

Morning News Script

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The GST Council has decided to slash the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on cancer drugs by reducing the rate from 12 per cent to 5 per cent. The decision was made at the 54th GST Council meeting held in New Delhi yesterday. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the meeting, which was also attended by Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary and Finance Ministers of the states. Briefing the media in New Delhi, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the decision to reduce the GST rate on cancer drugs aims to lower the cost of cancer treatment. She said GST on selected snacks has been reduced from 18 per cent to 12 per cent. The Minister said that funds given for research to universities established by central and state governments, and those that have obtained income tax exemption, are exempt from GST.

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Nagaland Government has convened a Consultative Meeting to deliberate on the Naga Political Issue at State Banquet Hall, Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima on Thursday at 10:00 A.M. The Home Department informed that the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Ministers, NLA Speaker, Deputy Speaker, all the Ministers, both MPs, all Advisors, MLAs, Chief Secretary, along with other senior officials of the State Government will be present in the meeting. Further, it has requested the President along with two representatives each from the 45 tribal organisations, Mothers' Associations, Gazetted Officers'

Association, Students bodies, NGOs and Members of Political Consultative Committees to attend the meeting.

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Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton said the state government is on high alert and will take all steps to prevent any influx of illegal immigrants in the state. Patton who holds the Home portfolio, assured the public that district administration, police and other state and central agencies in the state are well prepared to prevent any influx of illegal immigrants. He said this yesterday while chairing a meeting on illegal migrants with civil societies at Chümoukedima. Patton said civil society organisations are its strength and called upon them to remain calm and to extend full co-operation to the government so as to ensure the security and integrity of the state. In case any abnormal influx is seen in either the colonies or villages, they should alert the Help Line Numbers manned by Commissioner of Police and district administration that have been activated, the Deputy Chief Minister said. He also informed that from January 2024 till date, over 200 defaulters have been identified and with over 50 arrests being made. Director General of Police Rupin Sharma suggested implementing tenant registration in Nagaland as part of ongoing efforts to improve monitoring and enforcement.

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Member of Parliament Lok Sabha, S Supongmeren Jamir yesterday visited the Sanik School Punglwa under Peren district. Upon his arrival, Jamir laid a wreath at the Amar Jawan memorial, honouring the sacrifices of the brave soldiers. During the visit, the MP was also briefed about the school and its infrastructure on the school's model. He also unveiled the school's annual magazine, *Vibrant Strings 2023-24*. Addressing the cadets, Jamir underscored the significance of discipline, leadership, and patriotism in shaping the future of the nation. The event also featured a

short cultural program, where cadets showcased their diverse talents through performances that highlighted the holistic training and all-round development programme imparted to the cadets in the school. As a mark of respect and gratitude, Colonel Arvind Nautiyal, Principal, presented Jamir with the school's memento as a gesture of appreciation for the MP's support and engagement with the institution.

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14 Naga Civil Service Cadre Probationary Officers are currently undergoing a weeklong orientation programme under the guidance of the Assam Rifles. The programme which started yesterday will end on 14 September. The programme aims to provide the probationary officers an insight into the multifaceted world of the Assam Rifles. The orientation will delve into the core values that underpin the service honor, sacrifice, and relentless commitment of the Assam Rifles. Through a series of engaging briefings, field exercises, interactive sessions and visits to various COBs, the probationary officers will come to understand the profound sense of duty and camaraderie that defines the Assam Rifles.

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Kohima police has advised all light motor vehicles travelling to Kohima from Dimapur and vice versa to take the Peducha-Tsiesema road. In an update in X, the police said the normal highway traffic has been disrupted due to fresh mudslides at old KMC dumping site and the Dzudza bridge area on National Highway-29.

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