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- Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan commissions Indian Navy's first indigenously built multi-purpose vessel
- Governor Nand Kishore Yadav calls for end to food wastage on World Food Day
- Nagaland Crime Police Station registers FIR over alleged monetary demand by forest official
- And, Centre amends Census Rules; expands eligibility for appointment as enumerators

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Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan today commissioned INS Samarthak, the Indian Navy's first indigenously built Multi-Purpose Vessel, at Karwar, Karnataka. Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, senior naval officials and Karnataka Labour Minister Santosh Lad attended the ceremony. The Vice President said, INS Samarthak is the first of four such vessels being constructed indigenously, with over 75 per cent indigenous content. Highlighting self-reliance in defence manufacturing, he said INS Samarthak demonstrated India's growing industrial, technological and shipbuilding capabilities.

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Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav has extended greetings to the people of the state on the occasion of World Food Day, today. In his message, the Governor called upon everyone to contribute towards ensuring food reaches every plate, respect every grain and take a pledge to eliminate food wastage. World Food Day is observed annually on 16th of October to commemorate the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945. This year's theme is 'Innovate Today, Nourish Tomorrow.'

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The State Crime Police Station, Nagaland, has registered an FIR over allegations that a forest official attached to the Wildlife Division in Dimapur and others demanded one lakh rupees from Vezhoto Hesuh for his release from detention. Vezhoto was earlier detained by the Wildlife Crime Control Unit, Dimapur last month over social media posts involving wildlife, and was later granted bail. The FIR follows a written complaint alleging that no written notice, receipt, challan or other lawful document was provided to justify the demand. A preliminary enquiry by the Dimapur Police, recording statements and recovering an audio recording. The case was subsequently registered by the State Crime Police Station under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Prevention of Corruption Act. Further investigation, including forensic examination of the audio recording, has been sought. Police said, allegations remain under investigation.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs has notified the Census (Amendment) Rules, 2026, under the Census Act, 1948. Under the revised rules, teachers from government, local authority, aided and unaided private educational institutions, as well as institutions run by societies or trusts, can be appointed as enumerators. The amendment also includes clerks and other officials working in the Central and State Governments, local authorities and various establishments. These include public sector undertakings, statutory bodies, banks, companies, institutions, societies and trusts.

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Union Minister for Panchayati Raj, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Rajiv Ranjan Singh is likely to visit Nagaland soon, with a proposed visit

to Tseminyu district. This was informed by DC Tseminyu, Japheth Woch at the District Planning and Development Board meeting held today. During the visit, the Union Minister is expected to visit the NECTAR Lighthouse, a hospital and a village in Tseminyu.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has completed 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 the goal of a Viksit Bharat by 2047. Through inclusive development and social empowerment, this dedication is transforming lives. Today, in our special series, we bring you an instance of how this vision has been translated into action through Atal Innovation Mission.

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Nagaland Chief Secretary Sentiyanger Imchen, today launched a WhatsApp chatbot for the Nagaland Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Mission (NSEDMD) in Kohima. The chatbot will serve as a single-window platform for queries on skill training programmes, skill loans, the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative, compliance-related services and other Mission updates. The initiative is expected to minimise manual data entry, streamline collection of application details and improve the overall efficiency of service delivery. The launch took place during the NSEDMD State-Level Steering Committee meeting at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat. During the meeting, NSEDMD signed a Memorandum of Understanding with NIELIT Kohima to strengthen industry-aligned skill development, digital capacity building, entrepreneurship, and placement assistance for the youth. Under the agreement, NIELIT will develop a unified skilling portal, which is expected to become operational by December this year.

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Kiphire Deputy Commissioner Temsuwati Longkumer has called upon district officers and stakeholders to extend support for the safety, security and rehabilitation of people affected by the recent incident of violence in Pungro town and neighbouring villages under Pungro and Kiusam circles. Addressing the District Planning and Development

Board meeting today, he said the situation was now under control. Calling for assistance, Mr Longkumer noted that several families had lost their homes, while students had lost essential academic materials and uniforms. The meeting strongly condemned the incident and stressed that disputes should be resolved through dialogue and mutual understanding. In a separate meeting, the Deputy Commissioner called upon all stakeholders to strengthen public awareness against the consumption of illicit and spurious liquor and ensure adherence to the Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition Act of 1989. The meeting discussed community-level awareness campaigns and the importance of abstaining from alcohol in the interest of public health and safety. Representatives of NGOs, GBs, tribal and women's Hohos, church organisations, and student bodies attended the meeting.

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And, Team Puliebadze has emerged as the champion of the Kohima District-Level SPANDAN Taekwondo Tournament 2026. The two-day tournament was organised by the Nagaland Taekwondo Association, with sponsorship from the Department of Youth Resources and Sports, to promote grassroots taekwondo and identify promising young athletes. The tournament brought together athletes across eight weight categories. Team Dzükou finished second, followed by Team Dzüleke in third place and Team Japfü in fourth place.

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