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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact today via video conference with participants of Seva Yatra travelling from Vadnagar to Varanasi under Seva Sankalp Abhiyan. The interaction with the Prime Minister will give the Seva Yatris a chance to share their experiences from the journey, which is intended to connect youth participation and community service across the locations covered by the teams. The Seva Yatra began on September 17 and is part of the wider 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' to highlight PM Modi's 25 years of public life. The participants are travelling through towns, districts, talukas and villages, with the programme focusing on taking community service and public engagement activities to the grassroots.

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A two-day workshop on Revision of the Nagaland State Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan is underway in Kohima. Organised by the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board (NSBB) in association with TNCC and FES, the workshop began yesterday at Kohima and will conclude today. Inaugurating the workshop, Principal Secretary, and Chairman NSBB. Y. Kikheto Sema stressed the need for cooperation, coordination, confidence and contribution from all stakeholders to protect the State's rich biodiversity. He said Nagaland, with its high forest cover and diverse agro-climatic conditions, should pursue sustainable solutions and promote agro and allied activities. Mr Sema also called for greater public awareness on biodiversity and waste management, stressing that conservation is not the responsibility of government alone, but a shared responsibility of citizens.

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The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Nagaland, yesterday inaugurated a three-day State-Level Vaccine Preventable Disease Surveillance Transition Training at Kohima. Organised in collaboration with NCDC and WHO India, the training aims to strengthen VPD surveillance and integrate it with the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme. Principal Director Dr. Keveduyi Theyo said the transition will strengthen government-owned disease surveillance and build a unified system, while stressing timely reporting, quality data, specimen collection and laboratory linkages. Commissioner and Secretary Kevileno Angami stressed that immunization and surveillance must work hand in hand to ensure early detection, investigation and response to vaccine-preventable diseases. She also called for stronger coordination between immunization, surveillance, laboratory and outbreak-response systems. The training will continue till tomorrow.

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The Dimapur District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) has called for stricter regulation of private students' hostels and tighter scrutiny of unions, societies and welfare organisations amid concerns over their growing numbers and activities. At its monthly meeting held yesterday, the Board discussed district-wide verification, registration and joint inspection of private hostels. The members noted that there is currently no specific regulation governing their establishment and operation, while concerns were raised over student safety, supervision, hygiene and accommodation practices. The Board decided to take up the matter with the concerned State departments for comprehensive guidelines, including a standard inspection checklist. The Board members also decided to recommend clearer and stricter conditions for registration and renewal of societies and associations, amid concerns over the mushrooming of organisations and collection of charges from businesses. It suggested departmental NOCs wherever necessary to prevent duplication and ensure proper coordination.

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St Joseph Higher Secondary School, Viswema and St John Higher Secondary School, Mon emerged champions in the girls' and boys' categories respectively at the State Level Catch Them Young Under-14 Sepaktakraw Championship held at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima. St Joseph HSS, Viswema, Mungleu Valley School, Peren finished runners-up, while St Mary High School, Mon secured third place. In the boys' category, besides St John HSS, Mon, Green Valley School, Mon finished second and Bethel Baptist HSS, Niuland took third place. Sangti P of Green Valley School, Mon and Puanglu Riamei of St Joseph HSS, Viswema were adjudged the best players in the boys' and girls' categories respectively. Speaking at the closing ceremony yesterday, Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Youth Resources & Sports Department, Anthony Ngullie congratulated the winners and urged all players to continue training and participating in tournaments. Around 78 schools participated at the district level this year, with 27 teams qualifying for the state-level finals.

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