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## **THE HEADLINES:**

- 1. Tuensang DPDB concern over neglect of road connecting Tuensang with Mon; forwards matter to concerned department for action.
- 2. Department of IT&C, Nagaland conducts workshop on DigiLocker, e-Procurement and eTendering System.
- 3. Commissioner Nagaland affirm land acquisition process carried out for road construction at CH 126 Pagla Pahar.
- 4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi lays foundation stone and dedicates multiple development projects worth over seven thousand two hundred crore rupees in Bihar.



The Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting today at the DC's Conference Hall. Chaired by Minister for Mechanical **Engineering** Housing and **DPDB** Chairman. Bashangmongba Chang, a key agenda discussed was the deteriorating condition of the BRO Road connecting Tuensang to Mon, raised by N.Y. Choba, President of Chang Khulei Setshang. The board expressed concern over the long-standing neglect of the road and resolved to forward the matter to the concerned department for necessary action. The Board also approved LADP and Iconic Schemes for 51 Noksen A/C, 53 Tuensang Sadar-I A/C, and 54 Tuensang Sadar-II A/C. The DPDB also hosted a felicitation program to honor six HSLC toppers from Tuensang district.



The Department of Information Technology & Communication, Government of Nagaland, in collaboration with the National e-Governance Division, Ministry of Electronics & IT, organized a one-day workshop on "DigiLocker-User Experience for Government Application" and "e-Procurement and eTendering System" in Kohima today. Advisor for IT&C), Economics & Statistics and Evaluation, Sethrongkyu Sangtam, speaking as the Special Guest, emphasized DigiLocker and eProcurement as key tools for transparent and efficient governance, aligning with the Prime Minister's Digital India vision. He officially launched several e-services on DigiLocker, including birth/death

certificates, CMHIS cards, and government ID cards, enhancing citizens' secure digital access to official documents.



In regard to the ongoing land acquisition for road construction at CH 126, Tsiedukhru (Pagla Pahar) along National Highway-29, the office of the Commissioner Nagaland, has affirmed that the land acquisition process has been carried out in accordance with established procedures. It has urged all concern to rely on verified information and avoid unfounded speculation. The Commissioner's Office also reiterated the government's commitment to transparency and the timely execution of critical infrastructure projects like the NH-29 road expansion.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today laid the foundation stone and dedicated multiple development projects worth over seven thousand two hundred crore rupees in Motihari, Bihar. The projects are related to Rail, Road, Rural Development, Fisheries, Electronics and Information Technology sectors. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Modi said, the development of Bihar is essential for the growth of Eastern India. He said, today, development in Bihar is moving fast because both the central and state governments are working for the state.

Prime Minister Modi said the Centre will spend one lakh crore rupees for providing jobs and employment to youths in the country. PM Modi added that in the last few years, a lot of work has been done, so that the youth of Bihar get maximum employment opportunities in the state itself.



The General Administration Guest House in Longleng was inaugurated today with Advisor CAWD and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo, as the special guest, and MLA & DPDB Chairman A. Pongshi Phom as guest of honour. In his address, Khamo praised the timely completion of the project and highlighted land issues hindering development in the state. He also spoke about government initiatives for youth employment, including a new 'Skills and Entrepreneurship Development Mission' to encourage people to start a business and to promote entrepreneurship. MLA Pongshi Phom thanked the landowner for donating land and urged the public to take collective responsibility for maintaining the guest house. President Phom People Council, Y. B. Angam Phom urged the concerned departments to provide basic amenities to facilitate good maintenance of the guest house.

Union Minister of State for Road, Transport and Highways Harsh Malhotra said that the government is committed to building a world-class road and transport infrastructure that connects people, drives economic growth, and ensures safety and sustainability for all. Addressing the Road and Highways Summit in Delhi today, Mr Malhotra stated that over the past 11 years, the government has worked tirelessly to turn connecting cities, empowering communities, and accelerating development through an unprecedented pace and scale of highway construction. He also said that the national highway network in the country has expanded from 91,000 km in 2014 to over 1.46 lakh km today, making it the second-largest road network in the world. Mr Malhotra also said that these modern highways are not just roads; they are lifelines of progress, connecting people, industries, and opportunities, and by expanding the network, the government has redefined the very experience of travel, making it faster, safer and significantly more comfortable for every citizen.



In a significant boost to India's creative economy, Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Railways, Electronics and IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis jointly inaugurated the first campus of the Indian Institute of Creative Technology at the NFDC premises in Mumbai, marking a significant step toward building India's capacity in the global creative tech economy. Addressing the gathering, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav highlighted the government's vision to empower the youth and advance the creative industries.



The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, inaugurated India's International Movement to Unite Nations (IIMUN) Conference 2025 in Noida today. Speaking at the occasion, the minister urged the youth to actively contribute to building a Viksit Bharat by 2047, as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi under the Panch Pran (Five Pledges) for Amrit Kaal. During his address, Mr Goyal highlighted that India stands at the cusp of a major transformation. He encouraged the youth to accept nation-building as a duty and a privilege and to perform every task with commitment and dedication. The minister urged them to inculcate care and concern for others and give their best to whatever job they undertake. He also paid tribute to the role of teachers and mentors, describing their role as vital in shaping the future of individuals and the nation.