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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will release the 20th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme today from Varanasi. In this instalment, over 9.7 crore farmersacross the country will receive direct financial assistance of approximately 20,500 crore rupees through Direct Benefit Transfer ensuring transparency and eliminating any role of middlemen. Our Correspondent has the details:

VOICE-CAST: Since the launch of the scheme in 2019, 3.69 lakh crore rupees has been transferred to farmers' accounts through 19 instalments. This 20th instalment will further strengthen income support for millions of small and marginal farmers across the country, reaffirming the Government's continued commitment to farmer welfare, rural development, and agricultural prosperity. The PM-KISAN scheme is a central sector scheme launched in February 2019 by the Prime Minister to supplement the financial needs of land-holding farmers. Under the scheme, a financial benefit of 6,000 rupees per year is transferred in three equal instalments, into the Aadhaar seeded bank accounts of farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer mode.)

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The affected section of National Highway-29 near the old KMC dumping site has been partially reopened to traffic with immediate effect, under strict safety regulations, until further notice. The order will remain in force until further notice. According to the Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Light Motor Vehicles (LMVs) and medical emergency vehicles are permitted to ply from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, subject to weather conditions and strict monitoring. However, the route will remain closed at night for all types of vehicles. Heavy vehicles, including water tankers, paramilitary vehicles, goods carriers, and inter-district vehicles, remain strictly prohibited. As an alternative routes, LMVs can use the Jotsoma Bypass road while, heavy vehicles (6-wheelers only), district-bound and commercial vehicles, including paramilitary transports, must take the Peducha Bridge—Tsiesema (10 Mile) road. The DC urged strict compliance to ensure public

safety and smooth restoration work, warning that violators will face legal action.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited all citizens to contribute their thoughts and ideas for his Independence Day address. In a social media post, Mr Modi urged citizens to share their thoughts on the open forums on MyGov and the NaMo App.

Hindi Movie 12th Fail has won the Best Film Award in the 71st National Film Awards. Announcing the awards yesterday in New Delhi. Chairman of Jury (Feature Film) Ashutosh Gowariker said, Shah Rukh Khan and Vikrant Massey have won the National Film Awards in Best Actor category for Jawan and 12th Fail. He said, Rani Mukerji has been given Best Actress award for her performance in the film Mrs Chatterjee Vs Norway.

Chairman of Jury (Non- Feature Film) P Sheshadri said, Flowering Man directed by Soumyajit Ghosh Dastidar has bagged the Best Non-Featuring Film Award. He said, Piyush Thakur has got the Best Direction Award. Mr Sheshadri said, God Vulture and Human has got award for Best Documentary.

And, now moving on to the world of Sports, In Dr T Ao Trophy 24th Inter-District Football Championship 2025, Host Kohima defeated Tseminyu by 3-0 in the opening match. Midfielder Thejasetuo Gwirie opened the scoring in the 9th minute. Kohima's captain and midfielder, Kevisanyü Peseyie, added the second goal in the 49th minute, followed by a third from forward Kevizakie Ciesotsu in the 52nd minute. Today's Match fixtures, Tuensang will take on Mon at 9 AM; Longleng Vs Chümoukedima at 11 AM, Mokokchung Vs Wokha at 1 PM and Peren Vs Meluri at 3 PM.

In the LI-NING 47th Nagaland Inter-District & State Badminton Championship 2025, players delivered standout performances across both junior and senior categories. In the Under-19 category, Girls' Doubles title was claimed by Kipangwala Longkumer and Yalemjungla, Boys' Doubles went to Bovi K. Chishi and Heloka Swu. Mixed Doubles was won by Meren Sair and Kim Kim Khongsai. In singles under 19 category, Kim Kim Khongsai secured the Girls' Singles title, while Yohenba emerged victorious in the Boys' Singles. In the senior category, Mixed Doubles champions were Khriepezhakuo Seyie and Ekumyala, while Women's Doubles was won by Debahuti Lahon and Shekhotolu Puro and Men's Doubles went to Rikhu Khape and Khriepezhakuo Seyie. In singles, A. Ponlih Konyak triumphed in the Women's Singles, and Yohenba bagged the Men's Singles title, securing a double crown in the tournament. The championship saw participation from 17 districts, including the Nagaland Police team. Thirteen teams competed in the team events, with 12 in the Men's Team Championship and 13 in the Junior Boys' Team category. The closing ceremony was held at the K. Kire IPS Indoor Badminton Stadium, Nagaland Armed Police Training Centre yesterday.

