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A high-level meeting chaired by Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang has finalized the alignment of the critical National Highway 702 (NH-702), which will connect Longleng, Longching, Mon, and Tizit. Following a detailed review, stakeholders including MLAs Manpon Konyak, Nyemnyei Konyak, and Naiba Konyak, along with officials from NHIDCL, PWD, BRO, and IGAR (North), unanimously approved Alignment Option No. 3, recommended by NHIDCL for its technical feasibility. To address concerns over a 19-km stretch that will be bypassed, the Deputy CM directed the IGAR-North who also chairs the Border Roads Network Action Plan, to form a special committee to propose BRO maintenance for continued village connectivity. Mr. Zeliang called the decision a “win-win for progress and inclusivity,” balancing modern infrastructure with local accessibility. He also urged local MLAs and the Konyak Union to communicate the rationale to the public and ensure smooth project execution.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed confidence that his visits to Japan and China would further India's national interests and priorities, and contribute to building fruitful cooperation in advancing regional and global peace, security, and sustainable development. In his departure statement ahead of embarking on his visit to Japan, Mr Modi said that focus will be on shaping the next phase in India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership, which has made steady and significant progress over the past eleven years. Prime Minister Modi said that from Japan, he will travel to China to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit in Tianjin, at the invitation of President Xi Jinping. He said, he looks forward to meeting President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin and other leaders on the sidelines of the Summit. PM Modi is scheduled to participate in the 15th India-Japan Annual Summit today, his first Summit meeting with Japanese counterpart Shigeru Ishiba

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Today is National Sports Day. The day is celebrated on 29th of August every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand. We have a report-

DAY S/B- National Sports Day is being celebrated across the country today with a slew of sports activities and competitions. The theme of National Sports Day 2025 is “Sport to Promote Peaceful and Inclusive Societies.” This theme highlights how sports can break barriers, foster teamwork, and bring people together beyond differences of region, religion, or background. It focuses on using sports as a tool for peace, inclusivity, and harmony in communities. Adding to the celebrations, the FitIndia Mission will hold a three-day nationwide event from 29 to 31 August. Campaigns like “Ek Ghanta, Khel ke Maidan Main” (One Hour on the Playground) will encourage people to dedicate at least an hour daily to outdoor games and physical activity.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio On National Sports Day, said, the state honour its athletes’ dedication and reaffirmed commitment to fostering a culture of sports and fitness. Mr Rio said, sports represent strength, discipline, and unity, and serve as a powerful force that brings the country together.

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On National Sports Day, Vice President of the Athletics Federation of India and Secretary General of the Nagaland Olympic Association, Abu Metha, extended warm greetings to the sporting community and the nation while paying tribute to India’s legendary athletes. In his message, Mr Metha honored Major Dhyan Chand, the iconic hockey legend celebrated on this day, and paid homage to Dr. Talimeren Ao, India’s first Olympic football captain and a revered figure from Nagaland. Highlighting Nagaland’s growing impact on Indian sports, he said athletes, coaches, and sports leaders from the state have brought national and international acclaim. He also praised athletes like Olympian Chekrovolü Swüro and Paralympic medalist Hokato Hotozhe Sema as inspirations for future generations. Mr Metha reaffirmed the Nagaland Olympic Association’s

commitment to sporting excellence and called for continued support to elevate the state's sports ecosystem.

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Nino's Secret Friend, a children's book by Kevi Z. Kevichüsa, was officially launched by Viketuno Rio, Director of The White Owl, at Chumoukedima yesterday. Speaking at the launch, Ms. Rio praised the book's simplicity and emotional depth, calling it a celebration of friendship, imagination, and the power of storytelling. She expressed hope that the book would reach many homes and inspire young readers. The author shared that the 50-page illustrated book weaves themes of disappointment, sacrifice, and redemptive justice, drawing inspiration from the biblical story of love and restoration. This marks her second book after Nino's Secret Garden (2021), and the 110th publication by PenThrill. Publisher Vishü Rita Krocha emphasized the importance of Naga children's literature, noting that stories like Nino's Secret Friend help young readers stay connected to their roots.

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