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:::THE HEADLINES:::

1. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio seeks intervention of External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar to halt auctioning of Naga human remains in the United Kingdom.
2. Nagaland government inks MoU for CSR activities between Oil India Limited Noida for development of eco-tourism.
3. Congress party alleges that NDPP-BJP coalition government in Nagaland miserably failed to address key issues.
4. And, President Droupadi Murmu confers 70th National Film Awards for the year 2022 in New Delhi.

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has sought the intervention of Union Minister for External Affairs, S Jaishankar in order to halt the proposed auctioning of Naga human remains in the United Kingdom. In a letter written to Mr Jaishankar today, Chief Minister Rio said he was informed by the Forum for Naga Reconciliation that Naga Human remains are going to be auctioned in the UK. Mr Rio urged the External Affairs Minister to take up the matter with the Indian High Commission in the UK to undertake necessary steps to prevent the auction. The Chief Minister appealed to the Government of India to do everything possible to ensure that the rights and the emotions of the people are

protected. The Chief Minister termed the proposed auctioning of Naga human remains in the UK as dehumanizing and continued colonial violence upon the people. He said that the news of the proposed auction of Naga remains has been received by all section in a negative manner as it is highly emotional and sacred issue for the people. Mr Rio said Naga traditional custom gives highest respect and honour for the remains of the demised.

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Nagaland government has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Corporate Social Responsibility activities between Oil India Limited (OIL) Noida, Uttar Pradesh and Intanki Forest Development Agency (IFDA), a state Government run agency. The MoU was signed by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Executive Director (BD) Oil India Limited, Ranjan Goswami today in Kohima, in the presence of Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, CL John, Chief Secretary Dr. J Alam and representatives of OIL. Taking to a social media platform X, Mr Rio said, the initiative will help Intanki National Park become a model for sustainable development, conservation and community participation while bolstering eco-tourism. The MoU intends to take up project titled "Development of Eco-Tourism in Intanki National Park Nagaland". More from our Correspondent

(V.C- The major objectives of the Project are -to augment the tourism infrastructure to boost eco-tourism inside the Intanki National Park, strengthen the protection measures for wildlife, enhancement or improvement of habitat to support larger wildlife population, address the livelihood aspects of those living around the Protected Areas, provide livelihood opportunities to the people through eco-tourism and provide a positive experience to the tourist and the local villages so as to make them advocates of conservation. The OIL has agreed to extend financial support of 566.80 lakh rupees to IFDA for the project. The IFDA will complete the Project within 24 months from the release of the first installment post signing the

MoU and will submit an overall completion report including the outcomes of the project)

The MOU shall be effective for 30 months from the date of signing and will expire at the end of the period.

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All India Congress Committee Secretary Incharge of Manipur, Sikkim, Nagaland, and Tripura, Christopher Tilak, has alleged that the NDPP-BJP coalition government has miserably failed to address key issues of the state. He said this while addressing an Extended Executive Meeting of the Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee at Congress Bhavan, Kohima yesterday. He asserted that the much touted double-engine sarkar in Nagaland was a non starter. Mr Tilak said the BJP has miserably failed to deliver on its tall promises. He viewed that young Nagas are desperately looking for employment opportunities. Mr. Tilak raised concerns about the NDPP - BJP government's inability to address key issues such as the Naga Political Solution and the livelihoods of the people. Accusing the BJP of focusing solely on electoral numbers and majoritarian politics, Mr. Tilak underscored the Congress's focus on inclusive and people-centric policies. He announced that Congress would soon begin a statewide tour beginning from Eastern Nagaland. He said the tour aim at identifying and empowering leaders from diverse sections of society, with special emphasis on women leaders.

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President Droupadi Murmu today conferred the 70th National Film Awards for the year 2022 in New Delhi. On this occasion, legendary actor Mithun Chakraborty was honored with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, the highest recognition in the field of cinema.

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A state-level consultation and awareness workshop on the “Prevalence of HIV/AIDS Amongst Children and Preventive Strategies” was held today in Kohima. Speaking at the programme, Chairman of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, NCPCR, Alun Hangsing urged for active participation from various stakeholders to bolster outreach and education efforts concerning child rights and HIV prevention. He highlighted the ongoing challenges, including insufficient awareness about child rights in Nagaland.

NSCPCR Secretary Yongchingkumla stressed on the urgency of addressing the social stigma and discrimination these children face, which often deprives them of vital education and healthcare services.

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The prestigious Mayangnokcha Awards was today conferred to meritorious students of High School Leaving Certificate examination conducted by the Nagaland Board of School Education. Seven awards, instituted by the Mayangnokcha Award Trust, MAT and its partners, were conferred to the meritorious students during a ceremony held at Christian Higher Secondary School, Dimapur. The Mayangnokcha Award for Academic Excellence – Overall Topper was bagged by Mhachilo Yanthan of Christian Higher Secondary School, Dimapur. She also bagged the subject topper awards for Social Sciences and English. Talijungla Tzudir of Dimapur Mission Christian Higher Secondary School, Dimapur, bagged the award for Subject Topper in Ao (MIL). Dzuzuve Keyho of Greenwood School, Dimapur, bagged the award for the Subject Topper in Science. the award for Subject Topper in Mathematics was given away to Ketsino Jane Frances of St. Paul School, Phesama. Vimetuo Kense of Northfield, Khikha, Kohima won the Lenjeter Award for Subject Topper in Agriculture.

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Nagaland Governor La Ganesan has extended warm greetings to all Tikhir brothers and sisters on the occasion of Tsonglaknyi, the festival of purification and sanctification. The Governor in his greeting message expressed hoped that this festival will bring peace, prosperity, and strength to everyone as they come together to cherish their customs and history.

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Greeting the Tikhir tribe on the occasion, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said the Tsonglak-Nyi is a festival of sanctification of shields, weapons and wealth. Mr. Rio said, once a preparation for headhunting, observed just before the onset of harvest, it now reflects the spirit of protection, unity & cultural pride.

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