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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has highlighted the inspiring journey of Vesalu Puro from Phek district of Nagaland, who has transformed her passion for flowers into a thriving livelihood. Sharing his thoughts in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani yesterday, Mr Modi said sometimes a small hobby can open the door to great possibilities in life, and described Vesalu's journey as a case in point. The Prime Minister said Vesalu grew up in a farming family and developed a deep love for flowers after watching her parents cultivate crops since childhood. Driven by her passion, she began cultivating flowers on a small scale in 2021.

Over time, Ms. Vesalu identified the growing demand for flowers for weddings, festivals and other occasions and decided to turn her hobby into a livelihood. She received training in scientific flower cultivation from the local Krishi Vigyan Kendra and subsequently planted thousands of gladiolus bulbs on just a quarter-acre of land. In her first attempt, more than 5,000 flowers bloomed, marking a new beginning in her flower cultivation journey. The Prime Minister said Ms. Vesalu has since expanded her efforts, with flowers that were once sold only in local markets now reaching cities such as Delhi and Mumbai. Mr Modi said Vesalu Puro's journey demonstrates that when passion is combined with hard work and proper guidance, it can pave the way for new possibilities and create sustainable livelihoods.

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India and Uzbekistan yesterday decided to elevate their bilateral relationship to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The two countries have also agreed to establish a long-term arrangement for the supply of uranium from Uzbekistan to India. Both sides have also set a target of increasing annual bilateral trade to five billion dollars by 2030. The decisions were taken following delegation level talks between Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in Tashkent. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Bishkek yesterday on a two-day visit to Kyrgyzstan. Mr Modi will attend 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit being held in Kyrgyzstan, today and tomorrow. Prime Minister Modi will attend heads-of-state session tomorrow.

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Nepal has intensified efforts to free hundreds of people trapped inside tunnels at hydropower projects, including the Trishuli-3A site, following Wednesday's flash floods. Rescuers including experts from India and China have been attempting to make contact but have so far received no response from inside the tunnel. Hundreds of the 2,500 people reported missing are believed to be employees of Nepal's hydropower projects. Wednesday's disaster has killed at least 794 people and more than 2,500 people are missing in Nepal. In Tibet, the official death toll is 16, with 546 reported to be missing, while rescuers are struggling to find survivors.

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And, The India Meteorological Department has forecast fairly widespread to widespread rainfall over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura till 5th September. Thunderstorms accompanied by lightning are also likely at isolated places over these regions to 3rd September. Heavy rainfall is also likely over Nagaland, from 1st to 5th September. Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority in its weather outlook, has forecast moderate to heavy rainfall in several districts of the state today. Moderate to heavy rain is likely over Meluri, Niuland and Wokha, while scattered light to moderate rain is expected in Chümoukedima, Dimapur, Kiphire, Kohima, Mon, Noklak, Peren, Phek, Tseminyu and Zunheboto. Light rain is likely over Mokokchung and Tuensang. No active warning has been issued for Longleng and Shamator.

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