

Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday laid the foundation stone, inaugurated and dedicated to the nation, development projects worth over 4,800 crore rupees in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, after returning from the Maldives. These initiatives span across key sectors, including airports, highways, ports, railways, and critical power sector. Addressing the gathering, Mr Modi highlighted the historic Free Trade Agreement signed between India and the United Kingdom during his overseas tour. He noted that this development symbolises the growing global trust in India and the nation's renewed confidence.

The Prime Minister said over the last 11 years, his government focused on infrastructure and energy sectors as these are the backbone of any state's development.



The Ministry of Education has issued a directive to all States and Union Territories to take urgent steps to ensure student safety and well-being. This includes mandatory safety audits of schools and child-related facilities as per national safety codes, training for staff and students in emergency preparedness, and the provision of psychosocial support through counselling and peer networks. The Ministry also stressed that any dangerous incident involving children should be reported to designated authorities within 24 hours. The Ministry has urged Education Departments, School Boards, and affiliated authorities to act without delay in implementing the measures.



A new legal services clinic dedicated to defence personnel and their families was inaugurated at the Rajya Sainik Board in Kohima yesterday. The clinic is part of the National Legal Services Authority's (NALSA) Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana - 2025, which aims to provide free legal assistance to serving soldiers, ex-servicemen, and their families. The new clinics will assist with issues such as family disputes, property matters, and pension claims, especially for those unable to attend court proceedings due to deployment. The nationwide launch of the Legal Services Clinics was done through video conference by Supreme Court Judge and NALSA Executive Chairman, Justice Surya Kant, who emphasized the judiciary's responsibility in supporting armed forces personnel.

In Kohima, the Legal Services Clinic has been set up in collaboration with the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority and will address the specific legal challenges faced by the armed forces community.



The Ministry of External Affairs said that India is closely monitoring the situation developing between Thailand and Cambodia amid the ongoing cross-border fighting. The ministry said that New Delhi has close and friendly relations with both countries and hopes that both sides will take measures for a cessation of hostilities and prevent further escalation. It also advised Indian travellers in the region to contact their respective embassies for any assistance. Meanwhile, the Indian Embassy in Cambodia has advised Indians to avoid travelling to the border areas. The Indian Embassy in Thailand has also issued a travel advisory urging Indian tourists to remain vigilant.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani, at 11 AM today.



And, India Meteorological Department has forecast light to moderate rainfall to continue at many places over the Northeastern states this week. The showers are likely to be accompanied by thunderstorm and lightning. Nagaland is expected to see heavy rainfall at isolated areas over till tomorrow.

