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- Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Kumar Ramnikant, stresses upon digital transformation in public service delivery
- Justice Y Longkumer emphasizes crucial role of legal systems in nation building
- StartUp Nagaland's Agripreneur and Green Startup Connect 2025 unlocks fund access
- NSF appeals state government to assist Naga youths stranded in Nepal amid ongoing crisis

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Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Kumar Ramnikant, has emphasized the importance of collaboration and digital transformation in public service delivery. Addressing the state-level workshop on the Unified Logistic Interface Platform (ULIP) held in Kohima today, he highlighted the potential of ULIP to improve efficiency and market access for local producers. Launched as part of the PM GatiShakti initiative, ULIP will address the logistical challenges faced by the state's farmers and entrepreneurs, enabling them to directly connect with both local and international markets for their organic products, handlooms, and handicrafts. Meanwhile, Director of Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema, noted that Nagaland was the first state in the Northeast to integrate ULIP, stressing its potential to improve infrastructure, ease of business, and supply chain efficiency. He also mentioned that transparency and real-time data sharing through ULIP will reduce costs and delays in transport. The workshop, organized by the Directorate in collaboration with the National Logistics Data Services Limited, concluded with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two parties. The workshop was attended by officials of various departments, start-ups, and entrepreneurs.

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Justice Y Longkumer of the Gauhati High Court (Kohima Bench) has emphasized the crucial role of legal systems in building strong nations. She was speaking at a Legal Awareness Programme organised by the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority and Kohima District Legal Services Authority at Kohima Law College today. Highlighted key historical change-makers who used the law as tool to combat oppression and inequality, she urged legal professionals to be the voice for the marginalized.

Underscoring the importance of integrity, Ms Longkumer advised lawyers not to compromise their values for ambition, and further emphasized the need for continuous learning.

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Startup Nagaland, under the Department of Industries & Commerce, organized the Agripreneur and Green Startup Connect 2025 yesterday in Dimapur. Held under the theme 'Green Fund Access: From Grant to Scale,' the programme focused on empowering agripreneurs and green startups in Nagaland by providing insights into available schemes, grants, and funding channels. Over 50 participants, including entrepreneurs, farmers, NGOs, and government officials, took part in the event. Assistant Director of Industries & Commerce, Ikheshe Kahoto, emphasized the state's commitment to promoting green and inclusive entrepreneurship.

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Amid the ongoing political crisis in Nepal, the Naga Students' Federation (NSF) has appealed the state government to urgently intervene and assist Naga youths stranded in the country. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, Nagaland, today, NSF expressed deep concerns for Naga students and youths, many of whom had gone for academic and professional pursuits, but are now faced with grave uncertainty and distress. It has urged the state government to coordinate with the Ministry of External Affairs and other agencies to arrange necessary travel support and documentation to ensure their safe return. The Federation emphasized the need for urgent action to alleviate the situation for both the stranded individuals and their families. Meanwhile, In an advisory, the Indian Government has advised Indian citizens in Nepal to shelter in their current places of residence, avoid going out onto the streets and exercise all due caution.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of creating a more efficient and citizen-friendly economy was realised as the GST Council on 3rd September approved rates rationalisation with a focus on common man. Today we look at the reforms undertaken for the service sector. Our correspondent reports that the GST reforms have been carried out with a focus on the common man and will come into effect from the 22nd of this month. A report:

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General Secretary of Nagaland Baptist Church Council (NBCC), Rev. Dr. Mar Pongener, today emphasized upon diversity as a blessing rather than a barrier. he was speaking at the 'Imagine the Future Conference' organized by the NBCC Women Department under the theme, 'Beauty in Diversity: Inspire to Shape Future' in Kohima. Noting that diversity enriches lives, families, churches, and communities, Rev. Pongener underscored the importance of accepting diversity for leaders to shape a better society. About 90 participants, including church leaders and tribal women apex bodies, from across the state attended the event. The Conference served as a platform to not only celebrate the richness of diversity but also to

empower women and leaders to become active agents of change in their communities.

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The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha Nagaland will host a statewide marathon, Modi Yuva Run, on September 20 as part of a 16-day celebration marking Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 75th birthday. The celebration, under the banner of Sewa Pakhwada 2025, will run from September 17 to October 2 across the state.

The marathon, themed War Against Drugs, aims to promote fitness and raise awareness among youth about the drug menace in Nagaland.

Over 3000 participants are expected. The run will start from Thahekhu village ground and conclude at DDSC Stadium, passing through Dhobinulla and Clock Tower. There is no age limit for participation, and online registration will open soon. All participants will receive certificates, and winners will be awarded prizes.

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And, Nagaland will continue to receive light to moderate rainfall at few places with thunderstorm and lightning till the 14th of September. In a weather update, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, NSDMA, has forecast heavy rains in Chumoukedima, Kiphire, Kohima, Mokokchung, Phek, Shamator, Tuensang, Wokha and Zunheboto districts during the period. It cautioned low-lying districts to take precautionary measures in light of potential waterlogging and flash floods. NSDMA also urged public to exercise caution to avoid any eventualities, and contact State Emergency Operation Centre at Toll Free number 1070 for any emergencies.

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