

**THE HEADLINES:-**

- 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributes Appointment Letters To More Than 61,000 Newly Recruits At 18th Rozgar Mela**
- 2. Minister of State for Rural Development, Kamlesh Paswan says Rozgar Mela reflects Prime Minister Modi's commitment to youth employment**
- 3. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio reaffirms Government's commitment to strengthen safety & well-being of girls across Nagaland**
- 4. And Minister for Power & Parliamentary Affairs Minister KG Kenye says declaration of Tizu-Zungki river as National Waterway-101 a boost to regional connectivity**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the government is making efforts to create new opportunities for youth in the country and abroad. He said India is signing trade and mobility agreements with several countries that open opportunities for the country's skilled youth. The Prime Minister said this while addressing the 18th National Rozgar Mela virtually from New Delhi today. He said the appointment letters distributed today are an invitation for nation-building. He said, this is a sankalp patra for guiding youth toward a Viksit Bharat. During the event, appointment letters were distributed to more than 61 thousand newly recruited youth in various Government departments and organisations under the Rozgar Mela initiative. The 18th Rozgar Mela was organised at 45 locations across the country.



Minister of State for Rural Development, Kamlesh Paswan today handed over appointment letters to 366 newly recruited candidates for various Central Government organisations in Dimapur during the 18th tranche of Rozgar Mela programme held at Assam Rifles Training Centre and School, Dimapur. Addressing the event, Mr Paswan said the Rozgar Mela reflects Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment, made in 2014.

The Minister informed that nearly 11 lakh youths have been provided employment during the first 17 editions of the Rozgar Mela. Mr Paswan said the appointment letters symbolise not just employment, but the beginning of a larger responsibility towards nation-building. He urged the newly appointed candidates to uphold integrity and dedication in public service, stating that every decision taken in an official capacity should be guided by the spirit of Nation First. The Minister also highlighted the Government's focus on the North East, stating that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, the region has been recognised as "Ashtalakshmi", reflecting its vast potential.



On the occasion of National Girl Child Day today, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said the State celebrates the achievements of every girl child and recognises their contributions to society. Taking to social media post X, Mr Rio reaffirmed the State Government's commitment to strengthen access to quality education, healthcare, and ensure the safety and well-being of girls across Nagaland. Observed annually on 24th January, this day serves as a platform to raise awareness about gender discrimination, promote equal opportunities, and foster an environment where girls can thrive as empowered citizens.



Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs Minister KG Kenye yesterday welcomed the declaration of the Tizu–Zungki river as National Waterway-101, terming it a significant step towards improving inland water transport and regional connectivity in the state. Mr. Kenye was attending the 3rd Inland Waterways Development Council meeting in Kochi, Kerala. He expressed gratitude to the ministry of ports, shipping and waterways and Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) for the notification highlighting the strategic importance of the waterway, which shares proximity with India-Myanmar border, Mr Kenye urged the IWAI to implement the project with sincerity, noting its potential to boost trade and commerce with Southeast Asian countries. During the meeting, Kenye also submitted a proposal for the extension of inland waterways from Lakhimpur in Assam to Nagaland through the Barak river, aimed at further integrating the state into the national waterways network.



The Government of Nagaland through IDAN is organising Nagaland–Japan Connect on 28th January 2026 at the Integrated Business Hub and Innovation Centre, Forest Colony, Dimapur. The event highlights include awareness on job opportunities in Japan and interaction with Japanese companies. Interested candidates can call 8257932918 for further information.



Nagaland DGP Rupin Sharma has warned of action against NSCN(K) Khango cadres involved in the abduction and assault of a village headman. He said the police will chase the remaining accused involved in the case if they fail to surrender. Addressing a press conference yesterday, the DGP, who is also a member of Ceasefire Monitoring Group/Ceasefire Supervisory Board, said movement of cadres of NSCN (Khango) group around the CFSB office had been restricted and that police, to avoid confrontation, negotiated with the group, following which three cadres were handed over in connection with the January 19 abduction of Kiyeto Zhimomi. Mr. Sharma reiterated that no faction has the authority to maintain law and order, which rests solely with security forces and law enforcement agencies under the ceasefire ground rules.



President Droupadi Murmu will address to the nation tomorrow on the eve of the 77th Republic Day. The address will be broadcast from 7:00 PM on the entire national network of Akashvani and telecast over all channels of Doordarshan in Hindi and English. Akashvani will broadcast regional language versions of the address at 9.30 PM. Meanwhile, Nagaland Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla's address on the occasion will be broadcast right after the President's address. In view of the live broadcast of the addresses, the Regional News Bulletin in Nagamese and English will be aired after the messages.



Prime Minister's flagship platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, PRAGATI, has marked a significant milestone with the successful conduct of its 50th meeting. Since its launch by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, PRAGATI has transformed governance by enabling real-time monitoring and resolution of key infrastructure projects and public grievances through direct Prime Ministerial review. Over a decade, PRAGATI has helped accelerate decision-making, resolution of issues causing delay in key infrastructure projects, and instilled a strong culture of accountability. Today, in this special series, we take a look at the Jaipur-Sikar-Churu Gauge Conversion Project. A report:

**(VC-The Jaipur-Sikar-Churu Gauge Conversion Project is a major rail infrastructure initiative in Rajasthan, implemented by North Western Railway under the administrative oversight of the Ministry of Railways. The project entails conversion of the existing metre-gauge alignment to broad gauge over a total length of approximately 320 kilometres at a total project cost of 1,222 crore rupees. Following phased execution, the gauge-converted sections were commissioned on 25th April 2019, integrating this corridor into the national broad-gauge network. The project was reviewed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi under PRAGATI on 28th September 2016. During the review, Prime Minister Modi took note of the fact that progress was being impeded primarily due to land disputes and forest-related objections. As a result of the PRAGATI-led intervention and sustained inter-ministerial coordination, procedural ambiguities were resolved, objections of the State Forest Department were addressed, and working permissions were effectively enabled. By December 2016, the Ministry of Railways confirmed that construction was progressing smoothly and that no issues remained with the State Forest Department. The resolution of this long-pending forest and land dispute enabled uninterrupted continuation of gauge conversion works. It directly contributed to the successful commissioning of the Jaipur-Sikar-Churu broad-gauge section in April 2019.-2-**

