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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi declares 21st century is the century of India and ASEAN.
- President Droupadi Murmu highlights role of private healthcare in building a healthy India.
- Prime Minister Modi highlights Cultural Unity, Indigenous Initiatives and National Heritage.
- Nagaland Home Department declares October 28, day of polling for Ward-11 Zhipa under Pfutsero Town Council Paid Holiday.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said the 21st century is the century of India and ASEAN. Addressing the ASEAN-India Summit virtually, which is being held in Malaysia, Mr Modi underlined that India and ASEAN together represent almost a quarter of the world's population. He further stated that India and ASEAN do not just share geography, but are also connected by the thread of deep historical ties and shared values.

Mr Modi said even in this era of uncertainties, the India-ASEAN Comprehensive Strategic Partnership has witnessed sustained progress. He added that this strong partnership is emerging as a robust foundation for global stability and development. Prime Minister also emphasised that India has stood firmly with its

ASEAN friends in every disaster. He stated that cooperation in HADR, maritime security, and the blue economy is growing rapidly. He declared 2026 as the “ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation”.

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President Droupadi Murmu today said good private sector healthcare institutions can make an invaluable contribution to achieving goal of healthy and developed India. Inaugurating Yashoda Medicity at Indirapuram in Ghaziabad, the President said health and medical infrastructure, institutions, and services are being continuously expanded across the country as healthcare is an integral part of nation building. She emphasised that apart from the government, all other stakeholders will also play a crucial role in these efforts. She stressed on the responsibility of all stakeholders to expand healthcare services and ensure availability of quality services so that no citizen is deprived of effective healthcare. President Murmu also stressed that fulfilling social responsibility, along with medical responsibility, should be a priority for healthcare institutions.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that the Mahaparva of Chhath is a reflection of the deep unity of culture, nature, and society. Addressing the nation in his Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani, the Prime Minister extended his wishes to everyone on the occasion of Chhath, and in particular to the people of Bihar, Jharkhand, and Purvanchal. He emphasised that every section of society comes together at the Chhath ghats, which is the most beautiful example of India’s social unity.

Mr Modi highlighted that the entire country is immersed in the festive spirit and a confluence of devotion, affection, and tradition is being witnessed. Mr Modi noted that Operation Sindoor has filled every Indian with pride. He said that this time, lamps of joy were lit even in those areas which were once affected by Maoist terror.

He stated that people want the complete eradication of the Maoist terror that had jeopardized the future of their children. He was pleased to note that there is enthusiasm among people regarding GST Bachat Utsav. He expressed happiness that the purchase of indigenous goods increased tremendously during the festive season.

Mr Modi said that in his letter he had urged everyone to reduce by 10% the consumption of edible oil and this he said got a positive response.

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Nagaland Home Department has declared October 28, Tuesday, the day of polling for Ward-11 Zhipa under Pfutsero Town Council of Phek district as a Paid Holiday for all State and Central Government employees registered as electors in the electoral roll of the said ward. According to an official notification, the holiday is intended to enable registered voters to participate and exercise their franchise. The provision will also apply to employees enrolled as electors under Ward-11 but who are ordinarily residing or working in another ward area. Further, under the Negotiable Instruments Act, the polling day has been declared a paid holiday for employees of banks and financial institutions in Nagaland who are registered as electors in the Ward. In addition, under Section 10 of the Nagaland Shops and Establishments Act, 1982, all shops and commercial establishments within Pfutsero Town Council owned, managed, or run by persons registered as electors in the said ward shall remain closed during polling hours to facilitate voting. However, the notification clarified that the provisions will not apply to electors whose absence from duty may cause danger or substantial loss to their employment or workplace operations.

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The GST Bachat Utsav kicked off on 22nd September as the Narendra Modi government slashed GST rates in many sectors, benefitting citizens across the country. Our correspondent brings a report on how the next gen GST reforms are boosting the economy of Uttar Pradesh.

V/C:-*The new GST reform is a major boost for Uttar Pradesh's farmers, artisans, small businesses and local industries. The handicraft and toy manufacturing clusters of the state now see benefits as GST on toys and small craft items have been reduced from 12 percent to 5 percent, making these goods more affordable and competitive. Similarly, the leather industries of Kanpur and Agra also witnessed big gains as leather goods priced up to two thousand five hundred rupees now attract just 5 percent GST. Furthermore, the reduction of GST on brassware from 12 percent to 5 percent has supported MSME profitability and stabilized artisan jobs. Also, Firozabad the district which sustains over one lakh workers and artisans also sees benefits as the GST on glassware and bangles has been placed at 5 percent. The next-generation GST reforms have enhanced affordability, job creation and revitalized the economy of Uttar Pradesh. With Rohan and Samarth, Akshit Vaidyan for Akashvani News, Delhi.*

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The Nagaland Wushu Association (NWA) in collaboration with the Department of Youth Resources and Sports, will host the 1st State Level Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Wushu (Sanda) Championship on October 28 and 29 at the Pele Khezhe Indoor Stadium, Kohima. The inaugural programme on October 28 at 10:00 a.m. will be graced by Kudecho Khamo, Advisor for CAWD and Taxes and President of the NWA, as the Special Guest while Pele Khezhe, President of the Nagaland Olympic Association and Nagaland Taekwondo Association, will be the Guest of Honour. The championship will feature athletes from across Nagaland competing in Sub-Junior, Junior, and Senior categories in the Sanda discipline.

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