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1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi urges people to celebrate upcoming festive season with Swadeshi products.
2. Mon district selected as one of the 100 aspirational agricultural districts under PMDDKY.
3. Western Sumi Youth Front calls on upon Food & Civil Supplies Department to conduct statewide inspections of all Fair Price Shop.
4. And, World Food India 2025 concludes with 1 Lakh Crore investment commitments.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today urged people to celebrate the upcoming festive season with Swadeshi products and make Vocal for Local their Mantra. Sharing thoughts in his Mann Ki Baat Programme on Akashvani, Mr Modi remarked that festivals are coming one after another in the coming days and the GST Bachat Utsav is also going on. He called upon people to make a resolution to buy products that are produced in the country. He added that doing so will bring hope to a family, honor the hard work of an artisan, and give wings to the dreams of a young entrepreneur.

Mr Modi remarked that this 126th episode of Mann Ki Baat holds special significance as today is the birth anniversary of freedom fighter Bhagat Singh and singer Lata Mangeshkar.

In this edition of Mann Ki Baat, Prime Minister Modi played an audio of Bhupen Hazarika's iconic song, in Sinhala and Tamil. Mr Modi also mourned the untimely demise of singer Zubeen Garg of Assam. Zubeen Garg was a renowned singer who made his mark across the country.

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Mon district in Nagaland has been selected as one of the 100 aspirational agricultural districts under the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY). This was informed in a communication from Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare & Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan to Nagaland Lok Sabha MP S Supongmeren Jamir. The scheme, approved by the Union Cabinet on July 16, will be implemented over six years from 2025-26, with the formal launch expected in October 2025. PMDDKY aims to enhance agricultural productivity, increase adoption of crop diversification and sustainable practices, improve post-harvest storage at the panchayat and block levels, strengthen irrigation facilities, and facilitate both short-term and long-term credit access.

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The Western Sumi Youth Front has called upon the Food and Civil Supplies department, Nagaland to conduct statewide inspections of all Fair Price Shop (FPS) outlets to address illegal malpractices. The Youth Front in a statement has condemned the alleged malpractice at one FPS charging above the government-prescribed rates and also deducting one kilogram of rice per beneficiary in the name of carriage charges. The youth front reiterated that it will not remain silent in the face of such injustice adding that prompt intervention will protect the interests of the needy and uphold the credibility of the public distribution system. The Front urged all citizens who encounter fraudulent practices at fair price shops to report them immediately to the concerned authorities.



World Food India 2025 concluded in New Delhi today with investment commitments exceeding one lakh crore rupees, marking one of the largest announcements in India's food processing sector. Over the four-day event, 26 leading domestic and international companies signed Memoranda of Understanding. In a statement, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries said, these agreements are expected to generate direct employment for over sixty four thousand people and create indirect opportunities for more than ten lakh individuals. The Ministry highlighted that the investments have a pan-India footprint, spanning multiple states and diverse segments.



Guided by the mantra of Seva and Sushasan, that is, Public Service and Good Governance, the Government, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has been working tirelessly to bring transformation and progress. Today, in this Special Series - 'Seva Parv', we bring to you how the Modi government has strengthened social security for India's unorganised workforce through the Atal Pension Yojana.

(v/C: Narendra Modi Government has given special attention to the needs of India's unorganised workforce. The Atal Pension Yojana was launched in May 2015 to address the twin challenges of longevity risks and lack of retirement security in the unorganised workforce. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has outlined how the scheme will be the future of the subscribers.

Earlier this year, the pension scheme has surpassed 8 crore subscribers and mobilised a total corpus of over 45 thousand crore rupees.



Under the next generation GST reforms, the government has announced significant tax reductions in various sectors. In agricultural sector, the government has brought down GST rates on makhana-based snacks from 12 percent to 5 percent. This reduction will make the product more competitive in both domestic and global markets. With the GST on juices, jams, and pickles reduced from 12 percent to 5 percent, it will benefit local industries and likely to boost consumer demand. GST on biscuits also cut from 18 percent to 5 percent and on namkeens and sauces from 12 percent to 5 percent, the move will make packaged food items more affordable, boosting consumption and benefiting both consumers and food processing industry.

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Divisional Forest Officer, Kohima & DMU Head, Sevon Seletsu inaugurated the village road and footpath constructed under the component of Entry Point Activity (EPA), of Nagaland Forest Management Project at Gwachonlo village (Batch -IV under Tseminyu) yesterday. Addressing the community members, the DFO said that the inauguration is a celebration of a milestone for the community. She also appealed the village members to maintain the EPA with utmost care, which has been created for the benefit of the entire community. The DFO also lauded the collaborative efforts of the village Council members and Joint Forest Management Committee, adding that the achievement under the project signifies their unity.

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Indian Army is celebrating 199th Gunners Day today. The date 28th September has a special significance in the annals of history of the Regiment of Artillery as 5 (Bombay) Mountain Battery was raised on this day in 1827. As it has been in uninterrupted service since raising, its Raising Day is celebrated as Gunners Day every year. Speaking to Akashvani, Lieutenant General Adosh Kumar said that the regiment is in the path of modernisation with the mantra of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

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