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In a major boost to state finances, the Nagaland State Tax Department has reported a sharp rise in Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue collection, crediting the surge to wide-ranging internal reforms and intensified enforcement efforts. As per the reports, GST revenue grew by 43% in April, 44% in May, and an unprecedented 104% in June 2025, compared to the same months last year. Petroleum revenue also witnessed a substantial 31% rise during the first quarter of the 2025–26 financial year. The State Tax Department celebrated this significant milestone at the Office of the Commissioner of Taxes, Dimapur on Saturday. We have a report:

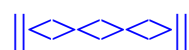
BYTE TAX: 35 SECS: (The department credited these gains to structural improvements, skill development initiatives, adoption of best

practices, and a revamp of enforcement mechanisms. Diligent work by both field officers and the Directorate is now clearly reflected in the revenue figures. To further support enforcement efforts, Additional Chief Secretary and Finance Commissioner of Nagaland, Sentianger Imchen, flagged off four new vehicles, including mobile squads and enforcement Boleros. These will aid field mobility and enhance outreach across the state)

Commissioner of State Taxes, Abhinav Shivam, said the surge in tax collection is proof that Nagaland is adapting swiftly to the changing GST landscape. Calling for collective responsibility, the Commissioner urged citizens and taxpayers to make tax optimisation a public movement, stressing that it is a sine qua non for a stronger, more self-reliant Nagaland.

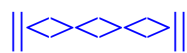


Member of Parliament Lok Sabha and NPCC president S. Supongmeren Jamir has raised concern over several critical infrastructure challenges affecting Nagaland and the Northeast region. In an appeal to the Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DONER), M. Jyotiraditya Scindia, Mr Jamir pointed the prolonged delay in the 4-laning of the Dimapur–Kohima highway, a vital capital connectivity project. He urged the Ministry to dispatch a high-level committee for on-ground verification to ensure timely completion. Raising concerns over mobile connectivity in the region, he noted that many villages, although reported as covered in official records, still lack functioning network services. The MP also expressed disappointment over the sudden discontinuation of off-grid solar energy programs in the Northeast including solar street lighting, home lighting systems, and solar power packs. In this, Mr. Jamir called on the Union Minister to urgently address these issues in the interest of equitable development across the Northeast, and Nagaland in particular.



The Lok Sabha has taken up a special discussion on India's strong, successful and decisive Operation Sindoor in response to the terrorist attack in Pahalgam. Initiating the discussion in the lower house, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said, Operation Sindoor was not merely a military action but an effective and decisive demonstration of India's sovereignty, its identity and government's responsibility towards the citizens and its policy against terrorism. Mr Singh said, launched following the Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, Operation Sindoor was a well-coordinated strike carried out by the country's Armed Forces, hitting nine terrorist infrastructure with precision.

Mr Singh said, Operation Sindoor was launched to provide justice to the innocent families who lost their loved ones in Pak-sponsored terrorist attacks in Pahalgam. He said, the aim of this operation was to target and destroy terrorist camps and their supporters and give a clear message to Pakistan that India has zero tolerance against terrorism.



The Rajya Sabha was adjourned for the day following opposition's uproar on various issues. Earlier, when the Upper House met at 2:00 PM after the second adjournment, presiding officer Bhubaneswar Kalita tried to take up the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill, 2025 for consideration and passing but the opposition continued with their protest. Amid din the Chair adjourned the House for the day.



World Hepatitis Day 2025 was observed today in Nagaland at the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, Kohima, on the theme "Hepatitis: Let's Break It Down" aligning with the global effort to raise awareness about viral hepatitis. Speaking at the event, Principal Director of the Directorate Dr. Mereninla Senlem, highlighted the

significance of the day, observed annually on July 28, to educate people on hepatitis, a liver disease that can lead to cirrhosis and liver cancer. She said the day also commemorates the birthday of Nobel laureate Dr. Baruch Blumberg, who discovered the Hepatitis B virus and developed its vaccine.

Dr. Senlem shared alarming WHO statistics—304 million people live with chronic hepatitis B and C, and 1.3 million deaths were reported in 2022. She emphasized early detection, vaccination, and stronger public health campaigns, noting Nagaland’s implementation of the National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme since 2019. Dr. Avile Zao, Mission Director NHM Nagaland, stressed the need for collective action to reduce stigma and improve awareness about hepatitis types A through E, their transmission, symptoms, and prevention. She also addressed non-viral hepatitis causes, such as alcohol, drugs, and autoimmune disorders. Following the programme, hepatitis B vaccination was administered to health workers at the Directorate of HFW.



As part of the Chief Minister Mobile Operation Theater (CM-MOT) initiative, a one-day free surgical camp was held at CHC Bhandari, Wokha today. Inaugurating the camp, MLA Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso highlighted CM-MOT’s mission to enhance rural healthcare access since its launch on January 26 this year. Lauding Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio’s leadership, Dr. Rhutso encouraged locals to utilize free health schemes like PMJAY and CMHIS. A team of six doctors, including laparoscopic and general surgeons, an anaesthesiologist, and a dentist, offered services such as ultrasound, X-ray, endoscopy, and general surgeries. On Saturday, the team along with medical staff of CHC Tseminyu, conducted free surgical health camp at CHC Tseminyu Old Town. Since its commencement, CM-MOT has conducted over 500 surgeries across 17 locations in Nagaland.



And, India's Tejaswin Shankar has set a new national decathlon record for the second time, scoring 7,826 points to finish fourth at the Wieslaw Czapiewski Memorial 2025 athletics meet held in Poland yesterday. The 26-year-old surpassed his previous best of 7,666 points, which earned him a silver medal at the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou.

