

**THE HEADLINES:**

- Prime Minister Modi says trains like Vande Bharat, Namo Bharat, and Amrit Bharat are laying foundation for next generation of Indian Railways.
- Winter Session of Parliament to be held from 1st to 19th December.
- New GST reforms help patients undergoing long-term treatment.
- School of Engineering & Technology, Nagaland University, hosts national-level technical festival in Kohima.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off four new Vande Bharat Express trains from Banaras Railway Station today. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Modi said that trains like Vande Bharat, Namo Bharat, and Amrit Bharat are laying the foundation for the next generation of Indian Railways. He said that today with the launch of four new Vande Bharat trains - Banaras-Khajuraho, Lucknow-Saharanpur, Firozpur-Delhi and Ernakulam-Bengaluru - the number of Vande Bharat trains running in the country has increased to more than 160. The Prime Minister said that infrastructure in developed countries across the world has played an important role in their economic upliftment. Following the construction of Baba Vishwanath Dham and the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, new doors of prosperity are opening in Uttar Pradesh due to the increasing number of devotees visiting the temple.



Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju today informed that President Droupadi Murmu has approved the proposal of the Government to convene the Winter Session of Parliament from 1st December 2025 to 19th December 2025. In a social media post, Mr Rijiju said that the Government is looking forward to a constructive and meaningful session that strengthens democracy and serves the aspirations of the countrymen.



National Secretary of Bharatiya Udyog and Vyapar Mandal and State Vice President of the Nagaland Medicine Dealers Association, Basu Damini has appreciated the Central Government for introducing the GST Bachat Utsav initiative. Speaking to All India Radio, he stated that the reduction of GST on certain scheduled medicines from the earlier rates of 12% and 18% to as low as 5% will significantly benefit consumers. He noted that the decision is particularly helpful for patients undergoing long-term treatment for conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, and other chronic ailments, where regular and lifelong medication is necessary. Mr Damini expressed gratitude to the government for what he described as a commendable and consumer-friendly step aimed at easing the financial burden on patients.



The School of Engineering & Technology (SET), Nagaland University, successfully hosted its three-day national-level technical festival, TechAura-2025, from 5th to 7th November at the Kohima Campus, Meriema, under the theme “Where Insights Ignite Innovation.” The festival was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Jagadish Kumar Patnaik, who highlighted the role of young technocrats in driving India’s progress through innovation and social responsibility.

*TechAura-2025 featured over 20 events, including model presentations, robotics competitions, truss bridge design, techno art, quizzes, photography contests, dance, gaming tournaments, and the popular “Battle of Bands,” attracting participants from across Nagaland, Dimapur, and Kohima. The festival showcased creativity, intellect, and technical talent, reinforcing SET’s role as a hub for innovation since its inception in 2010.*

The valedictory ceremony yesterday was graced by Shri L. Lanuwabang, Director & Scientist ‘F’, NIELIT Kohima, and Abhishek Mishra, Additional Director, STPI Kohima, who encouraged students to pursue excellence in technology and entrepreneurship.



The State College of Teachers Education (SCTE), Kohima, celebrated its Golden Jubilee under the theme “Empowering Teachers, Enriching Lives” at the Capital Convention Centre yesterday. Addressing the gathering, Dr. T. Alemla Longkumer, Principal of Mokokchung College of Teachers Education,

said education is a vehicle of change and teachers are its key agents. She stressed the need for continuous self-empowerment among teachers to meet modern challenges, noting the shift from computer-assisted to AI-based learning. Dr. I. Wati Imchen, Principal of Fazl Ali College, lauded SCTE's 50 years of service, calling it a "pillar of academic excellence" that has shaped generations of educators and contributed greatly to Nagaland's educational progress. V. Lovitoly Sema, Ex-officio Director, Higher Education Department, said the milestone reflects SCTE's resilience and dedication, emphasizing that empowering teachers strengthens society's moral and intellectual fabric.

President Droupadi Murmu has lauded the Mitti Café at Rashtrapati Bhavan as a symbol of inclusion, equality, and limitless possibilities. In a social media post, the President encouraged visitors to experience Mitti Café, highlighting its role in empowering Divyangjan and their families. The President said that the Café welcomes visitors with warmth and smiles and inspires everyone to build a more inclusive and compassionate society.



In sports, the Senior Women's Inter Zonal T20 Trophy produced contrasting contests on Saturday, with North Zone clinching a nail-biting 3-run win over East Zone, while Central Zone recorded a comfortable 7-wicket victory against North East Zone at the Nagaland Cricket Stadium and Sovima Cricket Ground respectively.

*In the morning match, North Zone posted 114/7, powered by Deeya Yadav's 40 (24) and Ayushi Soni's unbeaten 28 (33). For East Zone, Jintimani Kalita (3/20) and Sushree Dibyadarshini (2/20) impressed with the ball. Chasing 115, East Zone fell short at 111 in 19.5 overs, despite T. Sarkar's 29 (35). Nazma (3/20) and Amandeep Kaur (3/13) starred for North Zone, with Nazma earning the Player of the Match title. At the Sovima Cricket Ground, Central Zone dominated North East Zone, bowling them out for 83 in 18 overs. Anushka Sharma led the attack with a brilliant 5/23. Chasing the target, Nuzhat Parween (35 off 36) and Mona (30 off 27) guided Central Zone to victory at 86/3 in 13.3 overs. Anushka Sharma was named Player of the Match for her five-wicket haul.*

Three matches are scheduled for Tuesday: North East Zone vs South Zone at Nagaland Cricket Stadium, Central Zone vs North Zone at Sovima Cricket Ground, and East Zone vs West Zone at the Nagaland Cricket Stadium.

