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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says employment fairs have become a medium for fulfilling the dreams of the youth of the country.
- Jail Visiting Committee inspects District Jail, Kiphire.
- First edition of the Banana Festival 2025 concludes in Wokha.

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President Droupadi Murmu has emphasized that active participation of women is necessary to achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047. She said, a society led by women leaders would be more humane and effective. The President inaugurated the centenary celebrations of Saint Theresa's College, Ernakulam, Kerala today. While addressing the gathering, the President underlined that the active participation of women is necessary for the country to leverage its demographic dividend.

BYTE PREZ: She lauded the efforts of the institution in educating and empowering women for the past several decades. The President launched centenary logo of the college at the inaugural event.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that employment fairs have become a medium for fulfilling the dreams of the youth of the country. The Prime Minister said this in a video message at the 17th National Rozgar Mela in New Delhi. During the event, appointment letters were distributed to more than 51 thousand newly recruited youth in various Government departments and organisations under the Rozgar Mela initiative. Mr Modi said, through these employment fairs alone, more than 11 lakh appointment letters have been given to young people since the initiative began in October 2022. The Prime Minister also launched the 'Viksit Bharat Yojana' in the country, which aims to provide jobs to 3.5 crore youth.

Prime Minister Modi also said that the government considers the strength of India's youth as the greatest power of the nation.

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The Jail Visiting Committee inspected the District Jail, Kiphire today. The team, comprising Neiko Akami, Member Secretary, Nagaland State Legal Services Authority; DIG (Prisons); Superintendent, Central Jail Dimapur; and Holika Sukhalu, Secretary, Kiphire District Legal Services Authority (KDLSA), reviewed all sections of the jail and interacted with inmates. The Committee has recommended ward repairs, complete electrical wiring, and the installation of a European commode in the female ward. Following the inspection, the KDLSA held a Legal Awareness Programme chaired by Ayiala Imti, Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel during which

the Nagaland State Co-operative Bank, Kiphire Branch, donated a computer for inmates' vocational training. Ms Sukhalu highlighted reformation through education, while Panel Lawyer Limkhushi Thongliu spoke on prisoners' rights. Mr Akami urged KDLSA to continue extending legal aid to all.

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The first edition of the Banana Festival 2025 concluded on a high note at Wokha Public Ground today after three days of exhibitions, competitions, and technical sessions celebrating the theme “Banana for Food, Fibre and Future.” Over 100 stalls showcased various banana species, value-added products, and machinery such as fiber extraction units. The event also recognised the best stalls and innovations with cash awards and certificates. Technical sessions highlighted disease control, value addition, and marketing strategies to strengthen banana cultivation and connect farmers with buyers. The Sharpest Machete Competition drew enthusiastic participation from 17 contestants. Chombenthung Tsopoe emerged as the winner, while Renphamo Tsanglao and Yanthungo Tsopoe were first and second runners-up. The festival culminated with the signing of MoUs between the district administration and partner institutions to enhance marketing platforms and skill training for farmers, aiming to boost sustainable banana farming in the district.

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

*VC: Under the next generation GST reforms, the government has provided a significant boost to Karnataka's economy. Tax reduction on Key goods including coffee, dairy, garments, handicrafts, coir and essential industrial inputs are enhancing affordability, stimulating domestic demand, and strengthening the competitiveness of MSMEs and exporters of the state. GST on coffee extracts, essences, and instant coffee have been cut down to 5 percent from previously taxed 18 percent. This reduction has lowered retail prices of these products by around 11 to 12 percent. Similarly, GST cuts from 5 percent to nil on ultra-high temperature milk and paneer, and from 12 percent to 5 percent on ghee and butter, have reduced retail prices by 5 to 7 percent. These significant tax reductions have not only improved consumer affordability but have also reinforced the dairy sector as a key driver of rural income and women empowerment in the state. GST 2.0 also empowers artisans in handlooms and handicrafts and enabling entrepreneurs driving industrial and technological growth in the state. With Rohan and Saumya, Vishnu PS, Akashvani News, Delhi.*

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The Nagaland State Co-operative Bank Ltd. held its 56th Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Head Office Conference Hall, Dimapur. Guest speaker Orenthung Lotha, Commissioner and Secretary, emphasized the vital role of stakeholders in strengthening the cooperative movement. He noted the establishment of 231 Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) across Nagaland and

encouraged youth participation in the sector, which offers wide business potential. Lotha urged the formation of one PACS in every village, in line with the government's vision, and commended the Co-operative Bank innovative schemes like Salary Plus Deposit and Salary Plus Loan. He also highlighted the need for strong cybersecurity measures as banking becomes increasingly digital. As part of the AGM, the Bank honoured 10 awardees under four categories, including Best Performing Cooperative Societies, Self-Help Groups, Joint Liability Groups, and Branches.

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The Department of Food & Civil Supplies, Nagaland, has transitioned from its earlier NFSA applications to the Smart Public Distribution System (Smart PDS), adopting an Integrated Aadhaar-enabled Supply Chain Management module as per Government of India policy. In a press release, the Director of F&CS stated that any disruption in the system affects the normal supply flow. All Fair Price Shops (FPSs) have been informed that manual transactions are discontinued, and only online or partial offline transactions through ePoS devices will be recognized. Untransacted quantities will be treated as closing balances, carried forward and reconciled in the following month. Reconciliation will begin with allocations for next month, based on the September 2025 closing balance, and will continue thereafter.

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