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1. Union Minister Jual Oram holds review meeting on Akuhaito Aspirational Block at Zunheboto district in Nagaland.

2. Chairman of Ceasefire Supervisory Board says Nikki led NSCN-K group agreed in writing to adhere to all ground rules.

3. Lok Janshakti Party Ramvilas Nagaland State says letter claiming party's decision to withdraw support from ruling PDA government is false.

4. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare says technology and innovation are transforming agriculture.

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Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Jual Oram said the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan aims to saturate more than 63 thousand tribal majority villages in Aspirational Districts with a budget of over 79,150 crore rupees. Mr. Oram said this during a review meeting on Akuhaito Aspirational Block at Zunheboto district in Nagaland today. The Union Minister stated that the main objective of his visit is to take stock of the various government aided schemes and benefits provided to the people and survey its proper implementations.

Later, Mr. Oram held an interaction with beneficiaries and communities and launched the exhibitions. The Union Minister was accompanied by Advisor for Tribal Affairs H. Tovihoto Ayemi, Advisor for Food & Civil Supplies and Legal Metrology K. T. Sukhalu and MLA Picto Shohe.

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Dimapur based Interim Tribal Based Body and Ceasefire Monitoring Group today held a meeting regarding the two individuals who were abducted on October 10 while on their way to Padampukhuri for business-related work. Talking to the media after the meeting, Chairman of Ceasefire Supervisory Board, Amarjeet Singh Bedi said that Nikki led NSCN-K group has been found accountable of violations of ceasefire ground rules as well as misuse of the ceasefire office. He informed that the group have agreed in writing that they are ready to adhere to all the ground rules. The group also assured that they will not be a hindrance to the Nagaland Police and assist in bringing the culprits to book.

The 19 Dimapur-based organizations, comprising civil society and youth groups, have issued a 48-hour ultimatum, demanding swift action regarding the abduction and extortion incident. Earlier a meeting was also held between Nikki Sumi led NSCN-K and the Ceasefire Monitoring Group.

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The Lok Janshakti Party Ramvilas, Nagaland State has clarified that the letter being circulated on various social media, claiming the party's decision to withdraw support from the ruling People's Democratic Alliance (PDA) government is just rumours. A Clarification issued by the State Party President, S. Richard Humtsoe stated that no key leaders of the coalition political party had appended signatures and

are totally unaware of such letter. It said the Lok Janshakti Party Ramvilas have two MLAs in the State and extending full support to the PDA government in Nagaland under the dynamic and able leadership of Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio.

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Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Samuel Praveen Kumar today said technology and innovation are transforming agriculture and empowering farmers. Addressing a workshop on the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) in Chumukedima, Mr. Kumar highlighted the pressing issue of post-harvest losses in India, currently estimated at 8-10 percent for food grains and a staggering 30-35 percent for horticulture crops. He emphasized the AIF's crucial role in addressing this challenge by investing in infrastructure like warehouses, cold storages, and processing plants, ultimately minimizing wastage and boosting farmer incomes. Mr. Kumar also stressed on the need for technology adoption, encouraging innovative practices like micro-irrigation, soil health testing and digital platforms.

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Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda today said that the spirit of international solidarity is the heart of India's approach for global healthcare. Inaugurating the 19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities (ICDRA) in Delhi, Mr. Nadda said that India is not just a participant in this conference but a partner building a stronger and more resilient world. He added that the theme - "Smart Regulation: Delivering Quality Assured Medical Products for All", resonates with India's core beliefs of co-operation across borders, sectors, discipline is essential for lasting health solutions.

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Chairman of Brahmaputra Board, Dr. Ranbir Singh said that in the context of water resources management in the country, Northeastern States plays a very important role. Addressing the 83rd meeting of Brahmaputra Board in Chumoukedima today, Dr. Singh said Northeast has the mightiest river Brahmaputra and the region accounts for 30 percent of almost one-third of local body water resource management. However, he said with the potential in the Northeast states, there is still problem faced in terms of erosion, floods, loss of lives and property, due to not systematically pursuing the water issues. In this regard, Dr. Singh reiterated on the need of mutual collaboration among like-minded and allied departments and agencies to frame sustainable projects in the region pertaining to water resources management and conservation. The event was hosted by the Nagaland State Department of water Resources. The event also showcased innovative designs from Water Resource Department, Nagaland that incorporates power generation component in the irrigation works and the concept of Trench Weir which is specifically designed for irrigation in hilly regions and a Web-GIS technology developed in-house by Water Resource Department, Meghalaya for mapping of springs in the state. The state of Mizoram also presented an ongoing study of spring restoration cum recharge project under National Hydrology Project where a positive trend has been observed in the discharge of the springs.

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The 8th Edition of the prestigious Captain N Kenguruse Football tournament is scheduled to take place from 2nd to 12 November at Indira Gandhi Stadium, in Kohima. As a run-up to the event, Major General Manish Kumar, Inspector General of Assam Rifles (North), today unveiled the poster and released the theme song for the tournament at Kohima Science College Jotsoma. The year's theme song was composed and presented by Imna Yaden. The program also

featured a brief poignant video clip commemorating the Kargil War and Captain N Kenguruse.

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