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Prime Minister Narendra Modi held delegation-level talks with the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, in New Delhi yesterday. During the talks, both sides committed to deepening engagement in trade, investment, technology and innovation, clean and green energy, connectivity and people to people ties. India and EU set an ambitious agenda for 2025 and beyond. After the talks, in a joint statement, the Prime Minister said, the two-decade-old strategic partnership between India and the EU is natural and organic.

In her remarks, the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, said, under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the relationship has been thriving. India and Europe are bound by shared convictions and values.

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In a significant step towards modernizing governance and improving public infrastructure in Nagaland, Minister for Public Works Department (PWD) (R&B), G. Kaito Aye, officially launched the Online Management and Information System (OMIS) portal at the Civil Secretariat conference hall in Kohima yesterday. Speaking at the event, Minister Aye highlighted that the launch of the OMIS platform is a momentous leap in the state's unwavering commitment to transparency, modern governance, and excellence in public infrastructure development. The Minister expressed that the OMIS portal would bolster Nagaland's position as a proactive participant in India's ongoing digital transformation journey.

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The Department of Health & Family Welfare has clarified the ongoing land issue between the Town Sub Centre and GMS Midland in Dimapur, ensuring transparency in the establishment and utilization of health centres in the region. In a clarification issued yesterday, Principal Director Health Department Dr. E. Motsuthung Patton explained that before establishment of any health centres, the department secures a no encumbrance certificate from the village council and district administration. This step is crucial to confirm that the land is free of any legal impediments, he added. Dr Patton said, the land for the health centres has been generously provided by the village authority, reflecting the community's support and commitment to enhancing healthcare infrastructure. He stated that in 2010-2011, the Department invested in the construction of three rooms to create functional healthcare space and currently, the subcentre is utilizing two out of the three rooms, with one room temporarily assigned to the school authority. Dr. Patton further said that, in light of the ongoing issue, all staff will be temporarily relocated to the CMO Dimapur office to minimize disruption to healthcare services.

He said that the department the department is actively working to find a suitable and permanent resolution to the matter. Dr Patton reiterated the health Department dedication to collaborating with all stakeholders to resolve the issue in an amicable and transparent manner.

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Chairperson of Nagaland State Human Rights Commission (NSHRC), Justice, Songkhupchung Serto and team yesterday visited the Government Higher Secondary School, Zunheboto to review the ongoing school building construction. During his interaction, Justice Serto said that a teacher's job, though it may not always be acknowledged, is a noble service and one of the prime contributors to the building, development, and growth of everything. He said, that if Nagaland wishes to be recognized as a developed state in the future, it must be through education. The NSHRC team also visited district hospital Zunheboto, district jail and police station.

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The four-day Doyang Folk Festival, organized by Team Metamorphosis Wokha in collaboration with the Department of Tourism, concluded yesterday in Wokha. Speaking at the event, the Deputy Secretary of the State Tourism Department, T. Lemlil Sangtam, emphasized the importance of preserving cultural heritage. She highlighted the need to pass down folk traditions and ancestral knowledge, noting that folk songs have no written records.

The Deputy Secretary further congratulated the organizers and expressed hope for continued collaboration in the future.

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