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- Nagaland's Peleno Petenilhu from John Government School, Viswema, among 45 to receive National Teachers' Award 2025
- Advisor to Chief Minister Abu Metha underscores importance of accuracy over speed in reporting
- Dimapur police rescues abducted 9-year-old; arrests five
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh says India committed to peace but will respond firmly to aggression

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Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, has selected 45 teachers for the National Teachers' Awards 2025. Among the selected, a teacher from Nagaland, Peleno Petenilhu from John Government Higher Secondary School Viswema will receive the National Teachers' Award this year. The awards will be presented by President Droupadi Murmu on Teachers Day on September 5. Meanwhile, the ministry's Department of Higher Education has also selected 21 teachers in Higher Education Institutions and Polytechnic for National Awards to Teachers 2025.

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Advisor to the Chief Minister and Chairman of IDAN, Abu Metha has underscored the importance of accuracy over speed in reporting. Speaking at the inaugural programme of the two-day sensitization training on 'News & Photo Reporting and PA System Coverage' organized by the Directorate of Information & Public Relations at Kohima today, he emphasized the need to prioritize factual reporting. Mr Metha highlighted the crucial role of DIPR in bridging the gap between the government and the public, and ensuring that the citizens are informed about all Government schemes and initiatives. He encouraged DIPR staff to embrace challenges, especially in remote areas, as learning experiences. He urged participants to upskill through self-education and leverage social media to enhance visibility, promote success stories, and inspire citizens through features, videos, and documentaries. The training aims to enhance the department's capabilities in reporting, photography, and technical coverage, reinforcing its role as a reliable link between the government and the people.

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Dimapur police has rescued a 9-year-old girl who went missing from Rengma Colony on 3rd of last month. The child was traced and successfully rescued from Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh on 22nd of

August. Five accused, including one woman and four men, have been arrested from Diphu, Jorhat, and Tezpur in Assam. A report...

The investigation is ongoing, and authorities are probing possible links to a wider human trafficking network.

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Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton said nearly 80 thousand rupees has been recovered through salary deductions from absentee staff in Wokha district following surprise inspections. In social media post, he said this was shared during the District Planning and Development Board meeting today. Mr Patton said the amount has been deposited into the government exchequer.

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The Department of Social Welfare conducted a month-long special enrolment drive for Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana from 15th July to 15th August, registering 1,399 beneficiaries across the state. The initiative reflects the joint efforts of the department and district administrations to support pregnant and lactating mothers through financial assistance. Wokha District emerged as top performer having achieved 511 percent of its enrolment target set by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The scheme is ongoing, and eligible beneficiaries can register at their nearest Anganwadi Centre.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said, armed forces must be prepared for all kinds of security challenges including short-duration conflicts to even a five-year war in view of an unpredictable geopolitical environment. In an address at the 'Ran Samvad' at the Army War College Mhow, Madhya Pradesh he said, the challenges before India are big, but our resolve and courage are even bigger. He said that the world respects us not only for our strength, but also for our dedication to truth, peace and justice.

The Defence Minister called on the defence forces assembled at the conference to understand the various dimensions of security and policymaking. Mr Singh underscored the decisive role of emerging technologies in defending the nation.

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The National Oral Health Programme, Nagaland, commenced a State Review Meeting and Training for dental surgeons today in Kohima. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Dr. Avile Zao, urged dental professionals to stay updated with evolving dental technologies like tele-dentistry, 3D printing, and laser treatments. Principal Director of Health & Family Welfare Dr. Mereninla Senlem urged professionals to prioritize patient care and fully utilize upgraded facilities, to improve outreach, especially in rural areas. Awards were given to outstanding contributors,

including Naga Hospital Authority Kohima as Best Dental Health Unit.

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Kezoma Village, under Kohima District is organizing the 1st edition of Ochü Millet Festival on 30th August at the Village ground. The event is jointly being organized by the Kezoma Village Council, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Tourism. Village representative Medovo Rikha shared on the significance of the festival...

The upcoming festival will feature sale of millet and other organic vegetables produced by Kezoma village, along with other activities.

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The Department of Youth Resources and Sports organized an Athletics Meet today at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima, to mark National Sports Day 2025. Addressing the event, Director Kethosituo Sekhose highlighted the significance of the day, observed annually on August 29 to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. He encouraged students to pursue sports seriously, noting its potential as a career. Winners of the events will be felicitated during the National Sports Day celebration on Friday. The meet saw participation from nine schools in Kohima, with both boys and girls competing in events including racing and long jump.

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In weather, India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy rainfall to continue at isolated places over Nagaland and the other northeast states till the end of this month. The showers will likely be accompanied by thunderstorm and lightning. In Nagaland, heavy rain is expected across Dimapur, Kohima, Longleng, Mokokchung, Mon, Peren, Tuensang and Wokha tomorrow and on Thursday.

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