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Indian economy grew at 7.8 percent in the third quarter of the current financial year. The growth rate in real GDP during 2025-26 is estimated at 7.6 percent as compared to 7.1 percent in 2024-25. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation yesterday released the New Series of Annual and Quarterly Estimates with base year 2022-23. It has replaced the previous series with the base year of 2011-12. The Ministry said that financial year 2022-23 has been selected as the base year because it represents a recent normal year after COVID pandemic. Chief Economic Adviser Dr. V Anantha Nageswaran said that the country's economic performance remains resilient despite global uncertainties. Briefing media in New Delhi yesterday on the latest GDP numbers, he said, the real GDP growth of more than 7 percent in the last three consecutive years show macro resilience of the economy. Speaking on this occasion, Secretary of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation Saurabh Garg said, the GDP growth rate in the third quarter ending December of the current financial year is 7.8 percent as per the new base year of 2022-23.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch Nationwide HPV Vaccination Drive for 14-Year-Old Girls from Ajmer, Rajasthan today.

In Nagaland, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio will concurrently launch the campaign here at Naga Hospital Authority, Kohima and distribute certificates to beneficiaries.

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A review meeting on upcoming district-wide Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign was conducted by Dimapur District Task Force on Immunization yesterday in Dimapur. Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang urged departments and partner agencies to intensify awareness efforts to ensure maximum coverage of eligible beneficiaries during the campaign. Regional Project Officer, United Nations Development Programme, R. Khartu Monsang highlighted WHO's global strategy to eliminate cervical cancer by 2030: 90 percent of girls fully vaccinated with the vaccine by age 15, 70 percent of women screened using a high-performance test, and 90 percent of women diagnosed with cervical disease receiving appropriate treatment. In Dimapur, the district-level campaign will commence on 2nd March.

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Peace activist Niketu Iralu has urged for collective thinking and action while noting that Naga community is facing immense crisis that reflects wider continental and global realities. He was addressing the 43rd general conference of the Angami Gazetted Officers' Krotho (AGOK) in Meriema yesterday. Mr. Iralu noted that the Angami Public Organisation (APO) and its associated bodies, including AGOK, have moved beyond routine discussions to evolve new ideas, plans and action strategies. APO President Thejao Vihienuo, highlighted the fast-changing social landscape and underscored the importance of environmental protection and preparedness in the age of artificial intelligence and robotics. Mr. Vihienuo urged leaders and intellectuals to guide and safeguard the future of the younger generation.

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The stretch from KPA Junction to Yesholuto–Emlomi–Litsami–Pukhobokita under Atoizu Sub-division will remain diverted from 1st March to 31st May due to ongoing road widening, excavation and drainage works. Commuters, including those travelling to and from NH-702A via Kitsakita Junction are advised to take alternate route from KPA Junction to Pukhobokita via Naghuto New–Sahukita.

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