

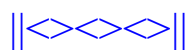
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:: THE HEADLINES ::

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterates his government's priority of providing dignified life to villagers.
- Deputy Chief Minister of Nagaland Y. Patton calls for unity among Naga factions for one political solution.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah says government has accelerated Urban development with proper policy framework.
- 100-day Tuberculosis Elimination Campaign being rolled out in Kohima, Mon & Wokha districts of Nagaland.



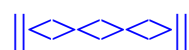
Prime Minister Narendra Modi today emphasized the government's vision to empower rural India by transforming villages into vibrant centres of growth and opportunity. The Prime Minister highlighted that since 2014, the government has been continuously serving rural India, with the priority of providing a dignified life to the people of the villages. The Prime Minister said this while addressing the gathering after inaugurating Grameen Bharat Mahotsav which is being held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from 4th to 9th of January. The theme of this Mahotsav is 'Building a Resilient Rural India for a Viksit Bharat 2047'.

The Prime Minister said, his government's intentions, policies and decisions are filling rural India with new energy. Announcing that Union Cabinet has approved continuation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana for one more year, Prime Minister mentioned Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), making rural societies self-sufficient.

On the occasion, the Prime Minister also interacted with the artisans at Mahotsav. This Mahotsav aims to enhance rural infrastructure, create self-reliant economies, and foster innovation within rural communities.



Deputy Chief Minister of Nagaland, Y. Patton today said Government of India, under the dynamic and visionary Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is ready to provide a solution to the Nagas if the Naga factions unite. He stated that the Centre is willing to offer only one solution for the entire Naga society, not separate solutions for each faction. Mr. Patton made these remarks while addressing the Lhisemia Council 175th Anniversary celebration in Kohima. He called upon all Naga underground factions to come together and unite in a concerted effort to bring about a permanent Naga political solution. The Deputy Chief Minister also commended the Lhisemia Council for reaching this significant milestone, noting that the three khels have lived together since 1850, growing stronger in unity to face adversities. Former Chief Minister and Lhisemia Council elder, Dr. Shürhozelie Liezietsu shared the history of Lhisemia Council. Advisor for School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome also spoke on the occasion.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said that the government has accelerated the Urban development with a proper policy framework. He said this while inaugurating the working women's hostel, 'Sushma Bhawan,' at Laxmibai Nagar in New Delhi. He also inaugurated a veterinary centre virtually at Motibagh. He recalled the significant

contributions made by the late former External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, hailing her as one of the greatest leaders of the party.

Mr. Shah highlighted the transition of the nearby villages into cities under the National Smart Cities Mission. Speaking of security measures, the Home Minister said that in many cities integrated command and control centers have been set up along with CCTV cameras to ensure the safety of the citizens of the country. He added that in future with the help of Artificial Intelligence, these security measures will be used for multipurpose projects.



India has rolled out a 100-day Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination Campaign (Ni-Kshay Shivar) in December 2024 to intensify progress towards ending the disease through improved case detection, reduction in diagnostic delays, and enhanced treatment outcomes across 347 districts in 33 States and Union Territories. The 100-Day TB Elimination Campaign (Ni-Kshay Shivar) marks an important milestone in India's journey toward a TB-free nation by 2025. In Nagaland, the campaign was rolled out in Kohima, Mon & Wokha. In an exclusive interview with Akashvani News Kohima, State Program Officer of National TB Elimination Programme, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland, Dr Vezokholu Theyo informed testing for case detection in Nagaland has shown a double increase to 1475 per lakh population in 2023 as compared to 752 per lakh in 2021. She said, of all the TB notified cases in 2023 in Nagaland, the burden of TB cases in Dimapur was the highest with 48 percent while Longleng with the lowest burden of 1.14 per cent.

Listener can listen to this exclusively interview at 8:30 tonight on FM 103 MHz and primary channel 639Khz.



Additional Deputy Commissioner of Kohima, Rhosietho Nguori has informed that the "shoot-at-sight" orders for stray dogs are in violation of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and the Bharatiya Naya Sanhita, which prohibit the killing of animals, including stray dogs. The information was issued after some organizations and associations within Kohima Municipal wards and villages under Kohima District have issued "shoot-at-sight" orders for stray dogs. In this regard, the ADC has prohibits any individual, organization or association from engaging in such activities, stating that strict action would be taken against those found violating this directive, under relevant provisions of the Law. He further informed that presence of any stray dogs should be reported to the office of the Municipal or Town Council Authorities in the urban areas and to the respective village authorities or concerned Area Administrative Officers in rural areas. The ADC stated that the concerned authorities, with the help of the Chief Veterinary Office, will take care of such stray dogs as per laid down procedures of relevant laws.



To commemorate World Braille Day, the National Federation of the Blind today organized an event in New Delhi. World Braille Day is observed on January 4th every year to honour the birth of Louis Braille, the inventor of the Braille writing system. Braille, is a tactile writing system used by blind and visually impaired individuals, allowing them to read and write through tactile patterns of raised dots. Speaking at the event, General Secretary of the National Federation of the Blind, S K Rungta, stressed that nowadays with the advent of technology, people are using Braille as a substitute. Mr. Rungta emphasized that Braille is the only way through which visually impaired people lead a respectful life.

