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- Centre assures uninterrupted fuel supply; Warns retail outlet dealers of strict action for violating distribution guidelines.
- Advisor Moatoshi Longkumer lauds Nurses for their dedicated service to mankind.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches various development projects in Assam; Says, North East is leading India's Act East Policy.
- Centre debunks video claiming central government providing free laptops or financial assistance under PM Laptop Scheme 2026.

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The Centre has assured uninterrupted fuel supply to households, hospitals, educational institutions, and other essential services. Domestic LPG production at refineries has been increased by more than 30 percent. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Sujata Sharma, shared this information during an inter-ministerial briefing on recent developments in West Asia held in New Delhi yesterday. She said commercial LPG cylinders have been made available to state governments for priority distribution to consumers. She informed that domestic PNG and CNG for vehicles are being ensured with no cuts.

All the retail outlet dealers have also been directed to strictly follow guidelines while dispensing fuel and any violation will invite strict action. Ms. Sharma also announced that an additional allocation of 48,000 kilolitres of kerosene, over and

above the regular supply, has been provided to all states and Union Territories. States and UTs have been requested to identify district-level locations to facilitate distribution of kerosene.

Meanwhile, the Centre has warned retail outlet dealers of strict action for violating distribution guidelines.

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Advisor for Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Nagaland Moatoshi Longkumer today said that it is no easy task to dedicate one's entire life to the service of mankind. Speaking at the silver jubilee celebration of the Ao Nurses Association, District Hospital Dimapur, he said it takes a different kind of person to live a life where caring for complete strangers becomes a daily responsibility. Medical Superintendent, Dr. George Thirah emphasized the crucial role of nurses and called upon the senior nurses to pass down the golden rules of nursing they have acquired over the years to the younger generation to enrich the legacy of service to humanity.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched various development projects worth 23 thousand 550 crore rupees from Silchar in Assam today. Mr. Modi took part in the 'bhoomi poojan' for 22,864-crore rupees access-controlled expressway between Silchar and Shillong in Meghalaya, the first of its kind in the Northeast. Prime Minister also laid the foundation stones for an elevated corridor on NH-306, from Trunk Road near Capital Point to Rangirkhari Point in Silchar and for 122-crore rupees College of Agriculture at Patharkandi in Karimganj district. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said, North East is now leading India's Act East Policy. He said, Barak Valley, which was neglected during Congress rule, is now emerging as gateway to Southeast Asia. The Prime Minister also highlighted the Centre's focus on improving railway infrastructure in the Northeast. He said, under the double-engine government, major work has been undertaken to strengthen railway connectivity in the region.

On the conditions of war prevailing all around the world, the Prime Minister said BJP government is making every possible effort to ensure that the citizens of our country face the fewest hardships possible. Mr. Modi said the objective of the government is to minimize the impact of this war on the nation's citizens.

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The government has debunked a YouTube video, claiming that the central government is providing free laptops or financial assistance of 25 thousand rupees to all students under the PM Laptop Scheme 2026. The fact-check unit of the Press Information Bureau said that the claim being made in the video is fake. It said that the central government is not currently running any such scheme. The PIB added that for authentic information on schemes, citizens can visit myscheme.gov.in.

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The Deputy Commissioner of Kohima has dissolved all existing Village Councils in the district with immediate effect to initiate the process of selecting new Village Council members for the 2026–2031 tenure. Similarly, the Deputy Commissioner of Peren has also dissolved all recognized Village Councils in the district to facilitate the selection of new councils. Acting under Rule 3 of the Nagaland Village and Area Councils Rules, 1979, the Deputy Commissioners have directed all villages to conduct the selection or election of new council members in accordance with prevailing customary practices and usages. The entire process must be completed before April 25, and the proposed list of members should be submitted to the Deputy Commissioner's office through the respective Area Administrative Officers. Until the newly selected members receive official approval from the state government, the Head Gaon Bura will oversee village administration.

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The first Quarter National Lok Adalat, conducted across Nagaland today, under the aegis of Nagaland State Legal Services Authority, amicably settled and disposed off 384 matters and cases. A total of 511 cases were taken up for settlement, where

11 benches were set up in the district headquarters of the District Legal Services Authorities. The total settlement amount to over four Crore, Seventy-Five lakhs, thirty seven thousand, with a success disposal rate of 75.15 percent. Cases taken up at pre-litigation stage include bank recovery cases, loan recovery and telephone bills, while those at pending stages included criminal compoundable offences, Motor Accident Claims Tribunal and other civil cases.

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The three-month Adult Literacy Class, organized under the Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission – Panchayati Raj Institutions & Community-Based Organizations convergence at Wokha district, concluded today. The programme was held in collaboration with the District Administration, Department of Social Welfare and District Hub for Empowerment of Women under Mission Shakti. A felicitation programme for the students was held at Yanthamo Village Community Hall under Chukitong RD Block. A total of 23 students completed the course and received certificates. The participants learned basic reading, writing, numeracy and how to sign their names. An inspiring highlight was 82-year-old Mrs. Lopyoni Ngullie, the oldest learner, whose determination showed that education has no age limit. The programme highlighted the importance of community-driven initiatives in promoting education and empowerment at the grassroots level.

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