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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold bilateral talks with Nepal Prime Minister Balendra Shah at Hyderabad House in New Delhi today. Both leaders will review the full range of India-Nepal relations and exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual interest. The two Prime Ministers will virtually inaugurate several completed initiatives apart from carrying out foundation stone laying ceremonies for some new projects. The visiting dignitary arrived in the natoional capital yesterday on a two day visit. He will be accorded a ceremonial welcome at Rashtrapati Bhavan this morning. The Nepal Prime Minister will pay his respects to Mahatma Gandhi by laying wreath at Rajghat. He will call on President Droupadi Murmu later this afternoon. Our Delhi correspondent reports that this is Prime Minister Balendra Shah's first bilateral visit.

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Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav, has called for strengthening inter-community harmony and preserving cultural identities, stating that mutual trust, cooperation and respect are essential for building a peaceful and progressive Nagaland. Addressing the Durga Puja Bijoya Sammelan organised by the Hindu Seva Samiti, Dimapur yesterday, the Governor described Nagaland as a beautiful example of unity in diversity, where indigenous Naga communities and people from different parts of the country coexist and contribute to the state's social, economic and cultural life. Appreciating the participation of various communities, including Bengali, Bihari, Marwari, Nepali, Kachari and Manipuri, he said their cultural presentations reflected India's rich heritage and traditions. He emphasised that every community's culture deserves respect, preservation and transmission to future generations. The Governor further stated that the development of Nagaland is a collective responsibility and expressed confidence that initiatives such as the Bijoya Sammelan would strengthen inter-community bonds and contribute to the vision of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

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Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Tokhan Sahu, has reviewed the progress and implementation of key urban development schemes in Nagaland. Mr. Sahu yesterday held a meeting with senior state government officials in Kohima to assess the progress of various schemes and missions under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The meeting was attended by Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zaleo Rio, Principal

Secretary of the Urban Development Department and other senior officials. In a post on X, Mr. Sahu said the meeting held detailed discussions on ensuring effective implementation of urban development schemes in line with the specific needs of the state, strengthening coordination and achieving the desired outcomes. The Union Minister of State also called on Governor Nand Kishore Yadav at Lok Bhavan in Kohima.

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Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat on Saturday felicitated Khruohituonuo Rio, the first woman Secretary in the history of the Assembly Secretariat, recognising her contribution and leadership. Addressing the gathering, Assembly Speaker Sharingain Longkumer lauded her dedication, commitment and competence in leading the Secretariat and contributing to its progress. In her address, Mrs Rio expressed gratitude to the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and staff for their trust and cooperation. She urged officers and staff to embrace change, adopt new technologies and improve administrative practices for greater institutional efficiency.

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And, The Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) has strengthened its field-level infrastructure with the inauguration of a new Divisional Management Unit office in Tseminyu, aimed at facilitating project implementation and promoting sustainable livelihoods. The office was inaugurated by Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Project Director, NFMP, M. Senthil Kumar, on Saturday. Acknowledging Japan International Cooperation Agency's assistance in constructing the office, Mr Kumar said the first phase of the project was nearing completion and expressed hope for approval of its second phase. He also called for collective efforts in implementing the project and encouraged Self-Help Groups to develop quality products and sustain their activities beyond the project period.

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