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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses Rajya Sabha on key aspects of ongoing West Asia conflict
- Nagaland marks World TB Day; Governor Nand Kishore Yadav appeals to end misconceptions
- State government launches school leadership initiative to strengthen education system
- Dimapur district sets up committee to monitor LPG distribution and curb overpricing

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has pitched for dialogue and diplomacy to restore peace in the West Asia region. Speaking in the Rajya Sabha over the ongoing conflict in West Asia and explaining India's position on the issue, Mr Modi said, India has raised the issue of de-escalation and the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. The Prime Minister said, since the conflict, he held telephone conversations with leaders of Gulf countries, as well as with Iran, Israel, and the United States. He said continuous efforts are being made to ensure that India faces minimal adverse impact from this crisis.

Prime Minister Modi said the fundamentals of India's economy are strong, and the government is working with a comprehensive strategy to address the short-, medium-, and long-term impacts of the crisis.



Nagaland today joined the global community in observing World Tuberculosis Day with the theme 'Yes! We Can End TB: Led by countries, powered by people'. On the occasion, Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav called for greater awareness, timely identification of symptoms, testing and treatment. In a message on X, he urged people to dispel the social misconceptions surrounding the disease and cultivate a sense of sensitivity, support, and respect towards those affected. Mr Yadav emphasized that it is the collective responsibility of all to build a healthy society.



Minister for Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak, today launched the "TB-Mukt Bharat Abhiyan" 100-day campaign in commemoration of World TB Day. He also flagged off the Ni-Kshay Vahaan to strengthen community outreach efforts. The programme was held at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare Kohima in the presence of senior officials, including the Additional Secretary and the Principal Director of Health & Family Welfare. In his address, the Minister said the initiative aims to eliminate TB through intensified, targeted, and technology-driven interventions across the state. Principal Director, Dr. Mereninla Senlem, highlighted the key objectives of the campaign, emphasising the importance of identifying all missing TB cases through proactive screening of vulnerable populations, and reducing TB-related mortality through a personalised and patient-centric approach. Ms Senlem also stressed on strengthening differentiated TB care with nutritional support, and checking new infections through systematic screening and preventive treatment.



World TB Day was observed across districts in Nagaland with calls for stronger community efforts to eliminate the disease. In Kohima, the District Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, Kohima and National Health Mission (NHM) Nagaland organised an event where 22 villages were felicitated as TB-free under the TB Mukt Panchayat Initiative. Seiyha Phesa Village received the Gold Mahatma

Gandhi statue for achieving sustained TB-free status for three years. Four villages achieved silver for two consecutive years of TB-free status, while 17 first-year achievers received bronze statues. Speaking at the event, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, District TB Forum, B. Henok Buchem, encouraged continued commitment towards achieving TB-free status across villages. District TB Officer Dr. Chibenthung Kithan emphasized the importance of collective efforts and community participation in eliminating TB. At another programme at the State College of Teacher Education Kohima, NHM Director Dr. Keveduyi Theyo called for early detection, timely treatment and stronger community participation.

In Wokha, the National TB Elimination Programme, District TB Centre, felicitated 37 achievers, including gold for Mekirang and Okheyen villages, eight silver, and 27 bronze achievers.



The Government of Nagaland today launched the District School and System Leaders Professional Learning Community, aimed at strengthening the state's education system through collaborative leadership and institutional reform. Speaking at the event, Advisor for School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, said a robust education system rests on three key pillars of school leadership, curriculum, and administration. He stressed the need to reinforce these foundations while addressing persistent challenges such as infrastructure gaps, connectivity issues, and shortage of human resources affecting implementation. He emphasised the need to rebuild public confidence in government schools and said revitalising the sector remains a priority. Dr Yhome further stressed on continuous teacher training, capacity building, and close coordination between school leadership and administration, calling for a renewed approach to strengthening the public education system and improving the overall governance ecosystem.



The Dimapur district administration has constituted a district-level committee to monitor the distribution of LPG and other petroleum products, and to curb hoarding, black marketing, and overpricing. The order was issued by Deputy Commissioner Tinojongshi Chang yesterday. The committee is led by Additional Deputy Commissioner, and comprises the Extra Assistant Commissioner (Sadar), officials from Police, Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology, and representatives of oil companies. It will carry out coordinated inspections and implement strict action against violators under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, and other relevant laws. Meanwhile, the DC office has issued a circular regulating the distribution of commercial LPG cylinders. It said, priority will be given to essential sectors such as hospitals, educational institutions, hotels, restaurants, bakeries, dairies, and transport-related establishments. Supply will be based on previous consumption records and made strictly on request through the DC's office to ensure fair distribution.

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Scrutiny of nomination papers for the Koridang Assembly Constituency bye-election in Mokokchung was taken up today. An update from the CEO Nagaland's office said, seven candidates had filed their nominations, and all documents have been found to be valid. The candidates in the fray include BJP's Daochier I. Imchen, T. Chalokumba Ao of Congress, I. Abenjang of NPP, and Independent candidates Imtiwapang, Major (Retd.) Toshi, Imchatoba and Wapangmeren. Candidates can withdraw their nominations until the 26th of this month. Polling will take place on the 9th of April, while counting of votes will be held on May 4.

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And, In weather... India Meteorological Department has forecast scattered to fairly widespread rainfall over the Northeastern states during the week. This is likely to be accompanied by thunderstorm, lightning and gusty wind.

In Nagaland, rainfall is expected in all districts, with partly cloudy skies prevailing throughout the week.