

**THE HEADLINES :**

- Prime Minister asserts women's active role in decision-making key to Viksit Bharat 2047
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio calls for stronger sports infrastructure in Nagaland
- State launches Grievance Redressal Mechanism portal for Lighthouse School Complexes
- Nation remembers Dr BR Ambedkar on his birth anniversary today



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, when women become active participants in policy-making and decision making, the journey towards a Viksit Bharat by 2047 is strengthened. In a letter to India's Nari Shakti, Mr Modi said that on 16th April, Parliament will reconvene to discuss an important constitutional amendment to the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam. He expressed hope that the legislation will be passed in the House. He said that at the grassroots, countless Self-Help Groups and Lakhpati Didis are showing how self-reliance can be achieved and how other women can be empowered. Mr Modi added that Science and innovation, which are guiding the progress of humankind in the 21st century, have seen an increasing participation of women.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has called for stronger institutional support and infrastructure development to unlock the region's athletic potential. Addressing the inaugural session of the two-day Annual General Meeting of the Athletics Federation of India, AFI, in Kohima today, Mr Rio underscored that Nagaland has made significant progress since affiliating with the Indian Olympic Association, and gained recognition in national sporting circles through growing collaboration with bodies such as the AFI. He highlighted inadequate infrastructure as a major challenge in the state, noting that there is only one functional stadium equipped with athletic track at Indira Gandhi Stadium Kohima. He said efforts are underway to develop additional facilities and called for support through Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives.

The Chief Minister emphasized the potential of state's youth, saying the talented athletes require proper coaching and exposure to compete at par with the rest of the country.

**Highlighting the absence of institutions under the Sports Authority of India in Nagaland, Mr Rio reiterated the government's request for establishing such facilities. He also appreciated the AFI and the President of the South Asian Athletics Federation for bringing national-level events to the Northeast, describing it as a step towards greater national integration and inclusiveness. Mr Rio said such initiatives would strengthen unity and give many stakeholders an opportunity to experience Nagaland firsthand. On the occasion, the AFI honoured Chief Minister Rio with a citation for his contribution to sports development and promotion of athletics in the region.**



**The Nagaland Education Project-The Lighthouse (NECTAR) under the School Education Department today launched a Grievance Redressal Mechanism portal for Lighthouse School Complexes (LSC). The portal was inaugurated by Chairman of the Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Alun Hangsing, during a one-day orientation programme for District Level LSC School Related Gender-Based Violence Committees held at Kohima. The portal is designed to ensure anonymity of complainants and will automatically notify the concerned committees. It will initially be implemented in LSCs and later expanded to cover all government schools across the state. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Director and NECTAR Project Director Shashank Pratap Singh said the mechanism is mandated by court directives as well as the United Nations and the World Bank. He stressed the need for schools to provide a safe environment and urged members to handle gender-based violence cases with sensitivity. In his keynote address, Mr. Hangsing highlighted the importance of child rights, and called on committee members to effectively implement policies for a better future. The orientation was attended by 97 representatives from all districts.**



**The nation is paying homage to the Chief Architect of Indian Constitution Dr BR Ambedkar on his 136th birth anniversary today. President Droupadi Murmu paid floral tributes at the portrait of Babasaheb at Lok Bhavan in Gujarat. Speaking at the 'Samajik Samrasata Mahotsav', she called for national unity by rising above the barriers of caste and creed to ensure the national overall development. In New Delhi, Vice President CP Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers and Members of Parliament paid homage in the parliament premises. In Nagaland, Governor Nand Kishore Yadav, paid floral tributes at Lok Bhavan in Kohima. Mr Yadav acknowledged Babasaheb's enduring contributions to social justice and equality.**



Governor Nand Kishore Yadav, joined the Sikh community in celebrating Vaisakhi today at Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha in Dimapur. Addressing the gathering, Mr Yadav extended greetings and highlighted the festival's profound spiritual, cultural and historical significance, marking the harvest season and symbolizing prosperity, gratitude and new beginnings. Emphasizing the teachings of the Sikh Gurus, he underlined the importance of selfless service, compassion, and discipline, adding that traditions of seva and langar reflect inclusiveness and humanity. Highlighting Nagaland's diversity and harmony, he said festivals like Vaisakhi strengthen unity, mutual respect and brotherhood. He also appreciated the contributions of the Sikh community to the state. On the occasion, the Governor called for continued commitment to peace, harmony and progress.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated the Delhi-Dehradun economic corridor from Dehradun. Addressing the event, he stressed the importance of promoting year-round tourism in Uttarakhand, adding that the new expressway will further boost the state's growth and development.

The Delhi-Dehradun economic corridor will cut travel time between the two cities to nearly half.



As part of efforts to promote inclusive entrepreneurship and grassroots innovation, a workshop under the TEJAS initiative was conducted at Kiphire today. The programme was organized by Startup India, under the Commerce Ministry's Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade in collaboration with the state Department of Industries and Commerce, and District Administration. TEJAS is a nationwide initiative being implemented across 132 districts to support aspiring entrepreneurs, startups, and students from non-metro regions through mentorship, resources, and institutional support. More than 60 students, startups, and aspiring entrepreneurs participated in the workshop. Sessions focused on One District One Product initiative, business ideation, government schemes, funding opportunities, and market linkages, among others.



**In weather, the India Meteorological Department has issued a weather alert forecasting continued rainfall with lightning and thunderstorms in the Northeast, including Nagaland, this week.**

**The department has advised residents to remain alert and follow local weather updates.**

