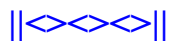


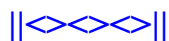
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- President Droupadi Murmu says sports promote discipline, determination and team spirit.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announces OCI cards to sixth generation of Indian origin citizens in Trinidad & Tobago.
- Nagaland's Lok Sabha MP Supongmeren Jamir says state government keen in recognizing local dialects for Gramin Dak Sevak recruitment.



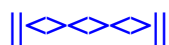
Nagaland's District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committees (DISHA) will be launching its first round of meetings from the 9th of this month, beginning with Peren District. The DISHA committee is headed by the Lok Sabha MP as Chairman and the Rajya Sabha MP as Co-chairman. Highlighting the activities of DISHA at a press conference in Kohima today, Lok Sabha MP Supongmeren Jamir stated that the committee has planned visits to six to seven districts, starting with Peren. He explained that the DISHA committee is formed to ensure better coordination of central government programs for efficient and time-bound development. Mr. Jamir emphasized that the DISHA committee is responsible for overseeing the proper implementation of projects, preventing any diversion of funds to unauthorized purposes, and addressing grievances from villages where programs may not be reaching effectively. He added that the committee will also support departments and implementing agencies in carrying out their tasks.

Further, Mr. Jamir noted that after thorough evaluations, the DISHA committee will submit its observations to the relevant ministry. He also informed that the committee will review the availability of funds under DISHA and assess whether the state is fully availing itself of the opportunities provided.



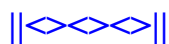
President Droupadi Murmu unveiled and flagged off the trophies of the Durand Cup tournament 2025 in New Delhi today. Addressing the gathering, the President said that sports promote discipline, determination and team spirit. She highlighted that sports have the unique power to connect people, regions and countries. The President emphasized that in India, sports have been a powerful tool for national integration.

The President said that football has a special place in the hearts of millions; it is not just a sport, it is a passion. She said that events like the Durand Cup not only foster the spirit of the game but also help develop the next generation of football players, providing them with a platform to grow. The President also appreciated the role of the Armed Forces in keeping alive and promoting the spirit of the Durand Cup.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today announced that citizens of the sixth generation of Indian origin in Trinidad and Tobago will now be eligible for Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cards, allowing them to live and work in India without restrictions. Addressing an Indian community event in Trinidad and Tobago this morning, Mr. Modi encouraged the Indian community to visit their ancestral land and deepen their connection with India.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Persad-Bissessar of Trinidad and Tobago has announced that Prime Minister Modi will be conferred with ‘The Order of Trinidad and Tobago’, the Caribbean nation’s highest honour. During his two-day visit, Mr. Modi will hold talks with the President of Trinidad and Tobago, Christine Carla Kangaloo, and Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar and will address a Joint Session of the Parliament later in the evening.

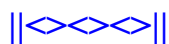


Nagaland’s Lok Sabha MP, Supongmeren Jamir, highlighted that the state government has shown keen interest in recognizing local dialects as a 'third language' for Gramin Dak Sevak (GDS) recruitment in the Department of Posts. Speaking to the media today, Mr. Jamir noted that during his meeting with Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, the CM expressed strong interest in implementing this move in the state to create employment opportunities for Naga youth. He stated that GDS is one of the best job opportunities, requiring only a High School or Matriculation certificate from a recognized board as the eligibility criteria. Emphasizing the benefits of recognizing local dialects, particularly for GDS recruitment, the MP said that if the third language is officially recognized, it will open new avenues for employment in the state.

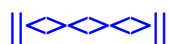
Acknowledging the interest shown by the state government, Mr. Jamir added that the government is making sincere efforts to expedite the decision and expressed hope that a favorable outcome will be announced soon.



University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) in association with Nagaland University and North East Christian University, Nagaland organized a workshop on career opportunities in the context of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in Dimapur today. Speaking on the occasion, Former Chief Secretary of Nagaland, Alemtemshi Jamir said NEP is based on the basic philosophy of knowledge, wisdom, and truth. He added that it encompassed the basic principles of access to education, equity in education and quality leading to career and skill development. Stating that India has been going through the colonial system for many years looking only for white collar jobs, he said Naga youth are still having ambitions set on government jobs. Mr. Jamir said with NEP there will be a total shift and change of the education system so that people get opportunity to work and study and to be prepared for self-employment. During the programme, USTM felicitated the HSSLC toppers with cash awards and certificates.



The Agro Meteorological Field Unit, Nagaland Centre has forecast thunderstorm with lightning accompanied by heavy rain at isolated places over Peren, Kohima, Kiphire, Mokokchung, Longleng, and Mon in the next 24 hours. It has also forecast thunderstorm with lightning at isolated places over Dimapur, Phek, Wokha, Zunheboto, Kiphire, Mokokchung, Longleng, Tuensang and Mon.



The 2nd Edition of Chumoukedima District Inter School Badminton Tournament begins at Testo College today. Addressing the inauguration program, President of Chumoukedima District Badminton Association, Seyietuo Yashu stated that the tournament is not only a platform to display sporting talent but also a place where discipline, dedication and sportsmanship are vested and celebrated. Asserting that, through sports we build character, foster unity and inspiring healthy competition among our youths, Mr. Yashu urged the participants to play with patience and uphold the value of fairness and respect. Around 350 participants from 26 schools are competing in the 2-day tournament under various categories.