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- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio emphasizes power of literature to shape societies, bridge divides and inspire change
- MLA and Chairman of Committee on Government Assurances, Kuzholuzo Nienu inspects Multi-Disciplinary Sports Complex Dimapur
- National Education Policy to shape job seekers and job creators, says Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan
- And, Railways to set up permanent holding areas at 60 stations across country to manage crowds



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today emphasized the power of literature to shape societies, bridge divides and inspire change. He was addressing the inaugural event of The White Owl Literature Festival and Book Fair at Chumoukedima. He also called upon all to honour and use this power to inspire generations.

Mr Rio said the festival is not just a gathering of literary minds, but a celebration of stories, ideas, and cultures. He also lauded the platform's

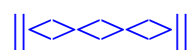
inclusivity for voices from across the country, fostering unity and understanding.

The Chief Minister also expressed pride that Nagaland, the Land of Festivals, was hosting the Festival that celebrates not only culture but also literature. Mr Rio said, such gatherings expand the mind, enriches the heart, and challenges us to push ourselves to new heights in our thoughts and creativity.



MLA and Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances, Kuzholuzo Nienu, has raised concerns over the prolonged delays in the completion of the Multi-Disciplinary Sports Complex in Dimapur. Speaking to media after an on-site verification of the Complex today, the MLA attributed the delay to insufficient funding. He said, the Committee would submit a report to the state government, urging for immediate action to expedite the project's completion.

Mr Nienu reiterated the significance of the stadium as a state-of-the-art sports complex and expressed hope that the surrounding infrastructure, including the four-lane road leading to the stadium, would also be improved. The Multi-Disciplinary Sports Complex, which began in 2006 under the Department of Youth Resources and Sports, covers 64.25 acres, and is designed to include a main seating arena for 30,000 spectators.



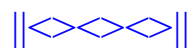
Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has said that two new features have been added under the National Education Policy that will not only shape job seekers but also job creators. Addressing the 126th

Founder's Day of Delhi University's Hindu College in New Delhi, the Minister underscored that the youth of the country requires job security, decent living, economic empowerment among others.

Mr Pradhan added that the government envisions the creation of Anusandhan National Research Foundation and an interest free loan of one lakh crore rupees is available for the Indian Industry.



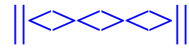
The Railways will set up permanent holding areas at 60 railway stations across the country to manage crowds. Sources in the Ministry said the decision has been taken to manage heavy crowds during peak season. The Railways will also use advanced technology to monitor crowds. It said a special campaign will be launched at all Delhi railway stations to monitor the facilities and smooth flow of passengers. During the campaign, the Railways will take feedback from passengers, shopkeepers, police, and coolies. To ensure smooth passenger movement, platform tickets will not be issued at New Delhi railway station for next one week, between 4:00 PM and 11:00 PM.



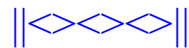
The seventh episode of Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025 aired today featuring legendary athletes Mary Kom, Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj and Avani Lekhara. They engaged with students and shared inspiring insights on discipline, focus and resilience. IAS officer and two-time Paralympics silver medallist Suhas, encouraged students to harness the mind's power to overcome negative emotions like fear.

Boxing great Mary Kom spoke about how she defied the popular belief that boxing is not a women's sport, challenging societal perceptions.

Two-time Paralympic champion shooter Lekhara underscored how developing the right skills builds confidence and reduces fear. All the guests emphasized that hard work is the key to success and that nothing can be achieved through shortcuts. Sharing the episode on X, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the sportspersons inspire us with their resilience, focus and winning mindset.



The Central Board of Secondary Education, CBSE, has refuted claims related to paper leaks of the 2025 board examination's question papers and access to them, being circulated on social media platforms. CBSE said these claims are baseless and are intended to create unnecessary panic among students and parents. It said officers are actively monitoring and taking action against those responsible for spreading false information. CBSE added that all stakeholders should rely only on official communications available on official website www.cbse.gov.in and verified public channels for accurate updates.



A tragic accident occurred Saturday morning on Dikhu Road, near Tsusapang Sector, Mokokchung, resulting in the death of two individuals. According to a press release from the Additional Superintendent of Police and PRO, Mokokchung, the incident took place at around 5:00 AM when a truck, with registration number AS01 DD 9179, traveling from Mariani, Assam to Longkhim, Tuensang, veered off course. The deceased have been identified as Yolise Sangtem, aged 53, and Tsalise Sangtem, aged 51, both hailing from Angangba village in Tuensang district. Following completion of necessary formalities, the bodies were handed over to the families. In this connection, a case has been registered at Police Station - 1 Mokokchung for further investigation.

