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- Nagaland joins nationwide Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Sath drive under Swachhata Hi Seva 2025
- Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton calls for renewed commitment to selfless service and nation-building
- Nagaland gets Modern Mechanical training centre for skilling in heavy vehicle operations
- And, National Highway-29 closed near Shiva Mandir for repair work amid worsening condition

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As part of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 and Swachhotsav, Akashvani Kohima is conducting a series of events aimed at promoting good hygiene. Today, the station organized a special cleanliness drive 'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' with students of Government Middle School, New Minister's Hill Kohima. Head of Programme, Akashvani Kohima and Nodal Officer Swachhata Hi Seva, Ella Kayina highlighted the activities lined up as part of the campaign.

The health and cleanliness campaign will continue till 2nd of October.

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Similar programs were also held in districts and departments across the state. Events were organized in Medziphema, Aghunato town in Zunheboto, Chozuba in Phek as well PHED, Doordarshan Kendra Kohima, Press Information Bureau and Central Bureau of Communication, Kohima, joining hands with the rest of the country in the 'Ek Din Ek Ghanta ek Sath' initiative for cleanliness.

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Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister and BJP Legislature Party Leader Y. Patton today called for a renewed commitment to the ideals of selfless service, inclusive growth, and nation-building. Speaking at the BJP Head Office in Kohima during a programme marking the birth anniversary of Upadhyay, Mr Patton, recalled the contribution of the leader to the nation. He highlighted Upadhyay's philosophy of Integral Humanism, which emphasizes balanced development rooted in cultural values, and underlined the vision of Antyodaya, or upliftment of the last person in society, as a call for collective responsibility towards justice, dignity, and opportunity for all.

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In view of the worsening condition of National Highway-29 below the Old KMC dumping site near Shiva Mandir, and due to ongoing restoration works, the section of the highway has been closed to all forms of traffic until further notice. An order issued by the Deputy Commissioner of Kohima stated that all heavy vehicles including water tankers, military and para-military vehicles,

compact or mid-size pick-up trucks, and mid-size to heavy commercial passenger vehicles will be diverted via the Peducha Bridge–Tsiesema 10 Mile Road. Only light motor vehicles will be allowed to use the Jotsoma Bypass Road. The Deputy Commissioner cautioned that any violation of the order will be liable for prosecution under the law.

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Minister for Housing and Mechanical Engineering P. Bashangmongba Chang today inaugurated the Modern Mechanical Workshop-cum-Training Centre at Shokhuvi. Addressing the event, he said the centre will equip individuals with specialized skills in the operation and maintenance of heavy vehicles and machinery. The Minister highlighted that the training programme will be supported by the state government.

The new centre will provide accessible, market-relevant training by expert departmental officers. The Transport Department will assist successful trainees in acquiring Heavy Construction Equipment driving licences, enabling them to operate machinery such as excavators and road rollers. Highlighting a critical skills shortage in India, the Minister encouraged the youth to take advantage of the training to improve their employment aspects.

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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 defence production, making India self-reliant and a rising force in the global defence market

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Under the Next Generation GST Reforms, the government has introduced significant tax reductions in handicrafts sector to cut down the expenses of traders, artisans and consumers. The government has slashed tax rates from 12 percent to 5 percent on statues made of wood, stone, and metals, as well as paintings, handcrafted candles, and wood carved products. Similarly, the tax rates on handbags and shopping bags made of cotton and jute has been brought down to 5 percent. In this festive season, this rationalization will benefit artisans and craftsmen, boosting their livelihoods and preserving traditional occupations.

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Former MLA Kielu Ndang passed away this morning in Dimapur after a prolonged illness. He was 82. Born in 1943, Mr Ndang began his career as a teacher before switching to civic leadership. He was elected twice to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly from the Peren Assembly Constituency in 1971 and 1974. He is survived by his wife Lungchule Ndang, eight children and 13 grandchildren. The funeral service of the former leader will be held at 11 AM tomorrow at his residence in Peren Town. Conveying condolences, NLA Speaker Sharingain Longkumer remembered Mr Ndang as hard-working and devoted towards the welfare and upliftment of his constituency and the people of Nagaland.

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Nagaland Police has arrested an individual for issuing death threats and making derogatory remarks on social media. Following a complaint filed by Advisor to the Naga Mother's Association, Rosemary Dzüvichü, at the Cybercrime Police Station, Kohima, Police identified the accused as 38-year-old Walonir Longkumer and apprehended him yesterday. A criminal case has been registered at Diphupar Police Station, and further investigation is underway. Police has reiterated zero tolerance for threats to the safety and security of

individuals, whether physically or online, and assured the public of continued vigilance and action against all such nefarious activities.

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