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1. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar says farmers key to country's development
2. Nagaland private hospitals to suspend Ayushman Bharat, CMHIS services over pending claims
3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit France, US for high-level talks on AI, trade and strategic ties
4. And, Nagaland pugilists earn bronze at National Games



Highlighting farmers' role in the country's development, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has urged youth to take up the profession and assured them of positive economic results if they take advantage of new technologies, cooperatives and government policies. Addressing the Akhil Mewar Region Jat Mahasabha in Chittorgarh today, the Vice President said, no one can undermine the role of farmers in India's journey towards development.

Mr Dhankhar said, when the economic situation of farmers improves, the country's situation improves. He stressed that farmers are the providers, and possess political strength and economic capability. He encouraged farmers to take advantage of the over 730 Agricultural Science Centres across the country to learn about new technologies and government policies. The Vice President also emphasised farmers' participation in the trade and value addition of agricultural products.



The Nagaland Private Doctors Association (NPDA) has stated that private hospitals will halt services under Ayushman Bharat (PM-JAY) and CMHIS from 15th of this month, until all pending claims are settled. This was among demands outlined by NPDA during an emergency meeting held yesterday. In a statement, NPDA expressed strong criticism at Nagaland Health Protection Society (NHPS) and Future Generali Insurance for failing to honor the terms of their Memorandum of Understanding with Empanelled Health Care Providers (EHCPs). The association accused the two entities of misleading the public and unjustly blaming doctors and healthcare institutions. In its demands, NPDA also sought a public apology from NHPS for

damaging the reputation of EHCPs, and insisted that no new agreements regarding EHCPs will be signed without its prior approval.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to embark on a high-profile diplomatic tour to France and the United States starting tomorrow, aimed at bolstering strategic, economic, and technological partnerships with both nations. The first leg of his tour takes him to France from February 10 to 12, where he will attend the AI Action Summit 2025, engage in key bilateral discussions, and inaugurate India's new Consulate General in Marseille. Following this, Mr Modi will travel to the US on February 12 for a two-day working visit focused on trade, strategic cooperation, and technology partnerships.



Indian Ambassador to France, Sanjeev Kumar Singla, has said India's primary concern is ensuring that AI does not become the exclusive domain of a few people or a few companies in select geographies. Talking exclusively to Akashvani News, he stressed that AI must remain open, secure, inclusive, and trustworthy --addressing the concerns of the Global South and preventing a digital divide between developed and developing nations.

Ambassador Singla further highlighted that the inauguration of India's new Consulate General in Marseille will enhance consular services for the sizable Indian diaspora in Marseille and strengthen India's strategic presence in the region.



Delhi Chief Minister Atishi handed over her resignation to Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena, a day after Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) faced a crushing defeat in the Delhi assembly polls. Atishi, who retained her Kalkaji seat, handed over her resignation at Raj Niwas this morning. Atishi took oath as chief minister in September last year after AAP convenor and her predecessor Arvind Kejriwal resigned from the post amid corruption allegations against him. The Lieutenant Governor dissolved the Delhi Assembly effective, February 8. Talking to Media, Delhi BJP President Virendraa Sachdeva said that BJP will fulfill the promises made to the people and will make Delhi a developed capital.



The Nagaland Judges' Association, NJA, held its 21st General Conference yesterday at Chumoukedima. The event also featured a farewell to Principal Judge, Family Court, Dimapur, Khesheli Chishi, and District & Session Judge, Wokha, Nino Iralu. During the event, both retiring officers shared their experiences and expressed gratitude to their colleagues and staffs for their support. They also stressed upon the need for judicial officers to work together. During the conference, the new NJA office bearers for tenure 2025-27 was inducted, with Neiko Akami as President and Phuleto Yeptho as Vice President.



President Droupadi Murmu will visit Mahakumbh, Prayagraj tomorrow. She will take a holy dip in Triveni Sangam, and also visit Akshayvat and Bade Hanuman Temple in Prayagraj. The President will explore the depth of Mahakumbh through modern technology at the Digital Mahakumbh Experience Centre. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will also be present on the occasion.



In Sports, Nagaland secured two bronze medals in women's Boxing at the ongoing National Games 2025 in Uttarakhand. Renu earned the medal in the 75 kg category, while Sanju won the other in the 66 kg category. Both pugilists reached the semi-finals, but were defeated by the eventual winners in their respective weigh divisions -- Olympic medalist Lovlina Borgohain in the 75 kg category, and Ankushita Boro in the 66kg category. Services currently lead the medals table with 71 medals, including 42 gold, 16 silver and 13 bronze. Nagaland, along with Puducherry, and Sikkim, remains one of the three states yet to secure a gold medal in the competition.



India Meteorological Department has forecast isolated to scattered light rainfall activity over the Northeastern states during the coming few days. It said, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura will likely receive scattered light rainfall over the next three days. The weather authority added that rainfall and snowfall is likely at many places over Arunachal Pradesh during the period.

