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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio will officially inaugurate Meluri district today, marking it as the 17th district of the state. This event marks the official carving out of Meluri from Phek, where it was previously a sub-division. The youngest district of Nagaland is inhabited by the Pochury tribe. Meluri shares an international border with Myanmar and a state boundary with Manipur, offering significant economic potential through the International Trade Centre at the border, rich natural resources, and other opportunities. More from our Correspondent;

**VOICE CAST :** The inauguration will take place at 11 AM today, beginning with the monolith unveiling near NST Complex, followed by the release of balloons by the Chief Minister, the blowing of trumpets, and a mass jubilation cry at the Public Ground, Meluri. Besides CM Rio, several dignitaries are expected to join in celebrating this historic milestone for the Pochury community. Akhum, Akashvani News Kohima) It may be mentioned that the state cabinet had approved Meluri's status as a new district last October, and the state government subsequently issued a notification on November 1.

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that all 8 states of the North East will be connected to Delhi through rail and air connectivity by 2027. Addressing the Unity Utsav- One Voice, One Nation in New Delhi yesterday, Mr Shah underscored that the Central government has opened numerous avenues for the North East in every field, from tourism to technology, sports to space.

Mr Shah emphasised that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a new dimension to the identity of the North East in the whole of India by establishing it as Ashtalakshmi.

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The Information and Broadcasting Ministry has issued an advisory for online curated content publishers (OTT platforms) and self-regulatory Bodies of OTT platforms. The advisory was issued to ensure strict adherence to India's laws and the Code of Ethics prescribed in the Information Technology Rules, 2021. This advisory came after the Ministry received references from the Members of Parliament, representations from statutory organizations and public grievances regarding alleged spread of obscene, pornographic and vulgar content published by certain publishers of OTT platforms and Social Media.

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The Nagaland government has decided to constitute a Task Force to promote the Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR) sector in the state. This decision was made during a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Dr. J Alam in Kohima yesterday. The move also aligns with the central government's increasing focus on the AVGC-XR industries. A report from our correspondent

#### **AVGC Voice cast**

The newly formed Task Force for AVGC-XR will comprise representatives from all relevant departments, with the Department of Information & Public Relations acting as the Nodal Department. The Task Force will be tasked with creating a policy framework to guide the sector's growth and development.

Additionally, a state-level steering committee will also be established to oversee the implementation of initiatives within the sector. Mary, Akashvani News Kohima) The meeting, attended by various Administrative Heads of Departments, Heads of Departments, and officers from key stakeholder departments, focused on discussing comprehensive strategies for developing the AVGC-XR sector in the state.

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The first meeting of the State Level Coordination Committee for the 8th Economic Census was held on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Dr. J Alam. During the meeting, Secretary of Economic & Statistics, Akunu S. Meyase, highlighted that the census will be conducted in collaboration with States and Union Territories using an advanced Information Communication Technology platform. The meeting focused on the need for contractual manpower, IT personnel, and master trainers, as well as activating District Level Coordination Committees and addressing IT issues at the district level. Chief Secretary Dr. Alam urged district officials to provide full support and instructed Deputy Commissioners to begin census operations. He also emphasized using social media to raise public awareness. The census is expected to begin in the first week of April.

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