

## :::THE HEADLINES:::

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says his government has taken slew of measures for welfare of poor people
- Rajya Sabha Resumes Discussion on Motion of Thanks to President's Address
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio holds review meeting with various department to strengthen and improve programmes
- On World Cancer Day, Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research highlights worrying trends in high incidents of cancer cases in the state

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that his government has taken a slew of measures for the welfare of poor people, which resulted in the upliftment of 25 crore people from poverty. He said it has been possible only because of this government's commitment, dedication, and hard work. He said the government is working for development while adhering to fiscal prudence. The Prime Minister was replying to a discussion on the motion of thanks on the President's Address to the joint houses of the Parliament in the Lok Sabha today. Highlighting the initiatives taken by the government, the Prime Minister said four crore houses have been provided to the poor people, and 12 crore toilets have been built across the country, which has eased the lives of crores of people, especially women.

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The Lok Sabha today resumed discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address to the joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament. Participating in the discussion, Samajwadi Party MP, Akhilesh Yadav said that the country with its vast potential and resources has not been able to exploit its true manufacturing potential under the current regime. All India Trinamool Congress leader MP, Sougata Ray, said that the country is lagging behind several countries in terms of manufacturing, and there was a need to take stringent measures to overcome this deficiency. In the Rajya Sabha, participating in the discussion, senior leader of BJP Bansi Lal Gurjar, said that India is encouragingly moving forward on the path of development and prosperity under the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Government. Earlier, the Deputy Chairman, Harivansh, rejected the adjournment motion moved by

some opposition members in the House demanding discussion on the Mahakumbh incident.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio held review meeting with various departments today. In a meeting held with department of law & headed its Advisor T N\_Mannen, he said the meeting discussed strengthening of District Courts, improving infrastructure and effective justice delivery system. The Chief Minister also stressed on the need to balance Customary and Judicial Courts in the best interest of the Naga society. He also met the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Service department along with its Advisor Kazheto Kinimi. The meeting emphasized on scientific approaches and best practices to boost sustainable livestock production. The Chief Minister also directed the department to support entrepreneurs by devising schemes and hand-hold them with professional guidance.

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Director cum Dean of NIMSR, Professor Dr. Soumya Chakraborty has cited the importance of empathy in healthcare, particularly for cancer treatment. She was speaking during the World Cancer Day organized by Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Kohima. She said empathy is essential to provide holistic and compassionate care to cancer patients who endure immense physical and emotional challenges. Medical Superintendent NIMSR Dr Vinotsole Khamo highlighted that currently Nagaland ranks 11th in all cancer sites in India for males. Dr. Khamo said Nagaland is leading state for Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma incidents in the country for both males and females. Among the males, Nasopharyngeal carcinoma, Stomach, Oesophagus and Hypopharynx cancer are the highest while Cervix, Breast and Stomach are highest in females. Senior Resident in Department of Community Medicine, Dr. Tsusennaro explained that majority of cancers could be avoided with proper lifestyle modifications.

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The Union Budget 2025, presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on 1st Feburary. Talking to Akashvani News, people in Nagaland have expressed optimism as the latest budget is set to have significant impact on various sectors. For Mharoni Lotha, student of Tourism, the focus on tourism sector is welcoming, especially to open opportunities for the people of Nagaland.

Another young woman, Khyodeno expresses hope that with increased funding, healthcare and education sector in the state will certainly improve.

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Regional News Unit, Akashvani, Kohima presented a special live discussion on Union Budget 2025-26 with focus on the state, Nagaland this evening. Expert panelist featured Senior Journalist and Associate Editor, The Morung Express,

Dr. Moa Jamir and Associate Professor, Economics, Kohima College, Dr. Evothung Ezung. The discussion opened with initial impression on the budget 2025 that was announced by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on 1st February in the Parliament. The panel shared how the budget so far looks positive and promising directly benefiting low and middle income tax payers and key sectors like agriculture, MSMEs, investment, exports among others.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden Nagaland Vedpal Singh has emphasized on the need to raise awareness for wetlands as they are the fastest to disappear, primarily due to human activities. He was speaking at World Wetlands Day observed at Lanchuchu Eryu located near NEPCO tourist viewpoint and Doyang Reservoir, under theme “Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future. Mr. Singh said the day is observed to preserve these vital ecosystems and to encourage individuals to contribute to their conservation. He also urged people to take a resolution not to buy mineral water or, if used, to dispose them properly. Mr. Singh stressed the importance of responsible disposal of toxic waste, particularly inverter batteries, which contain hazardous materials.

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A programme on Legal Provisions related to Child Labour Act & Consumer Protection Act was organized by Legal Aid Committee of Baptist College, Kohima today. Member Secretary, Nagaland State Legal Services Authority, Neiko Akami emphasized that equality is a core principle of consumer rights and said that Consumer Protection Act of 1986 is a vital welfare legislation designed to safeguard consumers’ rights. Mr. Akami explained that nature of complaints under the Act include unfair trade practices, deficiencies in services, and defective goods. He encouraged students to be vigilant consumers and explained how complaints can be lodged with District Consumer Forum. Panel Lawyer, Kohima DLSA, Vimeno Kuostu, provided detailed overview of Child Labour Act 1986. Ms Kuostu pointed out that stringent penalties are imposed on those who exploit children, reinforcing the importance of protecting vulnerable children from exploitation.

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