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Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that the new GST regime will improve consumption by citizens and it will not impact capital expenditure. In an interview to a private news channel, Mrs Sitharaman said, 99 percent of all the goods and services are now either in the zero, five or 18 per cent bracket.

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Ms. Sitharaman said, it was the first time that both the issue of Compensation Cess and a comprehensive proposal on GST have been taken up by the Centre. The Minister said, Petroleum and alcohol products will be outside of GST. The Minister informed the government is working on measures to support exporters who are impacted by the 50 per cent US tariffs.

In a joint operation, Assam Rifles and Nagaland Police intercepted a truck carrying a large consignment of illegal foreign-origin cigarettes worth 1.29 crore rupees in Tening area of Peren district. In a press release, the Assam Rifles yesterday stated that this operation reflects the continuous efforts by both security forces and state police to curb the inflow of contraband into Nagaland while also protecting local markets and communities from the harmful effects of unchecked illegal trade.

President Droupadi Murmu has commended the spirit of those involved in the rescue and relief operations during natural calamities across the country. In a social media post, the President said, she is deeply anguished every time she comes to know about natural calamities during the monsoon this year. She said that cloudbursts in the hills and floods in the plains have taken a heavy toll, leaving death and destruction in their wake in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Assam and many other parts of the country. She said that the nation shares the sorrow of the people affected by calamities and is with them in this crisis. She added that together the nation will overcome this challenge.

The Kohima District Administration has launched a special initiative "One Day with Deputy Commissioner", aimed at motivating and inspiring students toward public service. The initiative was launched on the occasion of Teacher's Day yesterday. We have a report

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The One Day with Deputy Commissioner initiative, to be held once every two weeks, will select five meritorious and interested students from both government and private schools within Kohima district. It is designed to build confidence, provide valuable exposure, and offer firsthand experience of district-level governance. Students will have the opportunity to interact directly with the Deputy Commissioner and other administrative officials, gaining insight into the functioning of the District Administration. As per the guidelines, schools are to nominate students through the District Education Officer.

In an inspiring story of determination and enduring fitness, 80-year-old Bendangnukshi, popularly known as Bendang Jamir, continues to defy age with his exceptional athleticism. A veteran shuttler who has excelled at both national and international levels, Mr Jamir is once again gearing up to represent India in the 70-plus age category at the Badminton World Federation's World Senior Championships in Pattaya, Thailand, scheduled from tomorrow till the 14th of September. Speaking exclusively to Akashvani Kohima, Mr Jamir shared his pride and anticipation for the Championships, and encouraged young people to embrace his philosophy of 'health is wealth'.

(S/B JAMIR-)

Hailing from Mopungchuket village in Mokokchung, Mr Jamir began his sporting journey in football, and was part of the Government High School Mokokchung team that finished runners-up in the 1968 Subroto Cup. He also captained the first-ever NEHU football team in 1974. Recently, he secured third at the Indian Masters (Veteran) National Badminton Championship in Goa. Known for being 'remarkably fit' at his age, the octogenarian follows no special diet but stresses on staying active, working hard, and staying happy. He also emphasizes that going through pain and hardship is essential for health and life. Currently residing in Dimapur, Mr Jamir, also engages in farming and continues to serve the community, including as Advisor to the Nagaland Registered Class-1 Contractors Union.

