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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says welfare of farmers remains utmost priority of government
- Filing of nomination for Vice-Presidential election begins today
- National Handloom Day being celebrated today; Chief Minister Naga honours timeless artistry of Naga weavers
- And, Five tribes committee slams state cabinet's stand on reservation policy review



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that India will never compromise on the interests of its farmers, fishermen and dairy farmers. Addressing the M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference in New Delhi today, Mr Modi emphasized that the welfare of farmers remains the utmost priority of his government. He said, the government is continuously working on increasing income and reducing expenditure for farmers. He highlighted that the government has recognised farmers' strength as the foundation of the nation's progress.

The Prime Minister highlighted that today India is the world's number one producer of milk, pulses, and jute. He said, that Dr. Swaminathan led the movement to make India self-reliant in food production. Mr Modi stressed on the need to develop as many varieties of climate-resilient crops.



The Election Commission today issued the notification for filing the nomination for the Vice-Presidential election. Nominations can be filed till 21st of this month. Scrutiny of nominations will be done on August 22, while the last date for withdrawal of candidature is August 25. The election is scheduled on 9th of

September, and the results will be announced the same day.



India is celebrating the 11th National Handloom Day today, recognising the country's rich weaving traditions. The celebration honours the historic 'Swadeshi Movement' launched on August 7, 1905, which promoted indigenous industries, especially handlooms, as a form of resistance to British rule. Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh conferred the Sant Kabir Handloom Awards and National Handloom Awards 2025 in New Delhi today. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Mr Singh called for popularizing handloom products across the globe.

Extending greetings on National Handloom Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed pride at India's handloom diversity and its role in furthering livelihoods and prosperity.



On the occasion of National Handloom Day, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio honoured the timeless artistry of India's weavers, including those in Nagaland, who preserve Naga's cultural identity. Mr Rio called for collective efforts in supporting and empowering the handloom sector which is an emblem of tradition, resilience, and sustainable livelihood.



Marking the National Handloom Day celebrations, Nagaland University's Committee for Indigenous Traditional Knowledge organized a one-day workshop titled 'Crafting Culture: Skills in Weaving, Crochet, Jewellery Making and Banana Fiber Art'. Addressing the event Vice Chancellor in-charge Prof. Bendang Ao emphasized upon reviving traditional knowledge systems. The event also highlighted the economic and cultural potential of indigenous crafts.



The five Tribes Committee on Review of Reservation Policy has strongly criticised the state Cabinet's decision on Backward Tribes reservation issue, calling it a repeat of its June 12 decision that failed to address their key demands. In a press statement, the Committee expressed disappointment that the state government has again ignored their core concerns and proceeded with the formation of a reservation review commission, including civil society organisations. It alleged that the composition announced by the government lacks neutrality and reflects a partisan approach. The Committee said it will hold a joint sitting with the five apex tribal bodies in Kohima on Saturday to decide the next course of action.



Proceedings of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha continued to be marred by the opposition protest over the Special Intensive Revision exercise conducted in Bihar and other issues on the fourth day of this week. Due to the ruckus, both the Houses were adjourned early for the day. In Lok Sabha, the House passed the Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill 2025 and the Manipur Appropriation (No 2) Bill 2025. Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal also replied to a question related to the status of Smart Cities Mission. He said 95 per cent of the total eight thousand projects under the Mission have been completed.

In Rajya Sabha, Deputy Chairman Harivansh said more than 51 hours have been lost due to continuous disruptions in the Upper house.

Amid the noisy scene, the Rajya Sabha passed the Coastal Shipping Bill 2025.



Nagaland Governor La Ganesan and Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio have extended warm greetings to the Yimkhiung community on the occasion of the Metümnyo Festival. In his message, the Governor highlighted that the festival is observed with

gratitude and reverence to honour departed souls and seek blessings for peace, harmony, and prosperity. He noted that Metümnyo fosters unity, reconciliation, and strengthens community bonds. Wishing happiness, good health, and abundant blessings to all, the Governor expressed hope that the spirit of togetherness would continue to guide the people towards harmony and progress. In his greetings, CM Rio wished that the vibrant harvest festival may be a time of honouring the rich cultural heritage, boost family bonds, and foster peace and harmony.



Former MLA Mmhonlumo Kikon has formally resigned from the BJP party's primary and active membership, as well as from all party positions, with immediate effect. In the resignation letter tendered today, he cited the need to explore new avenues of public engagement and policy work. Mr Kikon held several prominent roles within the BJP, including National Spokesperson and Prabhari of Mizoram State



And, Outgoing Commissioner of Police Dimapur, Kevithuto Sophie, has underscored the need to rise above tribalism, favoritism, and nepotism. Speaking at his send-off programme today at Police Complex in Chumoukedima, he urged officers and citizens to uphold fairness and integrity. He acknowledged the vital role of civil society, student bodies, and NGOs, noting that challenges faced by the society cannot be addressed by the government alone. Expressing gratitude for the dedication of his officers, he assured them of his continued support. Mr Sophie will assume charge of IGP (Armed BN-IR).

