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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi graces Maldives' 60th Independence Day Celebrations as Guest of Honour.
- Nagaland MLA Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso says Chief Minister's Mobile Operation Theatre aims to deliver advanced surgical and diagnostic services to remote areas.
- Phek Police launches Project UMMEED: The HOPE for mental health and suicide prevention. And,
- Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrated across country to honour Indian soldiers who sacrificed their lives during Kargil War.



Prime Minister Narendra Narendra Modi today graced Maldives' 60th Independence Day Celebrations as a Guest of Honour in its capital Malé. President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu warmly welcomed Mr. Modi to the celebrations. The ceremony began with a 21-gun salute and a Guard of Honour presented by the Maldivian defence forces. A spectacular military parade demonstrated the country's strength, discipline, and unity. The performances beautifully depicted the country's rich cultural traditions and its remarkable journey over the past six decades. The celebration concluded with Prime Minister Modi greeting officials and dignitaries. Earlier, Prime Minister Modi held a meeting with Maldives Vice President Hussain Mohamed Latheef. The two leaders discussed key pillars of India-Maldives friendship, focusing on areas such as infrastructure, technology, climate change, energy, and more. In a separate meeting, Prime Minister Modi held discussions with Speaker of the People's Majlis (Maldives Parliament) Abdul Raheem Abdulla.

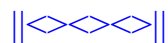
Prime Minister Modi also met with former President of Maldives, Mohamed Nasheed. Their discussion centered on the importance of Maldives as a valued pillar of India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy and Mahasagar vision. Prime

Minister also held meeting with members of different political parties of the Maldives.

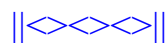


A surgical camp was held at Dr. Motsuo Memorial District Hospital in Wokha district today, under the Chief Minister's Mobile Operation Theatre (CM-MOT) initiative. Addressing the inaugural programme, MLA Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso said that while urban populations benefit from healthcare schemes like PMJAY and CMHIS, many in rural areas are still unable to access these services due to lack of facilities and financial constraints. He said, the CM-MOT project, launched on January 26, 2025, aims to bridge this gap by delivering advanced surgical and diagnostic services to remote areas using a fully equipped mobile unit.

During the camp, a six-member medical team including two laparoscopic surgeons, a general surgeon, an anesthesiologist, and a dentist, performs various surgeries on 177 registered patients.

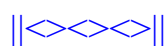


Phek Police today launched Project UMMEED: The HOPE, a dedicated mental health and suicide prevention initiative. The project was set up in response to growing concerns over mental health and suicide in the district. Launching the project, Superintendent of Police, Phek, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, highlighted the rising number of suicide cases reported in Phek district in recent years. She informed the gathering about the formation of a District Distress Response Team (DRT), which will operate a 24x7 helpline to provide emergency assistance, counseling, and emotional support. Dr. Kaur added that the helpline will maintain strict confidentiality to protect the privacy of individuals in distress. The programme also featured talks from Jitsisiasa of Sakhi One Stop Centre, Neichulou from the Women Welfare Society, and Kelhouletuo, Psychiatrist at District Hospital, who emphasized the importance of mental health awareness and the need for community support. Citizens can contact the Emergency and Distress Helpline Numbers (DRT) at **6009308170/ 8729923553/ 9862200699/ 7005302585**.

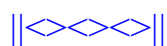


Kargil Vijay Diwas is being celebrated today across the country to honour the bravery of Indian soldiers who sacrificed their lives during the 1999 Kargil War. The day marks the 26th anniversary of India's victory over Pakistan in the conflict and the successful conclusion of Operation Vijay. President Droupadi Murmu paid tributes to the brave soldiers on the occasion. In her message, the President said the day symbolizes the extraordinary valour, courage and steadfast

determination of the country's soldiers. She added that their dedication and supreme sacrifice for the nation will forever inspire the citizens. On Kargil Vijay Diwas, Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan also honor the valor, dedication and supreme sacrifice of our Armed Forces. In a social post, the Governor said their unwavering commitment to the nation will forever inspire generations. Mr. Genesan called on the people to salute our heroes and pledge to uphold the ideals they fought for. Meanwhile, Nagaland state BJP also observed Kargil Vijay Diwas and paid tribute to Kargil heroes who had sacrificed their lives to protect the nation. Led by state BJP Vice President Eduzu Theluo and state ST Morcha Mresident Thomas Magh, the state BJP karyakartas saluted Captain Neikezhakuo Kenguruse, for his ultimate sacrifice during the 1999 Kargil War.



Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has hailed the recently signed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and the UK as a game changer. Addressing a press conference in New Delhi today, Mr Goyal said that the trade deal opens up vast opportunities across multiple sectors while safeguarding core interests.



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 tomorrow. It will be the 124th episode of the monthly radio programme.



Seventeen parliamentarians have been awarded Sansad Ratna Awards 2025 in New Delhi today for their exemplary performances. These parliamentarians include Ravi Kishan, and Dinesh Sharma from BJP, Varsha Gaikwad from Congress, Supriya Sule from NCP-SP and Arvind Sawant from Shivsena-UBT. The awards have been given by a non-government organization. Talking to the media on the occasion, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju said, this award is the recognition of MPs outstanding performances.

