

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stressed that the Government's priorities are to maintain economic and trade stability, ensure energy security, safeguard the interests of citizens, and strengthen industry and supply chains. Mr Modi said this while virtually chairing the meeting with Chief Ministers and Lieutenant Governors of States and Union Territories to review preparedness in light of the emerging situation arising out of recent developments in West Asia and its potential impact on India. The Prime Minister highlighted that the situation remains dynamic, necessitating continuous monitoring and adaptive strategies. He added that an Inter-Ministerial Group has been operational since 3 March, reviewing the situation on a daily basis and taking timely decisions. Mr Modi noted that the country has prior experience in dealing with similar global disruption. He recalled the collective response during the Covid-19 pandemic, when the Centre and States worked together as Team India to mitigate the impact on supply chains, trade, and daily life. Prime Minister reiterated that addressing the challenge is a shared responsibility and expressed confidence that, working together as Team India, the nation will successfully overcome the situation.



The Centre yesterday reduced the central excise duty on Petrol and Diesel by 10 rupees per liter each for domestic consumption and also imposed export duties on diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF) to ensure adequate availability and protect consumers from rising global oil prices triggered by the West Asia crisis. Addressing the Inter-Ministerial Briefing on Recent Developments in West Asia, Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Vivek Chaturvedi said the move aims to discourage exports at a time when international prices have surged sharply.

The Central Government has also decided to increase the commercial LPG allocation of states to 70 percent, with 20 percent allocation given to industries such as steel, automobile, textile and other labour intensive industries.



Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has welcomed the Government's decision to reduce central excise duty on petrol and diesel amid the evolving situation in West Asia. Taking to a post in X, the Chief Minister expressed gratitude to Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and the Government of India for the reduction in central excise duty on petrol and diesel in view of the evolving situation in West Asia. Mr Rio said the move would help ease the burden on citizens and offer much needed relief to various sectors affected by global uncertainties.



Member of Parliament S Supongmeren Jamir has called on the Central Government to consider upgrading Kohima Medical College into a premier Central Institute on the lines of All India Institute of Medical Sciences or the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences. Highlighting the significance of Kohima Medical College as Nagaland's first-ever medical college, Mr Jamir stressed that there remains an urgent need for enhanced institutional capacity, advanced medical facilities, and expanded academic and research opportunities. The MP stated that upgrading the college to AIIMS-level or granting it Central Institute status would significantly improve healthcare delivery not only in Nagaland but across the North Eastern region. The MP therefore urged the Centre to take immediate and positive steps toward granting central institute status or AIIMS-level upgradation to Kohima Medical College, calling it essential for equitable healthcare development and fulfilling the long-standing aspirations of the people of Nagaland.



And, Nagaland delivered an impressive performance at the 28th Sub-Junior Under-14 Sepaktakraw National Championship held in Ranchi, Jharkhand from March 23 to 27. The boys' team secured a Silver medal in the Regu event and added two Bronze medals in the Team and Quad events. The girls' team also made the state proud by winning a Silver medal in the Quad event. The Nagaland Sepaktakraw Association has congratulated the teams for their achievements and expressed confidence in their future success.

