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Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, Maritime sector is driving India's growth.

Centre approves 20 Crore rupees Second Installment of SDRF to Nagaland for 2025-26.

Civil Society Organizations in Dimapur supports lifting of Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition Act.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tening, emphasizes on collective responsibility in eradicating drug abuse from the society.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said, Maritime sector is driving India's growth. He said, over the last decade, the sector has transformed significantly, boosting trade and port infrastructure. Mr Modi was addressing the Maritime Leaders Conclave organized under the India Maritime Week 2025 at the

NESCO Exhibition Centre in Mumbai this evening. He said, India's maritime sector is advancing with great speed and energy. The Prime Minister said, today, India's ports are counted among most efficient in developing world. He said, in many aspects, they are performing even better than those in the developed world.

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The Centre has approved advance release of twenty crore rupees as second installment of Central share of State Disaster Response Fund-SDRF to Nagaland for the year 2025-26. The amount was approved by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. In a statement Home Ministry said that Central Government is standing shoulder to shoulder with the State Governments during natural calamities and disasters and providing them all necessary support. The Ministry added that this year, Central government has already released 15 thousand 554 crore rupees to 27 States under SDRF and two thousand 267 crore rupees to 15 States under NDRF. It added that in addition, over four thousand 571 crore rupees have been released from the State Disaster Mitigation Fund to 21 States and three hundred 72 crore rupees from National Disaster Mitigation Fund to nine States.

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A consultative meeting between Naga Council Dimapur (NCD) and various civil society organisations from East Dimapur was held today at NCD Conference Hall. During the meeting, several organisations formally extended their support to the call for lifting the Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition (NLTP) Act. NCD Convenor Zasie Zakieseto informed that six organisations from East Dimapur have joined the earlier eight organisations in demanding the revocation of the NLTP Act. Mr. Zakieseto said, during the

meeting, it has decided and resolved to lift the NLTP Act 1989 from Dimapur district.

Convenor of East Dimapur Area Village Council Chairmen Forum, Aheto Yepthomi, asserted that, despite 36 years of prohibition, the Act has brought more harm than good. Emphasizing that the intention of the Church is respected, Mr Yepthomi said, the ground reality shows that prohibition has failed and urged the government to replace the Act with a regulated system for the welfare of society and public health.

Meanwhile, President of East Dimapur Youth Organisation, Kanato Awomi, said although Nagaland is officially a dry state, alcohol remains easily accessible and called upon the government to lift the prohibition and introduce alternative measures.

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Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tening, Fiirhesie Nyuwi has emphasized the importance of collective responsibility in eradicating drug abuse from the society. Speaking during an awareness programme on Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan with the theme “Drugs and Substance Abuse” conducted today at Government Higher Secondary School Auditorium, Tening, Peren, Mr Nyuwi encouraged students to be ambassadors of change by making positive life choices and guiding their peers to stay away from harmful substances. As part of the campaign, a series of competitions centred on the theme was organized. Prizes were awarded to the winners of various categories to recognize and encourage their

efforts.

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Polling for the vacant seat at Ward 11 (Zhipa) under the Pfutsero Town Council was successfully conducted yesterday. The State Election Commission Nagaland informed that the polling was conducted peacefully and smoothly, without any untoward incidents. The polling witnessed voter turnout of 87.09 per cent, which was a straight contest between two Independent candidates. Meanwhile, the counting of votes and declaration of results is scheduled for 31st of this month.

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The Annual State Level Science Drama Competition (ASDC) 2025 was held today at Innovation Hub-Nagaland Science Centre, Dimapur under the theme "Science & Technology for the Benefit of mankind". PM SHRI Government Higher Secondary School, Dimapur won the Nagaland ASDC 2025, and will represent the state at Zonal Level, the North-East Zone Science Drama Competition, which will be held on 21st of November at National Science Centre, Guwahati. Science Drama Competition is an annual event which is organised across the country with primary aim to showcase juvenile artistic creativity and to use the medium of drama as a potent tool for dealing with socio-scientific issues of current importance in the society.

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The next-generation GST reforms have provided relief to the tourism sector by reducing tax burdens and making travel, accommodation, and cultural experiences more affordable for citizens. GST on hotel stays priced at under seven thousand five

hundred rupees per night has been reduced from 12 percent to 5 percent, making accommodation more accessible. The step has boosted weekend travel, pilgrimage circuits, heritage tourism, and eco-tourism. Furthermore, it has encouraged investment in hotels and homestays, creating jobs and improving infrastructure.

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Mera Yuva Bharat, under Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in collaboration with District Administration, Dimapur will be organising a "District Level Padayatra" as a part of " Sardar @ 150 Unity March" Campaign on the eve of 150th Birth Anniversary of Iron Man of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31st of this month. In this regard, Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, has informed that the event will start from City Tower - Tajen Ao Road at 6: 00 AM and will culminate at Dimapur Government College with a short program. All concerned institutions, officials and volunteers have been requested to assemble at the starting Point by 6:00 AM.

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India Meteorological Department has forecast light to moderate rain over few places in Nagaland during the next two days. The weather office also predicted thunderstorm and lightening likely to occur at isolated places over the state on 31st October and 1st November. Meanwhile, Kohima today recorded a maximum temperature of 28.2 degree Celsius, with a minimum temperature of 17.2 degree Celsius, while Dimapur recorded a maximum

temperature of 32 degree Celsius, with 22.2 degree Celsius as the minimum temperature.

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