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1. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan says Centre approves over 338 crore rupees to boost agri and allied sectors in Nagaland
2. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulates Armed forces on success of Operation Sindoor
3. Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton leads Tiranga Yatra in Wokha
4. And, Second edition of Miss Universe Nagaland to take place on June 11 in Kohima



Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, today said that the central government has approved over 338 crore rupees to boost agriculture and allied sectors in Nagaland. He said this after inaugurating the administrative-cum-academic block of the College of Veterinary Sciences, Jalukie.

Emphasizing the immense potential of Nagaland's agricultural sector, the minister said, with the right infrastructure and environment in place, the state's produces can reach national and international markets. Mr Chouhan also emphasized on integrated farming, including animal husbandry, pisciculture and apiculture, for sustainability. He proposed setting up dedicated teams, involving local youth, students, and university researchers to engage directly with farmers across the districts, and ensure scientific knowledge reaches the grassroots level. On the occasion, the Union Minister also inaugurated the Farmers' Fair. Speaking at the event, Nagaland Governor La Ganesan, termed the inauguration a step towards strengthening the rural economy of the state.

The Governor reaffirmed the government's commitment to advancing veterinary education and inclusive agricultural growth.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said that Operation Sindoor is India's impregnable and strong response to terror being exported from Pakistan and Pakistan Occupied Jammu & Kashmir, for the last several decades now. Addressing troops at Army's 15 Corps Badami Bagh Cantonment, he commended Indian armed forces for their valour, bravery and meticulous work while executing Operation Sindoor. He said the country is proud of the armed forces for their courage, commitment and determination in safeguarding the motherland.

Questioning the safety of nuclear weapons in the hands of Pakistan, he said Pakistan's nuclear weapons should be taken under the supervision of International Atomic Energy Agency. This is the Defence Minister's first visit to Jammu and Kashmir after India launched Operation Sindoor.



Tiranga Yatra was held in Wokha district today to celebrate the success of Operation Sindoor. Led by Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton, the Yatra commenced from Town Hall and concluded at Police Point, aimed to condemn terrorism and honour the Indian Armed Forces. Members of various political parties, civil society groups, students, and local citizens participated in the yatra, chanting patriotic slogans and waving the Tricolour.

Addressing the gathering, Mr Patton condemned terrorism and lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership in safeguarding national security. The Ex-Servicemen Association of Wokha, with 645 members, pledged continued support to the nation and assured their services whenever called upon. A minute of silence was observed for fallen soldiers, and the event concluded with the National Anthem.



Operation Sindoor has lit a fire in the heart of the nation. The daring and calculated mission by the Indian Armed Forces struck deep at the roots of terror beyond the border. It has echoed India's sentiment, loud and clear, that it will not bow to fear, but stand tall in unity. Let's hear from one proud citizen sharing her thoughts...

Operation Sindoor is not just a mission, it is a message that India will always rise to defend its own and respond with united strength.



The highly anticipated second edition of Miss Universe Nagaland is set to take place on June 11 in Kohima. Addressing media persons today, Beauty and Aesthetics Society of Nagaland (BASN) President Mele Pucho announced that the Society has officially decided to host the Miss Universe Nagaland pageant, citing the growing interest and enthusiasm among young women in beauty pageants. He said that over the past few years, Nagaland has made impressive strides in beauty pageants and emphasized the significant potential and opportunities available in this field for aspiring talents. Mr. Pucho also informed that auditions for Miss Universe Nagaland will be held on May 17 in Dimapur.

BASN Media Secretary Sarah Konyak shared that the reigning Miss Universe India, Rhea Singha, will be one of the judges for the grand finale. Ms Sarah also revealed that the

Department of Tourism, Government of Nagaland will be the official partner, while the Task Force for Music and Arts will serve as the official venue partner for the main event.

The winner of Miss Universe Nagaland will represent the state at the upcoming Miss Universe India pageant. The BASN invites all interested individuals aged 18 years and above to participate in the pageant and take the opportunity to showcase their talent, confidence, and passion for the world of beauty and fashion.



And, In a fatal road accident early this morning, two individuals lost their lives and two others sustained critical injuries after their Bolero vehicle plunged 300 meters into a deep gorge at Tsiesepru, Old Chümoukedima Heritage Village, along the bypass road. The incident occurred around 12:30 AM. However, it was reported to the police only at around 6:30 AM, following which a rescue operation was launched at 7:00 AM with the assistance of local residents. The deceased were identified as Zayiesito Hegen, 24 year of Zeliang tribe and Akamu N Shohe 26 year of Sumi tribe. The injured have been identified as Peter Kihomong 24 year from Yimkhiung tribe and 25-year old Chingong Phom. All four victims were reportedly students. Authorities confirmed that the bodies of the deceased have been handed over to their respective families. The two injured individuals are currently receiving treatment at the Christian Institute of Health Sciences and Research Dimapur, and their conditions are reported to be critical. The exact cause of the accident remain ascertained.

