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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserts Make in India will power Viksit Bharat
- Nagaland government bans exclusive trade permits by municipal bodies
- MeitY Secretary S Krishnan says Nagaland holds great potential for innovation
- And. Nagaland braces for continued rainfall through week



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that 1.4 billion Indians are united and working tirelessly to build a Viksit Bharat. Emphasising self-reliance, he said, it is the demand of the time that everything required to make India a developed nation, must be built within the country. Mr Modi was speaking after laying the foundation stone and inaugurating multiple development projects worth around 24,000 crore rupees at Dahod in Gujarat.

He noted that several Indian-made products are now being exported to countries across the world. Speaking on Operation Sindoor, Prime Minister Modi said that it is not just a military action, but an expression of Indian values and emotions.

Earlier in the day, the Prime Minister inaugurated a Locomotive manufacturing plant of the Indian Railways. Mr Modi also flagged off the first electric locomotive manufactured from the plant.



Nagaland Municipal Affairs Department has prohibited Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), including Municipalities and Town Councils, from granting exclusive permits to single entities for the supply of goods and services. The move follows complaints from various NGOs alleging illegal tender allotments and restrictive trade practices by several ULBs. In its circular dated May 24, the department said

such practices undermine fair competition and limit equitable economic opportunities for the public. The directive underlines the importance of providing equal platforms for individuals to conduct business peacefully, while ensuring credible municipal governance. To rectify existing discrepancies, ULBs have been instructed to review and withdraw any ongoing tenders, orders, or permits that may result in restrictive trade conditions. The department further warned that any such action by officials, regardless of rank, would face consequences under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. Reminding ULBs of their statutory obligations under Nagaland Municipal Act, 2023, the directive urged them to uphold integrity and legal compliance in all aspects of their functioning.



The three-day Innovation NE Week, organized by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) commenced today at NIELIT, Kohima. Speaking virtually at the inaugural event, MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan highlighted the initiative's importance in advancing digital literacy and technical education in the Northeast. He emphasised that the ministry is committed to empowering the region through technology, and pointed out that 20 of India's 55 NIELIT centres are located in the region, with Kohima among the most active. He also mentioned the potential of Nagaland in the economic setup.

Mr Krishnan also underlined NIELIT's mission to enhance employability of youth in the region through capacity-building programs. The event is seeing participants from all North-eastern states.



Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research Dr. Rajiv Bahl said that the government is monitoring the COVID situation through the Integrated Disease Surveillance Program, which tracks COVID cases nationwide. On the recent uptick in case numbers, he emphasized that there was no cause for panic as of now, and the severity of infections remains low. Dr. Bahl urged the people remain vigilant. According to data from the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, India has 1,009 active COVID-19 cases as of date.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has completed eleven years in office today, ushering in an era of stable governance and development. It was on this day in 2014 Mr Modi had taken oath as the Prime Minister of India. This marked a turning point in the country's modern political history as it ended the era of coalition politics in India with people giving a clear and decisive mandate to the BJP. Addressing an event today, Mr Modi recalled the trust first placed in him by Gujarat, and then by the nation.



Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has said that around 15 foreign universities will be coming to establish their campuses in India by this academic year, with government approval already granted. Mr Pradhan was speaking at the letter of intent handover ceremony to the United Kingdom's Liverpool University in New Delhi today. He described this partnership as a reauthorization of India's emergence as a trusted partner in global higher education.

The Minister said Liverpool University will be operational in Bengaluru from next year.



Transport Commissioner Elias T. Lotha has announced guidelines for the Rah-Veer scheme, an initiative that rewards Good Samaritans who save lives during road accidents. The scheme awards individuals who assist victims and rush them to hospitals within the Golden Hour, or first hour, with 25,000 rupees in cash and a certificate of appreciation. Rewards vary for cases with more than one Good Samaritan or more than one victim. It also ensures legal protection to Good Samaritans under the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019. The central government initiative is aimed at encouraging public to help during emergency situations, and will be active until March 31, 2026. Further details are available on the department website at mvdnagaland.in.



Nagaland is expected to witness continued rainfall until the end of the week, according to the Meteorological Centre Kohima. The forecast indicates heavy rain very likely at isolated places in Kohima, Zunheboto, Kiphire, Mokokchung and Tuensang tomorrow. Very heavy rain is very likely at isolated places of Peren, Kohima, Phek, Tuensang and Kiphire on 29th of May. Thunderstorm with lightning are very likely across several parts of the state throughout the week.