

THE HEADLINES :-

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi says government is fully committed to creating a modern sports ecosystem for India**
- **Nagaland youth joins nationwide Khelo India Dialogue**
- **Northeast power ministers seek greater central aid for grid modernisation**
- **Nagaland among top performers in PMFME implementation**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the government is fully committed to creating a modern sports ecosystem for India in the 21st century. He said, from sports universities to modern training centres, an ecosystem is being developed across the country where talent receives support at every stage. Addressing the Khelo India Dialogue through video conferencing today, Mr Modi said that sports is not limited merely to winning medals, rather, it is a mission to unite India's sporting prowess and youth power in the building of a developed India.

The Prime Minister expressed happiness that today sports has emerged as an excellent career and profession in India. Mr Modi said, sports does not just teach to become champions, but also to become better competitors. He said, the Khelo India Samvad is not merely a program for discussing sports but it is a platform for dialogue where every single idea can give a new direction to the nation's sports vision. Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, sports has emerged as a national priority and an important instrument of youth empowerment.



Nagaland today conducted the Khelo India Samvaad 2026 at multiple locations as part of National Sports Day celebrations, with thousands of students and NSS volunteers joining the nationwide virtual interaction with Prime Minister Narendra Modi under 'Khel Ki Baat, PM Ke Saath.' The Samvaad was organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports through MY Bharat, simultaneously at more than 1,500 locations across the country. In Nagaland, MY Bharat Nagaland in coordination with the Department of Youth Resources and Sports organised the event across 12 districts, including Mount Tiya College and Bailey Baptist College in Wokha, Tetso College in Chümoukedima, Fazl Ali College in Mokokchung, Pranab College in Dimapur and Don Bosco College Kohima. Highlights of the programme included experience sharing by NSS and MY Bharat volunteers, interactions with sports icons, and the Nasha Mukta Bharat pledge. A student from Don Bosco College Kohima shared her experience of participating in the Khelo India Dialogue.



Power ministers of the Northeastern states have sought greater financial assistance from the Centre for modernising the regional power grid and implementing key projects to improve electricity supply in the region. A delegation of the North Eastern Regional Power Committee led by chairman and Meghalaya power minister Metbah Lyngdoh, raised the demand at a meeting with Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in New Delhi on Tuesday. The ministers sought special assistance for priority projects for the region, including SCADA Energy Management System and Emergency Restoration System, as well as projects already submitted under the Power System Development Fund. The ministers apprised Mr Khattar of the difficulties faced by the Northeastern states in executing power infrastructure projects due to the region's challenging terrain. They called for more transparent and effective utilisation

of the 10 per cent Gross Budgetary Support earmarked for the Northeast by 54 Union ministries. Mr Khattar said he would take up the funding requirements with the Union Finance Minister. He urged the states to expedite the ongoing installation of smart meters and stressed the need for "check meters" to help consumers verify and understand smart-meter readings.



Ahead of the 9th Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly, the traditional meeting of all 60 legislators of the House will be held on 31st of August at 3:30 PM the Chief Minister's Residential Complex in Kohima. The meeting will be held a day before the Assembly session begins on September 1.



Nagaland has been recognised among the top-performing small states for its contribution to the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme. The state secured the second runner-up position among small states for its overall performance.

The recognition came at the PMFME Conclave in New Delhi, held on August 24 and 25, where the award was presented by Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Chirag Paswan. The Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission was also awarded best performing SRLM in the small state category. Meanwhile, Kohima District Nodal Officer Jessy Jury and District Resource Person Rukuveto Lohe from Phek were also recognised for their exemplary performance.



The District Transport Office building in Tuensang completely collapsed at around 8:15 this morning following a landslide triggered by persistent rainfall. The building has earlier been declared as structurally unsafe and prone to collapse by the Deputy Commissioner & Chairman DDMA Tuensang, as incessant rainfall led to land subsidence near the office area. The office has remained closed since 24 July with services suspended. The landslide today has completely cut off National Highway 202 in the affected area, disrupting vehicular movement. No casualties have been reported so far. The full extent of the damage is yet to be officially assessed, and further official information is awaited.



Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, organised a Tribal Artisan Empanelment Mela today, at the Directorate of Industries and Commerce in Kohima. The mela sought to identify, register and source handicraft products directly from tribal artisans, reducing dependence on middlemen. Speaking at the event, Joint Director of Industries and Commerce, Hojeto K. Suqhe, said the initiative, in collaboration with the PM Vishwakarma scheme, will help artisans better understand market demand while improving their access to wider markets. He said around 2,000 artisans from Nagaland have been registered and trained in six trades under PM Vishwakarma. Meanwhile, TRIFED Senior Programme Executive Asif Ekbal Hussain said the Northeast accounts for about 3,500 of the 5,000 artisans registered under TRIFED across the country. He said registered artisans can have their products assessed for quality, pricing and market demand, with opportunities for bulk orders and participation in national exhibitions.



And, Akashvani Kohima and National Academy of Broadcasting and Multimedia (NABM), Delhi, are jointly organizing a two-day workshop on Voice Culture and Articulation from tomorrow. The workshop will feature sessions by various resource persons, including NABM Programme Executive Dr. D.K Mazumder, focusing on strengthening diction, voice articulation and effective intonation.

