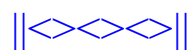


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:: THE HEADLINES ::

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says around 10 lakh government jobs provided to youth in last one and half year
- Centre scraps no-detention policy for classes five and eight
- Supreme Court orders special NEET counselling to fill vacant medical seats
- National Farmers' Day being observed today; Nagaland Governor La Ganesan pays tribute to hands that feed the nation



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that around ten lakh government jobs have been provided to the youth of the country in the last one and half year. Mr Modi said this while distributing more than 71 thousand appointment letters to newly appointed recruits through video conferencing. He said that there is a campaign going on to provide government jobs in various Ministries, Departments and

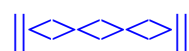
institutions of the country for the last ten years. Mr. Modi added that Rozgar Melas are empowering the youth and unlocking their potential.

Prime Minister Modi said, full utilisation of the potential and talent of the country's youth is a priority of the government. He said, India is committed to becoming a developed nation by 2047 as the country's policies and decisions focus on empowering its talented youth, and highlighted several schemes like Make in India, Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, Startup India, Stand Up India, Digital India, which have been made keeping the youth at the centre.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister of State for Department of Personnel and Training Dr Jitendra Singh said that out of 71 thousand appointments, around 50 thousand are made in paramilitary forces.



The central government has scrapped the no-detention policy for classes five and eight. Education Secretary Sanjay Kumar said that students who failed in the annual examination of classes five and eight will have a chance to retake the test within two months. After the retest, if they fail again, they will not be promoted. He added that these students will not be expelled from any school till the completion of their elementary education. The Secretary added that this decision has been taken to improve the learning outcome among children.



As Christmas approaches, the warmth, joy, and togetherness of the season continue to grow. Families and communities are gathering

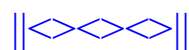
closer to celebrate the joyous occasion. In Nagaland, the air is filled with Christmas music and the aroma of traditional feasts fills every corner. Today, we take you to the state capital of Kohima. While many people have headed out to their respective villages to celebrate with loved ones, the still gearing up to mark the birth of Christ with church services, community gatherings, and lively celebrations. The spirit of Christmas remains strong in Kohima, lighting up the town with a beautiful mix of tradition and modern festivities.

In Kohima, despite the chilly weather, the streets are filled with warmth and cheer as groups gather to sing festive hymns, spreading joy and goodwill throughout the town. We catch up with a local resident to see how she's celebrating Christmas this year.)

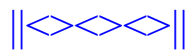
Although quieter with many away, the warmth and festive spirit of the season remains alive in Kohima.



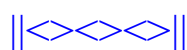
Nagaland Governor La Ganesan has extended warm Christmas greetings to all citizens of the state. He wished that this joyous season may bring peace, hope, and light into everyone's life. Noting that this time of reflection and togetherness evokes the importance of love, kindness and gratitude, he wished that homes may be filled with warmth, hearts with contentment, and days with abundant blessings. The Governor also hoped that the spirit of Christmas inspire generosity and unity, fostering goodwill toward all.



Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton has also conveyed Christmas greetings to the people of Nagaland. He said, Christmas is a time to reflect upon the manifold blessings of God. It is also a season to celebrate the birth and life of Jesus Christ, the son of God and Prince of peace who came and lived among men, sharing the gospel of love and salvation, he said. On the joyous occasion, Mr. Patton, on behalf of his family and the state BJP legislators, conveyed heartiest festive greetings and hoped that the season of Yuletide is truly celebrated in love, peace and joy.



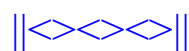
The Supreme Court has directed the Medical Counselling Committee to conduct a special round of counselling to fill vacant medical seats for National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) undergraduate courses while noting the acute shortage of doctors in India. The court further directed that the vacant NRI seats would also be converted into the general category quota and should be filled through the State Admission Authorities. It directed the Admission Authorities to hold a fresh stray or special counselling for the seats remaining vacant and complete the admission process before 30th December, in any eventuality. It further directed that no college would be permitted to admit students directly and admission should be conducted only through the State Admission Authorities. The bench also clarified that the stray or special admission process should not disturb the admissions, which are already finalised, and the admissions would be made only from the waitlisted candidates.



National Farmers' Day, or Kisan Diwas is being observed in the country today. The day honours the contributions of farmers to the nation's growth and development.

Kisan Diwas is observed on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh to recognise his contribution to the agriculture sector and welfare of farmers. Recognizing the vital role of farmers, the government has taken several initiatives like PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, PM Fasal Bima Yojana, and PM Kisan Maandhan Yojana to provide financial security, risk mitigation, and long-term social security to farmers.)

On the occasion, Nagaland Governor La Ganesan paid tribute to the hands that feed the nation. He called upon everyone to honor the resilience and determination of farmers who tirelessly work to ensure food security for all. The Governor said strength of farmers is the nation's pride.



India Meteorological Department has issued dense fog warnings for Nagaland and other parts of Northeast till the 26th of December. It said, dense fog conditions are very likely to occur during late night and early morning hours in isolated pockets of Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. Further, IMD also forecast that ground frost conditions are very likely in isolated pockets of the northeastern states till tomorrow.

