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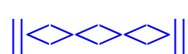
- Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya arrive in Kohima on two-day visit to Nagaland.
- Nagaland launches 100-Day Intensified Campaign on TB Elimination.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh salutes sacrifices of Indian Armed Forces on Armed Forces Flag Day.
- Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia says North-East has potential to be key partner in development of Global South.



Union Minister of Employment & Labour, Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya said, over the last decade, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has undergone a remarkable transformation in the field of sports. He said , from being mere participants, we have evolved into serious contenders on the global stage, be it at the Olympics, Paralympics, or international tournaments. The Union Minister said, the transformation is the result of strategic planning, grassroots engagement, and a steadfast commitment to excellence. Dr. Mandaviya said this today while addressing the officials of Department of Labour & Employment, Youth Resources & Sports , State sports Association and athletes at Indira Gandhi stadium in Kohima. The Union Minister arrived in Kohima on a two day visit to the state. He highlighted several key

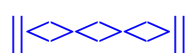
initiatives being launched to foster a culture of sports, encourage fitness, and support athletes at every level. To this the Union Minister said these efforts reflect a commitment not only to improving India's international performance but also to ensuring that the benefits of physical activity reach every citizen.

The Union Minister also added that, with increasing support for startups and ventures in the gaming sector, the government is driving investment and innovation, paving the way for India to emerge as a global hub for e-sports excellence.



Nagaland Minister for Health and Family Welfare, P Paiwang Konyak today launched the 100-Day Intensified Campaign on TB Elimination (Ni-Kshay Shivar) in Kohima. Addressing the event, Konyak said Tuberculosis has been a long-standing public health challenge, affecting countless lives, particularly the most vulnerable ones in the society. The Minister said informed that the 100 days intensified campaign is covering 347 selected high priority districts across 33 States and UTs which will involve a comprehensive strategy to mobilize resources, raise awareness through visual and print media and intensify actions against TB.

On the occasion, Nikshay Mitra and TB Champions were felicitated, food baskets were also distributed to the TB patients. Minister Paiwang administered TB Free pledged to the participants and flag-off Ni-kshay Vahan.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today saluted the courage, valour, fortitude and sacrifices of Indian Armed Forces on the occasion of the Armed Forces Flag Day. In his message, Mr Singh said the Armed Forces Flag Day is a day to remember the courage and contributions of Indian armed forces. Since 1949, 7th December is observed as the Armed Forces Flag Day to honour the martyrs and the men in uniform of the nation.

Meanwhile, Ex-Servicemen of Nagaland today commemorate Armed Forces Flag Day at Raj Bhavan, Kohima. The event was marked by pinning of the Armed Forces Flag, symbolizing solidarity and support for the brave men and women who serve in the Indian Armed Forces.



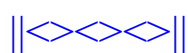
Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Minister, Jyotiraditya Scindia today said the world's geo-political order is shifting towards the Global South and North-East has the potential to be a key partner in its development. Mr. Scindia was addressing a panel discussion with Chief Ministers of Meghalaya, Sikkim and Tripura during the first technical session of Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav on the topic "Catalysing North East's Progress for a Viksit Bharat" in New Delhi. The Union Minister said that Centre is assisting to hone the specialties of each North-East state and present it to the world, ranging from tourism to agri-horticulture products.



Dimapur police has introduce an odd-even system for vehicles within Dimapur Municipal jurisdiction in view of high traffic congestion due to the festive season and the on-going rehabilitation work of the Road Over Bridge. The system will come into effect from 10 December from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily. Commissioner of Police Dimapur, Kevithuto Sophie has informed that the odd-even system will apply to all vehicles, including two wheelers for a period of one month or till the completion of the bridge rehabilitation work, whichever is earlier. Vehicles with odd ending registration number will be allowed to ply on odd dates and those ending with even registration number will be allowed to ply on even dates. The restriction will not apply on Sundays, December 25 and January 1. Government registered vehicles, emergency service vehicles, school buses and public transport including four and two-wheeler taxis except auto rickshaws are exempted



A delegation from the Business Association of Nagas, led by its President, Mongkum Jamir met Regional Executive Director, Regional HeadQuater Guwahati, Airports Authority of India, M. Raja Kishore to discuss the urgent need for infrastructure development at Dimapur Airport. During the meeting, Mr. Jamir emphasized that economic growth in Nagaland is intrinsically linked to infrastructure development. Mr. Kishore assured that extensive infrastructure development would be completed by March 2025, transforming the face of Dimapur Airport. He further revealed that a large-scale expansion plan is being formulated to elevate the airport to a standard on par with major airports in India, contingent on the availability of additional land for development. The Regional Executive Director also emphasized that Dimapur Airport serves as a vital hub for passengers from neighbouring states such as Manipur and Assam, making it a critical feeder for regional connectivity.



Nagaland State Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in collaboration with various partners organized the Hornbill Run titled “Run for Hornbill: Against Time” in Kohima today as part of the 25th Hornbill Festival. A press release from the Kohima Forest Division stated that the event was organized with the aim to combine the spirit of celebration of the Hornbill Festival while also championing the role of ecologically and culturally important birds in the forests of the State, especially the Hornbills which are inextricably intertwined with the Naga culture and heritage. Altogether, 266 participants from different organizations, the Church, NGOs, Departments and enthusiasts public participated in the noble cause. The prizes including certificate, cash and medals were given to the winners. 54 years Khughavi Sema was awarded for the oldest participant while, 13 year old Helen bagged the youngest participant award.

