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THE HEADLINES :-

- President Droupadi Murmu stresses on decentralisation of medical facilities
- Nagaland Governor La Ganesan urges youth to contribute to progress of state and country
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio conferred Honorary Doctor of Letters for contributions to public service
- Budget Session of 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly to commence on March 3

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President Droupadi Murmu today stressed on decentralisation of better medical facilities and more research in the healthcare institutions in the country. She was addressing the Centenary celebrations function of Patna Medical College and Hospital in Patna. Giving an example of roping in AI and Robotics, she said use of technology will enhance capacity and precision in treatment of patients.

The President said if medical facilities will be available in smaller cities, it will ease the pressure on big institutions.

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Nagaland Governor La Ganesan has highlighted the importance of all citizens working for the progress of both the state and the country. Addressing the first Convocation Ceremony of North East Christian University (NECU) today, he encouraged students to seize learning opportunities wherever they arise, but

stressed the importance of returning to their homeland to use their acquired knowledge to support the state's growth.

Noting the challenges of limited quality higher education institutions within the state, which often leads to youth seeking education outside the Northeast at significant expense, the Governor lauded the university's efforts in filling this critical gap. He assured continued support to NECU for its innovative programmes which would help enhance the quality of life in the community. Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio called upon the students to strive for excellence in all their pursuits, with commitment to build a new Nagaland. Mr Rio also urged the graduates to become passionate ambassadors of Nagaland on the global stage, embracing the state's legacy of courage, innovation, and unity to contribute to nation-building. Earlier, the Governor and the Chief Minister also gave away awards to the recipients.

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio was today conferred the Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) in recognition of his contributions to public service and leadership, during the first Convocation Ceremony of North East Christian University in Dimapur. In his acceptance speech, the Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to the University for the honour, and said the recognition is a not only a personal milestone, but a testament to the collective commitment to advancing international relations and community development.

Lauding the Chief Minister, Governor La Ganesan said his stewardship has propelled Nagaland toward progress. Governor Ganesan emphasized that the honorary degree not only acknowledges Mr Rio's efforts but also reflects the state's confidence in his dedication to the welfare of the people.

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The Budget session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly is set to commence on the 3rd of March. Governor La Ganesan will address the house on the first day. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio will present the Budget for the year 2025-26 on March 6. According to the provisional session calendar, the week-long sitting will take up various businesses including debate and adoption of the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address, laying of annual administrative

reports, presentation of assembly committee reports, consideration and passing of government bills, and presentation of supplementary demand for grants for the year 2024-25. With a recess on March 5, the session will conclude on March 8, with the presentation of the Comptroller and Auditor General reports, introduction, consideration and passing of the Nagaland Appropriation Bill, 2024 related to supplementary for 2024-25, Budget 2025-26, and Regularization of Excess Expenditure for the year 2017-18.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, Assam is now the centre of unlimited possibilities and gateway to the South East Asia and India. He was addressing the inaugural session of the Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment and Infrastructure Summit in Guwahati today. Mr Modi said that Assam will be a manufacturing hub of Eastern India and urged industrialists to reap the benefits of this strategic location. He said that the law and order situation of Assam has improved during the last few years as the Centre and State government have signed several peace accords.

He said, the Advantage Assam 2.0 Summit is the new beginning for Assam and the North Eastern region. Mr Modi informed that the government is working on improving connectivity, infrastructure and boosting local supply chains in this region.

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The two-day celebration of the Angami Tribe's Sekrenyi cum Mini-Hornbill Festival began today at Kisama, Naga Heritage Village. During his address, Advisor for Prisons, Printing, and Stationery, and Host of the festival, Kropol Vitsu, said the age-old festival is a time of purification or cleansing of both body and soul. He said Sekrenyi holds traditional and cultural value, emphasizing on the need to pass it on to posterity. He called upon preserving and reviving true cultural identities. The first day of the festival witnessed Angami ethnic cultural and indigenous activities like war cry, tati pfhe, folksong, traditional fire making, and wooden top spinning. Tomorrow, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, will attend the celebration as Chief Host.

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Speaker Nagaland Legislative Assembly and Chairperson of the Rules Committee Sharingain Longkumer has convened a meeting of the Rules Committee tomorrow at noon in the C Chongsen Committee Room, Assembly Secretariat. The meeting will discuss formation of two new Assembly Committees, among other agendas.

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The Department of Information & Public Relations in collaboration with the Information & Broadcasting Ministry, and National Film Development Corporation is hosting the Nagaland CineFest 2025, from 28th February to 1st March at The Heritage, Old DC Bungalow, Kohima. The festival will feature movies, masterclasses, screenings, and more, showcasing local and national talent.

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