful conclusion of Operation Vijay. During this operation, the Indian Armed Forces reclaimed territories in the Kargil district of Jammu and Kashmir that had been infiltrated by Pakistani soldiers and militants. On the occasion, President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President C P Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla paid tributes to the brave soldiers who laid down their lives in defence of the motherland. In a social media post, President Murmu said the unparalleled valour, unwavering resolve and supreme patriotism of the soldiers exemplify the finest traditions of the Indian Armed Forces.

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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 India is continuously strengthening her technological capabilities. He highlighted the recent induction of INS Mahendragiri into the Indian Navy. The Prime Minister said every Indian is filled with pride

following the successful launch of 'Vikram-1' last Sunday. Mr Modi praised young innovators for displaying remarkable skill, passion, and patience. Speaking about the 'Catch The Rain' campaign, Prime Minister Modi said a special nationwide campaign has been underway since the 4th of July.

In his Mann Ki Baat address today, the Prime Minister said every Indian is cheering for all the athletes participating in the Commonwealth Games which began in Glasgow a few days ago. The Prime Minister also spoke about Science Olympiads, noting that a large number of students participate in these events.

On the subject of plastic pollution, Mr Modi expressed concern that waste from single-use plastic continues to harm nature for years. He stressed on the proper disposal of plastic. The Nation will celebrate 'National Handloom Day' on the 7th of August. the Prime Minister urged people to honour weavers by encouraging handloom crafts and further strengthen the spirit of being 'Vocal for Local'. The Prime Minister also mentioned Khadi, saying that 'Khadi' was very dear to Mahatma Gandhi.

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Nagaland Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Paiwang Konyak, yesterday chaired a coordination meeting with the district administration, police and health officials at the District Hospital, Mon, to review the flood situation and public health preparedness in the district. The Minister highlighted the challenges in Tizit Town, including shortages of safe drinking water after local wells were contaminated by floodwaters, and urged health officials to remain vigilant against possible outbreaks of waterborne diseases. He handed over 3 lakh rupees to the Chief Medical Officer for emergency medical preparedness and directed that hospital

status reports be submitted every six hours. During the meeting, officials briefed the Minister on the district's situation, noting that landslides had cut off roads, disrupted power and communication, and affected access to healthcare services in several areas.

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The Nagaland Flatfenders Club, led by President T.J. Longkumer, visited Viswema Village yesterday to document and preserve the village's Second World War history and the legacy of the Battle of Kohima. During the visit, the team interacted with village elders, gathered historical accounts, and inspected key wartime sites. Mr Longkumer said the initiative aims to preserve Viswema's wartime heritage for future generations, noting the village's strategic role during the 1944 Battle of Kohima, when it served as a Japanese military base before being devastated by Allied bombardment.

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and, the 2nd edition of Chümoukedima District Football Association League cum Rokonicha Champions Trophy kicked off at Chümoukedima Football Stadium yesterday. Advisor for Youth Resources and Sports, S. Keoshu Yimchunger as the special guest said that talented players have the potential to progress and represent the state at the national and international levels. He urged the organising committee and community leaders not to limit the tournament to the football season alone, but to continue training young players throughout the year and provide them with more opportunities and platforms to develop their skills. Mr Yimkhiung expressed confidence that, with proper guidance and support, these youngsters would bring laurels to the state in the years to come. Altogether six teams are participating in the tournament.

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