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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today launched a nationwide campaign for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination for girls aged 14 years in Ajmer, Rajasthan. The campaign was formally initiated by administering the HPV vaccine to five girls. Speaking on this occasion, the Prime Minister said, the BJP government has always prioritised resolving even the smallest problems faced by women. He said that the HPV vaccination campaign is another important step in preventing cervical cancer in women. He said, campaign is an important step towards empowering the country's women power.

Mr. Modi said, women are the backbone of every household, and since 2014, the BJP government has launched several schemes to empower women.



Nagaland today launched the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign in concurrence with the nationwide rollout. Addressing the state launch at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima, Commissioner and Secretary for Health and Family Welfare, Anoop Khinchi, said cervical cancer remains a major public health concern in India, as it is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women and accounts for over 18 percent of female cancer cases. However, he emphasized that cervical cancer is 100 percent preventable through vaccination, and noted that the vaccine will be available at all government health facilities across the state.

Referring to the World Health Organization's global strategy to eliminate cervical cancer, Mr Khinchi highlighted the targets to be achieved by 2030, including vaccinating 90 percent of girls by age 15, screening 70 percent of women by ages 35 and 45, and ensuring 90 percent of women with cervical disease receive treatment. He called for collective support to make the campaign a success and to safeguard young girls from cervical cancer. Certificates were distributed to beneficiaries during the programme.



Nagaland today joined the rest of the country in observing National Science Day. At the state-level celebration held in Kohima, Principal Secretary I. Himato Zhimomi stressed the critical role of science and technology in tackling unemployment and driving development. Urging students and parents to prioritise science education, he said strengthening scientific capacity is essential for Nagaland's progress and for contributing to a developed India by 2047.

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the state government conferred awards under the Nagaland Science Mission, recognising pioneers in science and technology. The Girl

Child Award 2025 was bagged by Sashimongla Longkumer for securing the highest marks in both Science and Mathematics in the Elementary School Leaving Examination for Government Schools. Under the Research Grant for Indigenous Nagas of Nagaland, four research and development projects were approved for implementation from 2025 to 2027, each receiving a grant of five lakh rupees. Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Science and Technology 2025 were jointly conferred on eminent scientists Dr. Sapu Changkija and Dr. Vinotsolu Khamo.



Israel and the United States launched strikes on Iran, with explosions reported in Tehran and other cities. US President Donald Trump said Washington had begun a military campaign to counter threats from Iran. Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz called the action pre-emptive and declared a nationwide emergency as sirens sounded across Israel. Iranian state media said Tehran was preparing a strong response. The strikes follow rising tensions over Iran's nuclear programme. Meanwhile, India advised its nationals in Israel to remain vigilant and follow official safety instructions.



Nagaland's Advisor for Civil Administration Works Division and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo today urged students to look beyond government jobs and strive to become leaders and entrepreneurs. Speaking at the inauguration of the upgraded Government High School (GHS) Rukizu in Pfutsero under Phek district, Mr Khamo said education should nurture responsible leaders and professionals, not just job seekers. He noted that the upgrade would ease admission pressure on Pfutsero's lone government-aided high school and benefit students across the district. He also praised Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio's leadership and called for public support to accelerate inclusive development.



The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA), in collaboration with Konyak Nyupuh Sheko Khong (KNSK), conducted a Legal Awareness Programme at the DRDA Resource Centre, Mon today. Judge of the Gauhati High Court and Portfolio Judge for Nagaland, Yarenjungla Longkumer stressed that gender equality and awareness of legal rights are vital for a strong society. NSLSA Member Secretary Neiko Akami highlighted free legal aid services for vulnerable groups. Officials also spoke on the POCSO Act, 2012, and the Domestic Violence Act, 2005. Mr Akami later visited Mon District Jail, interacting with inmates and reviewing legal aid access. Mr Akami recommended improved sanitation facilities in the female ward.



Defence Research and Development Organisation, DRDO has successfully conducted three successive flight-trials of Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. Defence Ministry said that these tests were carried out to revalidate the capability of VSHORADS missile system in neutralising high-speed threats flying at varying speed, range, and altitude. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has congratulated DRDO, Armed Forces and the industries for the successful flight-tests of the system.



The offices of the Superintendent of Police, Kohima and Meluri, have informed that the Interview/Viva-Voce for recruitment of Constables (GD) under the Police Department, Nagaland, will be held from March 5 to 7 at their respective offices. The interviews for candidates in Kohima will be conducted from March 5 to 7, while for Meluri district it will be held on March 5. The list of shortlisted male and female candidates is available at the respective SP offices.



