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1. Prime Minister Modi releases 20th instalment of PM-KISAN scheme; Nagaland farmers get over 40 crore rupees
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 20th installment of Kisan Samman Nidhi and transferred 20,500 crore rupees directly to the bank accounts of over 9 crore 70 lakh farmers across the country from Varanasi today. Addressing the gathering, he said the initiative marks the government commitment towards farmers welfare.

Mr Modi appealed to everyone embrace vocal for local, and to give priority to local products during the festive season.

On the occasion, the Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone and inaugurated 52 development projects worth 2200 crore rupees.



In Nagaland, farmers witnessed the release of the 20th installment of PM Kisan scheme at various places. Advisor for Agriculture Mhathung Yanthan joined the nationwide launch from Naga United Village, Chümoukedima at the state-level telecast jointly organized with ICAR Jharnapani. Sharing this in a social media post, Mr Yanthan said 2.38 lakh farmers from Nagaland have benefited under the scheme so far, receiving a total of more than 680 crore rupees. With the latest

installment, over 40 crore has been credited to the accounts of farmers in the state, he added. The Advisor asserted that the continued support under PM-KISAN reflects the government's commitment to farmer welfare and strengthening of rural livelihoods.



In a significant boost to the education sector in Nagaland, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today virtually inaugurated 51 school infrastructure projects under the Samagra Shiksha initiative. Speaking at the event held at his Residential Complex in Kohima, Dr. Rio reaffirmed the state government's commitment to providing equitable and quality education, stating that education stands at the core of Nagaland's development. He stressed that modern facilities are essential to improving learning outcomes, and acknowledged financial support from the Central Government. However, he also noted that resource constraints continue to pose a challenge. The Chief Minister urged contractors, engineers, and local communities to ensure quality construction and longevity. He also underscored the importance of community involvement and called on teachers, school management committees, and villagers to take ownership and ensure proper use.

Since 2019, Nagaland has received nearly 200 crore rupees under the Samagra Shiksha scheme for infrastructure. Out of which, projects worth more than 158 crores have been completed. The newly launched projects, worth over 33 crore rupees, include school buildings, hostels, teachers' quarters, boundary walls, and water facilities designed to enhance the learning environment.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today virtually inaugurated 13 futsal grounds and two multipurpose halls across various locations in Nagaland. In his address, Mr Rio described the new facilities as symbols of the government's commitment to empowering youth and building a strong sports ecosystem in the state. He highlighted that Naga athletes are steadily making their mark at both the national and international levels, which serve as an inspiration to dream bigger and act bolder. Reaffirming the state's vision to make sports a viable career path, he highlighted the Nagaland Sports Policy which emphasizes upon infrastructure, training, athletes welfare, and better infrastructure. Expressing belief in the potential and aspirations of Naga youth, the Chief Minister urged all stakeholders to support and invest in the state's growing sports culture.



Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang has underscored that strong local governance, grassroot participation and real-time data are key to sustainable development of

remote areas. Addressing the state-level Sampoonata Abhiyan Samman Samaroh at Kohima today, he said these will help overcome challenges such as unemployment, rural distress, climate change, and digital gaps. Mr Zeliang, who is the also minister for Planning and Transformation, highlighted the transformative impact of the Aspirational Districts and Aspirational Blocks Programmes in driving progress across key areas such as health, education, agriculture, and social welfare. He lauded the achievement of blocks like Thonoknyu, Khongsa, and Akhuhaito, which have achieved 100 percent saturation in multiple development indicators. He also emphasized upon the contribution of Nagaland towards a Viksit Bharat.

Looking ahead, Mr Zeliang stressed the need to focus on child and adolescent health, digital inclusion, skill-building, and livelihood opportunities, especially for women and persons with disabilities.



Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has expressed deep concern over the recent detention of two Catholic nuns and three tribal women in Chhattisgarh, calling it a 'grave violation' of their constitutional rights. The incident occurred on July 25 in Durg, Chhattisgarh, when two nuns from Kerala and a tribal man were arrested on charges of human trafficking and religious conversion. In a social media post today, Mr. Rio described the detentions as 'deeply troubling'. He said the incident represents a grave violation of their fundamental rights, including freedom of movement, dignity, and religion, as guaranteed by the Constitution of India. The Chief Minister has called for an impartial investigation into the matter.



Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda today said the country achieved a remarkable milestone last year by performing nearly 18 thousand nine hundred transplants, the highest in a single year. Addressing the 15th Organ Donation Day in New Delhi, he said, in 2023 more than three lakh citizens pledged to donate organs through National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation. The Minister also underscored that India ranks third globally in organ transplantation.

Mr Nadda highlighted that organ donation is one of the most noble practices of humanity, and called each organ donor a silent hero.



Nagaland government has allowed the issuance of Inner Line Permit, ILP, in offline mode for some more time, alongside the online system. A press release issued by Commissioner Vikeyie Kenyie today, noted that this temporary measure has been put in place to facilitate further upgrades and necessary changes to the ILP portal.

