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- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays tribute to bravehearts of Kargil War on 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas**
- **Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio discusses on-going National Highway projects in the State with Nitin Gadkari**
- **India, US Sign Cultural Property Agreement To Repatriate Stolen Indian Artifacts**
- **Nagaland Government orders blanket ban on single-use plastics**



The country is observing 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas today. Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to the heroes of the Kargil War in Drass. Addressing the gathering, Modi said that Kargil Vijay Diwas tells us that the sacrifices made for the nation are immortal. Criticizing Pakistan over the recent terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir, PM Modi said Pakistan had failed in all its nefarious attempts in the past but added that Indian soldiers will crush terrorism with full force and the enemy will be given a befitting reply. Lauding the reforms in the defence sector, Prime Minister said India's defence production has crossed 1.5 lakh crore. He added that India is making its mark as an arms exporter as well. Prime Minister also criticized the opposition for spreading misinformation regarding Agnipath Scheme and said it is one of the crucial reforms and will increase the strength of the country. Meanwhile, President Draupadi Murmu in a social media post acknowledged the extraordinary valour of the Indian armed forces. Murmu remembered and honoured who made supreme sacrifice while protecting Mother India on the peaks of Kargil in 1999. Both Houses today also paid tribute to the brave soldiers who fought valiantly during the Kargil war.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today met Minister of Road Transport & Highways, MORTH, Government of India Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi. In a social media post, Rio said that the meeting discussed on-going National Highway projects in the State. He also congratulated Gadkari on being appointed to his assignment as Union Minister of MORTH, India for the third consecutive term. The Chief Minister who is in New Delhi for last few days has called on various ministries at the centre.



India and the United States of America today signed a Cultural Property Agreement to repatriate stolen Indian artifacts from the USA. Under the agreement, both countries will work together to also prevent and prohibit illicit trade, import, export and trafficking of archaeological and ethnological materials. This is India's first-ever Cultural Property Agreement with the US. Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat termed the

signing as historic and said that it will strengthen partnership between the two nations, fostering inter-cultural growth. He highlighted that the repatriation of illegally acquired artifacts gives communities right to reclaim and safeguard their heritage, reaffirming their autonomy.



The state government has ordered blanket ban of Single-Use Plastics, SUP in the state from 1st August 2024. An order by governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan today said that the ban comes pursuant to a Special Task Force meeting on single use plastics held on 20th June. In this regard, SUP carry bags irrespective of microns, single use Plastic bottles for water and soft drinks below 1 litre has been banned. The order also asked all individuals institution or commercial establishments including educational institutions, offices, hotels, shops, restaurants, religious institutions, industrial establishments, banquet halls to abide by the ban and said any breach will be liable for punitive action. The order said District Task Force constituted in respective districts will monitor and ensure imposing of complete ban on stocking, distribution, selling and use of single-use plastics. A penalty of ten thousand rupees for first offence, twenty thousand for second offence will be realized from defaulters and subsequent offence a permit cancellation shall be imposed. The order further said the district task force will furnish Action Taken Report to the Government on regular basis.



The number of cancer cases is increasing in the country each year. According to the Indian Council of Medical Research's National Cancer Registry Programme, cancer cases reported in India in 2024 total 15 lakhs 33 thousand 55, while the number was 14 lakhs 61 thousand 427 in 2022. In a reply in Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Prataprao Jadhaw said that to facilitate accessible and affordable healthcare for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer, many steps have been taken by the government. These include fixing ceiling prices of 131 anti-cancer scheduled formulations and capping trade margin of 42 select anti-cancer non-scheduled formulations, as recommended by the Expert Committee of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.



Schools across Nagaland observed Skilling & Digital Initiatives Day on Day 5 of Shiksha Saptah (Education Week). The day was marked by activities around skill based learning and digital initiatives in both Government and Private schools. During an official event at Thinuovicha Memorial Government Higher Secondary School, Kohima, Mission Director Samagra Shiksha Tamsunaro Aier encouraged students to be serious in hands-on skills. She asked teachers and students to utilise digital facilities to enhance and supplement classroom learning. Activities on soil management and planting techniques, electrical wiring were organized. Students also participated in digital initiatives. The School screened live segments of NCERT event on importance of technology in education and various Digital Education Tools that are available on Smart TVs, as part of E-Classroom initiative by Samagra Shiksha.



Advisor for CAWD and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo, today emphasized on importance of practical and experiential learning in the present education system. He was speaking during a book launch on third series of 'English Communication 1- AECC based on NEP Four-Year Undergraduate Programme' Nagaland University syllabus for BA First Semester in Kohima. He said that the workbook, designed by Cue Academy represents significant departure from traditional pedagogical methods. Khamo stressed the importance of holistic education, which extends beyond textbook knowledge to include critical thinking, problem-solving, and life skills. The Person-Centered Workbook is authored by Dr. Rukulu Kezo and Dr Ruth Z. Hauzel published by Heritage Publishing House.



Kohima Deputy Commissioner Kumar Ramnikant has informed that a follow-up programme under Assistance to Disabled Persons for purchasing or Fitting of Aids and Appliances Scheme is being organized on July 31, 2024, at 10:30 AM. DC Kumar said the event will distribute aids and appliances to beneficiaries assessed during camp held from October 27, 2023, to October 31, 2023. Beneficiaries who were part of the camp have been requested to attend the program along with acknowledgement receipt, Disability certificate and one ID for identification.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended his best wishes to the Indian contingent who are participating at the Paris Olympics 2024. The opening of the games are beginning today in the evening. he expressed hope that the 117 athletes, with 70 men and 47 women across 16 sports disciplines will inspire us as they showcase their dedication, passion and perseverance in pursuit of excellence & glory on the global stage.

