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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has strongly condemned the continued violence in Manipur, expressing deep concern over the loss of civilian lives, injuries and reports of people going missing. In a post in X, Mr. Rio said those responsible for such acts must be held accountable. He stressed that the cycle of violence must end and peace and security must be restored for all. The statement comes amid fresh violence reported in Manipur, where four people were killed in a gun attack along the IT Road near the Makui Ashang area of Kangpokpi district yesterday morning. The incident triggered protests, with people imposing a shutdown in Senapati district.

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The death toll in the massive flash floods in Nepal rose to 389 yesterday, as authorities in Nepal race against time to find thousands of missing people, including 290 Indian tourists, in one of the country's worst disasters in recent years. The flash floods on Wednesday wreaked havoc across three districts in Nepal. Authorities reported that people from more than 30 countries are missing, mainly from India, the United States, Malaysia, Ukraine, Australia, Britain, Canada, South Korea, Singapore, Germany and Russia. Nepal Police spokesperson Kafle said, over 1500 stranded people, including those injured, have been rescued from the affected areas. Meanwhile, the External Affairs Ministry has said that 84 Indian nationals have been rescued so far in Nepal, these include 63 workers of the Trishuli-1 project as well as 21 people from Tamil Nadu. The Ministry said that contact with 290 Indians have not been established so far.

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The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana has completed 12 years today, marking a significant milestone in transforming country's financial inclusion landscape. The scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on this day in 2014. Under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, more than 59 crore accounts have been opened so far, with total deposits amounting to three lakh 17 thousand crore rupees. The average deposit per account is five thousand 356 rupees. Over 41 crore RuPay cards have been issued to Jan Dhan account holders. The scheme has also empowered millions, particularly the marginalized sections, to access banking and financial services to improve their socio-economic conditions. The Jan-Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile trinity, with Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana at its core, has proven to be a diversion-proof mechanism for the direct delivery of financial assistance. Due to initiatives like Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, India's Financial Inclusion Index has risen from 53.9 in 2018 to 67 in 2026, showcasing deeper access to credit, insurance, savings and digital payments.

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Raksha Bandhan, the festival of special bond between brothers and sisters, is being celebrated today across the country. On this occasion, sisters tie colorful rakhi around the wrist of their brothers and pray for their prosperity, health and well-being. In return, brothers pledge to protect and support their sisters and present them gifts. President Droupadi Murmu has extended greetings to people on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan.

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African Swine Fever has been confirmed in Kiruphema Bawe, Chiechama and Nerhema villages under Kohima district, following positive laboratory test reports received from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services. In view of the outbreak, Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, has declared a one-kilometre radius from the infected premises as an Infected Zone, while a 10-kilometre radius as a Surveillance Zone. The movement, import and export of live pigs and pork products within, into or out of the designated zones have been prohibited with immediate effect. Pork markets and butchery shops within the zones have also been directed to close. Pig farmers have been advised to restrict visitors, disinfect farm premises daily and immediately report unusual illness or deaths among pigs to the Department. The order also directed that carcasses must be safely buried in accordance with official protocols, while dumping them in water bodies or open areas is strictly prohibited. The public has been urged to remain vigilant and avoid purchasing or consuming pork from unknown sources. Further, violators have been warned of legal action under the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009.

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The Indian Air Force will conduct an open recruitment rally for Agniveervayu from August 31 to September 6 at the Nagaland Armed Police Training Centre in Chümoukedima. The recruitment rally will be conducted under the Agniveervayu Intake 01/2027. Further details regarding the recruitment rally and selection process are available in the official IAF advertisement for Agniveervayu Intake 01/2027.

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