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THE HEADLINES:-

- Nagaland Chief Minister Rio backs balanced ILP, says protection of Naga identity must not mean isolation.
- Death toll in devastating Nepal flash floods rises to 626, with over 2000 still missing.
- National Sports Day observed today; Nagaland honours meritorious sportspersons.
- Chief Minister Rio urges Nagaland to promote sports, fitness and excellence.

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today called for a balanced implementation of the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation (BEFR), 1873, saying the Inner Line Permit (ILP) must protect Naga identity, land, culture and indigenous rights without hindering legitimate investment and development. Addressing the second day of the two-day national seminar on the BEFR, 1873, organised by the Naga Students' Federation (NSF) and coordinated by the Inner Line Regulation Commission, NSF, at Town Hall, Dimapur, Mr Rio said the BEFR remains relevant but must not be misused.

The Chief Minister highlighted challenges in implementing the ILP in Dimapur, Chümoukedima and Niuland, while stressing action against illegal migrants and benami businesses. Mr Rio also called for greater economic self-reliance, better connectivity and responsible use of Nagaland's natural resources. He expressed concern over India-Myanmar border fencing and its impact on Naga communities living across the boundary. He urged the government, student bodies and tribal organisations to work together and develop a practical, balanced and humane ILP policy. Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of India Prashant Bhushan spoke on "Fundamental Rights and the BEFR, 1873: A Constitutional Correlation," while Prof Lallianchunga of the Department of

Political Science, Mizoram University, spoke on “Enforcement of the BEFR, 1873 in Mizoram: A Success Story.”

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The death toll from devastating flash floods in Nepal and Tibet has risen to 626 this morning, with over 2000 people remaining missing. Police have recovered 233 bodies in Chitwan, 158 in Nawalparasi East, 48 in Gorkha, 47 in Nawalparasi West, 45 in Dhading, 41 in Nuwakot, 31 in Tanahun and 13 in Rasuwa. Search and rescue operations are underway across the affected districts of the Himalayan nation. Officials said that the police are coordinating with residents and other agencies to locate missing people and assist those stranded by the floods. Rescued people are being taken from high-risk areas to safer locations. Additionally, the search and rescue officials are working to clear roads blocked by flood debris and landslides to reopen access and facilitate relief operations.

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India has stepped up humanitarian assistance to Nepal affected by flash floods as the third flight carrying ten tonnes of humanitarian assistance has departed for Kathmandu last evening. External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar yesterday told media that India is supporting to Nepal in ongoing relief and rescue efforts.

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The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA), in collaboration with Phek DLSA and other departments, organised a legal awareness programme at Zuketsa today. NSLSA Member Secretary Neiko Akami highlighted free legal services available across Nagaland, including legal aid for disadvantaged persons and inmates, Lok Adalats, and victim compensation schemes. DLSA Phek Secretary Kilemsungla Jamir raised awareness on the POCSO Act, urging vigilance and prompt reporting of child sexual abuse while assuring protection of complainants’ identities. Chief LADC Phek Vethothi Vero highlighted concerns over drug abuse in Phek, stressing stronger community action, reporting of illegal activities and rehabilitation support for those struggling with addiction. Officials also sensitised participants on Legal Metrology and Consumer Protection laws, including accurate weighing, MRP compliance, product

labelling, bills and consumer rights. Around 150 representatives of councils, women, youth and student bodies attended the programme.

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National Sports Day was celebrated across the country today to commemorate the birth anniversary of one of India's greatest sporting icons, Major Dhyan Chand. Prime Minister Narendra Modi today paid homage to the Indian Hockey Legend Major Dhyan Chand on the occasion of National Sports Day. In a social media post, Mr Modi said that Major Dhyan Chand's brilliance in Indian hockey continues to inspire generations. Extending his greetings to all sports lovers, the Prime Minister said that their dedication, passion and determination make the nation proud. The day celebrates India's rich sporting heritage and encourages people to make sports a regular part of their daily lives. National Sports Day 2026 is being observed as a three-day nationwide campaign under the pillars of Tribute, Play and Move. This year, National Sports Day is being celebrated under the call, Ek Ghanta Khel Ke Maidan Mein".

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The Department of Youth Resources & Sports, DYRS Nagaland, observed National Sports Day cum Cash Award Ceremony for Meritorious Sportspersons 2026 at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima. DYRS Secretary Anthony Ngullie highlighted the values of sports, including discipline, teamwork and perseverance, and encouraged young athletes to pursue excellence.

The Secretary noted that Nagaland has produced many outstanding athletes who have brought glory to the state through dedication, discipline and continuous effort. Mr Ngullie encouraged young talents to take up sports, strive for excellence and pursue their aspirations. Meritorious sportspersons and their coaches received cash awards and citations, while coaches Puleno Neikha (Sepaktakraw) and Deep Kumar (Pencak Silat) were honoured under the Coaches Award category. Winners of the National Sports Day Athletics Meet 2026 were also felicitated.

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On National Sports Day today, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said the state celebrates the dedication and perseverance of its sportspersons and recognises the role of sports in promoting fitness, discipline and teamwork. In a post in X, Mr Rio called upon all stakeholders to continue strengthening the state's sporting ecosystem and inspire a culture of active living, inclusivity and excellence.

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The 2nd Inter-School Volleyball League 2026 concluded at Public Ground, Wokha, today, with Gilgal School Wokha and Isaiah Ability Higher Secondary School winning the girls' and boys' titles respectively. Organised by the Department of Youth Resources and Sports in collaboration with the Wokha District Volleyball Association, the tournament saw participation from nine boys' and six girls' teams. Deputy Commissioner K. Mhathung Tsanglao graced the occasion.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani at 11 AM tomorrow . It will be the 137th episode of the monthly radio programme.

V/C- The programme will be broadcast across the entire Akashvani and Doordarshan network, the AIR News website, and the Newsonair mobile app. It will also be live-streamed on the YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, the PMO, and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast)

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