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- · Nagaland observes International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women; inaugurated state's first Gender Resource Centre.
- · Supreme Court advocate Vrinda Grover describes violence against women as global crisis and pressing national challenge.
- · Nagaland Government sends revised comments on draft Memorandum of Settlement for Frontier Nagaland Territory Authority.
- · Prime Minister Narendra Modi releases special coin and commemorative stamp marking 350th martyrdom day of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur.

Nagaland observed the state level International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, in Kohima today. On the occasion, a 16-day of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign was launched and the state's first Gender Resource Centre was inaugurated at Kohima. Addressing the program, Nagaland's Advisor for Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak said every act of violence diminishes not only a woman's dignity but also that of society as a whole.

Calling on men across Nagaland to take the HeForShe pledge, Mr. Konyak urged them to stand up against wrongdoing, speak out against harmful behaviour, and

intervene when women are in danger. The Advisor further encouraged communities to acknowledge the reality of violence, engage men and boys in the conversation, challenge discriminatory attitudes, and work collectively to end gender-based violence while safeguarding the dignity of women.

Supreme Court advocate, Vrinda Grover described violence against women as both a global crisis and a pressing national challenge. Addressing a program marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in Dimapur today, Ms. Grover emphasized that the 16 Days of Activism offers an opportunity to examine the roots of gender-based violence. She called for collective responsibility in improving India's standing in global gender-safety indicators.

Earlier, launching the UNITE campaign, Deputy Commissioner of Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang said the day serves as a reminder of a global crisis and a call to conscience. He said violence against women—whether at home, in public spaces or online—remains a serious human rights violation. The programme was organized by the Nagaland State Commission for Women, in collaboration with the District Administration and the District Hub for Empowerment of Women, Mission Shakti.

Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 4th edition of Nayi Chetna - Pahal Badlaav Ki, a nationwide campaign on gender equality and women empowerment in New Delhi today. Addressing the gathering, Mr. Chouhan said that equality is not a slogan but it is the soul of India's culture. He said society can be empowered only when women are empowered. The Union Minister highlighted that economic empowerment of women is crucial and said that a nation that lifts its daughters rises above its challenges.

Nagaland Government has sent its revised and updated comments to Ministry of Home Affairs on the draft Memorandum of Settlement, for the proposed Frontier Nagaland Territory Authority. This was informed today by the State Home Department, Political Branch. It said the revised comments on the Draft is a culmination of various Tripartite Meetings between Government of India, Nagaland government and Eastern Nagaland People's Organization (ENPO), as well as meetings between ENPO and State Government officials, and the decisions of the Cabinet.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in a state-level function organized in Kurukshetra of Haryana to commemorate the 350th martyrdom day of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, Hind Di Chadar. He paid obeisance to Sri Guru Granth Sahib and later visited the exhibition organized to commemorate the 350th martyrdom day of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. Mr. Modi also released a special coin and commemorative stamp marking the 350th Shaheedi Diwas of the revered Guru.

A district level Padyatra was held at the Town Hall, in Mokokchung today, underscoring the community's commitment to national unity and integrity. The event was organized jointly by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Mokokchung District Administration to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel. Highlight of the event included flagging off the Padyatra by Senior SP, Vesupra Kezo and administration of the Unity Pledge by Assistant Commissioner Mokokchung, Ajay Moktan.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tuli Sub-division, Imsenperong Wati, has ordered total ban on slaughter, import, export and transportation of pigs and pork products in Tuli Sub-Division. The order was issued after several pig were reported to have died with suspected symptoms of African Swine Fever. The administration has directed that all pig deaths must be reported immediately to the District

Administration and the Veterinary Department. The order further stated that the ban will remain in force until further notice and any violation will be punishable under relevant laws.

The Government has termed social media accounts of President Droupadi Murmu as fake. The Fact Check Unit of the Press Information Bureau (PIB) clarified that there is no official account of the President on WhatsApp Channel. Sharing the links of the official social media accounts of President Murmu, PIB urged citizens to be aware of such fake accounts and advised them to rely only on official sources for authentic information.

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On to sports.... the 5th Inter-Departmental Sports meet was held at the indoor Badminton Stadium in Tuensang today. Addressing the inaugural function, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa said, it is a social gathering for all the departments in the district to get to know one another and to showcase their talents and promote physical fitness. SP Tuensang, Longpoksang Lemtur encouraged the participants to foster understanding and co-ordination among the Government employees in serving the people of the district. All the departments of Tuensang participate in the various games, including Futsal, Carrom, Badminton and Table Tennis.

