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President Droupadi Murmu has emphasised that the dispute resolution mechanism under the Mediation Act should be effectively extended to rural areas so that the Panchayats are legally empowered to mediate and resolve the conflicts in villages. She said social harmony in villages is an essential prerequisite of making the nation strong. The President made these remarks at the launch of the Mediation Association of India and the inauguration of the 1st National Mediation Conference 2025. The President said mediation is an essential part of the delivery of justice, which is at the heart of the Constitution of India. She remarked that mediation, when we see it this way, becomes a key instrument to realise the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Justice of India, Justice Sanjiv Khanna said over the last two decades, mediation has played a critical role in resolving disputes.

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The Nagaland Police Department has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Bank of India (SBI) for Police Salary Package Account to enhance financial services and welfare for police personnel. The MoU was signed yesterday by DGP Rupin Sharma, and SBI General Manager Dhruba Charan Bal. Under the MoU, SBI will provide upgraded financial benefits including 1 crore rupees personal accidental cover, 2 crore rupees air accident cover, 1 crore rupees for permanent total disability, and 80 lakh rupees for partial disability. A key highlight is the 10 lakh rupees natural death cover for personnel dying in harness. The package also includes zero-balance family savings accounts for up to four family members, each with a 5 lakh rupees accident cover.

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Now news from the World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025.

The inaugural edition of WAVES Bazaar concluded at WAVES 2025 with great success, cementing its status as a premier platform for global business collaboration in the creative industries. Information and Broadcasting Secretary Sanjay Jaju said yesterday that WAVES Bazaar 2025 has garnered over a thousand crore rupees of business.

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Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has said that India can take the global leadership in the field of media and entertainment sector. He said, several global firms have shown willingness to work with India in this regard. Seven Global firms including Google, Meta and Microsoft yesterday signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Creative Technology during the WAVES Summit. The IICT will be set up in Mumbai, on the lines of IITs and IIMs, as a national hub for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics.

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The two-day International Association of Women in Radio & Television (IAWRT) Travelling Film Festival concluded at Kohima yesterday. The event featured the screening of 14 international acclaimed films and documentaries, as well as panel discussions with award-winning directors Aparna Sanyal and Deepika Sharma. A highlight was the screening of Velvet Revolution, a collaborative documentary led by Executive Producer Nupur Basu and six women directors from four countries, spotlighting the challenges faced by women journalists. Speaking at the closing ceremony, Managing Trustee of IAWRT India, Aparna Sanyal, expressed her happiness in bringing the festival to Nagaland after nearly five years of planning, and commended the Film Association of Nagaland and partners for their support.

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Restrictions of vehicular movement along a section of the Kohima-Jessami Road has been extended for another 20 days starting today due to ongoing excavation work. The stretch in between Losatephe and Lanezho Village will be closed for traffic from 7:00AM to 7:00PM until the 23rd of April. Commuters are advised to take the alternate route via Pfutsero-Sakraba-Upper Khomi-Phek-Lanezho and vice versa.

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