

**HEADLINES:-**

- **The Nation pays tribute to former President and renowned scientist Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam on his death anniversary.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks about the Green Roing Initiative in Roing city in Arunachal Pradesh in his Mann Ki Baat program on Akashvani**
- **Lunglei town in southern Mizoram shines bright in the recent Swachh Survekshan Award.**
- **In Meghalaya, Babadam Primary Health Centre in West Garo Hills awarded the prestigious National Quality Assurance Standards certification by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.**
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**TRIBUTE**

The Nation paid tribute to former President and renowned scientist Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam on his death anniversary yesterday. Dr Kalam played a crucial role in India's space and missile development programmes. Dr. Abdul Kalam is also known as the 'Missile Man of India'. Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid homage to the former President on his death anniversary. In a social media post, Mr. Modi said, Dr. Kalam is remembered as an inspiring visionary, outstanding scientist, mentor and a great patriot. The Prime Minister said, Dr. Kalam's thoughts motivate the youth of the country to contribute towards building a developed and strong India. On 27 July 2015, Kalam travelled to Shillong to deliver a lecture on "Creating a Livable Planet Earth" at the Indian Institute of Management Shillong. At around 6:35 p.m. only five minutes into his lecture, he collapsed. He was rushed to the nearby Bethany Hospital and confirmed dead of cardiac arrest.

**PM**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday expressed satisfaction over the country's cleanliness. Addressing the nation in his Mann Ki Baat program on Akashvani, Mr. Modi noted with satisfaction that the Swachh Bharat Mission will soon complete 11 years. He highlighted that it has become a mass movement, with over 4,500 cities and towns participating in the Swachh Survey this year. He praised the people of Kirtinagar, Uttarakhand, for setting a new example of waste management in the hills. He also spoke about the Green Roing Initiative in Roing city, Arunachal Pradesh, where an entire park has been created from recycled waste. Other cities like Karad and Vijayawada have set examples in water management, while Ahmedabad's Riverfront has caught national attention for its cleanliness.

## **CLEANLINESS**

For the Mizos in Mizoram, cleanliness is a part of their culture and tradition. During the olden days, the Mizo youth would come out in large numbers almost every week and every month to clean their villages and surroundings known as ‘Hnatlangpui’. Continuing with that tradition, and Government intervention in recent times, cleanliness drives have taken a new momentum in the state of Mizoram. Lunglei town in southern Mizoram shines bright in the recent Swachh Survekshan Award, which was held at New Delhi, bagging the honour with the ‘Promising Swachh Shehar of Mizoram Award’. The award-handing ceremony organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) was held in New Delhi on July 17, 2025. The cleanliness award was received by State Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Minister K. Sapdanga, along with Lunglei Municipal Council Vice Chairman K. Lalrinawma and other officials. Akashvani Aizawl – 15

## **CERTIFICATE**

In Meghalaya, Babadam Primary Health Centre in West Garo Hills has been awarded the prestigious National Quality Assurance Standards certification by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, marking a significant milestone in Meghalaya’s journey towards quality public healthcare services. Developed by the National Health Systems Resource Centre under the Quality Council of India, the NQAS framework assesses public health facilities across the country on key parameters such as patient care, infection control, cleanliness, and service delivery. Babadam PHC is now the first Primary Health Centre in the entire Garo Hills region to receive this certification. Reflecting on the achievement, Sister Riya, Health Programme Manager at Babadam PHC said this recognition was the result of God's blessing, hard work, and the unwavering dedication of the entire team.

## **FOOTBALL**

The iconic Khuman Lampak Stadium at the heart of Imphal city is all decked in its grandeur to host India's oldest Football Competition - the 134th edition of The Durand Cup. Khuman Lampak Main Stadium will host the Group - F matches, which includes Real Kashmir FC, Indian Navy Football Team, and the two local teams of NEROCA FC and TRAU FC. The cup had already begun in other cities, but the Imphal leg of the prestigious tournament will kick off on 30th July 2025 when the two local clubs lock horns for bragging rights. This is one of the major sporting events the State is hosting after the COVID epidemic and amidst the ongoing ethnic conflict.

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