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- India marks first anniversary of Operation Sindoor; Prime Minister Modi reaffirms India's commitment to defeat terrorism
- Daochier I. Imchen sworn in as member of 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly
- First community-based waste sorting unit, DiWas Hub, launched in Dimapur
- Minister Salhoutuonuo Kruse inaugurates Seed Bank at Khonoma village

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India marks the first anniversary of Operation Sindoor today. On May 7 last year, India launched Operation Sindoor, carrying out airstrikes on nine terror sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir eliminating at least 100 terrorists. It was India's befitting response to the Pakistan-sponsored terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam on April 22 last year. President Droupadi Murmu described Operation Sindoor as a defining testament to India's unwavering resolve against terrorism and all forces that threaten the sovereignty and safety of citizens. She reiterated that India stands vigilant, united and prepared to respond with strength to any threat. On the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the country remains steadfast in its resolve to defeat terrorism and dismantle its enabling ecosystem. He said the

Indian Armed Forces had displayed unparalleled courage, precision and resolve during the operation, adding that the entire nation salutes the armed forces for their valour. Vice President C.P Radhakrishnan, Home Minister Amit Shah and several others also paid tribute to the Armed Forces' on the anniversary of Operation Sindoor.

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Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav today paid tribute to the Indian Armed Forces on the first anniversary of Operation Sindoor. In a social media post, he said the Armed Forces had given a fitting response to the enemy during the historic operation. Describing the Indian Army as a symbol of unwavering courage and heroism, he said the nation salutes their valour and patriotism. The Governor said their bravery and dedication continue to inspire citizens to defend the motherland.

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Daochier I. Imchen, the newly elected representative of Koridang Assembly Constituency, was sworn in today as a member to the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly. The oath of office was administered by Assembly Speaker Sharingain Longkumer at a ceremony held at the Assembly premises in Kohima. Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton, Parliamentary Affairs Minister K. G. Kenye, Advisor A. Pangjung Jamir, MLAs Achumbemo Kikon and Nuklutoshi, and others attended the ceremony. In a social media post, Mr Imchen said he is committed to serving the people with integrity, determination, and sincerity. Expressing gratitude to the people, the MLA pledged to work together for a better future.

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DiWas Hub, a first-of-its-kind community-based waste sorting unit, was launched in Dimapur today under the Living for Environment initiative. Inaugurating the facility, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Supongnukshi said, the initiative marks an big step in bringing various stakeholders together to address waste management challenges.

Mr Supongnukshi noted that Nagaland continues to face serious issues in waste disposal due to inadequate systems and facilities. He stressed the need to change public perception of waste, saying it should be seen as a resource that can be recycled for profit. Cautioning against the growing practice of disposability, he urged citizens to adopt the principles of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, and emphasized collective responsibility in maintaining cleanliness and sustainable waste management. Meanwhile, Commissioner & Secretary of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Kekhrievor Kevichusa, said the government is working to improve waste management, although visible results are still awaited. He said Nagaland has been directed by the National Green Tribunal to show visible progress by March next year, and expressed hope that with active public participation, meaningful improvements in urban waste management can be achieved.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today met officials from the Asian Development Bank during their consultation mission to Nagaland. In a social media update, Mr Rio said the meeting focused on the proposed CARE Project under the Land Resources Department and its development priorities for the state. The Chief Minister expressed

hope for continued collaboration for inclusive and sustainable development in the state.

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Minister for Women Resource Development, and Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse, today inaugurated the Seed Bank and Community Learning Centre at Khonoma village. Speaking at the event, Ms Kruse described the initiative as a step towards building a more inclusive, equitable and self-reliant society. Noting that the initiative focuses on empowering women, she stressed that women's empowerment strengthens families, communities and economies.

The Minister acknowledged that women still face barriers in accessing opportunities, resources and financial independence, and termed the project as a decisive step towards overcoming such challenges. She highlighted the village's progress in sustainable farming, value addition and handicrafts, while stressing the need to improve marketing to enhance livelihood. The project, funded by Oil India Limited and implemented by Aaranyak through Kevi Organic Society Khonoma, aims to conserve and promote indigenous crop varieties, strengthen local seed systems, and promote sustainable agriculture.

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Labour and Employment Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya launched a nationwide Annual Health Check-Up initiative for Workers aged 40 years and above under the new Labour Codes today. Launching the initiative at the Employees' State Insurance Corporation, Medical College and Hospital in New Delhi today, the Minister said respect for the country's workforce and youth power has increased significantly over the last 12 years. He said the government has been making

continuous efforts to create employment opportunities, and as a result, the unemployment rate has declined to around 3.2 per cent.

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And, Nagaland today commemorated World Kids Athletics Day 2026 with sporting events organized across several districts of the state. The events, held in collaboration with Nagaland Athletics Association, were conducted by district athletics associations including in Dimapur, Kohima, Chümoukedima, Peren and Wokha. Hundreds of young boys and girls participated in Under-8, Under-10 and Under-12 categories, competing across various athletic disciplines. The events aimed to promote fitness, encourage sportsmanship and strengthen grassroots athletics development across the state.

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