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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address Khelo India Dialogue through video conferencing today. The Programme is organized as part of the National Sports Day 2026 celebrations by Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat). It will be conducted across the country with participation of youth at two colleges in every district across States and Union Territories. It will bring together sports, youth leadership, civic responsibility, volunteering, fitness and nation-building on a common platform.

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Nearly 160 people have been killed and over 750, including 1 hundred 33 Indian nationals, remain missing after a massive flash flood swept through central Nepal yesterday. Other than the Indians and NRIs, the remaining missing tourists were from more than two dozen countries including the US, Malaysia, the UK, South Africa, Australia and the Netherlands. Originating in Tibet, the flood devastated several towns and villages, washing away critical bridges, and crippling a dozen hydropower projects. Nepal Foreign Minister Shisir Khanal told the parliament that an earthquake hit the Tibet region at 8:37 am (local time) and the flash floods were reported three minutes later, suggesting a glacial outburst due to tremors, which triggered the floods. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to his Nepalese counterpart Balendra Shah and assured him of all possible humanitarian assistance. Mr Shah thanked Prime Minister Modi for his warm words of solidarity and for offering humanitarian assistance. New Delhi has already dispatched 10 tonnes of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief and essential medicines including temporary shelters, blankets, hygiene kits and solar lamps.

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The Indian Embassy in Kathmandu has issued emergency numbers for assistance and information regarding Indian nationals affected by the flash floods in Nepal. The numbers are; +977 985 131 6807 and +977 970 910 7500. The Nepal Tourism Board also issued similar numbers, including the toll-free emergency number 1234, hotline 1144 and Tourist Police number 9851289445 for help. The Embassy of India in Beijing also issued a helpline number- 0086 185 1428 4905, which can also be contacted through WhatsApp. At least 50 of the Indians missing were pilgrims for the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra. Several Indian states -

including Uttar Pradesh and Kerala have also issued helpline numbers.

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Union Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw has said that Indian Railways is moving towards four-laning the entire high-density railway routes. In a social media post, Mr Vaishnaw said, there are seven high-density routes spread over nearly 11 thousand kilometres which carry a major share of the country's rail traffic. The seven high-density routes are, Delhi-Howrah, Howrah-Chennai, Chennai-Mumbai, Mumbai-Delhi, Delhi-Chennai, Mumbai-Howrah and Delhi-Guwahati. The Minister said, the expansion of these routes is significant as it will help create more capacity across the network and support the future growth of passenger and freight traffic.

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The Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT) and Netflix have announced scholarships for 100 students to support next generation of Indian storytellers. Under this scholarship scheme , students will be provided up to 80 percent financial support across six professional programmes comprising two one-year diploma programmes and four six-month certificate programmes. The announcement has come after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a meeting with Co-CEO of Netflix Ted Sarandos earlier this month.

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And, The Naga Wrestling team will participate in the 6th World Nomad Games, scheduled to be held from August 29 to September 7, 2026, at Cholpon-Ata in Kyrgyzstan. The contingent comprises male wrestlers Huluyi D. Vadeo and Kuvenu Puro, and female wrestlers Vikehenuo Zumvü and Haizuyile Zeliang, accompanied by officials, coaches and referees. Naga Wrestling has been officially included as a demonstration sport at the 6th World Nomad Games. During the event, the Naga wrestlers will demonstrate the traditional style of Naga Wrestling and also compete in belt wrestling in their respective weight categories.

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