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Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday expressed India's willingness to share its learnings and best practices in the health sector with the world, especially with the Global South. Mr Modi highlighted that Global South is particularly impacted by health challenges, stressing that India's approach offers replicable, scalable and sustainable health models. The Prime Minister made these remarks while virtually addressing the seventy-eighth session of World Health Assembly being held at Geneva in Switzerland.

Mr Modi also extended his congratulations to the World Health Organization and all member states on the successful negotiations of the Inter-governmental Negotiating Body treaty.

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India has been awarded the Certificate of Elimination of Trachoma as a Public Health Problem by the World Health Organisation at the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva. This recognition is a testament to India's sustained efforts in disease elimination, preventive healthcare, and commitment to ensuring health for all. On October the 8th last year, WHO declared that the Government of India has eliminated Trachoma as a public health problem.

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India's diplomatic outreach on Operation Sindoor will begin from today, with the first all-party delegation out of seven set to depart for four countries. The first delegation led by Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde will embark for UAE, Liberia, Democratic Republic of Congo and Sierra Leone. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri briefed the members of the three delegations at Parliament House in New Delhi yesterday. Speaking to media after the briefing, Shiv Sena leader Shrikant Shinde said, the way India has been fighting terrorism and dealing with Pakistan should be made known to the world.

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The Kohima Press Club (KPC) has strongly condemned the alleged harassment of journalists by security personnel at Gwaltebi, Manipur yesterday. The incident occurred while the journalists were en route to cover the inaugural function of the Shirui Lily Festival in Ukhrul. In a statement, the KPC expressed serious concern over repeated instances of journalists being harassed while on duty, stating that such actions undermine press freedom. The club extended solidarity with the media fraternity in Manipur, represented by the All Manipur Working Journalists' Union and the Editors' Guild Manipur. The KPC urged the Manipur state government to take swift action and ensure a safe and conducive environment for journalists to uphold the freedom of expression and the public's right to information.

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The Naga People's Front (NPF) Central Team, under the leadership of Party President Among Pongener held consultative meetings yesterday with divisional office bearers of Zunheboto and Mokokchung. These meetings were part of the party's ongoing efforts to strengthen organizational coordination and grassroots engagement across Nagaland. In his address, President Among Pongener, called for unity and proactive involvement of the workers in party activities, reaffirming the NPF's

commitment to the aspirations of the Naga people. Reiterating the party's vision, Mr Pongener encouraged divisional leaders to continue strengthening the party's presence at the grassroots level.

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Government servants and individuals with family income exceeding 2.5 lakh rupees per annum who are holding Priority Households and Antyodaya Anna Yojana ration cards have been asked to surrender to their respective districts before 31st of this month. In a circular, the Directorate Of Food & Civil Supplies Nagaland cautioned that non compliance, if detected will be dealt with as per provisions of the Act. The department further advised that individuals with annual income of 2.5 lakh rupees and above may instead apply for a General Household ration card.

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