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1. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio dismisses health rumours; Reassures public of good health
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauds India's startup ecosystem, highlights surge in startup registrations in Nagaland
3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi salutes members of Constituent Assembly in framing constitution
4. And, Israel- Hamas ceasefire deal begins



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today called for a collective voice from the public and tribal bodies to oppose the re-imposition of Protected Area Regime. He highlighted that the state cabinet had recently decided to appeal for a review of the decision, emphasizing that Nagaland is currently in a peaceful state. Mr Rio said this while addressing the Angami Baptist Church Council (ABCC) Quinquennial Conference at Kohima. The Chief Minister said, he had previously raised the issue at a DoNER meeting in the presence of the Union Home Minister, who did not provide a response. He contended that Nagaland's record of having the lowest crime rate, being the safest state for women, and receiving lakhs of tourists, could be adversely affected, urging for a united opposition against the decision.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has remarked that in today's society, opinions and rumors can spread quickly through social media, fueled by the widespread use of mobile phones. Mr Rio addressed a recent rumour about his health, which claimed that he was suffering from an incurable illness, causing concern among many. Speaking at the ABCC Krodi Kehou in Kohima today, the Chief Minister reassured the public, stating that by the grace of God and with the prayers of the people, he is in good health and continuing to fulfill his duties. He expressed his deep gratitude for the concern shown by the community. The Chief Minister also thanked his cabinet colleagues for their unwavering support, ensuring effective governance. Mr Rio further expressed his appreciation to the citizens of the state, urging them to continue praying for all leaders.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lauded the growth of India's startup ecosystem, specifically noting the significant rise in startup registrations in Nagaland. In his first Mann Ki Baat address for this year today, he highlighted that in Nagaland, the StartUps registration had increased by more than 200 percent last year.

The Prime Minister commended the thriving startup ecosystem, particularly in smaller cities, and mentioned key sectors such as Waste Management, Non-Renewable Energy, Biotechnology and Logistics where most startups have emerged. Emphasizing the role of women, Mr Modi said more than half of the startups in smaller cities were led by daughters of India.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended his greetings in advance for the 75th anniversary of Republic Day saying that this year's celebration is particularly special as it marks 75 years of the Constitution coming into force. Mr. Modi saluted the members of Constituent Assembly who contributed in framing the Constitution. He remembered Baba Saheb Ambedkar, Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

saying that citizens must take inspiration from thoughts of these great leaders.

The Prime Minister also highlighted the importance of National Voters Day which will be celebrated on 25th January. Mr. Modi said, constitution makers have accorded a very important place to the Election Commission in the Constitution and to the people's participation in democracy.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the country is setting new benchmarks in space technology, with visionary scientists and innovators providing solutions to future challenges. Addressing the nation in the 118th episode of his Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani today, Mr. Modi commended the nation's recent achievements in the space sector. Lauding the Bengaluru-based Indian Space-Tech start-up, 'Pixxel' for successfully launching the country's first private satellite constellation 'Firefly', the Prime Minister called it a significant step towards self-reliance. He also applauded the space docking of satellites. Mr. Modi extended his best wishes to scientists, innovators and young entrepreneurs on behalf of the entire nation.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke on the various aspects of Mahakumbh 2025 during his monthly radio programme- Mann Ki Baat. He said, it is an extraordinary confluence of equality and harmony.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the Kumbh celebrates the festival of unity in diversity and people congregate on the sands of the Sangam. On the participation of youth in the kumbh, Mr. Modi said, when the young generation connects with its civilization with pride, its roots become stronger. He said, this time the country is witnessing the digital footprints of the Kumbh on such a large scale and this global popularity of the Kumbh is a matter of pride for every Indian.

Devotees and Pilgrims in Mahakumbh Nagar are also listening to Akashvani's Kumbhvani News Bulletins live from the public address system. The Channel will continue to broadcast news and other programmes till 26th of February. Anand For Akashvani News, Mahakumbh Nagar Prayagraj.)



Employees' Provident Fund Organization has simplified the online process of updating member profiles. The members whose Universal Account Number has already been validated through Aadhaar can update their profile with name, date of birth, gender, nationality, father or mother's name, date of joining and date of leaving themselves without the requirement of uploading any document. Labour and Employment Ministry said this revision will immediately benefit around 3.9 lakh members whose requests are pending at various stages. Only, in certain cases where the Universal Account Number was obtained before 1st October 2017, the updation would require certification of the employer.



A temporary ceasefire between Israel and Hamas has commenced after a three-hour delay, facilitating a critical step toward de-escalation in the ongoing conflict. Israel has confirmed receiving from Hamas the names of the three captives to be freed on the first day of the implementation of the agreement. The ceasefire's first phase, lasting six weeks, includes partial Israeli troop withdrawals, increased humanitarian aid, and the prisoner exchange.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended greetings to the Khamniungan community on Khaozaosie-Hok-Ah. In a social media post, he said the festival marks the end of agricultural activities and is a time of rest and thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. Mr Rio wished that the celebrations would bring continued prosperity.

