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The National Red Run 3.0, organised by the Nagaland State AIDS Control Society in collaboration with the Nagaland Olympic Association and Nagaland Athletics Association is currently underway at the Agri Expo, 4th Mile, Chümoukedima. The event features two categories—General and Competitive. In the Competitive category, two male and two female participants from 35 states are taking part, while around 700 runners are participating in the General category, covering a distance of 2 km. The Competitive run covers 10 km and has drawn 140 athletes. The National Red Run aims to promote awareness on HIV/AIDS and encourage healthy living through sports.

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Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya said that Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel is a legacy, an idea, and an institution for this nation. He urged citizens of the country, especially youth, to take inspiration from his life to build a Viksit Bharat. The minister made these remarks while delivering the Sardar Patel Memorial Lecture-2025 at Akashvani Bhawan in New Delhi yesterday. Dr Mandaviya said that by removing Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is completing Sardar Patel's unfinished work.

MANSUKH MANDAVIYA

As a mark of respect to Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, who was India's first Information and Broadcasting Minister, Akashvani hosts the annual Sardar Patel Memorial lecture. The recording of this lecture will be broadcast at 9:30 PM on the entire network of Akashvani on the occasion of Sardar Patel's Birth Anniversary on 31st October.

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Governor of Nagaland Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Rajya Sabha MP, S. Phangnon Konyak have extended greetings to the Zeliang community on the occasion of Chaga Gadi and Langsimnyi Festival. In his message, Governor Bhalla said these vibrant celebrations mark the completion of the agricultural year and express gratitude to the Almighty for His abundant blessings. He hoped that the festivals would strengthen the spirit of unity, peace, and brotherhood among all communities while preserving the rich cultural heritage of the people. The Governor also wished everyone celebrating Chaga Gadi and Langsimnyi happiness, prosperity, and continued progress. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio thanked the Almighty for His blessings of a bountiful harvest and good health, and also honoured the womenfolk for nurturing families and strengthening the community. Meanwhile, MP S. Phangnon Konyak, in her message said that the celebrations symbolize thanksgiving, renewal, and new beginnings among families and villages. She further hoped that the festive season bring blessings, happiness, and prosperity to all.

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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. Today, our correspondent brings a report on how the new GST rates in the Apparel footwear sector are helping citizens. A report:

[VC- sec The next-generation GST reforms have provided major relief to the apparel and footwear sector. Under the new tax structure, GST has been reduced to 5 percent for upto 2,500 rupees per piece on Readymade Garments. This rationalisation has stimulated domestic demand in small towns and rural regions. Similarly, the tax rates on man-made yarns has been reduced from 12 percent to 5 percent, reducing reliance on imports and boosting exports. In addition, footwear priced up to 2 thousand and five hundred rupees per pair now attract only 5 percent GST instead of 12 percent, making stylish and durable footwear more accessible to young and middle-income consumers].

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And, The first state-level sub-junior, junior, and senior Wushu (Sanda) Championship, organized by Nagaland Wushu Association (NWA) in collaboration with the Department of Youth Resources and Sports, culminated yesterday at the Pele Khezhe Indoor Stadium, Kohima. A total of 93 athletes participated in the championship. The Group Championship title was won by Peren district, while Kohima district received the award for Best Disciplined Team. Attending the prize distribution ceremony, Advisor for CAWD and Taxes and President, NWA, Kudecho Khamo said that sports offer vast career opportunities and urged athletes to remain dedicated and disciplined in their pursuit.

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