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- Rajya Sabha MP Phangnon Konyak emphasizes continued focus on transparency and equitable access to food.
- Southern Angami Youth Organisation submits representations to NHIDCL and EAC Kezocha urging expedited repairs on key road stretches.
- Health and Family Welfare Department observes World Population Day at CMO Kohima.
- National Security Advisor Doval says Operation Sindoor showcased India's state-of-the-art indigenous technology.

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The State Level Consultative Committee (SLCC) meeting of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) was held today at Dimapur. It was chaired by Rajya Sabha MP and SLCC Chairperson S. Phangnon Konyak. Officials from the Food & Civil Supplies Department and FCI's Regional Office attended the session. Ms Konyak praised FCI's digital initiatives, including the FCI app and online portal, for enhancing transparency and efficiency. She emphasized the importance of timely distribution, monitoring, and awareness, urging continued focus on transparency and equitable access to food. A detailed presentation highlighted FCI's operations, IT advancements, food security schemes, and preventive measures in Nagaland. Key issues reviewed included procurement, quality, storage, losses, TPDS functioning, and matters referred by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs. Queries from participants were addressed by FCI and state officials.

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The Southern Angami Youth Organisation (SAYO) has submitted representations to NHIDCL and the EAC, Kezocha, urging expedited repairs on key road stretches in Kohima district. Addressing NHIDCL, SAYO raised concern over the slow progress of landslide repair work at NH-29 in Phesama Village, stressing the need for at least one-way access for heavy vehicles. They referred to a No Objection Certificate from the Phesama Village Council to support immediate restoration efforts on this vital interstate route to Manipur. In a separate appeal to the EAC, SAYO requested repairs along the Chakhabama–Mao road, particularly the Kidima–Kezo stretch, citing poor road and drainage conditions. Notably, SAYO said the Senapati Truckers Union Manipur are taking the initiatives to repair the roads,

raising concerns over state inaction. In this, SAYO urged both authorities to deploy additional manpower and resources to prevent further deterioration during the monsoon and restore safe travel for commuters.

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The World Population Day and Fortnight (11th–18th July 2025) was observed today at the CMO’s Conference Hall, Kohima, under the theme “Healthy Timing and Spacing Between Pregnancies for Planned Parenthood.” The event was organized by the District Health Society in collaboration with the Department of Health & Family Welfare, National Health Mission. Dr. Khrievilhou Nakhro highlighted the importance of family planning and introduced the “SAARTHI on Wheels” initiative under Mission Parivar Vikas. It was informed that awareness campaigns will be held across Kohima district, promoting contraceptive use, counseling, and male involvement in family planning.

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National Security Advisor Ajit Doval has said that India was able to succeed in Operation Sindoor by using indigenous technology thereby hitting nine or ten targets criss crossing Pakistan in 28 minutes. In his speech at the 62nd Convocation of IIT Madras today, he said that the Indian military had the state of the art indigenous technology like Brahmos, integrated air command systems, and radars in the battlefield during Operation Sindoor.

The National Security Advisor said this is a period in a thousand years and the youth of the Country cannot afford to miss it. He called upon the students and the youth to make the Country a developed State in 2047 by inventing technologies, using resources including rare earth minerals, artificial intelligence and Quantum computing.

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The Nagaland Health Protection Society (NHPS) has informed that three hospitals have been re-empanelled under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and the Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme. The hospitals are Eden Medical Centre, Dimapur, Olive Christian Hospital and Research Centre, Dimapur and Bethel Medical Centre, Kohima. Informing this, CEO Nagaland Health Protection Society, Thavaseelan K said that beneficiaries of both the schemes can now visit these hospitals for cashless treatment.

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Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy today launched a scheme to incentivize electric trucks (e-trucks) under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme. This is the first time that the government has launched support for electric trucks to help the country's transition to clean and sustainable freight mobility. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Kumaraswamy said a dedicated provision has been made to reserve incentives for approximately one thousand one hundred e-trucks registered in Delhi, with an outlay of one hundred crore rupees. He said the scheme provides financial incentives for N2 and N3 category e-trucks, with demand incentives ranging up to 9.6 lakh rupees, depending on the gross vehicle weight. We have a report:

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Phek District Administration led by Deputy Commissioner, Rhosietho Nguori started inspection visit of the district offices in Phek from yesterday. The purpose of the inspection visit is to strengthen the attendance of staff employees in the offices on working days. On the first day, the team visited the District offices of Executive Engineer for Water Resources, DRDA RD and visited the Chief Veterinary Office and Office of the Station Superintendent (NST) today. The Deputy Commissioner conducted co-ordination meeting with the officers and staffs during inspection visit.

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Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology today launched a Whitepaper titled Transitioning to Quantum Cyber Readiness in New Delhi. The white paper is a valuable guide for organizations from across sectors to begin their quantum safe migration and prepare for quantum readiness. It also recommends practical approaches for integrating new security protocols into existing frameworks while maintaining compliance and operational continuity.

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