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- President Droupadi Murmu expresses confidence on government's policy of Zero Tolerance Against Corruption to eradicate corruption
- Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang says timely release of funds crucial for smooth implementation of developmental projects
- Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Jual Oram says 3.5 lakh crore rupees to be spent for upliftment of tribals
- And Advisor for Social Welfare Wangpang Konyak underlines efforts of government towards inclusivity and accessibility of PwDs

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President Droupadi Murmu today expressed confidence that government's policy of "Zero Tolerance Against Corruption" will eradicate corruption from its roots. She said that integrity and discipline are considered the ideals of life in Indian society. The President was addressing an event marking Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) in New Delhi. She said corruption is a disease which must be eliminated at its root. President Murmu said government has taken several initiatives to tackle corruption. She cited Direct Benefit Transfer scheme, e-Marketplace, and Economic Offenders Act as some of these measures.

Speaking on the occasion, Central Vigilance Commissioner PK Srivastava said government has a policy of zero tolerance towards corruption.

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Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang has expressed the crucial importance of sanctioning and releasing funds in a timely manner to ensure smooth implementation of developmental projects for the state. He was addressing the State Level Consultative Meeting on NEC Vision Plan 2047 organised by North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited in collaboration with NEC today. Mr. Zeliang cited that the core objective of Vision 2047 for Nagaland is to achieve Socio-Economic Growth, better Infrastructure and Connectivity, Cultural Preservation, Sustainable Development, and Empowerment. On Agriculture sector, the deputy CM called for Strategic actions by integrating advanced technology and best practices to enhance food security and unlock new opportunities for export. He also mentioned that investments into road infrastructure coupled with improved and better air, rail and waterways in the State is essential for all round economic growth. Mr. Zeliang also called the intervention of NEC in development of warehouse & cold storage in bus depots & terminal. On healthcare, Mr. Zeliang mentioned that State requires Multi-Speciality Hospital, PSA Oxygen Plants with Booster or Compressor units, strengthening of blood banks and blood component separation services and establishment of Green Climate Resilient Healthcare Facilities. Mr. Zeliang also urged revamp of academic buildings, hostels, laboratories, and libraries, which are critical for effective functioning of Higher Educational institutions.

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Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Jual Oram that said that this year, 3.5 lakh crore rupees will be spent for the upliftment of the tribals, and 25,000 kilometers of roads will be developed in tribal-dominated areas. He was speaking at the inauguration of 8-day-long Purvottar

Aadi Mahotsav in Guwahati today. He said that the Ministry has been revamped and budgetary allocations increased for welfare of the tribals. Purvottar Aadi Mahotsav is a National Tribal Festival to celebrate and promote the spirit of tribal craft, culture, cuisine, and commerce. The Mahotsav is being organized by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED. The Mahotsav will feature display and sale of tribal art, craft, medicine, cuisine, and folk performances, with artisans, chefs, and performers from 13 states.

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Advisor for Social Welfare Wangpang Konyak today underlined the efforts of the state government towards inclusivity and accessibility of Persons with Disabilities. Speaking during the distribution of Aids and Appliances for PwDs in Mon District, Mr. Konyak said such aids and appliances will improve quality of life of the beneficiaries. He said that lift and ramp are coming up in every office building and added that there is 4 percent Job reservation for the PwDs. The Advisor also thanked Deputy Commissioner and his team for the initiative in organising the programme in collaboration with ALIMCO, India. Mon DC, Ajit Kumar Verma, said that the District Administration is committed to identifying beneficiaries in the initiative, Mr. Verma urged the public to cooperate and support one another, to provide a better lifestyle to PwDs.

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Advisor for CAWD and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo today said that the younger generation are the future of Naga community. Speaking at the annual cultural day celebration of Mewi Higher Secondary School in Kohima, he advised the students to focus on building skills and character. He urged the Naga community to preserve Christian identity

and cultural heritage while aspiring for a brighter future. The advisor said them to prioritize their identity in Christ, which he highlighted as essential for unity beyond tribal distinctions. Mr. Khamo praised the rich cultural heritage of the Naga people, particularly the traditions of mutual respect, honesty, hard work, and integrity. The advisor noted the harmony within Naga society, where values of respect between men and women are central.

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Indian Railways has arranged for more than 500 special trains to handle the return rush of travellers after the end of Chhath Puja celebrations. In a statement, Railway Board said, special trains have been announced to accommodate returning passengers beginning today. It said, additional trains have been planned from the Samastipur, Danapur and other divisions as needed to meet local demand. Railways will run 164 special trains to accommodate the high passenger flow today. It has planned 160 special trains for tomorrow, 161 for November 10, and 155 for November 11. To meet the increased travel demand during the festival period from October 1 to November 30, Indian Railways announced a total of 7,724 special trains, marking a 73 per cent increase compared to the last year's 4,429. This substantial expansion aims to ensure seamless travel during the peak festival season.

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Deputy Commissioner Kohima Kumar Ramnikant has directed all service providers to remove, streamline or arrange all loose hanging or randomly installed wires. In a circular, he said that Mobile, Telecom, Internet, Cable TV service providers are randomly installing connections in and around Kohima municipality resulting in defacement of property and obstruction to public way with potential to cause danger or injury. The DC also directed these service providers

to clear and ensure that it is aesthetic and safe before 16th November of this month.

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Department of Industries and Commerce in collaboration with IBIS Solutions, Kolkata has conducted workshop for entrepreneurs in the state today. The workshop titled Awareness Workshop: An Experiential Learning Programme provided entrepreneurs with insights on understanding market dynamics. Corporate Lecturer and Consultant Rajib Bal spoke on professional development, market strategies, and group-based project presentations. Assistant Director Industries & Commerce Ikheshe Kahoto emphasized on importance of nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial spirit. The workshop is part of ongoing efforts by the Department to foster strong start-up ecosystem in the state.

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