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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says self-reliance crucial for prosperity of country
- Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton highlights importance of creative platform for youth
- Five Tribes Committee sets 10-day deadline to set up Reservation Review Commission
- And, Advisor Tovihoto Ayemi reaffirms need for collective effort in fight against drugs

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for self-reliance in every field, asserting that India's dependence on foreign countries remains one of its biggest enemies. Addressing the 'Samudra Se Samriddhi' programme in Bhavnagar today, he said it is high time that India stands before the world as a self-reliant nation to realise the vision of a developed India by 2047.

During the programme, the Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for multiple projects worth over 32,000 crore rupees, and also inaugurated Mumbai International Cruise Terminal along with several major maritime projects.

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Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton has highlighted the importance of creative platform to foster the potential of youths. Addressing the inaugural of the 4th Nagaland Photography Festival 2025 in Dimapur yesterday, he lauded the event for bringing artists, photographers, musicians, entrepreneurs, and tourism promoters on one stage.

Highlighting photography's role in capturing tradition, nature, and community life, Mr Patton called the festival a celebration of creativity and youth potential. Organised by the Photography Club Dimapur, the two-day festival features exhibitions, workshops, and performances.

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The Five Tribes Committee on Review of Reservation Policy has given the state government a ten-day deadline to set up the pending Reservation Review Commission. Speaking to the media after a meeting in Kohima today, Convenor Tesinlo Semy, said, if the commission is not established within the timeframe, the committee will launch an indefinite shutdown from October 1 in their respective jurisdictions.

Mr Semy said, the meeting was attended by all apex Tribal Hoho presidents along with representatives from mothers' associations, youth, and student unions.

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Advisor Tribal Affairs Tovihoto Ayemi today reaffirmed the need for collective effort in the fight against drugs. He said this while flagging off the 'Namo Yuva Run' in Dimapur organised by the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, Nagaland under the theme 'Run for a Drug-Free Nagaland'. He urged citizens to unite in eliminating narcotics from the society and building a drug-free future for

Nagaland. The marathon saw over 3,500 participants, aged between 8 to 81. The event is part of Seva Pakhwada 2025, commemorating the 75th birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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The Tax rate on items like Air Conditioners and Dishwashers has been brought down from 28 per cent to 18 per cent. The significant step will not just support localisation efforts but will also reduce import dependence. Similarly tax on Television and Non-TV monitors has been slashed to 18 percent. This rationalization under the next generation GST reforms is expected to stimulate demand for electronic items such as AC and large TVs, expanding the market size for domestic producers. This move will further expand opportunities for MSMEs in plastics, wiring, cooling systems, LED panels, and assembly services.

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A joint inspection of National Highway-29 connecting Kohima and Phek districts was conducted yesterday, led by Kohima Deputy Commissioner B. Henok Buchem. He expressed serious concern over the worsening road conditions and criticized the contractor for delays in repairs. The team, comprising officials from the Revenue Department, PHED, NSDMA, NHIDCL, and contractor, visited key locations including sinking zones and damaged bridge. The visit highlighted the NH-29's strategic importance for districts like Phek, Meluri, Zunheboto, and Kiphire, and urged for prompt repair works. The contractor assured that safety measures at the sinking sites would be in place by 3rd of October. Meanwhile, the team also visited Kezoma village to assess a damaged water pipeline. The Kezoma Village Council apprised the officials that heavy traffic due to the diversion of heavy vehicles through the Kezoma-Kidima road after the NH-2 was cut off at Phesama had deteriorated the road and damaged the pipeline. PHED officials assured that restoration work will begin by September 22 and be completed within 15 days.

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National Award-Winning film, Chalo Jeete Hain is being screened nationwide across lakhs of schools and nearly 500 cinema halls to mark the 75th Birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It is inspired by a childhood incident from the life of Prime Minister Modi. The film tells the story of a young boy - Naru, who is deeply influenced by Swami Vivekananda’s philosophy and strives to make a difference in his small world. More from our correspondent...

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Two individuals were arrested yesterday morning after a Maruti-800 collided with a scooty along the Secretariat Road in Kohima. According to Kohima Police PRO, the incident occurred around 9 AM when the car driven by Samuel Kemp, hit a scooty coming from thhe opposite direction. The police detained the driver along with another occupant of the car, both of whom were found to be under the influence of alcohol during medical examination. A regular case has been registered under relevant sections of the law.

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