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THE HEADLINES:-

- Nagaland celebrates World MSME Day; Advisor Yanthan emphasizes on vast entrepreneurial potential of MSMEs in agriculture and horticulture sector.
- Nagaland Advisor for Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak distributed smartphones to 20 Anganwadi Workers of Jalukie ICDS Project.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma inaugurates 5th Regional Youth Convention in Kohima.
- and, Kohima Police nabs person involved in multiple car theft.

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Nagaland today celebrated World MSME Day at the Secretariat Conference Hall Kohima. It was organised by Department of Industries and Commerce, Kohima with Advisor for Agriculture, Government of Nagaland, Mhathung Yanthan as the special guest. In his address, Mr Yanthan emphasized the vast entrepreneurial potential of MSMEs in agriculture and horticulture sector. He noted improvements in product quality and packaging but stressed the need to scale up. He urged conducting local workshops, translating schemes into local languages, and setting up MSME facilitation centres at KVKs and DICs. The event highlighted several pivotal developments, including the launch of the RAMP Nagaland Portal and the revamped department website, designed to provide MSMEs with enhanced resources and support. The iGOT User Manual for Nagaland was unveiled, offering a comprehensive guide for government employees to effectively utilize the Integrated Government Online Training platform. Furthermore, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed

between the Government of Nagaland and Quality Council of India aimed at elevating quality standards and fostering excellence across various sectors, including industry and commerce, within the state.

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President Droupadi Murmu has said that a strong Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSME ecosystem is essential for the sustainable economic development of the country, as it is a strong pillar of the country's economy. Addressing the International MSME Day function in New Delhi today, the President said the MSME sector is playing an important role in the progress of the country. She highlighted that the sector is contributing about 30 per cent to the country's GDP, 36 percent to the manufacturing sector and 45 percent to exports.

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Nagaland Advisor for Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak distributed smartphones to 20 Anganwadi Workers of Jalukie ICDS Project under the Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 Scheme during a programme at St. Xavier's Parish, Jubilee Hall, Jalukie in Peren district today. The initiative aims to enhance real-time monitoring and improve reporting efficiency. In his speech, Mr Konyak called for raising awareness of welfare schemes at the grassroots and directed officials to identify and remove bogus entries from old age pension records, submitting monthly updates to the department.

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The 5th Regional Youth Convention 2025 commenced this evening at the Mary Help of Christians Cathedral, Kohima. The four-day convention is being organized by the North Eastern Regional Youth Commission in collaboration with the Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM) North East. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma, who is attending as the special guest, hoisted the ICYM North East flag and officially declared the convention open.

CONRAD - Over 2,000 delegates from the 15 dioceses across the North East region are participating in the event.

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In response to multiple vehicle theft reports across Kohima town, Police launched a targeted operation that led to the arrest of a key suspect. In a statement issued today, Kohima Police said based on CCTV footage analysis and assistance from local residents, police apprehended Biose Jingru of Trongar village, Tuensang district, from the Tinpatti area on June 24. Preliminary interrogation revealed that the stolen vehicles were being sold in Senapati district, Manipur. Police said that one stolen motorcycle has been recovered so far, with efforts ongoing to trace more. Police said that Jingru is currently in custody, and a regular case has been registered as investigations continue.

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Following confirmed cases of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Sechü Zubza and Viswema villages, Deputy Commissioner Kohima has declared both areas as Infected Zones, with a 1-km radius containment. A Surveillance Zone covering a 10-km radius has also been established, excluding the infected core. To prevent further spread, DC Kohima restricted Ban on pig slaughter, Ban on import/export of pigs and piglets and Ban on transportation of pigs and pork with immediate effect until further notice. He said these measures aim to contain the outbreak and protect livestock. Residents are urged to comply with all directives issued by authorities.

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India has stressed to have a permanent solution to border demarcation with China by rejuvenating the established mechanism and called for bridging the trust deficit created between the two nations after the 2020 border standoff. New Delhi also underlined the need for maintaining peace and tranquillity along the Indo-China border and solving issues through a structured roadmap of permanent engagement and de-escalation. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a bilateral meeting with his Chinese counterpart, Admiral Dong Jun, on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' meeting in China. Mr Singh acknowledged the work being undertaken by both sides to bring back a semblance of normalcy in bilateral relations. The Defence Minister briefed his counterpart on the recent Pahalgam terror attack and India's

Operation Sindoor aimed at dismantling the terrorist networks in Pakistan.

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External Affairs Minister, Dr S Jaishankar today said, India has not signed the joint document at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' meeting in China, as one country did not want to make a reference to terrorism. Talking to reporters in New Delhi, Dr Jaishankar said, the SCO was formed with the objective of fighting terrorism.

Mr Jaishankar said, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh clearly said that if there is no mention of terrorism in the joint document, India will not sign it.

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US President Donald Trump has said that a very big deal with India will be signed soon. The President said that America has signed a deal with China.

While speaking at an event yesterday, Mr. Trump said, they have just signed the deal with China and a big one will come with India soon. Trump asserted that deals will not be made with every other nation. However, Trump did not elaborate on the details of the deal signed with China.

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