

THE HEADLINES :-

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds meeting with his Economic Advisory Council members to further boost India's economic growth.**
- **Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav emphasizes the importance of collective efforts to address employment challenges.**
- **Advisor, Tovihoto Ayemi describes Phom Day as a historic milestone for both the Phom community and Naga society.**
- **Centre introduces standard pack sizes for edible oils to ensure uniformity and transparency**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today chaired a meeting with members of the PM-Economic Advisory Council (EAC). The Prime Minister and the EAC discussed various ideas and measures to further boost India's economic growth in times of global turmoil. Various reforms to improve ease of living and ease of doing business were also discussed. The members also gave their assessment of the impact of the West Asia Conflict on India and the world.



Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav inaugurated the Kohima Job Fair 2026 at Don Bosco College, Kohima today. Addressing the gathering, the Governor emphasized the importance of collective efforts to address employment challenges and create meaningful opportunities for youth of the State. He appreciated the participation of over 25 companies representing various sectors and the presence of over 500 job seekers, noting that the turnout reflected both the aspirations of Nagaland's youth and commitment of employers to support talent development and employment generation. Highlighting the employment scenario in the State, the Governor noted that as of February 2026, Nagaland had 70,469 registered unemployed job seekers. He underscored the need for stronger collaboration among government agencies, educational institutions, industries and social organizations to create sustainable pathways to employment and livelihoods. Encouraging the young job seekers to make the most of the opportunity, the Governor urged them to remain confident, embrace learning and be prepared to take on new challenges.



Dimapur Phom Union today organized the 74th Phom Day, commemorating 74 years of peace and harmony. The event was held under the theme "Towards the Platinum, Peace, Beneficiaries and the Obligation." Speaking as a special guest, Advisor for Tribal Affairs and Election Tovihoto Ayemi described Phom Day as a milestone of historical significance not only for the Phom community but for the entire Naga society. He commended the foresight of Phom elders who united villages to end head-hunting and establish lasting peace.

Addressing as Guest of Honour, MLA from the 50th Assembly Constituency, Longleng, A. Pongshi Phom highlighted the need for unity among the Nagas.

Meanwhile, former Parliamentary Secretary P. Dako Phom, in his Phom Day message, presented a detailed historical account tracing the evolution of peace among the Phom people. He highlighted the transformative impact of Christianity, role of government intervention, and collective resolve of Phom leaders and village elders that culminated in the historic peace agreement of June 6, 1952. The day, he said, symbolises the burial of past hostilities and commitment of the Phom people to peaceful coexistence, loyalty, and unity.



Centre has introduced standard pack sizes for edible oils under the Legal Metrology framework, bringing greater transparency and uniformity to the marketplace. The Department of Consumer Affairs amended the standard operating procedure, governing the determination of net quantity and standard pack sizes for edible oils and fats under the framework. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution said that under the revised rules, standard pack sizes have been prescribed for major edible oils including palm oil, palmolein, soyabean oil, sunflower oil, mustard oil, groundnut oil, sesame oil, rice bran oil, cotton seed oil and corn oil. The approved pack sizes are 200 gram, 500 gram, 1 to 5 kilogram, 15 and 20 kilogram.



Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLA) in collaboration with High Court Bar Association (HCBA), Kohima yesterday organized Fruit Tree Plantation at the New High Court Complex, Meriema in commemoration of World Environment Day. Leading the plantation drive, Member Secretary, NSLA Neiko Akami, emphasized the importance of environmental stewardship and collective responsibility in addressing the challenges of climate change. Mr Akami encouraged all participants not only to plant trees but also to nurture and protect them so that they can grow into valuable assets for future generations. During the event, various fruit bearing trees were planted in the vicinity of the new court complex. Over 40 members from HCBA and staff of legal services participated in the drive.



Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Western Region, has directed all food business operators to immediately discontinue the use of newspapers for packing or serving food items, citing serious health risks. The advisory follows a recent incident in Mumbai involving the use of a newspaper to pack food by a vada pav vendor, after which the FSSAI and the Mumbai civic body, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation took joint action. FSSAI warned that printing inks contain harmful chemicals, including lead and other heavy metals, which can contaminate food and pose long-term health risks. It also noted that newspapers are often exposed to unhygienic conditions, increasing the risk of foodborne diseases.



Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya today said that the youth are the true strength of the nation and the driving force behind the vision of Viksit Bharat. Addressing the My Bharat Youth Convention in New Delhi, Dr Mandaviya said that 65 per cent of the country's population is below the age of 35, making India one of the youngest nations in the world. He said that under the

leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government is consistently working to channel the energy and potential of the youth towards nation-building and the goal of transforming India into a developed nation.



Nominations for the Padma Awards 2027 will remain open till 31st of July. Ministry of Home Affairs has said that the nominations and recommendations for the Padma Awards, which started on 15th of March, will only be received online on the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal. The Award is given for distinguished and exceptional achievements and service in all fields and disciplines, such as Art, Literature and Education, Sports, Medicine, Social Work, Science and Engineering, Public Affairs, Civil Service and Trade and Industry. The Ministry said that the Government is committed to transform Padma Awards into People's Padma. The Ministry has requested the citizens to make nominations and recommendations, including self-nomination.

