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1. Centre introduces new rules for radar speed measurement to boost road safety.
2. Nagaland Medical Students' Association condemns Government's order authorizing regularization of backdoor appointees.
3. Nagaland State Service Employees Association calls for urgent Government intervention in insurance Deadlock.
4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi says we remember sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Good Friday.



The Centre has notified new rules for radar equipment used to measure vehicle speed, under the Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, in a statement today, said the rules, aimed at boosting road safety and fairness in traffic enforcement, will take effect from July 1. Under the rules, all radar-based speed measurement devices must be verified and stamped by Legal Metrology authorities. The ministry said verified radar equipment will ensure accuracy, legal compliance, and fair enforcement-boosting transparency, public trust, and road safety. It added that citizens will benefit from fewer unjust penalties and more confidence in scientifically validated speed checks.



The Nagaland Medical Students' Association (NMSA) has strongly condemned the State Government's order authorizing absorption and regularization of 147 Assistant Professors and Librarians under the Department of Higher Education. A Press Release from the NMSA stated that the order denies the rights and opportunities enshrined under Article 14 and 16 of the Constitution, which

guarantee equality before the law and equal opportunity in public employment. It said that the decision undermines the merit, perseverance, and legitimate expectations of qualified aspirants preparing to compete through the Nagaland Public Service Commission. In this regard, NMSA urged the State Government to cancel the order without delay and halt all irregular regularizations. It further demand for requisition of all vacant posts to NPSC or NSSB for a fair, open and merit-based selection process.



The Confederation of All Nagaland State Service Employees Association (CANSSEA) has called for urgent Government intervention in the Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) insurance Deadlock. A Press Statement issued by the CANSSEA stated that the association held a detailed discussion with the Chief Executive Officer of the Nagaland Health Protection Society (NHPS), Thavaseelan K at its Headquarters yesterday on the ongoing impasse between Future Generali India Insurance (FGII) and the empanelled hospitals under the CMHIS. It expressed deep concern over the issue, which has caused disruption in healthcare services for beneficiaries, particularly affecting state employees and the general public. Stating that the association came to understand the core of the problem during the meeting, it appealed the State Government to step in with a temporary financial arrangement to bridge the gap and support the empanelled hospitals until the matter is resolved. CANSSEA further appealed to the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, Ministry of Finance, National Health Authority and the State Government to take timely action to resolve the matter with FGII and restore normalcy in the functioning of the scheme.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Good Friday, we remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. In a post, the Prime Minister added that the day inspires us to cherish kindness, compassion and to always be large hearted. Mr. Modi expressed hope that the spirit of peace and togetherness will always prevail.



Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has said that Electronic manufacturing has increased five times in the last 10 years. Talking to reporters in Manesar, Gurgaon today, Mr. Vaishnaw said, there is a big jump in the electronic manufacturing sector because of the Make in India initiative. He said the Electronics export has also increased six times in the last ten years, and it has crossed three lakh 25 thousand crore rupees. Mr. Vaishnaw added, Electronics manufacturing today is employing around 25 lakh persons. The Union Minister

also said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had recently approved the electronic component manufacturing scheme, which will further deepen the Electronics manufacturing ecosystem and lead to job growth.



The Centre today clarified that no decision has been taken regarding the launch of a satellite-based tolling system from the 1st of May. Refuting claims made by sections of the media, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways said that neither the Ministry nor the National Highways Authority of India has taken any decision in this regard. The Ministry said, to enable seamless, barrier-free movement of vehicles through toll plazas and to reduce travel time, an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) -FASTag-based Barrier-Less Tolling System will be implemented at selected toll plazas. This system will combine Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology, which will identify vehicles by reading their number plates, and the existing FASTag system that uses Radio-Frequency Identification for toll deduction. Under this system, vehicles will be charged based on their identification through high-performance ANPR cameras and FASTag Readers, without needing to stop at the toll plazas. In case of non-compliance, E-Notices will be served to the violators, non-payment of which may result in suspension of FASTag and other VAHAN-related penalties.



Result of the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Main 2025 will be declared tomorrow. The National Testing Agency , in a statement said, the final answer keys of JEE Main 2025 Session-II will be available for download on the JEE Main website by 2:00 PM today.



The Shrimad Bhagavad Gita and Bharat Muni's Natyashastra are now inscribed in UNESCO's Memory of the World Register. Responding to a post by Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on social media, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the inclusion as a global recognition of India's timeless wisdom and rich culture. He added that both Gita and Natyashastra have nurtured civilisation, and consciousness for centuries and their insights continue to inspire the world.

