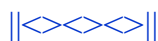


THE HEADLINES :-

- **Nagaland signs MoU to promote jute and natural fibre cultivation**
- **Advisor S. Keoshu Yimkhiung calls on youth to lead through creator economy**
- **Nagaland set to get major boost in connectivity with BSNL Swadeshi 4G network rollout**
- **Hindi Pakhwada concludes at Akashvani Kohima**



Nagaland Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Jute Board, Jute Corporation of India Limited, and ICAR-Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibers, West Bengal. The signing took place today between Agricultural Production Commissioner Wepre Kenye and officials from the three entities, in the presence of Joint Secretary (Fibre), Ministry of Textiles, Padmini Singla. The MoU will be for five years, and aims to promote and expand jute cultivation across the state, building on the existing farming practices. It seeks to encourage more farmers to grow jute on a larger scale, improve agronomy and cultivation techniques, and ultimately help farmers achieve better quality jute, higher yields, and increased income. In addition to jute, the MoU includes introducing new-age natural fibers like sisal, flax and ramie. These fibers will be cultivated on a pilot scale to explore their potential as alternative crops. The initiative seeks to diversify fiber production and support sustainable agriculture.



Advisor for Youth Resources and Sports, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung underscored the significance of the creator economy as a powerful force that transcends across sectors. Addressing the State Level-Youth Festival today at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima, he encouraged youth to use digital platforms to share Naga stories, preserve traditions, and pursue innovation. He said this space offers livelihood, entrepreneurship, and is a driver of national growth, emphasizing the need for active youth contribution in realising Viksit Bharat at 2047. The event featured competitions in folk song, folk dance, and declamation.



Ahead of the nationwide inauguration of BSNL's Swadeshi 4G network tomorrow, the North East-II Telecom Circle held a press conference today in Dimapur. Chief General Manager N. Murali said the rollout features BSNL's indigenous 4G and 5G-ready network under the 37,000-crore rupees project.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will unveil over 97,500 towers tomorrow, including 92,600 by BSNL. Mr Murali said, more than 18,900 towers under the Digital Bharat Nidhi will connect 26,700 unserved villages, many in remote, and sensitive areas. For the NorthEast-II Circle comprising Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, and Manipur, nearly 2,000 4G sites are planned for swadeshi 4G network. Out of this, Nagaland is set to get 421 sites under Digital Bharat Nidhi while 187 existing 2G/3G towers will be upgraded. So far, 783 villages have been connected across the region.



The 15-day long Hindi Pakhwada organized by Akashvani Kohima culminated today. To mark the occasion, a competition on Hindi Film songs for Central Government Employees members of Town Official Language Implementation Committee, was held today. Speaking at the event, Head of Programme Akashvani, Ella Kayina highlighted the role of Akashvani in promoting Hindi and shaping the country's cultural landscape.

Staff from CRPF, DDK, PIB, NIELIT, and Postal Service participated in the competition. DG Long from 45 Assam Rifles won first prize, followed by Prakash Singa from Postal Services and Dhanpal from 105 Battalion BSF, while five participants received consolation prizes. During the programme, winners of various competitions held throughout the festival were facilitated.



As part of the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan, Akashvani Kohima organised a health camp for all the staff and family members today in collaboration with the office of the Chief Medical Officer Kohima District. Orenthung Ezung, District Supervisor, William J Clinton Foundation gave an overview of the activities undertaken during the camp.



Under the Next Generation GST Reforms, stationery items such as notebooks, graph books, sharpeners, pencils have been made completely made tax free. The tax cut in this sector will ease the financial strain on students and make these products more affordable. Similar reduction has been made for footwear not exceeding the sale value of 2500 rupees. The significant deduction in tax rates will not just make products affordable for the common man but will also boost the manufacturing unit and nation's economy. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 21st of this month has also urged the citizens to adopt swadeshi products, supporting domestic industries, small manufacturers, local artisans and MSME.



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 transformed connectivity through an internet revolution, bridging villages, cities, and people across India.



Continuing the series of surprise inspections across government offices, Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton today visited several departments in Wokha. These included the Horticulture Office, Public Health Engineering Department, District Planning & Machinery Office, and Land Resources Office. A total of 12 staff members were found absent across the departments. Mr Patton emphasized the need for all departments to uphold discipline and accountability to ensure that citizens receive the services they rightfully deserve. He stated that such inspections will continue to reinforce a culture of responsibility and transparency within the government machinery. The Deputy Chief Minister was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner, Vineet Kumar, Superintendent of Police, Relo Aye, and representatives from Lotha Hoho and Lotha Students' Union.

