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The Union Cabinet yesterday approved the establishment of the Third Launch Pad (TLP) at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre of ISRO at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The TLP project envisages the establishment of the launch infrastructure at Sriharikota for the Next Generation Launch Vehicles of ISRO and also to support as standby launch pad for the Second Launch Pad there. It will also enhance the launch capacity for future Indian human spaceflight missions. Briefing media in New Delhi after the Union Cabinet meeting, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, the third launch pad will prove to be an important milestone for the country in space infrastructure.

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The QS World Future Skills Index has ranked India 2nd for Digital Skills, ahead of Canada and Germany. In a social media post, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed happiness over this achievement. He said, over the last decade, the government has worked on strengthening the country's youth by equipping them with skills that enable them to become self-reliant and create wealth.

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Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Thsuvisie Phoiji has underscored the core values of Dobashis which is integrity, trustworthiness, and linguistic proficiency. Reflecting on their historical contributions, Mr Phoiji acknowledged the sacrifices made by Dobashis in the past and urged the current generation to preserve these principles while adapting to modern challenges. Speaking at the introductory session of the 22nd Triennial Conference cum 63rd Anniversary of the Nagaland Dobashi Association at P. Shilu Ao Park, Mokokchung town yesterday, he also encouraged Dobashis to avoid divisive ideologies and remain steadfast in their roles as guardians of customary law and mediators of justice. The two-day event is being held under the theme "Strengthening the Spirit of Naga Customary Laws and its Practices".

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The first meeting of 2025 for Administrative Heads of Departments and Heads of Departments was held at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Conference Hall in Kohima yesterday. Chief Secretary Dr. J. Alam commended the departments for their contributions to the success of the 25th Hornbill Festival, noting improvements in traffic management, sanitation, and utilities. He also highlighted Nagaland's positive presentation at the Chief Secretaries' Conference in December 2024, where the state's creative economy and tourism initiatives, including the music industry, Hornbill Festival, Homestays, and start-ups, received praise from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On the upcoming Budget Session, he called on departments to submit innovative proposals aimed at improving public services, with suggestions to be sent to the Finance Department within a week.

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The Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB)-2025 has invited students from North-Eastern states to register for the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Main 2025. Registration for JEE will begin on 31st of January.

CSAB-2025 will conduct CSAB-NEUT rounds to allocate seats in many AICTE approved institutes and universities across India under the scheme of reservation of seats in degree level technical courses for candidates of the North-Eastern states and Union Territories. For candidates who may not secure a seat through the initial Joint Seat Allocation Authority or CSAB counseling rounds, the CSAB Special Round will offer an additional chance to gain admission to NIT+ institutions. Registration for Session two will open on January 31 and close on February 24. Eligible candidates can visit the website jeemain.nta.nic.in/information-bulletin/ for further details.

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And, the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE), in collaboration with PARAKH, NCERT, New Delhi, organized a three-day workshop on "Capacity Building for Preparation of Cadre of Professional Paper Setters" for Mathematics and Science teachers at the AIDA Training Centre, Don Bosco Campus, Dimapur recently. The workshop, which covered the districts of Dimapur, Chümoukedima, Niuland, Peren, and Mon, saw the participation of 49 Mathematics teachers and 44 Science teachers. The workshop focused on innovative assessment approaches to foster deep thinking and conceptual understanding, in line with

the NEP 2020's shift away from rote learning. A similar workshop also began yesterday for teachers from Kohima, Tseminyu, Wokha, Mokokchung, and Phek districts at SIEMAT, SCERT Kohima, and will conclude tomorrow.

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