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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi urges use of AI and Data Analytics to boost transparency and accountability
- Nagaland Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Mission signs MoU with Krishi Direct Trade to boost entrepreneurship
- Minister Salhoutuonuo Kruse says education remains key to societal progress
- And, Nagaland likely to see light drizzle over next few days

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said the country is riding on the Reform Express with the Government simplifying processes, improved Ease of Doing Business and expanding Technology-Led Governance. He emphasized that the focus must not be limited to policy intent only but also on delivery excellence to maintain this momentum. Addressing a Post Budget Webinar through video conferencing today, Mr Modi emphasized increasing transparency, speed and accountability through use of AI, blockchain and data analytics.

(S/B- MODI)

The Prime Minister said the national Budget is not a short-term financial document, but a long-term policy roadmap. He emphasized that its effectiveness must be evaluated using solid and substantive parameters rather than short-term measures.

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The Nagaland Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Mission under the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Krishi Direct Trade. The MoU will establish a two-year Knowledge Partnership aimed at strengthening the entrepreneurship ecosystem, developing structured short- and long-term strategic frameworks, and facilitating Corporate Social Responsibility convergence aligned with Nagaland's development priorities. The agreement was signed yesterday at the Civil Secretariat, Kohima, in the presence of Finance Commissioner, Kesonyü Yhome, following a high-level meeting with a visiting delegation led by Krishi Direct Trade CEO Bryan Lee, along with representatives from corporates including Mphasis and Titan Company. Highlighting the need to unlock sustainable growth in the state, the meeting underscored that CSR must go beyond financial contributions and focus on knowledge transfer, institutional strengthening, ecosystem building, and measurable developmental outcomes.

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Minister for Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse, today emphasised that education remains the key to societal progress. Inaugurating the newly upgraded Government High School, Daklane in Kohima, she urged for a renewed commitment to strengthen schools and nurture future generations. The Minister said the elevation from a Government Middle School to a High School fulfils a long-standing need of the colony, highlighting the school, established in 1954, as among the oldest in the town. Ms Kruse stressed that government schools play a vital role in promoting inclusivity by enabling students from diverse economic backgrounds to access quality education close to home.

(S/B- KRUSE)

Also addressing the programme, Advisor for School Education, Dr Kekhrielhoulie Yhome called for rebranding government schools in Nagaland to improve public perception and encouraged continued community support in strengthening public education.

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Member Secretary of the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority, Neiko Akami, along with officials from Mon District Legal Services Authority, including the District and Sessions Judge and Chief Judicial Magistrate, paid an official visit to Mon District Jail today. Interacting with inmates, Mr Akami highlighted the availability of free legal services through the Legal Aid Defence Counsel system and quarterly Lok Adalats for amicable settlement of cases. He also spoke on the Victim Compensation Scheme, noting that Mon DLSA awarded 6 lakh rupees to three families in 2025, and lauded the Under Trial Review Committee for facilitating the timely release of three undertrial inmates. Encouraging inmates to use their time for self-reflection and reform, he underscored the importance of access to justice. During the visit, Mr Akami inspected jail facilities and recommended improving basic facilities and sanitation.

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Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0 events were conducted in Kiphire, with the Aspirational District Programme yesterday and the Aspirational Block Programme in Khongsa at Salomi today. Deputy Advisor for Water & Land Resources, NITI Aayog, A. Muralidharan, interacted with health workers, Anganwadi workers, and teachers, appreciating their service in improving grassroots development indicators. The event showcased local products by Self-Help Groups under the Aakash initiative and stalls by community-based enterprises. Mr Muralidharan also flagged off a vaccination Van for the Foot and Mouth Disease Drive to support livestock health and rural livelihoods. 30th AR Kiphire Battalion also conducted an Agniveer recruitment registration camp during the event.

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National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme under the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare conducted a one-day training programme for Community Health Officers in Kohima today. The training focused on Integrated Health Information Platform Vector Borne Disease Portal, aimed at strengthening the capacity of frontline health workers across Nagaland. Sessions covered malaria treatment protocols, reporting formats, risk communication, and hands-on training on blood slide preparation and rapid diagnostic tests, among others. A total of 151 Community Health Officers from across the state participated in the training.

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India's Chief Economic Adviser Dr. V Anantha Nageswaran said the economic growth projection for the next fiscal is revised upwards by 20 basis points to 7-7.4 percent following the release of new GDP series. Briefing media in New Delhi, he said that the country's economic performance remains resilient despite global uncertainties.

(S/B- GDP)

Mr Nageswaran said, based on current indicators, nominal GDP growth would be close to 11 percent, comfortably crossing 4 trillion US dollar mark.

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The Indian Air Force has invited unmarried male and female candidates from Nagaland to the Open Recruitment Rally for Agniveervayu. The rally will be held at 34 Assam Rifles, Zokhawsang in Aizawl from 9th to 12th of March. Female candidates should report on March 9 and 10, and male candidates on March 11 and 12. Interested candidates may visit the official website agnipathvayu.cdac.in for full details on eligibility criteria and documents required.

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And in weather... Nagaland is likely to see light drizzle in several areas over the next few days. The India Meteorological Department has forecast that the rainfall may be accompanied by thunderstorm and lightning.

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