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The Union government has released an additional tax devolution of one lakh one thousand 603 crore rupees to state governments. The Finance Ministry yesterday said that this is an additional amount to the normal monthly devolution, which is scheduled to be released on October 10. According to the Ministry, the decision was made in view of the festive season to enable states to accelerate capital spending and finance their development and welfare-related expenditure. A total of 29 states, including Nagaland, received the additional funds. Nagaland was allotted 578 crore rupees under this additional tax devolution.

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The nation is celebrating Gandhi Jayanti today, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, also known as Father of the Nation. The day serves to remember Gandhi's leadership in India's freedom struggle. It also marks the International Day of Non-Violence, recognizing Gandhi's enduring impact and teachings. On the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Gandhi Jayanti is about paying homage to the extraordinary life of beloved Bapu, whose ideals transformed the course of human history. Meanwhile, paying tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his 156th birth anniversary, President Droupadi said this is an occasion to dedicate to the ideals and values of the Father of the Nation.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, honouring the Father of the Nation and his enduring values of truth, non-violence, and simplicity. In a social media, Chief Minister Rio said that Gandhi's principles continue to inspire people across generations to strive for peace, justice, and harmony in society. He called upon every citizen to uphold these values in their daily lives , in building a better society.

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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 been mainstreaming the Northeast, turning it into a new engine of India's growth..

(V/C): Once seen as a distant frontier, Northeast India is now a beacon of progress, peace, and potential. Over the past eleven years, the Narendra Modi Government has pursued a transformative vision for inclusive development, with a special focus on regions that were historically overlooked.

Speaking at the Rising North East Investors Summit on 23rd March, 2025 in New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized the critical role of Eastern India in achieving a Viksit Bharat.

The Narendra Modi government has gone beyond the conversion of the Look East policy to Act East and now its policy is Act Fast for Northeast and Act First for Northeast. Since 2014-15, the budgetary allocation to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has increased by 2.5 times from around two thousand 333 crore rupees to five thousand 900 crore rupees in 2024-25. The Modi government is also implementing the Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme (UNNATI-2024) for Industrial development in the North East region. The North Eastern Region Vision 2020 document provides an overarching framework for the development of the region to bring it at par with other developed regions under which different Ministries have undertaken various initiatives.

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A Block-Level Medical Camp was held at the Community Health Centre in Pughoboto, Zunheboto District, under the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan and Poshan Abhiyaan. The event focused on women's health and family well-being. Additional Deputy Commissioner Tiameren Chang highlighted the importance of women's health for a thriving society. Supported by District Hospital Zunheboto, the camp featured specialists in gynecology, ENT, and eye care, along with dental services and a general OPD. Over 200 patients received free treatment, and Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme cards were issued.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that from its inception, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, RSS has been synonymous with patriotism and service. He recalled that during the painful period of Partition, when millions of families were displaced, swayamsevaks stood at the forefront with limited resources to serve the refugees. Addressing the centenary celebrations of the RSS in New Delhi last evening, the Prime Minister emphasized that one of the most significant contributions of the RSS over its 100-year journey has been awakening self-awareness and pride among diverse sections of society.

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Under the Next Generation GST Reforms, the government has reduced the tax on handmade items, giving a significant relief to consumers and artisans. The GST on hand-made bags like pouches, purses, and jewellery boxes made up of cotton and jute have been slashed from 12 per cent to 5 per cent. Similarly the tax rates on hand embroidered shawls, knitted hats and textile caps have also been reduced to 5 percent.

