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1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announces affordable cancer medicines and daycare centres in every district within three years
2. Nagaland Foot Hills Road Coordination Committee condemns launch of road project at Khumjo Yan in Wokha district
3. Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat highlights India's rapid progress in Artificial Intelligence
4. And, women achievers to handle Prime Minister's social media account on International Women's Day



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said ‘health for all’ is one of the main pillars of his government’s resolve—’Sabka ‘Saath, Sabka Vikas.’. The Prime Minister, laying the foundation stone for the Bageshwar Dham Medical and Science Research Institute in Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh this afternoon, said this institute will offer free treatment to underprivileged cancer patients. He said in the first phase, a hospital with 100 beds facility will be ready. The cancer hospital will be equipped with state-of-the-art machines and specialist doctors. The Prime Minister said cancer medicines will be

made cheaper and cancer day care centers will be opened in every district of the country in the next 3 years.

Mr Modi also announced the opening of cancer clinics in district hospitals. The Prime Minister appealed to the people to take advantage of government schemes like Ayushman Yojana and Jan Aushadhi Kendras.



The Nagaland Foot Hills Road Coordination Committee (NFHRCC) has condemned the recent launch of a road construction project at Khumjo Yan in Wokha district by contractors Chabou & Company and JK Construction. NFHRCC's objection stems from the refusal of the two contractors to sign an agreement with the committee. At a press conference yesterday, NFHRCC Convenor Supu Jamir said, representatives of Ao Senden, Lotha Hoho, and Sumi Hoho had resolved in a January 16 meeting that the contractors should sign by January 20. However, the contractors failed to do so. Mr Jamir pointed out two clauses that the contractors opposed -- Clause 5, prohibiting any deductions, other than statutory ones, and Clause 7, which mandates NFHRCC's inspection and issuance of a No Objection Certificate before funds are released by the department. Despite efforts of the Lotha Hoho to meet with Dr. John, proprietor of JK Construction, and MLA Achumbemo Kikon, they remained firm in their refusal to sign. As a result, the Lotha Hoho passed a resolution barring any firm from executing work within its jurisdiction unless the agreement is signed.

Mr Jamir emphasized that the practice of signing such agreements is not new but has been in place since the project's beginning, to ensure quality work and timely completion.



Local Colors, in collaboration with the Task Force for Music & Arts, will present Terra Verde, an immersive art exhibition from February 25 to 28 at the Centre of Excellence for Music and Arts, Kohima. Terra Verde, meaning "Green Earth," will feature local artists' works showcasing the beauty of nature, landscapes, and biodiversity through paintings, mixed media, and installations. The exhibition will be open to the public from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, India is rapidly carving out a robust identity in the field of Artificial Intelligence. In his monthly radio programme, Mann Ki Baat on Akashvani today, the Prime Minister applauded India's eagerness to adopt new technologies and noted global recognition of India's AI progress during his recent visit to Paris.

Mr Modi highlighted that the increasing participation of youth is leading to new revolutions in various sectors, be it Space or AI. He expressed pride that the country witnessed the launch of ISRO's 100th rocket last month.

Prime Minister also noted with satisfaction the rising participation of women among the team of Space Scientists. Mr Modi urged listeners

to observe ‘One Day as a Scientist’ and visit a research lab, planetarium or a Space Centre to mark National Science Day on the 28th of this month.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that he will hand over his various social media accounts to select women achievers in different fields to mark the International Women's Day on March 8. In his monthly Mann Ki Baat address today, he said these inspiring women from different fields will share their work and experience. Mr Modi said, International Women’s Day is a special occasion to salute Nari Shakti, adding that respect for daughters is paramount in Indian culture.

He said, women can join on NamoApp and get a chance to share their message on Women’s Day. In today’s Mann Ki Baat, the Prime Minister also renewed his appeal to deal with the problem of obesity, stressing its importance for becoming a fit and healthy nation.

Mr Modi said he will challenge ten people to reduce oil in their food by 10 percent. He added that he will also urge them to pass on the same challenge to 10 other people. The Prime Minister also mentioned the new format of Pariksha Pe Charcha and wished Exam Warriors the best for their Board Exams.



Nagaland Super League has announced revised match timings for the 2nd leg of the tournament starting February 26. According to the updated schedule, the first match at IG Stadium Kohima will be played

at 2:00 PM, with the second match at 5:00 PM. In Chümoukedima, the first match will be played at 4:00 PM, and second match at 7:00 PM.



And, in weather, India Meteorological Department has forecast moderate rainfall at a few places over Nagaland tomorrow, accompanied with thunderstorm and lightning at isolated locations. The department also said no significant change in temperatures is likely over the northeast states during the next few days.

