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- Government assures there is sufficient stock of food grains in country amid West Asia conflict
- NBSE instructs all educational institutions in the state to formally declare campuses as “Drug-Free Zones”
- NCW Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar stresses awareness of women protection laws
- BJP celebrates 47th foundation day; Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio extends greetings to all karyakartas



Government today assured that there is sufficient stock of food grains in the country amid the West Asian conflict. Addressing the Inter-Ministerial Briefing on Recent Developments in West Asia in New Delhi, Additional Secretary for the Department of Consumer Affairs Anupam Mishra said that there is no usual volatility in the prices of essential commodities. He said, production of pulses in the country is higher than in the last year. Mr Mishra added that the government is monitoring the prices and supply of commodities.

Joint Secretary in the Department of Food and Public Distribution, C. Shikha, said that the country has an adequate buffer stock of both wheat and rice. She said that supplies of edible oil and sugar remain comfortable, with overall inflation under control.



The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has instructed all educational institutions in the state to formally declare their campuses and areas within a 500-metre radius as “Drug-Free Zones.” This is done in compliance with a directive from the Narcotics Control Bureau under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The board has urged all heads of institutions to strictly comply with the guidelines and take proactive measures to create a safe, healthy, and drug-free educational environment.



Chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW) Vijaya Rahatkar today said, India has strong laws to ensure the safety and dignity of women and advised every woman to exercise their rights under the law. Ms Rahatkar was addressing a workshop on Women-Centric Issues and Empowerment Initiative, organized by Akashvani in New Delhi.

Addressing the gathering, Director General of News Services Division of Akashvani, Dhiraj M. Kakadia said, the workplace must remain safe and just, with zero tolerance for exploitation. He assured every woman that their complaints will be addressed through due process. He announced that Akashvani will launch a joint initiative with the NCW to spread legal awareness on women’s empowerment through a dedicated series.



In Dimapur, the Office of the Deputy Commissioner has been closed from today and will remain shut until April 9, to facilitate its relocation to the Survey Training Institute in Purana Bazar. During the four-day closure period, all routine office functioning and public dealings will remain suspended. However, emergency cases will continue to be handled. The district administration has appealed to the public to take note of the closure and extend cooperation during the shifting process.



The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is celebrating its 47th foundation day today. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior party leaders, including Amit Shah and party president Nitin Nabin, extended greetings to BJP workers on the occasion. In a video message, Mr. Modi said the party has established a new principle in Indian politics of Nation-First. He praised party workers for their selfless service, dedication, and commitment to good governance, and remembered the contributions of countless workers over the decades.

In Nagaland, State BJP President Benjamin Yephthomi hoisted the party flag at the Mokokchung District BJP Office, and reiterated the party's resolve to work for the welfare and progress of all sections of society in the state.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended greetings and best wishes to all BJP karyakartas on their 47th Foundation Day. In a social media post, Mr Rio expressed hope that the party would continue to advance its commitment to nation-building, guided by democratic values, dedication, and the spirit of inclusive development. Also extending greetings, Deputy Chief Minister and BJP Legislature Party leader in the state, Yanthungo Patton, said, since its inception, the BJP has stood for good governance and aspirations of every citizen. He described the day as an opportunity to honour the party's journey and renew its commitment to public service. Noting that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the party continues to empower people and uplift marginalized communities, Mr Patton called for collective efforts to build a stronger, self-reliant, and inclusive India.



A Community First Responders Training programme for members of the Eastern Nagaland Students' Federation commenced today at the Central Training Institute (CTI), Home Guards, Civil Defence & SDRF, Toluvi in Dimapur. A total of 104 trainees, including 81 men and 23 women, are attending the five-day training. Speaking at the inaugural event, District Commandant Dimapur, M. Yingnyei Konyak emphasized the importance of community-based preparedness and the crucial role of trained first responders in handling emergencies at the grassroots

level. Commandant of CTI, Avinuo highlighted that the training aims to equip participants with essential disaster response skills and knowledge. She said CTI is the only dedicated training institute under the Department of Home Guards & Civil Defence focusing on disaster response and preparedness. Ms. Avinuo added that, in collaboration with the State Disaster Management Authority, the institute has successfully trained around 1,000 community first responders under the Aapda Mitra Scheme. Secretary of the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Sentiwapang Aier, described the training as a significant and timely initiative to empower youth of Eastern Nagaland with disaster management skills. Mr. Aier said that strengthening disaster preparedness at the grassroots level is key to reducing vulnerability and enhancing resilience across the state, and encouraged all participants to contribute to a safer and more disaster-resilient Nagaland.



And, The Nagaland Cricket Association is hosting the 4th Northeast Cricket Development Council, Men's Under-19 Inter-State Friendship Cup, 2026. The competition is featuring participation from Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Sikkim. The tournament begins today and will continue until April 11. Matches are being played at the Nagaland Cricket Stadium and Sovima Cricket Ground.

