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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio is on a two-day visit to Vijayanagar, Karnataka. He is accompanied by a delegation of senior dignitaries from the state, including Advisor to the Chief Minister, Abu Metha. Upon his arrival yesterday, the Chief Minister was welcomed by JSW Foundation Chairperson, Sangita Jindal. In a social media post, Mr. Rio stated that his visit aims to explore opportunities in sports, industry, and culture. He also noted that the visit reflects the state's focus on youth empowerment, sports excellence, and future-ready development. The Chief Minister and his delegation will hold discussions and deliberations with JSW and IIS on future strategic developmental partnerships, sports collaborations, art residencies, and cultural opportunities, among other areas. They will also tour JSW's major industrial and cultural facilities, including Kaladham and the Vijayanagar Steel Plant. Besides, Mr. Rio will also interact with athletes from the NSL youth team who are undergoing high-performance training at JSW's Inspire Institute of Sport.

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Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma, has called on the youth of the Northeast to set clear goals, believe in their potential, and embrace entrepreneurship. Addressing the inaugural of the 5th Regional Youth Convention 2025 at the Mary Help of Christians Cathedral, Kohima last evening, Mr Conrad said the Northeast as youngest regions in the country holds immense potential and urged the youth to have a purpose and a goal with a clear target to achieve.

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Stating that over-reliance on reservation may limit ambition, the Meghalaya Chief Minister emphasised that the youth of the Northeast must go beyond the mindset of reservation. He said it is not about removing reservation, but believing that they can compete with the best in the country and the world.

CONRAD BYTE 2-

Mentioning that Meghalaya has one of the biggest entrepreneurship programmes, he believed that the best way forward for their state and region is to encourage entrepreneurship and appealed to the youth of the state and the Northeast to pursue entrepreneurship, calling it the key to the region's future. On the occasion, he also released a photo album of the North Eastern Regional Youth Commission—Indian Catholic Youth Movement Northeast. The Meghalaya Chief Minister also surprised the audience with a performance of the Beatles' classic "Let It Be."

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Meghalaya Chief Minister and National People's Party (NPP) president Conrad K. Sangma highlighted the NPP's steady growth and emerging role in national politics despite significant challenges. Addressing the NPP Nagaland State Executive Committee Meeting in Kohima, late last night, Mr Sangma said despite all odds, the NPP continues to rise and has made a mark in national politics, something no one imagined. He admitted that the journey has not been smooth and has had its share of turbulence, but the party has endured. He observed that political dynamics in the Northeast regions are shifting, creating new opportunities, and urged that the NPP must seize

them. Calling for unity and active participation, Mr. Sangma appealed to party workers to stay connected with the people and ensure that the party remains rooted in public concerns. During the meeting, NPP Counsellors, President NPWF and 16 new members including 10 former Congress leaders and 6 from the BJP were felicitated .

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Deputy Chief Minister of Nagaland, Y. Patton, yesterday offered his condolences by visiting the family of the former Chief Minister of Gujarat, Vijay Rupani, who tragically passed away in an airplane crash that occurred in Ahmedabad. During his visit, Mr. Patton met Anjali Rupani, their son, daughter-in-law, and other family members and relatives. He shared in their grief and extended his heartfelt sympathy on the untimely demise of Mr. Rupani. During the interaction, Mr. Patton recalled his personal association with Mr. Rupani, expressing that the sudden loss in the recent air tragedy has left a deep void.

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The East Dimapur Town Council has directed all service providers to remove unused and abandoned cable wires by July 31 to ensure public safety and prevent hazards. The Council noted that unattended overhead and underground cables are obstructing public spaces and posing risks to pedestrians, vehicles, and maintenance workers. It stated that no new cable installations will be allowed without prior approval. It also cautioned that non-compliance will result in penalties, removal of infrastructure at the defaulter's cost, and potential legal action under relevant municipal laws. The Council further urged all stakeholders to cooperate in the interest of public safety and infrastructure maintenance.

