

THE HEADLINES:

- In Mann Ki Baat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi says Government is making all efforts to preserve heritage sites of country
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio urges Centre's intervention for safe release of abducted Nagas in Manipur
- ENWO urges ban on child domestic work; calls for strict child protection and justice in assault case
- Health & Family Welfare Secretary S. Tainiu says Nagaland has intensified tobacco control efforts



Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the Government is continuously making efforts to preserve priceless heritage sites in India. He informed about an important discovery made in Malhar, Chhattisgarh, under the Gyan Bharatam Abhiyan. Addressing the nation in his monthly radio programme – Mann Ki Baat on Akashvani today, Mr Modi mentioned his recent visit to Netherlands, where, in a special ceremony, ancient copper plates from the Chola period were returned to India. Prime Minister Modi has urged the people of the country to take utmost care during the prevailing hot weather.

Referring to mangoes, which are often talked about in summer, the Prime Minister also hailed the contribution of farmers involved in mango cultivation, saying that this journey of the mango is now reaching global market from the village. The Prime Minister talked about recently held National Senior Athletics Federation Competition in Ranchi, Jharkhand, where nearly 800 athletes participated. He congratulated Gurinder Veer Singh, Vishal TK, Tejaswin Shankar, Dev Meena and Kuldeep Kumar for breaking four national records.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has sought intervention of Central government in the abduction of six Naga persons in Manipur. In a letter to United Naga Council, Chief Minister Rio said that he had spoken to Union Home Minister Amit Shah on 29th May and urged immediate action to trace abducted individuals, secure their release, and bring those responsible to justice. The Home Minister reportedly assured to treat the matter with highest priority. Mr.

Rio informed that he also held discussions with Union Home Secretary and Director of Intelligence Bureau, both of whom assured that efforts are underway. Appealing for peace and restraint, the Chief Minister urged all stakeholders to cooperate with authorities and expressed hope for an early and peaceful resolution to the crisis.



The Eastern Nagaland Women Organisation (ENWO) has urged all parents across eastern Nagaland not to send their children away to work as domestic helpers under any circumstances. In a statement, the organisation said children may reside outside their homes only for educational purposes and strictly in accordance with ENWO guidelines. It further cautioned homeowners and guardians against employing or accommodating any eastern Naga child as a domestic helper. Reaffirming its commitment to safeguarding the rights, welfare, and dignity of women and children, ENWO urged parents, guardians, and employers to strictly adhere to child protection guidelines. The organisation also warned that it will closely monitor the investigation into the alleged sexual assault of a 14-year-old girl that was recently reported. ENWO called upon Government and all concerned authorities to ensure that justice is delivered and that accused is not allowed to evade accountability under any circumstances.



World No Tobacco Day has been observed today to raise awareness against the dangers of using tobacco. The day is a global initiative by the World Health Organization (WHO) to end the use of tobacco. The theme for this year is “Unmasking the appeal– Countering nicotine and tobacco addiction.” “As part of the observance in India, Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava on Friday launched the pilot version of the Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions Application in New Delhi. The application aims to strengthen implementation and monitoring of tobacco-free norms in schools and colleges by facilitating self-assessment, ensuring compliance with guidelines, and preventing sale of tobacco products near educational institutions. More than two thousand Tobacco Cessation Centres have been established across the country in hospitals, medical colleges, AYUSH institutions and other healthcare facilities.



Health & Family Welfare Secretary S. Tainiu has said that tobacco control in Nagaland is moving beyond awareness programme and becoming stronger administrative and enforcement effort. She was addressing State Level Observance of World No Tobacco Day 2026 in Kohima today. The Secretary said the government is working on Tobacco Vendor Licensing rules in coordination with municipal bodies. Ms Tainiu also shared that a State Empowered Committee on WHO FCTC Article 5.3 has been formed to protect public health policies from tobacco industry interference. Ms Tainiu added that Enforcement teams penalized over 400 violators of the 100-yard tobacco-free zone near educational institutions last year. Principal Director, Dr. Mereninla Senlem expressed concern over rising tobacco use and increasing oral cancer cases linked to smokeless tobacco in the state.



Rabindra Utsav 2026 under the aegis of Sargam Cultural Association, Dimapur in collaboration with North East Zone Cultural Centre under Ministry of Culture got underway in Dimapur today. President, Naga Council Dimapur, GK Rengma reflected on the life and legacy of Rabindranath Tagore, highlighting that success did not come easily to the Nobel laureate, who faced persistent criticism and challenges throughout his life.

He pointed out that the poet founded Visva-Bharati University with the aim of providing natural and free environment for holistic learning. He urged students to emulate Tagore's love for knowledge, creativity, discipline, courage and commitment to society. Referring to the Bengali community in Dimapur, he described the Naga people as hospitable and urged members to spread this message. A total of 110 participants have registered for Rabindra Sangeet, Rabindra Nrityam, and Art competitions. Rabindra Sangeet and Rabindra Nrityam events, open to both boys and girls and conducted into three age groups. Group A comprise participants in age group of 6 to 10 years, Group B includes above 10 years up to 16 years, while Group C is for 17 years and above.



Centre has revised the export levies on petrol, diesel and aviation turbine fuel for the fortnight beginning tomorrow. The move is aimed at ensuring adequate domestic availability of petroleum products amid continuing uncertainties arising from the West Asia crisis. According to a notification issued by Ministry of Finance, exports of petrol will attract a duty of 1.5 rupees per litre, while

diesel exports will be subject to a duty of 13.5 rupees per litre. The export duty on aviation turbine fuel has been fixed at 9.5 rupees per litre.



India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy rainfall accompanied by hailstorms and lightning at few places over Nagaland today. This weather condition is likely to prevail for the next few days till the 2nd of June. The IMD said similar weather conditions is also expected in several other parts of the country.



The Government has refuted a fake message circulating on social media claiming that India Post is offering gifts or rewards under the Dak Seva Gifts scheme. The Fact Check Unit of the Press Information Bureau (PIB) said that the video is fake and clarified that India Post has no connection with any such Dak Seva Gifts offer, reward scheme, or lucky draw.

