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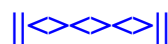
- Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton urges citizens to embrace Swadeshi and self-reliance
- CANSSEA to begin statewide 3-day Pen Down Strike from October 14 over IAS selection
- Nagaland conducts coordination workshop to boost district-level disaster response
- 9th Captain N Kengurüse Memorial Football Tournament to kick off on October 22



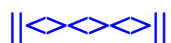
BJP Legislature Party (BLP) Leader and Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton has said, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the nation is moving forward with the goal of Swadeshi, and urged all citizens to pledge together in embracing Swadeshi and build a truly self-reliant India. Addressing media persons this morning on the launch of Atmanirbhar Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan in the state at BJP head office in Kohima, the BLP leader said, Atmanirbhar Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan is not a policy initiative but a national strength whose aim is to connect every Indian, inspire every citizen and carry the message of self reliance and Swadeshi to every home. Mr Patton reiterated that PM Modi has called upon citizens to ensure that whatever they purchase is made in India. He also highlighted on the several programmes to be organised under this campaign and urged all to participate with pride.

Mr Patton further urged citizens to take the Pledge of Swadeshi as a collective responsibility and an expression of one's love and devotion towards our motherland.

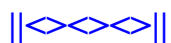
The BJP Nagaland officially launched the Atmanirbhar Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan today. This nationwide 90-day campaign was launched on September 25 and will continue till December 25. The campaign aims to strengthen the path of self-reliance and make India a developed country by 2047.



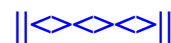
The Confederation of All Nagaland State Services Employees' Associations, CANSSEA, has announced a three-day Pen Down Strike starting October 14 across all government offices in the state. The move comes in protest against the state government's inaction to its grievances over alleged subversion of meritocracy in the recent IAS selection process. CANSSEA is demanding the withdrawal of a non-NPSC candidate from the IAS Select List published on September 25, and the restoration of the original Vacancy Circular from March 10 to ensure merit and transparency in induction into the country's premier civil service. The association said the strike will continue alongside ongoing protest actions like black ribbon and poster campaigns.



Nagaland's Directorate of Home Guards, Civil Defence, and State Disaster Response Force held a one-day Coordination Meeting-cum-Workshop on Civil Defence in Kohima on Saturday. The programme was held following the Home Affairs' Ministry's directive to strengthen district-level coordination in response to the April Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor. Delivering the keynote, Director General Renchamo P. Kikon, emphasized the need to mobilize and build capacity of Civil Defence volunteers. He shared details of the "Scheme for Training and Capacity Building of Civil Defence" to be implemented by March 2026, as part of which, Nagaland will train 20 Master Trainers and 3,600 Civil Defence Wardens and Volunteers across ten districts.



On to sports... India wrapped up its campaign at World Para Athletics Championships with 22 medals, which include 6 Gold, 9 Silver and 7 Bronze, the country's best-ever performance at the Championships. Representing the country in the men's F57 shot put event, Nagaland's Hokato Hotozhe Sema delivered his season's best throw of 14.35 metres. The strong performance however, fell short to secure the Paralympic medallist a podium standing, as he finished sixth in a highly competitive field. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has hailed India's historic performance at the World Para-Athletics Championships. In a social media post, Mr Modi congratulated the athletes saying their success will inspire several people.

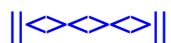


The 9th edition of the Captain N Kengurüse, MVC Memorial Football Tournament 2025 will kick off on October 22 at IG Stadium, Kohima, with 20 teams from across Nagaland. The finals will be played on November 6. Ahead of the tournament, the official poster, mascot, and theme song were unveiled

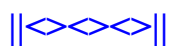
today at a ceremony held in Kohima Science College, Jotsoma. The event was organised by Assam Rifles, in collaboration with the Nagaland Football Association, under Operation Sadbhavana. Speaking at the launch, Vice President of the Athletics Federation of India and Secretary General of the Nagaland Olympic Association, Abu Metha, called the tournament a tribute to Captain Kengurüse's legacy and a call to youth to uphold values of discipline, teamwork, and service.

Paying tribute to Captain Kengurüse, MLA Dr. Tseilhoutou Rhutso said the tournament honours his courage and inspire unity and resilience among youth.

Deputy Inspector General, IGAR (North), Brigadier SK Palande, reaffirmed Assam Rifles' commitment to youth development and community building through sports. The official mascot, 'The Mithun Warrior,' symbolizes strength, unity, and resilience.



The first Inter-Ward Football Tournament for the Dimapur Municipal Council Trophy 2025 officially kicked off today at DDSC Stadium. The tournament is seeing participation from 23 wards. Addressing the event, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, emphasized that sports build unity, discipline, and personal growth. He also announced that the present DDSC stadium would be upgraded soon, saying a detailed project report has already been submitted to the government.



Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya today launched Sardar@150 Unity March in New Delhi, to commemorate 150th anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Addressing a press conference, Dr Mandaviya said this Unity March is a national movement to engage youth in nation-building and advancing the vision of Viksit and Aatmanirbhar Bharat.



The new GST reforms are poised to give a boost to Bihar in various sectors including agriculture, food processing, dairy and handloom. The reforms will benefit farmers by reducing the cost of fertilizers, micronutrients and machinery. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises will get a boost with reduction of taxes on biscuits, namkeens and sauces. Similarly, the tax cut on the dairy sector is expected to ease working capital pressures on dairies and strengthen cooperative networks. Also, the GST reduction on tractors, pumps

and irrigation equipment will encourage wider adoption of modern tools, boost agricultural productivity, and strengthen farmer incomes.

