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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches 'Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar' Abhiyan;
 Nagaland joins nationwide launch
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio launches ELEMENT Nagaland Project for enhancing ecosystem management
- Nagaland joins nation in launching Swachhta Hi Seva campaign
- Nagaland Police develops tenant and hotel registration Apps for ILP monitoring

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today launched the nationwide Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan, and the 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah campaign from Dhar in Madhya Pradesh. The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the country's largest PM Mitra Park in the village of Bhainsla, and inaugurated the Adi Seva Parv, a program for tribal areas in the state. He also transferred financial assistance to over 15 lakh women under the Matru Vandana Yojana. The Prime Minister urged women to get themselves tested at the health camps being organized under the Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan.'

Joining the rest of the country, Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today launched the state-level Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan in Kohima - a health campaign focused on providing essential services for women and children. Speaking at the launch event, the Chief Minister emphasized that the health and empowerment of women are central to the progress of families, communities, and the nation as a whole.

The Chief Minister expressed his appreciation for the medical practitioners from government and private hospitals, ASHAs, Anganwadi workers and community volunteers for being the backbone of the campaign.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister virtually inaugurated Integrated Public Health Laboratories at the District Hospitals in Dimapur and Mon. He also flagged off 26 ambulances, 12 hearse vans, and 6 Rapid Response Team vehicles for the state. Stalls of various departments were set up, while free health services were provided. In Nagaland, the campaign is being conducted across 523 health units, including 12 District Hospitals, 26 Community Health Centres, and 8 Upper Primary Health Centres. The campaign will conclude on October 2.

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today launched the Enhancing Landscape and Ecosystem Management (ELEMENT) Nagaland Project. The initiative seeks to restore and strengthen

Nagaland's landscapes, enhance climate resilience, support livelihoods, and foster community-led development. Mr Rio highlighted the project as a significant milestone in restoring, conserving, and sustainably managing Nagaland's resources. Funded by the World Bank, ELEMENT Nagaland Project will be implemented over five years in 225 villages across 16 districts. The Project will be implemented by the Society for Climate Resilient Agriculture in Nagaland under Agriculture Production Commissioner Cell.

The GST Council on the 3rd of this month announced a series of Next Generation GST reforms, providing big relief to the common man through significant tax reduction in diverse sectors. The Council has reduced the tax rate from 12 percent to 5 percent on various household articles including kitchenware, tableware, and toilet ware made up of iron, steel and wood. Similar reduction has been made for kerosene and wood burning stoves made up of iron or steel. GST for non-motorized bicycles along with delivery tricycles and accessories has also been reduced to 5 percent from the earlier 12 percent. New tax rates will come into effect from 22nd of this month.

Nagaland today joined the rest of the country in launching the Swachhta Hi Seva 2025 campaign, with a state-level event held in Kohima. Addressing the gathering, MLA and Chairperson of the NLA Committee on Environment & Climate Change, Achumbemo Kikon, emphasized that cleanliness is not solely the government's responsibility but a shared civic duty, and urged citizens to take ownership of keeping Kohima and the rest of the state clean.

Highlighting Kohima's historical importance as a capital city even before Nagaland attained statehood, Mr Kikon expressed concern over the growing public littering. He also warned of worsening environmental degradation, stating that the ongoing climate crisis is largely manmade. Citing Indore as one of the cleanest cities in India, Mr Kikon challenged citizens to adopt a change in mindset, noting that the key difference is their consistent commitment to cleanliness. He also stressed upon public cooperation in waste segregation and management. The MLA also administered the Swachhta Pledge, following which a mass social work activity was carried out as part of the launch.

Nagaland Police have developed 'Tenant Registration App' and 'Hotel Registration App' for implementation and monitoring of ILP issuance. These apps will streamline the submission and certification process of tenants and hotel visitors through OTP-based verification. The details to be submitted by the tenant and co-tenant during the registration is as per the existing rules. At present, the apps can be downloaded from the Nagaland Police website police.nagaland.gov.in, and will be available on Google Play Store soon. Landlords, Tenants or Hotel Owners can approach the police station in their jurisdiction for any assistance pertaining to the apps. The Police informed that no fees will be charged for registration by anyone for using these apps.



Horticulture Minister Salhoutuonuo Kruse showcased Nagaland's vast horticulture potential at the National Conference on Agriculture Rabi Campaign 2025 in New Delhi yesterday. Highlighting various horticultural crops grown organically in the state, she emphasized the state's efforts to become 'the Kiwi State of India', and thanked the Union Ministry for its support.

Ms Kruse urged the Ministry to establish Centres of Excellence to enhance the Kiwi initiative as well as for floriculture in the State. She also shared proposals for a State Horticulture Park, Horticulture College and promoting Horti-Tourism. She further emphasized upon the need for more link roads to improve supply chains and reduce the burden of farmers. Ms Kruse urged the Ministry to address schemes lacking in the state.



Hovishe and Ghotovi village councils under Niuland district have lifted the restriction on vehicular movement within their jurisdictions from today, following assurances from the office of the Chief Engineer PWD (R&B). The office has assured that the Niuland-Zhadima road will be prioritized for inclusion in the upcoming plans schemes and recommended for consideration under the Central road Infrastructure Fund 2025-26 priority list. The village councils cautioned that failure to act on the assurances would be met with appropriate democratic action.

