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THE HEADLINES :-

- Vice President C.P Radhakrishnan says, journey of Viksit Bharat will be built on strength of India's institutes, MSMEs and Startups.
- Principal Secretary & Development Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema highlights Nagaland's natural wealth as key to economic growth
- School of Agricultural Sciences Nagaland University holds on-farm demonstration & Farmers-Scientists Interaction
- and, Nagaland Olympic Association unveils logo for Nagaland State & Para Games 2026

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Vice President C.P Radhakrishnan today said that the journey of Viksit Bharat will be built on the strength of India's institutes, MSMEs and Startups. Addressing the 58th Foundation Day of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) in New Delhi, Mr Radhakrishnan emphasised that the nation cannot progress without gaining the trust and confidence of the investors.

Talking about ICSI, Mr Radhakrishnan lauded the institute for contributing in the promotion of good corporate governance in the country and described it as the global benchmark for sustainable development. He also expressed hope that the collective efforts of ICSI in building a strong Atmanirbhar Bharat should make India the single largest economy of the world one day.

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Principal Secretary & Development Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, said, over the past 22 years, Nagaland has received 1,644.36 crore rupees from North Eastern Council (NEC) for 252 projects across the State. During a meeting in Kohima on Friday with Secretary NEC Satinder Kumar Bhalla, Adviser, Land Resources, G. Ikuto Zhimomi, and other senior officers, Mr Sema highlighted Nagaland's natural resources, rich biodiversity, cultural heritage and favourable climate as important opportunities for economic development. He particularly highlighted the potential of coffee, tea and rubber plantations and the State's vision to expand coffee cultivation to 50,000 hectares by 2030. He stressed promoting eco-tourism, agro and forest tourism by better using Nagaland's natural and cultural resources, and linking the State's cultural identity with tourism and economic development. Meanwhile, Mr. Bhalla encouraged the State to think beyond small projects and prepare ambitious, long-term proposals up to 2047, in line with the vision of Viksit Nagaland@2047. On tourism, he suggested developing an "iconic tourism circuit" covering key destinations of Nagaland and adopting a "One District, One Destination" approach. Mr. Bhalla also encouraged greater value addition and processing of local agricultural produce within the State to reduce wastage and increase returns to farmers.

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School of Agricultural Sciences (SAS), Nagaland University and SDPDB Pughoboto organised an on-farm demonstration and Farmers-Scientists Interaction at Pughoboto. The programme, organised through the Farmers' Cell in collaboration with the All India Co-ordinated Research Projects (AICRP) of the School of Agricultural Sciences, aimed at strengthening direct interaction between farmers and agricultural scientists and providing practical, field-based solutions to challenges faced by the farming community. SDO (Civil) Pughoboto Yithachu Thur said the SDPDB Model Demonstration Farm aims to transform agriculture from subsistence to commercial farming through modern practices. He said the partnership with SAS would provide technical knowledge and locally suitable experiments, with a long-term plan to establish an agriculture sub-

station for hill farming research. Meanwhile, Scientists from AICRP provided technical inputs on crops and farming technologies, followed by an interaction where farmers shared their experiences and challenges.

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The Nagaland Olympic Association (NOA) has unveiled the official logo of the Nagaland State & Para Games 2026, marking the transition from its former identity as the Nagaland Olympic and Paralympic Games. In an update, NOA said, the new identity brings together sport, inclusivity, Naga heritage and unity, guided by the theme “One Torch. Many Talents. Stronger Together.” The Nagaland State & Para Games 2026, organised by the NOA, will be held from 2nd to 14th November 2026 in Chümoukedima and Dimapur, bringing together representatives from all 17 districts of Nagaland. The new logo will serve as the official visual identity across the Games’ communications, promotions and event platforms.

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NITI Aayog Member Rajiv Gauba has emphasised the need for regulatory frameworks to evolve alongside a rapidly changing geopolitical, technological and economic environment. He emphasised that the challenge before policymakers is not to choose between regulation and growth, but to develop regulations that manage risks while supporting innovation, competition and investment. Mr Gauba stated this while addressing the plenary session on “Regulatory Oversight in an Age of Disruption” at the 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave in New Delhi yesterday.

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The Indian Air Force today organised the second edition of the Sekhon Indian Air Force Marathon in various cities across the country. Indian Air Force Chief, Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, flagged off the run at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi. Talking to media, Air Vice Marshal Shekhar Yadav said the marathon is organised in memory of Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon, the only recipient of the Param Vir Chakra from the Indian Air Force. He added that Flying

Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon displayed exceptional courage during the 1971 India-Pakistan War.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is completing 25 years in public service, a journey defined by the mantra of Jan Seva Se Desh Seva, and a relentless commitment that continues. Guided by this vision for Seva and Sushasan, the Government has been ceaselessly working towards achieving Vikshit Bharat by 2047. Today, in our Special series, we bring you an instance of how this vision has been translated into action through the Goods and Service Tax (GST).

V/C : Introduced in 2017, GST was designed to break one of India's most persistent economic barriers. Seventeen taxes and 13 cesses were brought into a common framework, making One Nation, One Tax, One Market a practical reality. The reform also sits within a larger shift towards cooperative federalism with the states' share of the divisible pool raised from 32 percent to 41 percent. States now receive substantially higher tax devolutions compared to pre-GST era. GST helped turn India's states from separate tax territories into participants in one national economic market.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended greetings to the Khamniungan community on the occasion of Tsokum, and the Pochury community on the occasion of Yemshe. In a social media post, Mr Rio said, Tsokum festival marks the beginning of harvest season, celebrating the spirit of community, unity, and sharing. He added that Yemshe festival marks the new harvest and to seek blessings for a bountiful season. The Chief Minister further hoped that the festivals renews bountiful harvest, prosperity, renewed hope and unity.

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Minister of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh, will chair the 17th Pension Adalat in New Delhi tomorrow. The Ministry informed that 897 long-pending grievances of super-senior pensioners and family pensioners are to be taken up for redressal. Dr. Singh will also release flyers highlighting the success stories of the 16th Pension Adalat, which was held on

13th May of this year. A booklet containing Frequently Asked Questions on issues concerning family pensioners will also be released on the occasion. The Ministry noted that the Pension Adalats have resolved 20,676 out of a total of 28,797 grievances on the spot across its previous 16 editions, since its inception in 2017, retaining a success rate of 71.79 per cent.

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