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- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio says Living Morung Initiative is model for cultural preservation and community engagement.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi stresses Citizen-Centric Governance at Sadhana Saptah 2026.
- Advisor Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome inaugurates series of new educational facilities at PM Shri Government High School New Market.
- and, Nagaland's Wede Mero wins gold in Men's 10,000 metres at 1st Khelo India Tribal Games.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has highlighted the Living Morung Initiative under the state Department of Art and Culture as an impactful and a forward-looking

grassroots programme for cultural preservation and community engagement. In a social media post, he said the initiative provides a community-centred platform to nurture and share indigenous knowledge, cultural practices, and heritage, bringing generations together. Mr Rio said by encouraging community ownership, mentorship and collective partnership, the Living Morung Initiative serves as a vibrant hub of cultural education, documentation and experiential learning.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today emphasized that India's rapidly changing aspirations demand a governance model that is not only efficient but deeply citizen-centric. Mr Modi stated this in a video message while addressing the Karmayogi Sadhana Sapta 2026.

The Prime Minister highlighted that improving Ease of living and quality of life should be the primary focus of governance. Turning to the critical importance of technology, the Prime Minister pointed to the deep integration of technology into government functioning over the past eleven years, spanning governance, service delivery and the economy.

A week-long Karmayogi Sadhna Saptah started from today. The event is being collectively organised by the Department of Personnel and Training, Capacity Building Commission, and Karmayogi Bharat. It aims to build the capacity, performance and efficiency of civil servants across the country. The event also coincides with the Commission's Foundation Day and five years of Mission Karmayogi.



Nagaland's Advisor for School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, today inaugurated a series of new educational facilities at PM Shri Government High School New Market, including an Atal Tinkering Lab, Science Lab, ICT/Computer Lab, Library room and Vocational Lab. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Yhome praised the New Market community for supporting the school, highlighting the importance of community-based schools in serving economically weaker sections. He noted rising enrolment, including students shifting from private schools, and stressed that continued community support is vital. Lamenting the preference for private education, he said government schools have qualified teachers and comparable infrastructure. To improve standards, he cited the formation of the Nagaland School Standards Authority and reforms focused on infrastructure, governance, and curriculum. Acknowledging issues like surplus and underperforming teachers, he said reforms are underway.

On the occasion, speeches were delivered by MLA Dr Tseilhoutuo Rhutso and Commissioner and Secretary School Education and SCERT Nagaland Kevileno Angami.



The Government has decided to provide full Customs Duty exemption on a total of 40 critical petrochemical products till the 30th of June, in view of the ongoing conflict in West Asia and the consequent disruptions in global supply chains. The Finance ministry, in a statement said, customs duty have been exempted on items including Methanol, Anhydrous ammonia, Toluene, Styrene, Dichloromethane (methylene chloride), and Vinyl chloride monomer among others.



Nagaland Governor, Nand Kishore Yadav, today visited the historic Kohima War Cemetery and paid solemn tribute to the brave soldiers who laid down their lives during World War II. The Governor laid a wreath in honour of the fallen heroes of the Battle of Kohima, remembering their extraordinary courage, supreme sacrifice and unwavering spirit in the face of adversity. He also observed a moment of silence as a mark of deep respect and gratitude to those who fought valiantly.



Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju has informed that the Parliament will meet again after two to three weeks for an important legislation related to Women's reservation. Replying to Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on legislative business of the House, Mr Rijiju said, the government has consulted with over 80 per cent of parties on the matter. He however, said that the principal opposition party, Congress, has written to the government for convening the Parliament after the conclusion of the Assembly elections. The Minister said, the government is not going arbitrarily and consulting with all the parties and MPs. Mr Rijiju said, women's Reservation is an issue that should be passed unanimously in Parliament.

Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, demanded an all-party meeting on the matter so that all parties can present their views and move the proposal forward.



Nagaland has added another medal to its tally in athletics, at the 1st Khelo India Tribal Games in Chhattisgarh. Wede T. Mero delivered a stellar performance to clinch the gold medal in the men's 10,000 metres event, bringing pride and glory to the state. With this achievement, Nagaland's athletics contingent has secured a total of three medals-one gold, one silver, and one bronze at the ongoing Games. A 10-member team is representing the state across various track and field events, showcasing strong determination and competitive spirit on the national stage. The Khelo India Tribal Games began in Chhattisgarh on the 25th of March and will continue till the 3rd of April. More than three thousand athletes from 30 states and Union Territories are participating in the Games



And, The Northeast India Academy of Performing Arts (NIAPA) yesterday concluded its first bi-annual friendly table tennis league with Mizoram under the theme "Beyond Borders, Within the Game." Held over two days at the NIAPA Mini Stadium Chumoukedima, the event aimed to boost sportsmanship, player exposure, and inter-state friendship. In the singles final, Fela defeated Sanga to take the title, while Zuia finished third. Fela also won the doubles crown with Shepika, beating Jenny and Khama 3-1. In the team event, Team Double R emerged champions with 14 points. Winners received cash prizes up to 20,000 rupees.

