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THE HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, government empowered youth, women and farmers in last 12 years
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio hails release of Kuki hostages; Appeals for peace in Manipur
- Advisor Tokugha Sukhalu emphasizes need for efficient use of government resources
- Nagaland joins nationwide commemoration of ten years of PM Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said the Government has spared no effort in empowering the country's youth, women, and farmers over the past 12 years. In a social media post, Mr Modi said, with the blessings of 1.4 billion citizens and the spirit of nation first, the government is dedicated to trust, development, and public welfare. He noted that as a result of these tireless efforts, today the country has gained a new identity on the global stage, from infrastructure to the digital revolution. Mr Modi underlined that to realize the resolve of a developed India, the Government will continue to move forward relentlessly on the path of service, good governance, and prosperity.

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has welcomed the safe release of the Kuki hostages by the United Naga Council and Naga civil society organisations following appeals from church bodies led by the Baptist World Alliance. The hostages were released today, nearly a month after they were abducted by armed groups in Manipur's Senapati district following the killing of three church leaders in Kangpokpi district. In a post on X, Mr Rio said he had held several discussions with representatives of Naga civil society and had also formally appealed for the hostages' release on humanitarian grounds. He said the release reflects respect for human life, commitment to human rights, and the values of compassion and dignity upheld by the Naga people. The Chief Minister expressed hope that the development would help restore trust, heal divisions, and contribute to lasting peace in Manipur. He also emphasized that dialogue, compassion, and faith remain the most powerful instruments for reconciliation and peace. Mr Rio further appealed for the safe release of the six Naga hostages in a reciprocal and humanitarian manner, expressing hope that such a gesture would strengthen trust, understanding and efforts towards genuine peace and harmony.

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Advisor for Food and Civil Supplies K Tokugha Sukhalu emphasized the need for efficient use of government resources for public benefit. Addressing the monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Zunheboto district today, he noted that Nagaland has a high ratio of government employees but limited revenue generation.

Mr Sukhalu, who is also Chairman of the DPDB, called for regular public awareness programmes to increase citizen participation in government and developmental initiatives. During the meeting, the board discussed the transfer of unassigned public properties currently held by District Administration to the Zunheboto Town Council, and formally handed over the Multi-Purpose Hall to on a one-year trial basis.

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Nagaland today joined the nationwide commemoration of ten years of Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan, PMSMA, a flagship initiative of the Health and Family Welfare Ministry aimed at providing assured, quality antenatal care to pregnant women. At a programme held at the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare in Kohima, Health Minister P. Paiwang Konyak said that over the past decade, specialists in the state have been reaching health centres to provide antenatal services and ensure early detection of high-risk pregnancies. He added that more than 23,000 pregnant women have received antenatal care under PMSMA in Nagaland, while 2,303 high-risk cases were identified and managed early. The Minister acknowledged the services of doctors,

nurses, ANMs and ASHAs, and urged renewed efforts to reach mothers in remote areas. As part of the observance, special PMSMA sessions were conducted across health facilities nationwide, including in Nagaland.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has encouraged citizens to make use of the Safer Nagaland mobile application as the monsoon season sets in across the state. In a social media post, he said the citizen-centric app, developed by the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, provides timely alerts, information, and safety resources related to weather to help people stay aware and prepared during emergencies. Mr Rio added that the initiative reflects the government's commitment to building a safer and better-informed Nagaland.

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Peren District Planning & Development Board has banned single use plastic across the district. The decision was taken during the board meeting yesterday chaired by Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang. Addressing the meeting, Mr. Zeliang said single-use plastics pose a serious threat to the environment, as they take hundreds of years to decompose, clog waterways, harm wildlife, and release toxic microplastics into food and water sources. The meeting also discussed on Ntangki National Park, and urged the forest department to coordinate with Director of the Park and DFO to properly function the Director's office.

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India has undergone a remarkable transformation, driven by the principles of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the last 12 years. During this period, the Modi government carried out many flagship initiatives for the welfare and empowerment of the poor, farmers, women and youth. Akashvani News brings you a special feature on the Government's efforts over the last 12 years across key sectors. Today, we focus on the measures taken by the government towards health services.

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And, The Inter Media Publicity Coordination Committee, Nagaland, constituted by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry, held its first meeting for the year today at Akashvani Kohima to discuss media outreach for Census 2027 in the state. Addressing the meeting, Director of Census Operations, Dr. Keneilhoutuolie Miachieo, noted that the first phase will begin this month, with Self-Enumeration facility from June 16 to 30 through the official Census portal se.census.gov.in, followed by House Listing Operation from July 1 to 30. He said, over 6,100 enumerators and supervisors have been deployed for the exercise and urged citizens to cooperate by providing accurate information.

Chairing the meeting, PIB Kohima Head of Office, P. Sophie, stressed the need for a coordinated media strategy to maximize public awareness and effectively counter misinformation. The meeting was attended by representatives from PIB, Doordarshan, Akashvani, DIPR, among others.

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