

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that there was an attempt to open the doors of the Indian agricultural market to products of countries like the USA through cheap exports, but it was foiled. He expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi stating that by prioritizing national interest, the interests of farmers have been protected. Mr. Chouhan was addressing an interaction programme with farmers in Patna last evening. The Minister said the issue of inequality between American and Indian farmers was raised, adding that if the agricultural market had been opened through cheap exports, local farmers would have suffered losses.



Nagaland's Deputy Chief Minister, Home, Yanthungo Patton has welcomed the release on bail of Sister Preethi Mary, Sister Vandana Francis, and Sukaman Mandavi, who were arrested on July 25 in Chhattisgarh on allegations of forced religious conversion and human trafficking. Expressing concern over the matter, Mr Patton urged authorities to ensure a fair, impartial, and transparent investigation that respects the rights and dignity of all individuals involved. Reaffirming India's democratic and secular principles, he said, such allegations must be handled with utmost care, ensuring that no individual or community feels targeted or harassed. Mr Patton expressed confidence that the Chhattisgarh administration would uphold constitutional values and ensure justice through due process.



A one-day awareness-cum-focus group discussion on the 'Socio-Economic and Environmental Impact of Jal Jeevan Mission and Its Sustainability' was held at Mopungchuket village yesterday. The program was organized by the Department of Environmental Science, Nagaland University, under an ICSSR-funded research project supported by the Ministry of Education. Led by Project Director Professor Ashutosh Tripathi, the session featured presentations on the mission's local implementation, and ongoing empirical research across 25 villages in Mokokchung district. Discussions emphasized grassroots engagement for long-term water sustainability.



Director of Technical Education Vipulhou Lhoungu emphasized the importance of healthy competition and perseverance among students. He was addressing the 46th Foundation Day-cum-Degree Toppers Felicitation programme of the All Nagaland College Students' Union (ANCSU) held in Kohima. Congratulating the toppers, Lhoungu stressed that youth empowerment and education should go beyond individual success, aiming for collective community progress through resilience, unity, and innovation. He also urged student leaders to stay committed to their responsibilities in uplifting the student community. Altogether, 83 gold medallists and toppers were felicitated in the programme.



The NEET PG 2025 exam will be held today. Nearly two lakh 50 thousand medical graduates will appear for the test in a single shift from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. The exam, conducted by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, will be held as a computer-based test for admission to MD/MS and other postgraduate medical courses.



The second day of the 24th Dr T. Ao Inter-District Football Championship witnessed thrilling encounters at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima yesterday. In the first match, defending champions Tuensang were held to a 1-1 draw by Mon. Chümoukedima edged past Longleng with a narrow 1-0 victory, while Mokokchung put on a strong performance to defeat Wokha 3-1. Peren wrapped up the day with a commanding 4-1 win over debutant Meluri. Matches will resume tomorrow as the championship continues to heat up.

