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Nation paid homage to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi on his 154th birth anniversary today. A series of functions are being organized across the country and by Indian Missions abroad. A Sarva Dharma Prarthana Sabha was organised at Babu's Samadhi at Rajghat in the national capital. President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat this morning. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Dr Jitendra Singh, Meenakshi Lekhi and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge were among those who offered floral tributes. In her message, President Droupadi Murmu said, Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of truth and non-violence paved new way for the world. She said, Mahatma Gandhi not only fought for non-violence throughout his life but he also took up the cause of cleanliness, women empowerment, self-reliance and other social causes. In his message, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said Mahatma Gandhi's principles of Truth and Non-violence were the guiding light in India's struggle for independence against colonial rule. He said Babu's relentless pursuit of freedom and equality remains beacon not just for India, but for global community. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, Mahatma Gandhi's timeless teachings continue to illuminate our path. Modi said, Gandhi's impact is global, motivating the entire humankind to further the spirit of unity and compassion.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has called upon the people to remember Mahatma Gandhi's unwavering commitment to peace, non-violence, and justice. On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Rio said Gandhi's legacy continues to inspire us to strive for a kind and a more compassionate world. Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton has called for honoring and upholding Mahatma Gandhi's principles in our daily lives. Patton said Gandhi's teachings remind us that change begins with oneself and that peaceful resistance can overcome the greatest of challenges.



In commemoration of Swachhata Hi Seva 2023, a state level felicitation programme for Best Performing Villages under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) and Best Performing Districts under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) was held today in Dimapur under the theme 'garbage free India'. Speaking on the occasion, Minister for PHED & Cooperation, Jacob Zhimomi said today Swachh Bharat Mission has become a national movement to impart civic sense to the citizens of the country. He said, as a developed society we have to be responsible for the dirt we produce. Zhimomi said, Government has given a clarion call to all the states and citizens to work towards realizing a dirt free nation. In this direction, he said every town and village across the nation is working hard to take the movement to the next level. Zhimomi said keeping surroundings clean and practicing safe sanitation is an integral part of human development and added that without this basic requirement there is no development. On the occasion, the Minister also gave away the presentations for best performing villages under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) to 16 villages across various districts, and best performing districts under JJM to Wokha, Tuensang, Kohima Rural Tsemnyu district, Mon, Dimapur Rural Niuland district and Mokokchung under different categories.



A fortnight-long 'Swachhata Hi Seva', towards a cleaner and greener India culmination program was held today at Naga Hospital Kohima (NHAK) premises. Delivering a short speech, MLA Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso emphasized on crucial role of each citizen plays in achieving the goal of cleaner India. He remarked that to contribute something for the society it has to come from individual and called upon the citizens to adopt cleaner practice in their daily life. District Administration, NHAK Doctors and Nursing Students, Kohima Municipal Council and Kohima Chamber of Commerce & Industries and Zupzup (cleaning service) participated in the culmination cleanliness activity in and around the NHAK vicinity. Students from National Service Scheme of Don Bosco College took active participation in plogging at three locations.



A Special Campaign 3.0 began today with a focus on Swachhata and reducing pendency in government offices with a saturation approach. The campaign coincides with the Birth Anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. It will continue till 31st of this month. The Campaign is a sequel of the Special Campaigns conducted in the last two years. According to Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, around 90 lakh square feet of prime office space has been cleared during last two Swachhata campaigns and put into productive usage. Besides, government also generated revenue of over 370 crore rupees from disposal of scrap and four lakh 56,000 Public Grievances were redressed.



The closing ceremony and felicitation of sanitation workers under Swachhta Pakhwada initiative was held today at DC conference hall, Wokha. speaking as the Chief Guest, MLA Y. Mhonbemo Humtsoe expressed gratitude to the sanitary workers for their dedicated efforts in keeping Wokha town clean. He emphasized that their work should not be underestimated, as no one else can accomplish what they do. Drawing attention to the dangers of unclean and unhygienic environments, he cited the example of dengue and urged the workers to continue their efforts in upgrading and beautifying Wokha district. The MLA further advised the administration to maintain close coordination with Wokha village and Longsa Village chairmen, and extend support and services to them considering their voluntary contributions. Meanwhile, Civil SDO Wokha, Tsidi, provided an overview of various programs organized under Swachhta Pakhwada initiative. On the occasion, 26 sanitary workers were felicitated, with Arhoni Khuvung receiving the recognition for best performing staff.



All Nagaland Private Schools' Association (ANPSA) Longleng Unit kicked off their 2nd Inter school sports meet cum Literary competition today. Speaking as the special guest, EAC Longleng S Chingmei said, such event is a testament that education is not just confined to the four walls of the classroom but it is more than teaching and learning. She said such activities should be encouraged because it will built social, personal skills and all round development of the students. Chingmei expressed hope that this event will instill a sense of team work and team spirit amongst the students. The EAC further declared ANPSA Inter School Sports Meet open, which will continue till 5th of this month.



India Meteorological Department has predicted Light to moderate fairly widespread to widespread rainfall or thunderstorm & lightning with isolated heavy rainfall very likely over Nagaland from 2nd to 4th of this month. Meanwhile, Kohima today recorded a maximum temperature of 25.2 degree Celsius and a minimum temperature of 13.8 degree Celsius.

