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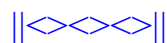
### :: THE HEADLINES ::

- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar expresses concern over Supreme Court Ruling on Bill Assent Timeline for President
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh says India's defence sector is moving ahead on path of self-reliance and strengthening its potential of defence exports
- Nagaland Health Protection Society says 48.81 crore rupees health insurance claims pending under CMHIS and Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana by insurer
- And Wokha Road Safety Committee installs CCTV cameras and breath analyzers to strengthen surveillance



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has expressed concern over the recent ruling of the Supreme Court prescribing a timeline for the President to decide on bills. He said, India had not bargained for a democracy where judges will legislate, perform executive functions and act as what he called the Super Parliament. Addressing the 6th batch of Rajya Sabha interns at the Vice-President's Enclave in New Delhi today, Mr Dhankhar underlined that one has to be extremely sensitive while exercising power.

The Vice President's remarks came days after the Apex Court's verdict in which it set a deadline for the President and the Governors to give assent to legislations. Stressing on the principle of separation of power, Mr Dhankhar emphasised when the government is elected by people, it is accountable to Parliament where one can ask questions.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said India's defence sector is moving ahead on the path of self-reliance and is also strengthening its potential of defence exports in the world. Speaking at the inaugural session of Defence Conclave-Force of the Future in New Delhi, he said the primary focus of the government is to enhance the capabilities of the defence sector.

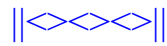
The Defence Minister said, the Narendra Modi government has also focused on the modernisation of the armed forces. Mr Singh added that to further promote self-reliance in the defence sector the Ministry has declared the year 2025 as the Year of reforms.



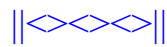
Nagaland Health Protection Society (NHPS) under Department of Health & Family Welfare has said that prolonged delay in settling health insurance claims under the Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme and Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana by Future Generali India Insurance Cooperation Limited has created growing operational and financial challenges for empanelled hospitals, impacting beneficiaries. The NHPS has said that till date, a total of 48.81 crore rupees claims are pending out of 178.96 crore rupees claims submitted. While, 147.65 crore rupees have been approved by FGI, 8.40 Crore rupees have been rejected. Till date, 99.28 Crore rupees have been paid to its empanelled hospitals. Citing its efforts in resolving the issue by taking various measures, the NHPS has appealed all private empanelled hospitals in Nagaland to continue with services in the event that any empanelled private hospital within the State is not willing to provide cashless services under CMHIS and PM-JAY, it has advised beneficiaries to visit any Government hospital, CIHSR Dimapur or any empanelled hospital outside the State.



Wokha District Road Safety Committee inaugurated a set of CCTV cameras and breath analyzers at Wokha Police Station today as part of its initiative to strengthen road safety and law enforcement. Deputy Commissioner of Wokha Vineet Kumar appreciated the collaborative effort and stressed that community participation and responsible usage are key to the project's success. The initiative, supported by the Transport Department and implemented in collaboration with the District Administration and Police, marks the first phase of a broader surveillance plan. Five CCTV cameras have been installed at key points. with a control room at Wokha Police Station. Two breath analyzers, capable of instant data printing, will help detect intoxicated drivers. Additionally, eight convex mirrors have been placed at blind spots to reduce accidents.



The Supreme Court today recorded the Union government's assurance that no fresh appointments will be made to waqf boards or the Central Waqf Council under the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, until the next hearing. A bench led by Chief Justice Sanjeev Khanna, along with Justices Sanjay Kumar and K.V. Viswanathan, also noted Solicitor General Tushar Mehta's assurance that the status of existing waqf properties, including those categorized as "waqf by user," will remain unchanged for now. The court directed the Centre to file its response within seven days to the batch of petitions seeking a stay and challenging the constitutional validity of the recent amendments to the Waqf Act, 1995. The matter will now be heard on May 5. The court also ordered appointment of a nodal counsel to streamline pleadings and written submissions.



As part of the 4th day of Fire Service Week 2025, Kiphire Fire Services conducted a live fire safety demonstration at Deluxe Point today. Officer in Charge, Tsarose Sangtam emphasized on importance of mass awareness on fire safety, particularly focusing on kitchen and electrical fires. He urged public to install fire safety equipments in their homes, offices, and shops. Sangtam highlighted that a survey in 2022 revealed lack of fire safety installation in government offices, hospitals, schools, churches, commercial places, and private residences in Kiphire Town. The officer mentioned upcoming implementation of Nagaland Fire & Emergency Service Act, urging public to prioritize fire safety to create healthy and fire safety environment. Live demonstrations showcased fire handling techniques, while training sessions educated on using fire extinguishers.



India's smartphone exports have reached a record level of two lakh crore rupees in the last fiscal. Smartphones have emerged as India's largest export in the first ten months of last financial year. This was stated by Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in a social media post. He said, in 2013-14, the Country's smartphone exports were ranked 167th and now it has reached to number one position.



Ban on single-use plastic items will come in effect from 1st May in Pungro division. ADC Pungro, James T Khulu Tikhir has informed that the banned items include all single-use plastic carry bags, regardless of thickness or microns, and all single-use plastic water and soft drink bottles below one litre capacity. The ADC further said that a fine of 10,000 rupees will be imposed for first offence on

violators, 20,000 rupees for the second, and repeat offenders will face permit cancellation.

