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### THE HEADLINES:-

- Nation celebrates 10 years of Digital India; Prime Minister Modi calls it mass movement for Aatmanirbhar Bharat
- Cabinet approves employment-linked incentive scheme, National Sports Policy 2025
- President Droupadi Murmu endorses traditional healthcare systems
- 15 pharmacies licences cancelled in Niuland district

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India is celebrating 10 years of the Digital India programme. It was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015. The Prime Minister has said that Digital India has become a people's movement and is central to building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat and making India a trusted innovation partner to the world. In a blog marking ten years of the programme, he said India is moving from digital governance to global digital leadership, and from India-first to India-for-the-world. Mr. Modi wrote that while decades were once spent doubting the ability of Indians to use technology, this mindset has changed. Similarly, he noted that instead of believing technology would deepen inequality, it is now being used to bridge the gap between the haves and the have-nots. He emphasized that when the intent is right, innovation empowers the less empowered, and inclusive approaches have brought meaningful changes to the lives of those on the margins. This belief, he said, laid the foundation of Digital India, a mission to democratise access, build inclusive digital infrastructure, and create opportunities for all. The Prime Minister said India is now the most affordable compute destination with the 1.2 billion dollar India AI Mission. He added that

India is championing humanity-first AI, and the New Delhi Declaration on AI promotes innovation with responsibility. Mr. Modi concluded that the next decade will be even more transformative.

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The Union Cabinet has approved the employment-linked incentive scheme to generate employment and provide social security across all sectors, with special focus on the manufacturing sector. Briefing media in New Delhi today, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, first-time employees will get one month's wage up to 15 thousand rupees under the scheme. He said, employers will also receive incentives for two years for each additional employee retained for at least six months.

With an outlay of nearly 1 lakh crore rupees, the scheme aims to generate over 3.5 crore jobs within two years. Further, the Cabinet has approved the National Sports Policy 2025. Mr. Vaishnaw said, the policy aims to propel India to the top five sporting nations in the world. He said it will strengthen programmes from the grassroots to elite levels, with early identification and nurturing of talent as well as building world-class systems for training, coaching, and holistic athlete support.

Mr. Vaishnaw noted that this policy will also help in promoting sports tourism and attracting major international events in the country.

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President Droupadi Murmu today stressed the role of traditional healthcare systems and lifestyle in the nation's progress. Inaugurating the Guru Gorakhnath AYUSH University in Uttar Pradesh, she said if the public remain healthy, the vision of a developed India by 2047 can be realised.

Endorsing traditional healthcare systems, the President called on people to adopt the Ayurvedic and nature-based lifestyle alongside modern medicine.

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In a coordinated enforcement effort, licences of 15 pharmacies were cancelled today in Niuland district, for violating regulations that mandate the presence of registered pharmacists. The joint inspection drive was carried out by the District Administration, Police Department, and the Chief Medical Office, Dimapur. As per order issued by the State Drugs Control Administration Kohima, the licences were cancelled due to non-compliance with show-cause notices regarding violations of the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945 and the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

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National Doctor's Day is being celebrated today to honour the priceless contributions and dedication of medical professionals to people's lives and communities. This year's theme, "Behind the Mask: Who Heals the Healers?". Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted all hardworking doctors on the occasion. In a social media post, he said doctors are the true protectors of health and pillars of humanity. Mr Modi added that their contribution to strengthening India's healthcare infrastructure is truly exceptional.

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Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio has also extended greetings to doctors across the country on the occasion of National Doctor's Day. In a message on X, Dr. Rio hailed doctors as pillars of the nation's healthcare system. He described their service as a noble calling, defined by timely interventions and compassionate care. The Chief Minister emphasized that the people deeply honour their invaluable role in saving lives.

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Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw today launched RailOne app, which is a one-stop solution for all passenger services. The App offers ease of access for services like ticketing, enquiries of trains, PNR, Journey Planning, Rail Madad Services and Food on Train. Addressing a function, Mr Vaishnaw said, the entire focus of the Railway officers should be on passenger safety.

The RailOne App can be downloaded from both Android PlayStore and iOS App Store.

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The Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2025, a nationwide rural sanitation survey aimed at evaluating and boosting cleanliness efforts in villages. The survey is a key assessment tool under Phase 2 of the Swachh Bharat Mission, focused on sustaining the Open Defecation Free Plus model. It will rank states, union territories and districts for their sanitation performance based on service delivery, field observations of cleanliness, functionality of infrastructure, and citizen feedback. To promote public engagement, a dedicated mobile app has been created where people can share their views. Citizens can download the app on PlayStore, DDWS website and SSG 2025 portal to share their feedback.

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And, The Department of Telecommunications, in partnership with the National Disaster Management Authority is currently testing a new mobile alert system that will help send real-time emergency warnings to people across India. This new system, known as Cell Broadcast system, is designed to send alerts instantly to mobile phones in areas affected by natural disasters or emergencies like tsunamis, earthquakes, lightning or gas leaks. The testing will last for about two to four weeks, and once complete, will be used alongside SMS alerts to deliver warnings in multiple languages to all mobile users.

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